

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

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Issue No. 164



St. Anthony Catholic Church
1000 6th Street
Charleston, WV 25302
www.stanthonywv.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/stanthonywv

General Directory

Administrator

Fr. Tijo George

Email: tgeorge@dwc.org

Fr. Charles Anemelu

(Priest in Residence)

Deacon David Wuletich

Email: davidwuletich@gmail.com

Phone: 304-345-9567

Office

1000 6th Street, Charleston, WV 25302

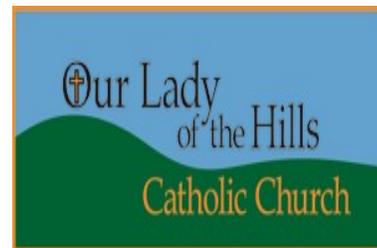
Email: secretary@stanthonywv.com Phone: 304-342-2716

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.



Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church
100 Jackson Drive
Elkview, WV 25071
www.ourladyofthehills.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/ourladyofthehillswv

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

While traditionally recognized on December 8, this year the Church recognizes the feast on Monday, December 9.

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin.

“Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, ‘full of grace’ through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception” (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin. In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth— long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

Why Are Votive Candles Used?

These are referred to as votive candles, and people purchase and light them to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a “burnt offering.” In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

(continued on page 3)

Mass Schedule December 7 — 15

Saturday 12/07: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/08: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Dolores Buhl SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Pauline Wyatt
Monday 12/09: <small>Immaculate Conception</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish OLH Mass 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Tuesday 12/10:	OLH Adoration 5:30 p.m.—Mass 6:30 p.m. †Repose of Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 12/11:	OLH No Mass SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Thursday 12/12:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 12/13:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 12/14: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/15: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Katherine & Dudley Vaughan SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)



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.

The 177 Project

The 177 Project is a nationwide tour designed to help bring more people into Eucharistic Adoration. In the Fall of 2018, the tour visited 125 different parishes and witnessed 30,000 people attend one of their Adoration evenings. Each night begins with an acoustic concert before moving into a Holy Hour. On December 13th, the 177 Project will be visiting Ascension Parish. The evening begins at 7pm. No tickets are necessary and the event is free to attend. A love offering will be taken. Aly Aleigha will be the artist traveling for this event. For more information, please visit the177project.com.

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**.

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—Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2019

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,221.00
Christmas Flowers	225.00
Other	136.05

Attendance Saturday—60 Sunday—67

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,963.00
LERMA	210.00
Holiday Flowers	185.00
Other	310.00

Attendance Sunday—48

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	On Jordan's Bank — #61
Offertory:	A Voice Cries Out — #44
Holy:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #922
Communion	Like a Shepherd — #606
Recessional	Come, Lord! Maranatha (week 2 verses) — #65



Lorie's Music Notes

Today, we light the second Advent candle, known as the Candle of Preparation. We will hear "Prepare the way of the Lord" in Matthew's gospel reading. The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ.

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—Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Catholic Charities West Virginia: December 24 & 25—Support Catholic Charities WV today! Our readings remind us that God can speak to us through the most unlikely people. At Catholic Charities, we see Jesus in everyone we meet! We provide caring and compassionate services to people in need, and we 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: 17 Days Until Christmas!

Why Are Votive Candles Used? *(continued from page 1)*

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray."

Electric votive candles do not as clearly show these symbols, but the idea is still the same.

~ Msgr. Charles E. Pope

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.

"How important it is to learn to be a friendly and outstretched hand! Try to grow in friendship even with those who think differently than you, so that solidarity might grow among you and become the best weapon to change the course of history." ~Pope Francis tweet on 11/28/19

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on December 8. Since the Second Sunday of Advent falls on December 8 this year, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Although the “obligation” to attend Mass has been abrogated, it is still recommended and commendable to attend Mass. Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9** at **St. Anthony** at **5:30 p.m.** and at **Our Lady of the Hills** at **7:00 p.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.



Happy Birthday, Father!

Father Tijo George will celebrate his birthday on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Let us wish him God’s blessings on his special day.



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.



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 2 hams and 1 turkey. Anyone with donations can contact Jennifer Burdette at 304-553-6601 or the office.



Christmas Mass Schedule

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



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.**



Come and Strengthen your Faith....!
Join us at Our Lady of the Hills Parish on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
 The Topic is **“THE LAST THINGS: What Happens After We Die”**
 This Session will cover:

- The judgement that occurs to each soul at the moment of death
- Whether hell really exists
- What awaits in heaven for those who die in a state of grace
- Why some souls require Purgatory, the purification some need before entering into full communion with God
- Why Catholics pray for the dead

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.

