

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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

Almsgiving

During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462). As we continue our journey through Lent, we are reminded of our responsibility to share what we have (wealth, gifts, and talents) with the less fortunate. Through the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus, Jesus warns that there will be a reversal of fortunes at the end.

Charitable giving is an ancient practice that is customary in many cultures and religions. As Christians, we are called to follow in the example of Christ who showed great compassion to those on the fringes of society. Even if we do not see them, the poor have always been among us and so has the call to support them. The Catechism states that charity is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC, No. 1822).

We witness those around us who do not have enough – food, clothing, or shelter. Those with the resources can choose to share from their surplus – by making a donation or sharing the resources needed (e.g. cans of soup or dry goods to the food pantry). Clearing out one's pantry and donating surplus food to the food pantry; or clearing out one's closet and donating unused clothing to the charity organizations are wonderful ways to observe Lent through almsgiving. It is good to reflect on the words of Jesus at the last Judgement, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (MT 25/ 40). His Holiness Pope Francis tells us, "*During this Lent, may we practice almsgiving by giving joyfully (2 Corinthians 9:7). God who 'supplies seed to the Sower and bread for food' (2 Corinthians 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (Luke 10:25-37). — Pope Francis, 2022 Lenten Message*

Mass Schedule March 18—26

Saturday 03/18: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/19: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † William Joseph Thompson, Jr. (F. & C. Mosier) SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Monday 03/20:	No Mass
Tuesday 03/21:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m. † Montague Blundon OLH Reconciliation Service—6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 03/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Brother of Father Thomas SA Reconciliation Service—6:00 p.m.
Thursday 03/23:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Mary Mullen (prayer gift)
Friday 03/24:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Bill Denton (prayer gift)
Saturday 03/25: <small>5th Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 4:30 p.m.—Mass 5:00 p.m. † Virginia Groves (C. & S. Newton)
Sunday 03/26: <small>5th Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Ursula Paezold (S. Wyatt) SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Stewardship Report for March 11 & 12, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 2,746.75
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	604.00
Other	154.00

Attendance Saturday—41 Sunday—68

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,448.38
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund	740.00
Other	245.00

Attendance Sunday—38

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.

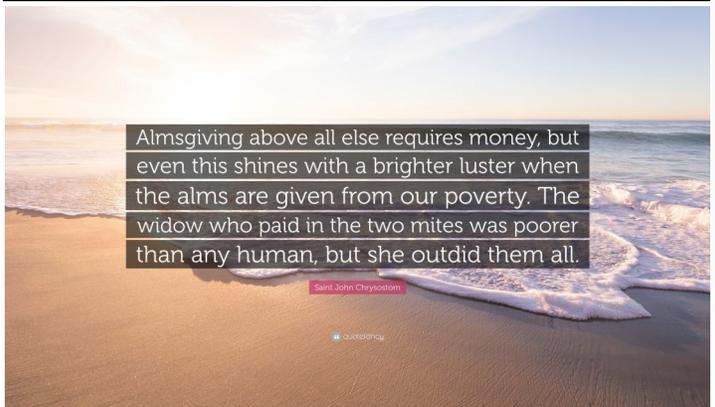
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Hanson, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Melissa Tyler, Christine Hansbarger

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

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



Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all.

Saint John Chrysostom

#stewardship

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 February, 2023, St. Anne's has served 3 children this year.

Balance as of <u>12/31/22</u>	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	300.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of <u>02/28/23</u>	\$ 4,233.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Beyond the Days — #127
Offertory:	Lead Me, Lord — #739
Holy:	Sanctus — #859
Communion:	We Remember — #509
Recessional:	Lift High the Cross — #717

Minister Schedule

	March 19, 2023 4th Sunday of Lent	March 26, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent
St. Anthony 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Tyler	R. Stonestreet
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	S. Kawash	B. Ashworth
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	S. Kawash & Volunteer
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	C. Stodola	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Stodola	T. Lanna

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!



Bible Study

You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

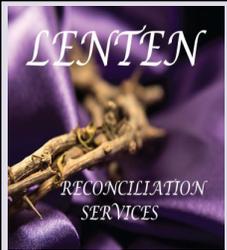


March Birthdays

- 3 Anthony Joseph
- 3 Rebecca Stodola
- 10 Albert Leonoro
- 12 Wanda Leach
- 12 Perriann Kawash
- 15 Doris Bohan
- 15 Michael Garton
- 15 Chris Newman
- 16 Opal Potesta
- 16 Madison Burdette
- 20 Hannah Ihnat
- 21 Saylor Bossie
- 21 Greg Kozera
- 21 Emily Wines
- 23 Carmela Mosier
- 25 Andrea Ferguson
- 31 Bonnie Starling

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

Thank you!



Lenten Reconciliation Services

OLH Reconciliation Service will be on **Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m.** (after our 5:30 p.m. Mass). Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for Confessions during Stations of the Cross.

SA Reconciliation Service will be on **Wednesday, March 22 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Father Thomas and Father Charles will be available for Confessions.



Schedule for Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony

Saturdays: Stations of the Cross at 4:30 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

Tuesdays: Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteer Drivers

Meals on Wheels is seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals on the West Side of Charleston. If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please call Valerie Rist at 304-552-6347.



“Almsgiving, practised far from the spotlight, gives peace and hope to the heart. It reveals to us the beauty of giving, which then becomes receiving, and thus enables us to discover a precious secret: our hearts find more joy in giving than in receiving (Acts 20:35).”
~Pope Francis tweet on 03/09/23



The 2023 Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA)

As of **March 17, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$1,560.00**, which is **15%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$2,800**, which is **46%** of our parish goal of \$6,100. Remember every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal, making this a tremendous fund raising event for our parishes.

Thank you for your past generosity in support of the annual appeal and our parishes and for what we can accomplish this year! *To save postage, you may drop your CSA envelope in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the Diocese. PLEASE make your check payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

As requested by Bishop Brennan, we will resume distribution of the Sacred Cup to the faithful on Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are mandated by the bishop for a period of 3 years. Since the Sacred Cup has not been distributed from the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic 3 years ago, Bishop Brennan is taking this opportunity to renew the process of EMHC's training and certification. Father Thomas will hold two sessions to review instructions for all former and new volunteers to this ministry. At St. Anthony, the review will be held after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 19. At Our Lady of the Hills, the review will be after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 26. You are asked to please prayerfully consider renewing or volunteering to serve as a EMHC.

Triduum & Easter Services

- 04/06: Holy Thursday at SA at 6:30 p.m.**
- 04/07: Good Friday at SA**
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord at 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday at OLH
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
- 04/08: Easter Vigil at SA at 8:00 p.m.**
- 04/09: Easter Sunday at OLH at 8:30 a.m.**
Easter Sunday at SA at 10:30 a.m.

Jesus Frees Us from Spiritual Blindness and Sin

Meditation: Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives. Saul, the first king of Israel, failed to recognize God's light and power to save him from his enemies. God replaced Saul with David, the youngest of Jesse's eight sons (1 Samuel 16). God saw something in David which Jesse and his other sons did not recognize - a man after God's own heart who delighted in doing what was pleasing to the Lord (1 Samuel 13:14). David was a man of courage and vision who defeated his enemies and united his people. His strength and success came not from himself but from God who anointed him with the power and wisdom of his own Spirit.

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed (Isaiah 53:5). The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Augustine of Hippo, in his commentary on this Gospel passage, remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ... You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin."

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CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT IN RECOVERY:
The Journey Toward Transformation

You Are Invited:

A free program to learn about recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.
Panel presentations, information tables, food, and sharing.
Enhance your Lenten journey!

Blessed Sacrament Church,
305 E Street
South Charleston, WV 25303

Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00pm - 8:30pm

A collaboration of:
Blessed Sacrament Parish (blessedsacramentwv.org)
Addiction Healing Center at St. Francis Hospital (wvumedicine.org/thomas-hospital)
The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality (wvis.org)