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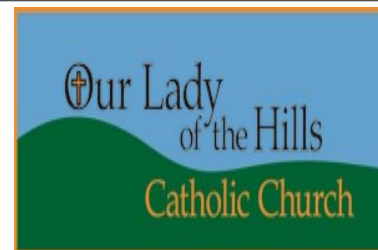
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Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony: Saturday 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm or other times by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.

Was Jesus really born on December 25th?

You'll find strong opinions on both sides of this question, with some saying definitely yes and some saying definitely no. Although the Church today liturgically celebrates the birth of Our Lord on December 25th, whether this is the exact date of his birth is a question that the teaching authority (Magisterium) has not settled. So we are free to accept the date as the true date of the birth of Jesus or to deny it. The important thing is that Jesus was born as a child in Bethlehem. The Bible does not specify a day or month. One problem with December is that it would be unusual for shepherds to be "[abiding in the field](#)" at this cold time of year when fields were unproductive. The normal practice was to keep the flocks in the fields from spring to autumn. Also, winter would likely be an especially difficult time for pregnant Mary to travel the long distance from Nazareth to Bethlehem (70 miles). "A more probable time would be late September, the time of the annual [Feast of Tabernacles](#), when such travel was commonly accepted. Since no one knows the day of his birth, the Roman Catholic Church felt free to choose this date. The Church might have wished to replace the pagan festival with a Christian holy day (holiday). Since Rome dominated most of the "Christian" world for centuries, the date became tradition throughout most of Christendom.

Safe Environment—An Evening of Information, Reflection and Hope

With Sharon Goudy, Director of Safe Environment Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

December 10, 2018 - 6:00 to 7:00 PM - Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Gathering Space)

The time will be dedicated to a basic refresher on the Diocese's efforts to keep children safe, frequently asked questions regarding Safe Environment and the sex abuse crisis, and reflections and concerns from the laity regarding the sex abuse crisis. For additional information, please call 304-342-8175.

Mass Schedule December 8 — 16

Saturday 12/08: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/09: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m.—Faith Formation †Lawrence Delaney SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †John Vincent DeRito
Monday 12/10:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/11:	OLH Rosary 6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. †Phyllis Marshall
Wednesday 12/12:	OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 10:00 a.m. April Anderson
Thursday 12/13:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. Pauline Wyatt (prayer gift) SA Advent Penance Service 6:30 p.m.
Friday 12/14:	SA Mass 8:30 a.m. Zachariah Kushner (prayer gift)
Saturday 12/15: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/16: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Velma Azevedo SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. William S. Burroughs



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, ext. 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

Mass Intentions—If you would like to request a Mass intention, you can fill out a Mass intention envelope at the church or you can create an envelope with the following information: who the Mass intention is for and whether the person is living or deceased, the date you are requesting, your name and a telephone number where you can be reached during the day, and the amount you are offering. You may drop your Mass intention envelope in the collection basket or send it to the office. If the date you request is unavailable, your intention will be scheduled for the next open date available unless you request otherwise.

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.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Pauline Wyatt, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Charles Fonguh, Senaida Garcia, Michael McCallister

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, Marilyn Spencer, William Spencer, Jim Caroli, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Ann Duley, Jerry A. Legg, John Shamblin, Leo Spradling, Doug Spencer, Pat Lanna

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-280-4990 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report—December 1 & 2, 2018

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,722.75
Flowers	175.00
Other	149.41

Attendance Saturday—35 Sunday—70

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 2,141.00
LERMA	230.00
Other	570.00

Attendance Sunday—68

Thank you for your generosity!

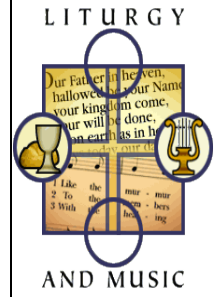
“This Advent, make yourself small, make yourself humble, make yourself a servant of others, and the Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace.”

—Pope Francis tweet on 12/04/18

Music for Liturgy



Entrance	Come, Emmanuel — #70
Offertory	Come, Lord Jesus — #60
Holy	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #924
Communion	A Voice Cries Out — #44
Recessional	The King of Glory — #729



Lorie's Music Notes

Last week, we lit the first candle in the Advent wreath known as the Prophecy Candle, or Candle of Hope. This week, we will light the Bethlehem Candle, also known as the Candle of Preparation. In the music, candles and readings today, we are encouraged to “prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths.” In our Communion song, we will sing “A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord!”

Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is Wednesday at 5:30 pm and for Mass announcements is Friday at 9:00 am. Thank you!!

Minister Schedules

	December 8 & 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 15 & 16, 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
5:30 Vigil Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. McDougall & M. Doneghy	D. Hess & M. Doneghy
Acolytes:	B. Scarpelli & P. Booker	P. Booker & Volunteer
Ushers:	A. Michaelson & Volunteer	A. Michaelson & Volunteer
10:30 Mass		
Lector:	P. Franklin	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Ministers:	M. Hamilton & B. Ashworth	J. Bowles & C. Newman
Acolytes:	E. Carroll & M. Isabella	C. Vaughn & M. Hamilton
Ushers:	J. Bowles & B. Ferrell	J. Ashworth & R. Carroll
Counters:	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox	N. Swecker & J. Polak
Cleaning:	<i>December 9—15, 2018</i> N. & R. Swecker	<i>December 16—22, 2018</i> D. Hess & W. Leach
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Servers:	Youth	Catherine & Jacob
1st Reader:	Youth	G. Kozera
2nd Reader:	Youth	C. Crede
Intercessions:	Youth	C. Stodola
Ushers/Greeters:	Youth	D. Heumann & J. Akers
Gifts:	Youth	The Garton Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Lothes, B. Crede & L. Kozera	J. Felber, E. Asbury & B. Starling
Counters:	J. Hall & T. Lanna	C. Stodola & J. Felber
Hosts:	B. Jackson & J. Sweeney	J. & L. Felber

Happy Birthday, Father!

Father Tijo George will celebrate his birthday on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

Let us wish him God's blessings on his special day.



ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

Ministers are needed to serve at the Christmas Masses at both parishes. If you would like to serve, please volunteer by Monday, December 17.

St. Anthony Ministers—Please contact Michele Bays (phone: 304-342-2716 or email: secretary@stanthonywv.com to volunteer to serve at Mass on **Christmas Eve at 5:30 pm** or **Christmas Day at 10:00 am**. Also, please indicate which Mass you will be attending.

Our Lady of the Hills Ministers—There is a sign-up sheet in the Vestibule for volunteers to serve at Mass on **Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m.**

Retirement Fund for the Religious: December 8 & 9

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

Communal Penance Service Schedule




St. Anthony on Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hills on Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m. (after the 6:30 p.m. Mass)



Our Lady of the Hills Bible Study—There will be Bible Study for adults after Mass this morning.

St. Anthony Building Fund—There will be a second collection next weekend for the Building Fund.

 **St. Anthony—Men's Socks & Gloves**—We are continuing to collect **men's socks and gloves** to be donated to the Veterans Center. Please donate only **new** socks and gloves. There are baskets located in the back of the church for your donation.

Elk River Backpack Blessings—At this time, Our Lady of the Hills will continue collecting **juice boxes** to support Elk River Backpack Blessings.

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve	5:30 pm	SA
Christmas Eve	8:00 pm	OLH
Christmas Day	10:00 am	SA

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule



New Year's Eve	5:30 pm	SA
New Year's Day	10:00 am	OLH

Catholic Charities Shining Star Christmas Distribution

Catholic Charities will once again have their Shining Star Christmas distribution at the St. Anthony Parish Center from December 3rd through December 12th. Volunteers are needed to help with picking up the gifts from several area churches, sorting and counting the gifts, and shopping with clients. There are also opportunities to volunteer at our office on Kanawha Boulevard to answer the phone, etc. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Freddie White at 304-380-0162.

Right to Life Support

Woman's Choice Pregnancy Resource Center and Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center need volunteers, donations of baby and maternity items including clothing, monetary contributions, Masses, and prayers including rosaries and fasting, so they can remain open and expand their operating hours. These centers receive no federal, state, United Way or diocesan support. They are not staffed or operated by the diocese. Visitors are always welcome.