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From the Pastor's Desk

Matrimony: Contract or Covenant?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ, the lord to the dignity of a sacrament” (CCC1601).

This teaching of the church needs some explanation in order to understand fully what this sacrament means to the Catholic church.

Catholic Church considers the marital union between a man and woman as a covenant. Sometimes the terms covenant and contract are used interchangeably. However, there are some distinctions.

A contract is a legally binding agreement to do or not do something. It often includes penalties for a breach of contract. If the contract is breached and penalties are paid, then the payment is considered to be adequate compensation for the breach of contract. There is not necessarily any moral failing involved in the breach. If a person breaches the contract but willingly pays the penalties, this is not seen as a moral failing, because the contract assumes the possibility of a breach. As an example, if a tenant signs a one-year lease for an apartment with a \$1,000 penalty for breaking the lease early, and then the tenant wants to get out of the lease and pay the penalty, then all is well. The tenant broke the lease, and the landlord was compensated according to the contract. The landlord may not be happy about it, and the tenant may not be happy to pay the penalty, but both did what they said they would do.

A covenant is a promise between two parties to do something or not do something. The covenant may include penalties for breaking the covenant, but, unlike a contract, it is considered immoral to break a covenant—it is a betrayal of trust. Though the covenant breaker is willing to pay the penalties,

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Mass Schedule October 28 — November 5

Saturday 10/28: <small>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 10/29: <small>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Hans Robinson (P. & D. Young) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Solomon (J. & N. Bowles)
Monday 10/30:	No Mass
Tuesday 10/31:	OLH No Mass
Wednesday 11/01: <small>All Saints' Day</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Stanley W. Wyatt (S. Wyatt) OLH Mass 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Thursday 11/02: <small>All Souls' Day</small>	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Teresa Krause
Friday 11/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Aaron Priest and Family SA Adoration 9:30 a.m.—10:a.m.
Saturday 11/04: <small>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 11/05: <small>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Yvonne Lothes (C. Lothes) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Frank Nogoda & Amelia Gould Families

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.

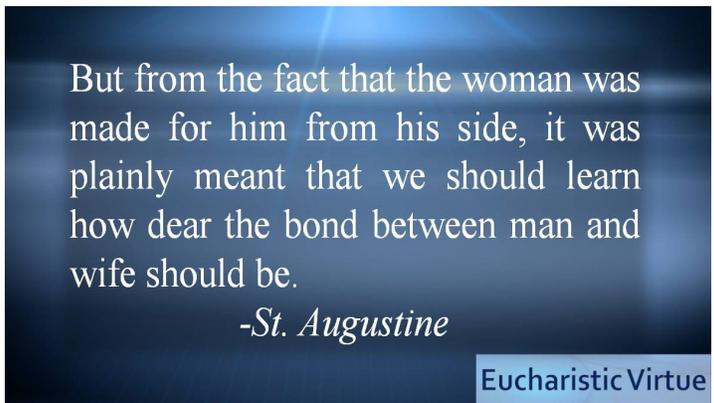
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

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.



Stewardship Report for October 21 & 22, 2023

St. Anthony

Attendance Saturday—33 Sunday—47

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 962.13
World Mission Sunday	515.00
Other	39.00

Attendance Sunday—31

**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.

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 September, 2023, St. Anne's has served 7 children this year.

Balance as of <u>12/31/22</u>	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	740.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of <u>09/30/23</u>	\$ 4,634.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Christ Before Us — #412
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #875
Offertory:	Only This I Want — #505
Communion:	Christians, Let Us Love One Another — #486
Recessional:	How Can I Keep from Singing — #446

Minister Schedule

	October 29, 2023	November 5, 2023
	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Anthony		
5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Polak	M. Doneghy
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	M. Ferguson
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles	B. Morton
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	R. Stodola	C. Stodola
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Felber	T. Stodola

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 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

At Our Lady of the Hills, the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 31st, is cancelled.



October Birthdays

- 2 Richard Boyle
- 5 Rhonda Ashworth
- 5 Rebecca Carroll
- 6 Gregory Chrobak
- 8 Cara Pogue
- 10 Fenner Hart
- 14 Thomas Resler
- 15 Christine Boyle
- 15 Elizabeth Jordan
- 15 Beckett Lindsey
- 16 Domenick Hoh
- 19 Marilyn Giblin
- 21 Cindy Mosier
- 22 Molly Green
- 23 Elizabeth Arnold
- 26 Steve Kawash
- 26 Marilyn Mogielski
- 26 Rowena Rivera
- 28 Joan Namey
- 31 Melanie Green

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

Thank you!

The Feast of All Saints



All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, is celebrated on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony at 5:30 p.m. and at Our Lady of the Hills at 7:00 p.m.



All Souls Remembrance—Each November we remember our departed loved ones with candles to honor them. If you receive collection envelopes, you may complete the back of the envelope with the names of your deceased and drop it in the collection basket. If you do not receive envelopes and wish to remember your departed loved ones, you may list them on a blank envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The suggested giving level is \$5.00 per candle.



We Thank Our Veterans—During November, we salute our veterans and active duty service members. Please bring in photos of your beloved veterans or service members to place on the table in the gathering space/vestibule.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 a.m. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



Happy Birthday, Father!

Father Thomas will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, November 4, 2023. Let us wish him God's blessings on his special day.



First Friday at St. Anthony—November 3, 2023 is First Friday. After the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Adoration will be from **9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** Father will be available for confessions during this time.

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still it is not considered morally right.

Some people approach marriage as a contract between two parties. They both willingly enter into the marriage contract, and, later, if one or both of them want to exit the relationship, they simply negotiate the payments and penalties (alimony, splitting property, custody agreement for kids, etc.) and move on without any moral stigma. Some couples go into marriage with a prenuptial agreement that outlines, before the couple is even married, how the payments and property will be split in a divorce.

For the Catholic church, marriage is not a contract but a covenant between a man and a woman in the presence of God and the rest of the community as witnesses. One should not enter into marriage with conditions for future such as if or in case of...etc.

Jesus said, "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate" (Mt 19:6). We should honor our word and keep our promises taken in the presence of God. If God has joined two persons together, no power on earth has authority over it. That is the reason why Catholic Church never uses the term 'divorce' in cases of separation. Divorce is dividing something which is united. In marriage, two people become 'one flesh.' Does the Church have authority to separate what God has united?

In the coming weeks, I will write more on this sacrament of Matrimony.



National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023 is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

What Is the Greatest Rule of Life?

Meditation: What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? The Pharisees prided themselves in the knowledge of the law of Moses and the ritual requirements of the law. They made it a life-time practice to study the 613 precepts of the Torah - the books of the Old Testament containing the Law of Moses - along with the numerous rabbinic commentaries on the law. The religious authorities tested Jesus to see if he correctly understood the law as they did. Jesus startled them with his profound simplicity and mastery of the law of God and its purpose.

God's love rules all

Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

We do not earn God's love - it is freely given

How can we possibly love God above all else and obey his commandments willingly and joyfully, and how can we love our neighbor and willing lay down our life for their sake? Paul the Apostle tells us that "*hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us*" (Romans 5:5). We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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