

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

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The Ascension of the Lord

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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*

### Private Revelations

According to the Catholic teaching, public revelation of God has been ended with the time of Jesus and the Apostles. With the Book of Revelations in the Bible, public revelations come to an end. But this does not mean that God has ceased speaking or revealing himself to the human race. The Holy Spirit provides ongoing revelation and guidance to God's people through various means building upon the foundational revelation that God has given in Jesus.

There are certain truths that God reveals through the Holy Spirit that either not intended for the entire church or are not intended to be truths relevant for all times in the church's life. They are termed as 'private revelations.' These truths are either directed toward a particular individual or group within the church or intended for a particular time or period in human history.

Private revelations can be messages spoken from God to an individual or a group through angels, saints, or Mary, Mother of God, visions, dreams, or voices that present a word from God to a person or persons, or even a word or appearance of God himself. Catholic church insists that such private revelations must be discerned or tested to ensure that they are truly from God, lest some people be deceived.

First of all, no private revelation can contradict or disagree with public revelation, that is what God revealed through the Bible or sacred tradition. Genuine private revelation always supports and compliments God's public revelation to his people. The church never insists that faithful must believe in private revelations or in its messages. For example, many appearances of Mary, the mother of God, reported are investigated and proved false except a few appearances like that at Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe etc. Catholics are not required to believe even these apparitions of Blessed Mother since they remain in the realm of private revelations. (reference: Alan Schreck, "The Essential Catholic Catechism," p. 33)

## Mass Schedule May 20—28

Saturday 05/20: <small>The Ascension of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 05/21: <small>The Ascension of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Special Intention (N. & N. Lilly) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families
Monday 05/22:	No Mass
Tuesday 05/23:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 05/24:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 05/25:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 05/26:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Saturday 05/27: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Virginia Ann Craft
Sunday 05/28: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Hans Robinson (Mosier Family) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### Stewardship Report for May 13 & 14, 2023

#### St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,324.50
St. Anthony Caring Fund	35.00
Other	60.00

Attendance      Saturday—35      Sunday—62

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,247.13
Catholic Relief Services	50.00
Other	70.00

Attendance      Sunday—63

**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.

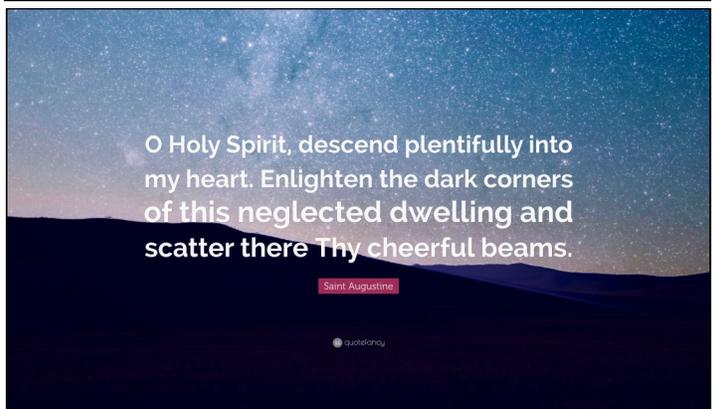
**Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.**

### Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

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

**Our Lady of the Hills**—Violet Edwards, 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.**



### **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 April, 2023, St. Anne's has served 5 children this year.**

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	455.00
Less: Expenses	( 39.08)
Balance as of 04/30/23	<b>\$ 4,349.15</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Praise to the Lord — #207
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Spirit & Grace — #924
<b>Offertory:</b>	Servant Song — #383
<b>Communion:</b>	Worthy Is the Lamb — #583
<b>Recessional:</b>	Go Make of All Disciples — #189



### May Birthdays

- 6 Zoe Jarvis
- 6 Ritchie Leach
- 7 Zachary Wines
- 8 Easton Akers
- 8 Carolyn Truman
- 10 Cathy Lothes
- 12 William Morton
- 13 Nick Ihnat
- 19 Elizabeth Shawver
- 20 Matthew Ferguson
- 21 Luther Hansbarger
- 21 Elaine Hardes
- 21 Margaret Powers
- 24 Judith Reed
- 25 Charles Hinchey
- 25 Jonathan Tucker
- 27 Carmine D'Alessio

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

**Thank you!**

## Minister Schedule

	May 21, 2023	May 28, 2023
	The Ascension of the Lord	Pentecost Sunday
<b><u>St. Anthony</u></b> <b>5:00 p.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	S. Spencer	M. Doneghy
<b>10:30 a.m. Mass</b>		
Lector:	J. Bowles	M. Tyler
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles	M. Hamilton
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	N. Swecker & S. Kawash
<b><u>Our Lady of the Hills</u></b>		
Lector:	G. Kozera	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	L. Kozera	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!

**Catholic Relief Services: May 27 & 28**—Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection proved food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



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



### Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) — Congratulations!

As of **May 19, 2023**, St. Anthony has raised **\$10,765.00**, which is **103%** of our parish goal of \$10,470.00. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$6,595**, which is **108%** of our parish goal of \$6,100. **Congratulations to both parishes for exceeding 100% of our parish goals!!! A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners for your generosity and participation in this year's appeal.**

### Mountain State Teens Encounter Christ Retreat

After a 3-½-year hiatus, the Diocese will have its first "Mountain State TEC" Retreat, at St. Mary Parish, in Morgantown (Star City), on June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. This **Teens Encounter Christ** weekend is intended for rising High School Juniors through rising College Freshmen (roughly 15 to 19-year-olds). Its purpose is to help older teens grow closer to God and to a community of young people and adults, in and through Jesus Christ. It will consist of prayer, talks, activities, community building, games, music, fun, food, and the Sacraments. It begins on the Saturday morning and ends on the Monday afternoon. For more information, please contact Daniel Maul, at the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, at 304-233-0880, ext. 376, or at [dmaul@dwc.org](mailto:dmaul@dwc.org). The cost is \$40 (scholarships are available, however), and teens can register here: [dwc.org/tec](http://dwc.org/tec).

## Weekday Masses Tuesday, May 23rd, through Friday, May 26th, are cancelled.

**Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer**—Our local regional Eucharistic Congress will be held on June 2-3 in Charleston at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. You are invited and encouraged to write your personal intentions and prayers in our parish Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer, which will be presented to Bishop Brennan during our regional Eucharistic Congress. At St. Anthony, our Book of Prayer will be located on the table at the main entrance to the church. At Our Lady of the Hills, our Book of Prayer will be located in the Gathering Space.

### The Lord Was Taken up into Heaven

**Meditation:** Why did Jesus leave his disciples forty days after his resurrection? Forty is a significant number in the Scriptures. Moses went to the mountain to seek the face of God for forty days in prayer and fasting. The people of Israel were in the wilderness for forty years in preparation for their entry into the promised land. Elijah fasted for forty days as he journeyed in the wilderness to the mountain of God. For forty days after his resurrection Jesus appeared numerous times to his disciples to assure them that he had risen indeed and to prepare them for the task of carrying on the work which he began during his earthy ministry.

#### ***You will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth***

Jesus' last words to his disciples point to the key mission and task he has entrusted to his followers on earth - to be his witnesses and ambassadors to the ends of the earth so that all peoples, tribes, and nations may hear the good news that Jesus Christ has come to set us free from sin, Satan, and death and has won for us a kingdom of peace, joy, and righteousness that will last forever.

How can we be effective witnesses for Christ? Jesus told his disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you - and you shall be my witnesses... to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus gives his followers the same power he received when the Holy Spirit came upon him and anointed him at the beginning of his mission (John 1:32-33). The Gospel is the power of God, the power to release people from their burden of sin, guilt, and oppression, and the power to heal, restore, and make us whole. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel to change and transform your life?

#### ***We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ***

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be ambassadors for Jesus Christ. Just as ambassadors are appointed to represent their country and to speak on behalf of their nation's ruler, we, too are appointed by the Lord Jesus to speak on his behalf and to bring others into a close and personal encounter with the Lord and Ruler of heaven and earth. This is the great commission which the risen Christ gives to the whole church. All believers have been given a share in this task - to be heralds of the good news and ambassadors for Jesus Christ, the only savior of the world. We have not been left alone in this task, for the risen Lord works in and through us by the power of his Holy Spirit. Today we witness a new Pentecost as the Lord pours out his Holy Spirit upon his people to renew and strengthen the body of Christ and to equip it for effective ministry and mission world-wide. Do you witness to others the joy of the Gospel and the hope of the resurrection?

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**Online Learning Opportunity**—Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). 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 University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (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 Dr. Stoicoiu at [rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com)

#### **The Mass**

In this course we will examine the core principles of the Eucharistic liturgy as found in the foundational documents of the Mass. We will consider its history and make connections between the modern liturgy and the historical context. Our central point of discussion throughout the course will be focused on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Over the course of the five weeks, we will take a deep dive into the elements of the Sunday celebration and its component parts. This course will be of value for liturgical ministers, RCIA Team members, and anyone interested in learning more about this most central celebration of all the baptized. All course materials are online, and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 23rd.

#### **Images of Jesus**

Through this course the participant will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testament, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church. All course materials are online and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 24th. This course is part of the sequence for the catechetical certification.