

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

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Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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### Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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*

## Wishing you all Happy New Year. Goodbye to 2022 and a warm welcome to 2023.

The end of one year and the beginning of a new year are a naturally reflective time. It is the time to thank God for his blessings in the past year and pray for more graces in the year ahead. The month of January is named after the Roman God “Janus” and he is depicted as having two faces, one looking forward and the other backward. He is the God of beginning, doorways, transitions, passages, and endings. As we enter into the month of January, we have to look back and see our failures and look forward with new resolutions.

The year 2022 brought us many blessings as well as lots of troubles. We have succeeded to come out of the Covid-19 pandemic which gives us much hope for the future. If you have come to the end of this year 2022 and are still alive, this means that you haven't had a bad year. God has protected us all through these years and it is time to express our gratitude to our loving God. Now we shall welcome 2023 with renewed hope and wish all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

During this week of Christmas octave, we especially remember the Holy Innocents who were killed by King Herod to protect the infant Jesus. It reminds us of our responsibility to protect life in all stages, especially for the most vulnerable. We Christians have a grave responsibility to fight for protecting life. We also remember the Holy Family of Jesus. We need to make our home a place of prayer. The Holy Family prayed and studied the scriptures. We should pray at least a decade of the rosary, teach some basic prayers to our children and grandchildren, and attend at least Sunday mass. It is also advisable to keep some images of our Christian faith, for example, a Crucifix or a picture of the Sacred Heart and/or saints. These are simple things, but rich with meaning and have a great effect in the life of the members of the family.

## Mass Schedule December 31—January 8

Saturday 12/31: <small>Solemnity of Mary</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/01: <small>Solemnity of Mary</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † William Ashworth (D. & K. Lanham)
Monday 01/02:	No Mass
Tuesday 01/03:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 01/04:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Natalie Donahoe (L. Sutton)
Thursday 01/05:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (L. Sutton)
Friday 01/06:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Danny Ray Craft (S. Riddle)  SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Saturday 01/07: <small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/08: <small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

### Stewardship Report for December 24 & 25, 2022

#### St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 2,735.60
Christmas	1,829.00
Catholic Charities West Virginia	691.50
Other	220.00

Attendance      Saturday—120    Sunday—45

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 665.13
Christmas	460.00
Catholic Charities West Virginia	470.00

Attendance      Sunday—33

**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](http://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**—Mary Hanson, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold

**Our Lady of the Hills**—Bert Zodorozny, Violet Edwards, Wanda Graham, Ursula Paezold, Greg Stodola, Bill & Nancy Audia

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



May the faith of God  
be with you this year.  
May the peace of God  
surround you, ✨  
and may you be blessed  
each day!

*Happy New Year*

### **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 November, 2022, St. Anne's has served 8 children this year.**

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 4,748.12
Contributions Received	1,160.00
Less: Expenses	( 1,974.89)
Balance as of 12/31/22	<b>\$ 3,933.23</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Hark, the Herald Angels Sing — #99
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Healing — sheet music
<b>Offertory:</b>	Sing of Mary — #697
<b>Communion:</b>	Hail Mary, Gentle Woman — #706
<b>Recessional:</b>	Go, Tell It on the Mountain — #100



## January Birthdays

- 2 August Green
- 5 Tobin Arnold
- 5 Jacob Swecker
- 7 Eric Carroll
- 10 Mary Agnes Keener
- 11 Natalie D'Alessio
- 11 Agnes Michaelson
- 12 Maya Clark
- 13 Kayla Jusko
- 15 Pat Lanna
- 15 Emma Ware
- 15 Brenda Withrow
- 17 Dan Lanham
- 18 Ellen Asbury
- 20 Barbara Ferrell
- 20 Jameson Garton
- 22 Joyce Sweeney
- 24 Mary Ellen O'Farrell
- 24 Kelley Ware
- 25 Mary Arnold
- 27 Brenda Cavendish
- 30 Melissa Tyler

## Minister Schedule

	January 1, 2023	January 8, 2023
	The Solemnity of Mary	The Epiphany of the Lord
<b>St. Anthony</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	B. Ashworth	M. Ferguson
Counters:	N. Swecker & J. Burdette	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox
<b>Our Lady of the Hills</b>		
Lector:	R. Stodola or C. Stodola	T. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	G. Kozera	J. Felber

**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!

**Elk River Backpack Blessings**—Through January, 2023, Our Lady of the Hills will continue to collect food for Elk River Backpack Blessings. Items requested are canned soups, canned pasta, oatmeal packets and fruit cups.

**Please notify the office if your birthday is not listed or the date is incorrect. Thank you!**



### **Belated Congratulations to Father Thomas Kalapurackal**

On December 26, 2022, Father Thomas celebrated the 34th Anniversary of his Ordination. **Father Thomas**, thank you for your caring and devoted ministry to our parishes. **May God bless you with many more years in His service.**

**The office will be closed on Monday, January 2, for the New Year holiday.**

**Upholstery Cleaner(s) Needed**—In preparation for **Fish Frydays**, volunteers are going to clean the chairs in the Parish Center. Although we have some volunteers, we do not have enough equipment. If you have an upholstery cleaner we can borrow, please contact Katy Layne at 304-380-3260.

**First Friday at St. Anthony**—January 6, 2023 is First Friday. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Father will be available for confessions during this time.

**2022 Tax Contribution Statements**—To save money on postage, paper and ink for our parishes, your 2022 tax contribution statements will not be automatically mailed to you. **Please contact Michele at the office (email: [secretary@stanthonywv.com](mailto:secretary@stanthonywv.com) or phone: 304-342-2716) after Thursday, January 12, 2023** if you would like to receive a copy of your tax contribution statement. **If you have any receipts for items purchased for your parish to be added to your statement, please submit them no later than Friday, January 20, 2023. Thank you!**

**Employment Opportunity at St. Anthony**—St. Anthony has a position open for a part-time Facilities Maintenance/Groundskeeper. Responsibilities include performing maintenance and minor repairs to the church facilities (e.g. painting, plumbing, etc.) and upkeep of the church grounds. This position is limited to 20 hours each week. Successful candidate must be able to pass a background check prior to hiring. St. Anthony is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in this position, please contact Katy Layne at 304-380-3260 or the church office at 304-342-2716.

## He Was Called Jesus

**Meditation:** What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

### Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Savior

In fulfillment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name *Jesus* on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name *Jesus* because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means *the Lord saves*. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to *save his people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the *Christ* (the Greek word for *Messiah* in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or *Theotokos* in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

### Jesus - the name above every other name

In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name *Jesus* signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that *there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved* (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name *Jesus* is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory.

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**Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation**—Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) in the first part of 2023. These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the VLCFF. The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org) with your name, address, email, and phone number.

### **Survey of Catholic Doctrine: January 9th - February 12th, 2023**

Have you ever wanted to explore your faith more deeply and understand more clearly the Trinity, Jesus as God's self revealed, the Holy Spirit and much more? We will study some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church through the five week hybrid course Survey of Catholic Doctrine, a course sponsored through the Diocese and the VLCFF, it will run from January 9th to February 12th. There are no prerequisites, just bring your questions and a desire to learn about your faith. This course combines Zoom lectures/discussions once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. led by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu with materials available online through the VLCFF website and meets the course requirement for catechetical certification for the diocese. You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).

### **New Testament: January 9th-February 12th, 2023**

This course builds on the material learned in Introduction to Scripture and assumes a basic understanding of how Catholics read and interpret Scripture. We will explore the world behind the text of the New Testament, its history and culture, as well as examine how we today read and understand these texts in light of our own world and culture. We will look at how all four Gospels developed, study the letters of Paul, and examine the world of first century Christianity. This is a five-week hybrid course offered through the Diocese and the VLCFF. You will be able to work online taking quizzes and accessing material, as well as meet once a week via Zoom for class lecture and discussion with the course facilitator, Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. The Zoom sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (A second session on Monday afternoon may be added if the response is large enough.) You can register for this course by contacting Jeanne McKeets at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).