

Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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St Anthony: Saturday 4:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 5:00 p.m.—5:15 p.m.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Good of the Spouses: Primary End of Marriage

What are the ends of a marriage? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman established between themselves, a partnership for the whole of life that is by its very nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of their offspring.

There is no difficulty in understanding what is procreation and the education of their offspring, but what is the meaning of the “good of the spouses,” (the English translation of the Latin “*Bonum coniugum*”)? This expression is first used in the Code of Canon Law published in 1983. The church considers it as the primary end of marriage.

Before Vatican Council II, the Church taught procreation as the primary end of marriage and the secondary end as mutual help and remedy for concupiscence. This is too exclusively centered on the procreative function of the marital relationship, while it neglected “personalist” aspects or values of a human relationship that is, love between man and woman as the main motive for marrying, the promise of personal happiness or fulfillment that marriage seems to offer, the human values felt to underlie physical sexuality.

The Council has changed this view by saying in *Gaudium et Spes*: “man can fully discover his true self only in a sincere giving of himself” (no. 24). The husband and wife give themselves to one another and receive themselves to one another so that they become one. By personal and irrevocable consent, they freely give to themselves a new identity: this man becomes this woman’s husband, and this woman becomes this man’s wife and together they become spouses.

All of this finds striking confirmation in the Bible. In the Book of Genesis, we find two distinct accounts in its first and second chapters of the creation of man - male and female - and of the institution of marriage. The first says: “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘be fruitful and multiply’” (Gen. 1:27-28). The other reads: “The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him’” ... (so God created woman ... and, the narration continues) “therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh” (Gen. 2:18-24). The first one emphasizes the procreative aspect of marriage, while the other is on the personal aspect. So, we find the two ends - one related to spouses, the other to children - present from the very institution of marriage. *(to be continued in the next bulletin)*

Mass Schedule December 2— 10

Saturday 12/02: <small>1st Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. Barbara Williams (prayer gift)
Sunday 12/03: <small>1st Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families
Monday 12/04:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/05:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. +Bertha Tinney
Wednesday 12/06:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. +Bogdan Gumowski
Thursday 12/07:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. +Gene Thompson
Friday 12/08: <small>Immaculate Conception</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish OLH Mass 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Saturday 12/09: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/10: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Jeff & Barbara Ferrell

Stewardship Report for November 25 & 26, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—36 Sunday—53

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 647.13

Attendance Sunday—40

**Thank you for your generosity.
May God bless you!**



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.

Mass Intentions—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Barbara Williams, Mary Wuletich, Opal Potesta

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Paul Stodola, Patti Stodola, Judy Killough & Family, The Dorseys.

Please call Father Thomas Kalapurackal at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Pope Pius IX



The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.

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St. Anne's Outreach Center Our Lady of the Hills



Serving families and young expecting single mothers in Big Chimney, Clay, Clendenin, Elkview and Pinch areas.



Children—newborn to 4 yrs.

Call 304-965-7670 to schedule an appointment.

As of October, 2023, St. Anne's has served 7 children this year.

Balance as of <u>12/31/22</u>	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	955.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of <u>11/30/23</u>	\$ 4,849.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Save Us, O Lord — #665
Offertory:	Creator of the Stars of Night — #68
Holy:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #918
Communion:	Eye Has Not Seen — #475
Recessional:	Come Now, Almighty King — #712



December Birthdays

- 1 David Wuletich
- 8 Christian Magaña
- 8 Carter Wells
- 10 Marjorie Azevedo
- 12 Pat Booker
- 14 Terry Hess
- 17 Craig Arnold
- 21 Dottie Hess
- 24 Jansen Mosier
- 27 Tina Stodola
- 30 Sophia Arnold
- 30 Thurman Arnold
- 30 Nikki Bowling
- 30 Andrew Ferguson

Please notify the office if your birthday is not listed or the date is incorrect.

Thank you!

Minister Schedule

	December 3, 2023 1st Sunday of Advent	December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass	Lector: R. Stonestreet Eucharistic Minister: J. Polak & Volunteer	C. Harmon M. Doneghy & Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Mass	Lector: S. Kawash Eucharistic Minister: B. Morton & Volunteer Counters: N. Swecker & S. Kawash	M. Ferguson M. Hamilton & Volunteer K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>	Lector: C. Stodola Eucharistic Minister: T. Lanna	G. Kozera L. Kozera

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** & for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!



You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

The office will be closed from Monday, December 4th, through Wednesday, December 6th.



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the patron saint of the United States, is celebrated on **December 8**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. **Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony at 5:30 p.m. and at Our Lady of the Hills at 7:00 p.m.** The 9:00 a.m. morning Mass at St. Anthony on this day is cancelled.

Retirement Fund for Religious: December 9 & 10—**You can help.** “Religious are blessed to server,” says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for the Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.



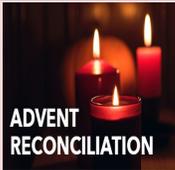
Attention St. Anthony Ministers

Please contact Michele Bays (phone: **304-342-2716** or email: **secretary@stanthonywv.com**) as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer to serve at Mass on **Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m.** or **Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.**



St. Anthony: Socks, Gloves & Hats

We are now collecting **socks, gloves, and hats** to be donated to our Veterans. Please donate only **NEW** items. There are baskets located in the back of the church for your donation. Donations will be accepted through December 17th.



Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 19 6:00-7:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills
(after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 20 6:00-7:00 p.m. St. Anthony



Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for confessions. Father Thomas will also be available after the weekday 9:00 a.m. Masses at St. Anthony during Advent.

Watch Expectantly Today—Your Master Is Coming!

Meditation: What do you do when someone you love very dearly and miss very much has been gone a very long time but promises to return soon? Do you ignore their absence, or do you anticipate their return and send them messages to let them know how much you long to be with them again? Jesus' parable about the long-expected return of the Master to his household brings this point home.

How do we watch and wait for the Lord's coming?

How does the Lord want us to be watchful and vigilant for his return? The kind of watching the Lord has in mind is not a passive "wait and see what happens" approach to life. The Lord urges us to vigilance and to active prayer that his "kingdom may come" and his "will be done on earth as it is in heaven". We are not only to watch *for* Christ, but to watch *with* Christ. The Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds fixed on him and his word. He wants us to be ready for his action and work of grace in our lives and in our world. Those who "wait" for the Lord will not be disappointed. He will surely come with his grace and saving help. Do you watch for the Lord's action in your life with expectant faith and with joyful hope?

The season of Advent is a time for rousing our minds and hearts for the Lord's coming. As his servants we watch for his will - continually seeking him. We watch for his word and his power - that he may act now to save and to deliver. And we watch for his visitation - he will surely come again! Servants of the Lord rouse yourselves! Be vigilant, be alert, be "watchmen" for the Lord pointing the way for his coming.

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How to Be a Eucharistic People A Time of Reflection

Sunday December 3, 2023

Our Lady of the Hills – 9:30 a.m. – Sanctuary
St. Anthony – 11:30 a.m. – Sanctuary

What to expect? Joy. Hope. Love! A mini retreat for the faithful to gather and focus on the Eucharist and the Eucharistic nature of our faith and Church, nurturing a deeper understanding of the celebration, Christ's true presence, and our call and ability to live it.

