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Third Sunday of Advent

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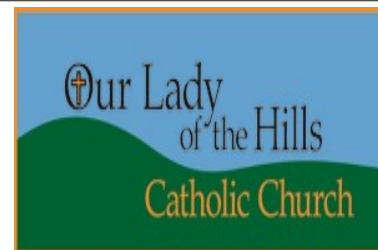
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Office Hours:

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.

What is the origin of the word “Christmas”?

The word “Christmas” comes from the Old English phrase *Christes maesse* (“Christ’s Mass”)—that is the Mass celebrated in honor of Christ’s birth. From this original reference to a particular Mass celebrated in the Church’s liturgical year, the term came to apply both to the day on which the Mass was celebrated and to the liturgical season associated with it (i.e., the Christmas season, aka *Christmastide*). The term *Christes maesse* began to be written in English as one word in the mid-1300s. In Spanish, “Christmas” is *Navidad*, in Italian it is *Natale*, and in French it is *Noël*. These terms are derived from the Latin root *nativitas*, from which we also get the word “Nativity” (i.e., birth). It is “okay” to write “Xmas.” It’s just an abbreviation, and there is nothing sinful about abbreviating a word, even one containing the term “Christ.” In fact, the earliest Christians *did* frequently abbreviate sacred terms. Today, in English, *Yule* refers to Christmas, and *Yuletide* refers to Christmas time, although it originally referred to a pagan feast. The first Christians do not appear to have had a word for this day, because the first Christians do not appear to have celebrated this day. It took some time for the practice of celebrating Christmas to emerge. The Church’s year of feasts first developed, not with a view to the birth of Christ, but from faith in his Resurrection. Thus the original feast of Christianity is Easter, not Christmas.

Mass Schedule December 15 — 23

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
Monday 12/17:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/18:	OLH Rosary 6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Patti Stodola (prayer gift) OLH Advent Penance Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 12/19:	OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 10:00 a.m. David & Meghan Ray & Family
Thursday 12/20:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. Christina Lopez (prayer gift)
Friday 12/21:	SA Mass 8:30 a.m. Charles Fonguh (prayer gift)
Saturday 12/22: <small>4th Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Souls of the unborn in our community
Sunday 12/23: <small>4th Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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 8 & 9, 2018

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,395.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	494.50
Other	188.00
Attendance Saturday—38 Sunday—72	

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 673.00
Retirement Fund for the Religious	545.00
Other	115.00
Attendance Sunday—73	

Thank you for your generosity!

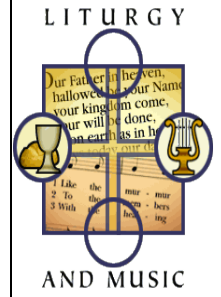
“Loving God means serving our neighbor without reserve, and trying to forgive without limits.”

—Pope Francis tweet on 12/07/18

Music for Liturgy



Entrance	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #38
Offertory	Come, Emmanuel — #70
Holy	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #924
Communion	Christ, Be Our Light — #596
Recessional	Let Heaven Rejoice — #562



Lorie's Music Notes

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning *rejoice*. Today, we light the Shepherd's Candle, which symbolizes joy. This rose colored candle reminds us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. The Advent candles demonstrate the contrast between darkness and light. As the Advent, or "coming" of Jesus draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more. We sing of the Light of Christ in our Communion song today.

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 15 & 16, 2018	December 22 & 23, 2018
<p><u>St. Anthony</u> 5:30 Vigil Mass Lector: Eucharistic Ministers: Acolytes: Ushers:</p> <p>10:30 Mass Lector: Eucharistic Ministers: Acolytes: Ushers: Counters: Cleaning:</p> <p><u>Our Lady of the Hills</u> Servers: 1st Reader: 2nd Reader: Intercessions: Ushers/Greeters: Gifts: Eucharistic Ministers: Counters: Hosts:</p>	<p>3rd Sunday of Advent</p> <p>R. Stonestreet D. Hess & M. Doneghy P. Booker & Volunteer A. Michaelson & Volunteer</p> <p>B. Ashworth J. Bowles & C. Newman C. Vaughn & M. Hamilton J. Ashworth & R. Carroll N. Swecker & J. Polak <i>December 16—22, 2018</i> D. Hess & W. Leach</p> <p>Catherine & Jacob G. Kozera C. Crede C. Stodola D. Heumann & J. Akers The Garton Family J. Felber, E. Asbury & B. Starling C. Stodola & J. Felber J. & L. Felber</p>	<p>4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>M. Doneghy D. McDougall & D. Hess B. Scarpelli & Volunteer A. Michaelson & Volunteer</p> <p>J. Bowles M. Wuletich & J. Polak M. Isabella & M. Hamilton R. Carroll & R. Swecker K. Layne & S. Spencer <i>December 23—29, 2018</i> C. & C. Hansbarger & K. Scalise</p> <p>Rebecca & Josh E. Asbury Zoe J. Jarvis A. Azevedo & J. Gagnon The Gagnon Family J. Hall, C. Lothes & M. Azevedo J. Hall & T. Lanna F. Nottingham & K. Ware</p>

St. Anne's Outreach Center

Tuesdays: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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.

Visit us or call 304-437-0643

As of November 2018, St. Anne's has served 64 children.

Balance as of 12/31/17 \$ 1,411.18
Contributions Received 2,248.48
Less: Expenses (1,064.66)
Balance as of 11/30/18 \$ 2,596.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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



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



Communal Penance Service


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

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.**

 **St. Anthony—Men's Socks & Gloves**—Next Sunday will be the last day to turn in **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.

Live Mini-Course on the Sacraments—Interested in deepening your understanding of the Sacraments? The diocese is offering a 6 week mini-course for the Charleston vicariate that will meet on Thursday nights from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston, beginning January 17. The weekly meetings will feature guided discussions of reading selections that participants will be asked to complete throughout their week.

The course is an in-person version of the online courses that many catechists and teachers take through our diocesan partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), so successful completion of the course will also be recognized with a certificate from the VLCFF. The course fee is \$25, which includes the book for the course.

To register or get more information about this course, contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-233-0880, ext. 376.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land—Fr. Dan Pisano, Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg, WV will lead a 9-day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 9-17, 2019. The itinerary includes one night in Tel Aviv, two nights in Galilee and four nights in Jerusalem. Cost is \$3400 per person. Package includes round-trip air from most East Coast/Midwest Cities, airport taxes, travel insurance, superior tourist class hotels, daily breakfast and dinners, escorted guides, and air conditioned motor coach. Deposit is \$450 each with final payment by June 9, 2019. For additional information and brochures, contact John Tagnesi, toll free at 1-888-544-4461 or jtag1964@verizon.net.