

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

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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

Unity and Indissolubility

According to the Catholic teaching, the properties of marriage are unity and indissolubility. When talking to the Pharisees, Jesus said, "Have not you read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and two shall become one flesh? So, they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder" (Mt 19). In the light of these words of Christ, the Catholic Church sets forth the principle of the unity and indissolubility of marriage.

From this statement, it is clear that marriage is part of the creator's original plan for humankind. God's love is reflected in their pure love. They are no more two but one flesh. Human beings' longing for unity is fulfilled in marriage. The real purpose of mutual attraction of man and woman is fertilization and experience of unity. The highest form of this unity is sexual union in which the human longing for oneness is satisfied.

The unity of marriage means that a man may have only one wife and a woman only one husband. Unity in marriage means monogamy, the opposite of polygamy. That is unity, just two people and no more. Marriage is between a man and a woman. There cannot be more than two. They must be man and woman free to marry in the first place. Once those two have married, no one else may enter their bond.

Indissolubility is not the same as unity. This means that this bond of two people cannot be dissolved by any power on earth. Indissolubility can be *intrinsic* (which means that it cannot be dissolved by the married partners) and *extrinsic* (which means that a valid marriage cannot be dissolved by some outside authority). For St. Paul, Christian marriage is a mystery (Eph 5:32) "Because of this a man shall leave his father and mother to be united with his wife and two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery and I refer it to Christ and the Church." A mystery is that which is rationally inconceivable before revelation

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Mass Schedule November 18— 26

Saturday 11/18: <small>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. +Barbara Ferrell (B. Ashworth)
Sunday 11/19: <small>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Melanie Becker (J. & N. Bowles)
Monday 11/20:	No Mass
Tuesday 11/21:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. +Timothy Cox
Wednesday 11/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. +Stanley W. Wyatt (S. Wyatt)
Thursday 11/23: <small>Thanksgiving Day</small>	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Friday 11/24:	SA No Mass
Saturday 11/25: <small>Feast of Christ the King</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 11/26: <small>Feast of Christ the King</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Neil Lothes (C. Lothes) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †William Ashworth (B. Ashworth)

Stewardship Report for November 11 & 12, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—29 Sunday—55

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 830.13
Archdiocese for the Military Ser.	560.00
LERMA	310.00
St. Anne's Outreach	35.00

Attendance Sunday—43

**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

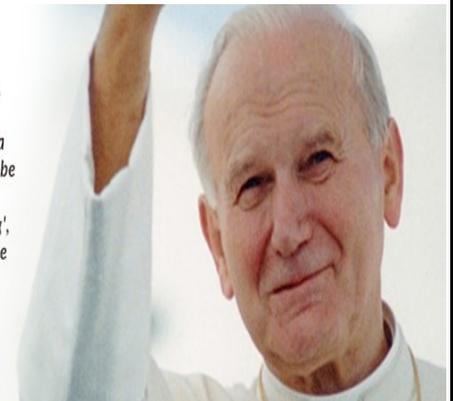
St. Anthony—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Barbara Williams, Mary Wuletich, Opal Potesta

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.

"Love is never something ready-made, something merely 'given' to man and woman; it is always at the same time a 'task' which they are set. Love should be seen as something which in a sense never 'is' but is always only 'becoming', and what it becomes depends upon the contribution of both persons and the depth of their commitment."

-Saint Pope John Paul II



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 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	905.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 10/31/23	\$ 4,799.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Christ Before Us — #412
Gloria:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #914
Offertory:	There Is a Place — handout
Communion:	Eye Has Not Seen — #473
Recessional:	River of Glory — #652

Minister Schedule

	November 19, 2023 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	November 26, 2023 Feast of Christ the King
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Minister:	W. Leach	J. Bowles
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles	B. Ashworth
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	C. Joseph & S. Bossie-Maddox
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	M. Swecker	R. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Hall	J. Felber

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Monday at 5:00 p.m.** & for Mass announcements is **Tuesday 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.



November Birthdays

- 1 Lorena Thomas
- 3 Violette Colon
- 5 Philip Sweeney
- 9 Chris Joseph
- 13 Jennifer Burdette
- 13 Constance Vaughn
- 13 Paul Young
- 14 Olivia Garton
- 17 Mason Bossie
- 17 Linda Leonoro
- 18 James Ashworth
- 21 Jennifer Hall
- 24 Janice Keiffer
- 27 Mark Colon
- 29 Carolyn Harmon
- 29 Ellie Mosier

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

Thank you!



St. Anthony Angel Tree for the Salvation Army—Help a child feel special and joyful this Christmas by selecting an angel from our Angel Tree. You can purchase a gift from the wish list or purchase an age-appropriate toy or clothing. All items must be new. There is a removable label on the back of your angel. Place your **unwrapped gift or gifts** in a plastic can liner (garbage bag) and affix the label to the bag. You may include wrapping paper inside the plastic bag in addition to your gift. **Please return unwrapped gifts by Friday, December 15th, to the Church or directly to the Salvation Army.** If you have any questions, call Katy Layne at 304-344-3495.



Important Announcements

- The 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Anthony on Friday, November 24th, is cancelled.
- The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th, for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The office will also be closed from Thursday, November 30th, through Wednesday, December 6th.

Unity and Indissolubility *(continued from page 1)*

and rationally incomprehensible even after revelation.

For many this teaching seems not relevant in our modern world. How can we guarantee this perpetual loyalty? People entering into marriage have to promise loyalty to their partners forever. For Jesus the indissolubility of marriage corresponds to the original will of God. But at the same time, he is aware that all aren't able to fulfill this ideal. So gives some exceptions of 'unfaithfulness' in Mt 19:9. The parties must make this commitment calling for God's grace which is derived from this sacrament.

Eucharistic Reflection: December 3, 2023

On December 3, 2023, Daniel Maul, Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, will be here to give a brief reflection on the Eucharist after each Sunday morning Mass. The purpose of this gathering is to reflect upon the Eucharistic nature of our faith and our Church, so as to deepen our understanding of it and strengthen our ability to live it. Drawing on key insights found in the writings of Bishop Robert Barron, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), and University of Notre Dame theology professor Timothy P. O'Malley, the presenter will explore Catholic beliefs about the Eucharist, especially along the themes of Eucharist as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence. We will also explore what it means to become a Eucharistic people. How must we live the Eucharist, not only believe in it and receive it? After we examine the nature of the Love that we receive in the Eucharist, we will seek to describe the character of the Love we are called to give away to our neighbors, because of the Eucharist. Through prayer, presentation, silent reflection, and personal sharing, attendees will have the opportunity to draw closer to the Eucharistic Lord and to one another.

Daniel Maul hails from South Holland, Illinois, a southern suburb of Chicago. In the winter of 2020, he moved from Indiana with his wife (Amanda) and two small children (Daniela and Abram). He is the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Daniel has a Bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and Philosophy from Saint Norbert College, and a Master's degree in Theology from Catholic Theological Union, in Chicago. He did years of doctoral work in Theology at Loyola University Chicago, before finally giving up and ending as an ABD. He's been a parish youth minister, a DRE, a high school theology teacher, and a part-time, adjunct, theology professor.

The Master Will Settle His Account with Them

Meditation: What can economics and productivity teach us about the kingdom of heaven? Jesus' story about a businessman who leaves town and entrusts his money with his workers made perfect sense to his audience. Wealthy merchants and businessmen often had to travel abroad and leave the business to others to handle while they were gone.

Why did Jesus tell this story and what can it teach us? Most importantly it tells us something about how God deals with us, his disciples and servants. The parable speaks first of the Master's trust in his servants. While he goes away he leaves them with his money to use as they think best. While there were no strings attached, this was obviously a test to see if the Master's workers would be industrious and reliable in their use of the money entrusted to them. The master rewards those who are industrious and faithful and he punishes those who sit by idly and who do nothing with his money.

The essence of the parable seems to lie in the servants' conception of responsibility. Each servant entrusted with the master's money was faithful up to a certain point. The servant who buried the master's money was irresponsible. One can bury seeds in the ground and expect them to become productive because they obey natural laws. Coins, however, do not obey natural laws. They obey economic laws and become productive in circulation. The master expected his servants to be productive in the use of his money.

God rewards those who use their gifts for serving him and the good of others

What do coins and the law of economics have to do with the kingdom of God? The Lord entrusts the subjects of his kingdom with gifts and graces and he gives his subjects the freedom to use them as they think best. With each gift and talent, God gives sufficient means (grace and wisdom) for using them in a fitting way. As the parable of the talents shows, God abhors indifference and an attitude that says it's not worth trying. God honors those who use their talents and gifts for doing good. Those who are faithful with even a little are entrusted with more! But those who neglect or squander what God has entrusted to them will lose what they have.

There is an important lesson here for us. No one can stand still for long in the Christian life. We either get more or we lose what we have. We either advance towards God or we slip back. Do you seek to serve God with the gifts, talents, and graces he has given to you?