

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

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First Sunday of Advent

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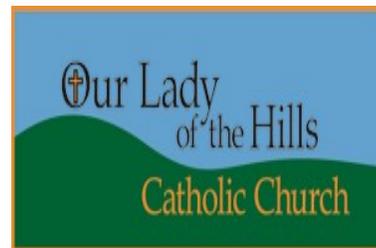
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ADVENT: A TIME OF WAITING, CONVERSION & HOPE

- **Waiting:** the memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; and for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- **Conversion:** to which the Liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand";
- **Joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).

Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

Placing four candles on green fronds in an **Advent Wreath** has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).

The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent. It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God's plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Saviour. The faithful are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child. Mary, who was "intimately united with the birth of the Church in America, became the radiant Star illuminating the proclamation of Christ the Saviour to the sons of these nations."

Directory on Popular Piety & Liturgy, The Vatican

Mass Schedule November 30 — December 8

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| Saturday 11/30: 1st Sunday of Advent | SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Robert Scalise |
| Sunday 12/01: 1st Sunday of Advent | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish |
| Monday 12/02: | No Mass |
| Tuesday 12/03: | OLH Adoration 5:30 p.m.—Mass 6:30 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) |
| Wednesday 12/04: | OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) |
| Thursday 12/05: | SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) |
| Friday 12/06: | SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Adoration 9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. |
| Saturday 12/07: 2nd Sunday of Advent | SA First Saturday Devotion 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 12/08: 2nd Sunday of Advent | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Dolores Buhl SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Pauline Wyatt |



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; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then 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, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Senaida Garcia, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Daniel Bishop, Robin Holly

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

Please call Father Tijo George at 304-342-2716, ext. 406 if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.

Stewardship Report—November 23 & 24, 2019

St. Anthony

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| Offering | \$ 2,056.75 |
| CCHD | 329.00 |
| Other | 127.19 |

Attendance Saturday—32 Sunday—70

Our Lady of the Hills

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| Offering | \$ 550.00 |
| CCHD | 611.00 |
| Other | 160.00 |

Attendance Sunday—48

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

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| Entrance: | Come, Lord! Maranatha (week 1 verses) — #65 |
| Offertory: | Creator of the Stars of Night — #71 |
| Holy: | Mass of Spirit and Grace — #922 |
| Communion | Taste and See — #339 |
| Recessional | Come Now, Almighty King — #701 |

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Lorie's Music Notes

Welcome to the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. With the change of liturgical season, the vestments are purple for Advent, and we are changing the Mass setting to the Mass of Spirit and Grace. We are now in Year A, and the Gospel of Matthew will be proclaimed. Advent is a time of expectancy. We wait for the next step on the Lord's plan for his creation and for each of us. He will come again in glory and majesty, and we must be ready. Come Lord, Maranatha!

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

Retirement Fund for Religious: December 7 & 8—Give in thanksgiving. “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week’s second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously.

Catholic Charities West Virginia: December 24 & 25—Catholic Charities West Virginia needs your help! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change. Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org or during the second collection at any Christmas Mass. We’re waiting in joyful hope: 24 Days Until Christmas!

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| | Christmas Mass Schedule | | |
| | Christmas Eve | 5:30 p.m. | SA |
| | Christmas Eve | 8:00 p.m. | OLH |
| | Christmas Day | 10:30 a.m. | SA |

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| | Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule | |
| | New Year's Day | 10:30 a.m. SA |

Attention St. Anthony Ministers

Please contact **Michele Bays**
(phone: 304-342-2716 or email: secretary@stanthonywv.com) as soon as possible if you would like to volunteer to serve at Mass on **Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. or Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.**

HELP WANTED

Your parish needs you!

Faith Formation Christmas Party for Both Parishes

 We would like to invite all of our young people from both parishes to a Christmas Party on Sunday December 8 at the St. Anthony Parish Center after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (approximately 11:30 a.m.). Everyone will have the opportunity to make a Christmas ornament and decorate Christmas cookies as we listen to Christmas music. Snacks will be provided.

 **Congratulations**—Congratulations to Ava McKinley Mosier, daughter of Jeremy & Elizabeth Mosier, and Evan Pierce Loflin, Jr., son of Evan & Danielle Loflin, who were baptized on Saturday, November 30. Let us pray for God’s light to guide them as they begin their spiritual journey.



St. Anne's Outreach Center

Thursday: 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 2019, St. Anne's has served 46 children.

Balance as of 12/31/18 \$ 2,741.00

Contributions Received 2,073.40

Less: Expenses (1,013.91)

Balance as of 11/30/19 \$ 3,800.49

Thank you for your generosity!



St. Anthony Angel Tree Gifts

Thank you to everyone who are donating gifts to help make a child's Christmas brighter.

St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting—The St. Anthony Pastoral Council will meet on **Sunday, December 1** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Anyone who would like to help with the upcoming Christmas Dinner Fundraiser is also welcome to attend.

First Tuesday at Our Lady of the Hills

December 3, the first Tuesday of December, there will be Adoration beginning at 5:30 pm followed by Mass at 6:30 pm.

First Friday and First Saturday at St. Anthony

December 6, 2019 is First Friday. After the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Adoration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Father will be available for confessions during this time.

December 7, 2019 is First Saturday. Devotion begins at 8:30 a.m.



Communal Penance Service

Our Lady of the Hills on Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
(after the 6:30 p.m. Mass)



St. Anthony: Men's Socks & Gloves—We are now collecting **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.



St. Anthony Christmas Dinner Fundraiser—On Thursday, December 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., St. Anthony will have a Christmas Dinner Fundraiser in the Parish Center to support our Homecoming celebration next June. We are looking for donations of 3 hams and 3 turkeys. Anyone with donations can contact Jennifer Burdette at 304-553-6601 or the office.

Food Needed: Catholic Charities Shining Star Volunteers—St. Anthony will once again host Catholic Charities Shining Star Christmas distribution at the Parish Center with sorting of gifts from December 9—12 and distribution of gifts from December 16—18. We need sandwich supplies, drinks, chips and desserts to feed the volunteers. If you can help, please bring your food items to the Parish Center before Mass on Sundays, December 8 & 15.

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

Join us at Our Lady of the Hills Parish
on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Topic is "Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints"

This Session will cover:

- Why Catholics pay so much attention to Mary and the saints
- The four basic dogmas the Church teaches about Mary
- What Catholics really mean when they say they pray to Mary and the saints
- Why Catholics believe Mary remained a virgin all her life if the Bible says Jesus had "brothers and sister"
- Why Mary is the "Queen of Heaven"
- The Rosary

PRAYER TO

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

