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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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Do you enjoy gifts? Most people do. This is one reason why Christmas is so popular. Our Advent Season of waiting and watching gives way to the joy and holiness of Christmas Day and all it brings: the tearing of wrapping paper, the precious time with friends and family, Christmas Mass, and an extra good meal!

Reflecting upon these past six months, we have received many blessings in our both parishes. We can look forward to this continuing in 2019 with more events and resources. The positive movement of the Spirit in our parishes will continue to encourage the best from each of us as we increase our awareness of and responsibility to share the mission of Jesus Christ. Truly, the Lord provides through the dedication, prayers, and generosity of our parishioners. That positive Spirit is so often manifested in the many parishioners who volunteer their time, talent and treasures. I am very grateful for the life-giving presence you offer to our parish communities.

The heart of Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ who saves us. He is the gift who overwhelms us with His love and peace, and guides our hearts.

This Christmas, may we be overwhelmed again by the sheer enormity of God's gifts to us. May your heart be full of praise and gratitude, and may 2019 be full of the Lord's graces and blessings upon you and your family. Know that I pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting me in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year... and may we meet each day in our prayers!

Merry Christmas!

In joyful hope,

Father Tijo George MCBS

Mass Schedule December 22 — 30

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
Monday 12/24: <small>The Nativity of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish OLH Mass 8:00 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Tuesday 12/25: <small>The Nativity of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Wednesday 12/26:	OLH No Mass SA No Mass
Thursday 12/27:	SA No Mass
Friday 12/28:	SA No Mass
Saturday 12/29: <small>The Holy Family</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/30: <small>The Holy Family</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Steven Spencer (prayer gift) SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Harriet Morton



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 15 & 16, 2018

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,189.50
Building Fund	522.00
Other	235.00

Attendance Saturday—42 Sunday—67

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 865.00
Building Fund	210.00
Other	45.00

Attendance Sunday—79

Thank you for your generosity!

“This is the first step in order to grow on our journey of faith: listening. Before speaking, listen.”

—Pope Francis tweet on 12/14/18

Music for Liturgy

	Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday Masses
Entrance:	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #38	Save Us, O Lord — #667
Offertory:	Magnificat — #838	Creator of the Stars of Night — #73
Holy:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #924	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #924
Communion	Christ, Be Our Light — #596	Come, Emmanuel — #70
Recessional	People, Look East — #40	People, Look East — #40

Lorie's Music Notes

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the Angel's Candle. It symbolizes peace, reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, good will toward men." The period of preparation is almost at an end. People, look East, the time is near! The choir invites you to come sing and celebrate with us tomorrow night for the Nativity of 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 22 & 23, 2018	December 29 & 30, 2018
<u>St. Anthony</u>	4th Sunday of Advent	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:30 Vigil Mass		
Lector:	M. Doneghy	D. Hess
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. McDougall & D. Hess	W. Leach & D. McDougall
Acolytes:	B. Scarpelli & Volunteer	B. Scarpelli & P. Booker
Ushers:	A. Michaelson & Volunteer	A. Michaelson & Volunteer
10:30 Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	S. Kawash
Eucharistic Ministers:	M. Wuletich & J. Polak	J. Bowles & C. Newman
Acolytes:	M. Isabella & M. Hamilton	C. Vaughn & E. Carroll
Ushers:	R. Carroll & R. Swecker	R. Swecker & J. Ashworth
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox
Cleaning:	<i>December 23—29, 2018</i> C. & C. Hansbarger & K. Scalise	<i>December 30, 2018—January 5, 2019</i> M. Carroll
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Servers:	Rebecca & Josh	Matthew
1st Reader:	E. Asbury	T. Stodola
2nd Reader:	Zoe	G. Kozera
Intercessions:	J. Jarvis	C. Stodola
Ushers/Greeters:	A. Azevedo & J. Gagnon	J. Akers & H. Sweeney
Gifts:	The Gagnon Family	The Childress Family
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Hall, C. Lothes & M. Azevedo	B. Crede, D. Neubaum & L. Kozera
Counters:	J. Hall & T. Lanna	C. Stodola & J. Felber
Hosts:	F. Nottingham & K. Ware	B. & C. Crede

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 December 2018, St. Anne's has served 72 children.

Balance as of 12/31/17 \$ 1,411.18

Contributions Received 2,364.48

Less: Expenses (1,064.66)

Balance as of 12/21/18 \$ 2,711.00

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—Men's Socks & Gloves

Today is 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.



Catholic Charities West Virginia Collection: December 24 & 25 (Christmas)

There will be a second collection for Catholic Charities of West Virginia. If one suffers in poverty, we all suffer. Throughout the Mountain State, Catholic Charities West Virginia provides vital assistance to the forgotten elderly, the hungry children and the people struggling paycheck to paycheck. Annual contributions to the second collection on Christmas directly impact the amount of assistance and quality of service CCWV provides in our service region of which your parish is a part.

All weekday Masses for Wednesday, December 26, 2018 thru Friday, December 28, 2018 are cancelled.

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.

