

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

September 17, 2023

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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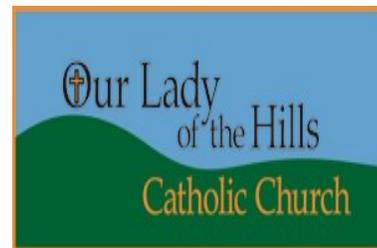
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Office Hours:

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.

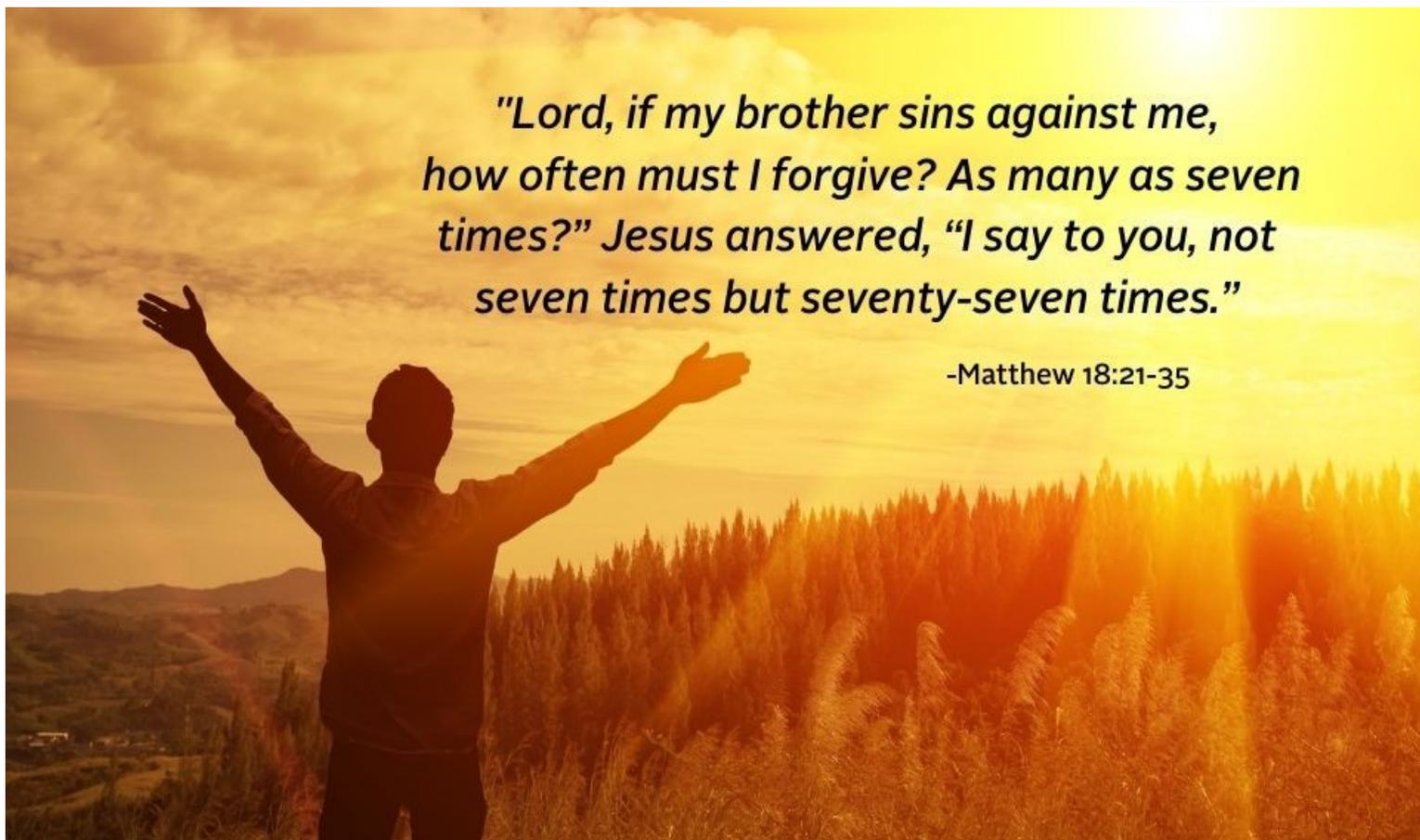


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*"Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive? As many as seven
times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not
seven times but seventy-seven times."*

-Matthew 18:21-35



Mass Schedule September 16 — 24

Saturday 09/16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Michael Layne
Sunday 09/17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (The Brocato Family)
Monday 09/18:	No Mass
Tuesday 09/19:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday 09/20:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Barbara Ferrell
Thursday 09/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Barbara & Jeff Ferrell (M. & A. Kawash Families)
Friday 09/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Saturday 09/23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. †Michael Layne
Sunday 09/24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish OLH Mass 12:00 p.m. †Michael Starling (P. & D. Young)

Stewardship Report for September 9 & 10, 2023

St. Anthony

Offertory \$ 1,054.00

Attendance Saturday—31 Sunday—80

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory \$ 885.01

LERMA 40.00

St. Anne's Outreach 30.00

Catholic University—Early Donation 40.00

Attendance Sunday—37

**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.

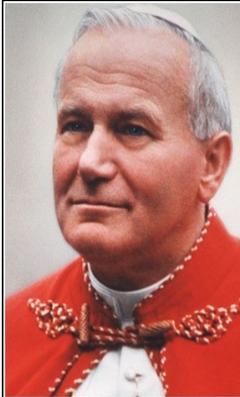
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

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

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.



Forgiveness is above all a personal choice, a decision of the heart to go against the natural instinct to pay back evil with evil.

— Pope John Paul II —

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

Balance as of 12/31/22	\$ 3,933.23
Contributions Received	655.00
Less: Expenses	(39.08)
Balance as of 08/31/23	\$ 4,549.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Gather Us In — #302
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #875
Offertory:	Where Charity and Love Prevail — #492
Communion:	Loving and Forgiving — #664
Recessional:	City of God — #390

Minister Schedule

	September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<u>St. Anthony</u> 5:00 p.m. Mass		
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	M. Doneghy
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess	W. Leach
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	M. Ferguson	S. Kawash
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Hamilton	B. Ashworth
Counters:	N. Swecker & C. Joseph	K. Layne & S. Spencer
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	C. Stodola	G. Kozera
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Stodola	L. Kozera

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!



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



OLH Parish Picnic
On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Our Lady of the Hills will celebrate Mass at 12:00 p.m. immediately followed by our Annual Parish Picnic.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (**OCIA**) is the process through which non-baptized adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In addition, OCIA welcomes adults who are already baptized but not Catholic and prepares those adults to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church, and it also helps those adults baptized Catholic, but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation, to complete their sacramental initiation. For more information about OCIA and the Catholic faith, please call the office at 304-342-2716.

Contact Information for Sister Mary Irene—You can email Sister Mary Irene at: smijscc@yahoo.com or you can send cards or letters to: Sister Mary Irene Sorber, SCC, 350 Bernardsville Road, Mendham, NJ 07945



September Birthdays

- 3 Aliana Ashworth
- 4 Mary Akers
- 8 Rich Stonestreet
- 8 Jim Withrow
- 10 Ava Mosier
- 15 Ray Swecker
- 18 Tammy Bailey
- 19 John Polak
- 20 Mary Resler
- 21 Janie Bowles
- 21 Karen Hudson
- 21 Caroline Wells
- 22 Jean McCollam
- 23 Addison Garton
- 23 Anthony Lucas
- 25 Linda Davis
- 26 Steve McCollam
- 26 Anne Wheeler
- 27 Jennifer Curia
- 30 Alan Hall

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

Thank you!



“To be children of the Father and to build a fraternal world, the real challenge is to learn how to love everyone, even our enemies. Concretely, this means choosing not to have enemies, seeing in others not an obstacle to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved.”

~ Pope Francis tweet on 08/17/23

Catholic University of America: September 24 & 25—This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

Lord, How Often Shall I Forgive My Brother?

Meditation: Does mercy overlook justice? Justice demands that everyone be given their due. So when is it right to show mercy and pardon to those who have acted unjustly or wrongly? The prophet Amos speaks of God forgiving transgression three times, but warns that God may not revoke punishment for the fourth (see Amos 1:3-13; 2:1-6). When Peter posed the question of forgiveness, he characteristically offered an answer he thought Jesus would be pleased with. Why not forgive seven times! How unthinkable for Jesus to counter with the proposition that one must forgive seventy times that.

No limit to granting forgiveness and pardon

Jesus makes it clear that there is no limit to giving and receiving forgiveness. He drove the lesson home with a parable about two very different kinds of debts. The first man owed an enormous sum of money - millions in our currency. In Jesus' time this amount was greater than the total revenue of a province - more than it would cost to ransom a king! The man who was forgiven such an incredible debt could not, however, bring himself to forgive his neighbor a very small debt which was about one-hundred-thousandth of his own debt. The contrast could not have been greater!

Jesus paid our ransom to set us free from the debt of sin

No offense our neighbor can do to us can compare with our own personal debt to God for offending him! We have been forgiven an enormous debt we could not repay on our own. That is why the Father in heaven sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely and willing gave up his life for our sake to ransom us from slavery to sin, Satan, and death. Paul the Apostle states, "you were bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 7:23) and that price was Jesus' death on the cross. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross, Jesus not only brought forgiveness and pardon for our offenses, but release from our captivity to Satan and bondage to sin.

Set free from futile thinking and sinful living

The Lord Jesus sets us free from a futile mind and way of living in sin and spiritual darkness. "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers ...with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18). Christ "gave himself to redeem us from all iniquity" (Titus 2:14). Iniquity describes the futile ways of wrong thinking, sinful attitudes and wrong behavior, and disregarding or treating God's commandments lightly. We have been forgiven an enormous debt which we could never possibly repay. We owe God a debt of gratitude for the mercy and grace he has given us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

Forgiving others is a sacred duty

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty. If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbor. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "*judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy*" (James 2:13).

Mercy seasons justice and perfects it

Mercy is the flip-side of God's justice. Without mercy justice is cold, calculating, and even cruel. Mercy seasons justice as salt seasons meat and gives it flavor. Mercy follows justice and perfects it. Justice demands that the wrong be addressed. To show mercy without addressing the wrong and to pardon the unrepentant is not true mercy but license. C.S. Lewis, a 20th century Christian author wrote: "Mercy will flower only when it grows in the crannies of the rock of Justice: transplanted to the marshlands of mere Humanitarianism, it becomes a man-eating weed, all the more dangerous because it is still called by the same name as the mountain variety." If we want mercy shown to us we must be ready to forgive others from the heart as God has forgiven us. Do you hold any grudge or resentment towards anyone? Ask the Lord to purify your heart that you may show mercy and loving-kindness to all - and especially to those who cause you grief and ill-will.

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