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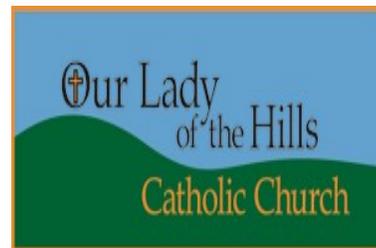
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Office Hours:

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.

10 Tips on Dialogue from Pope Francis

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis calls dialogue “essential” for family life. His guidelines on dialogue are easily applicable to civil society as well.

Can you imagine how this election cycle might be different if we challenged ourselves, candidates, political parties, commentators, and others to follow Pope Francis’ advice?

1. Recognize the real “importance” and dignity of the other person. Recognize others’ right “to think as they do and to be happy.” Pope Francis challenges us to acknowledge the values of the other’s “deepest concerns” and what he or she is try to say (no. 138).
2. Try to understand where the other person is coming from: his or her pain, disappointments, fear, anger, hopes, and dreams (no. 137).
3. Put yourself in the other’s “shoes”; try to “peer” into his or her heart. This is the starting point for dialogue (no. 138).
4. Be ready to “listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say.” Dialogue requires the “self discipline” of waiting until someone is finished speaking before responding. And, it means truly listening to what someone else is saying—not planning a comeback before the other person has even finished speaking (no. 137).
5. “Keep an open mind.” We need not stick to our own “limited ideas and opinions,” but we must “be prepared to change or expand them.” Our goal is “synthesis” that enriches everyone involved in the dialogue. We don’t seek unity in diversity, Pope Francis says, but rather “reconciled diversity” (no. 139).
6. Our goal is to advance the common good. Respect and appreciation for the “other” are necessary prerequisites (no. 139).
7. Try not to offend, and don’t vent. We must choose our words carefully, be sensitive to how others feel, and never seek to inflict hurt. We must also avoid a “patronizing” tone, which “only serves to hurt, ridicule, accuse and offend others” (no. 139).

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Mass Schedule December 14 — 22

Saturday 12/14: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Angelo Scarpelli
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. People of the Parish
Monday 12/16:	No Mass
Tuesday 12/17:	OLH Rosary 6:00 p.m.—Mass 6:30 p.m. †Repose of Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 12/18:	OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Lucille Smith
Thursday 12/19:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 12/20:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 12/21: <small>4th Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/22: <small>4th Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Dodie Buhl SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Stephen M. Bossie



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—December 7 & 8, 2019

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,459.60
Retirement Fund for Religious	448.00
Other	208.00
Attendance Saturday—33 Sunday—73	

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 784.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	130.00
Other	52.00
Attendance Sunday—59	

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Come, Lord! Maranatha (week 3 verses) — #65
Offertory:	Come, Lord Jesus — #60
Holy:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #922
Communion	Taste and See — #333
Recessional	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — #38



Lorie's Music Notes

This third week of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, the Latin word meaning "rejoice." Today, we light the rose candle. It is known as the Shepherd candle. On week one, we lit the Prophecy candle, and last week the Bethlehem candle was lit. Next week, we will light the Angel candle. The purple candles for the first, second and fourth week of Advent are symbols of penance, but the rose candle is a symbol of our coming joy! Christmas, the time for rejoicing, is drawing near. 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!!

10 Tips on Dialogue from Pope Francis *(continued from page 1)*

8. Love everyone. "Love," Pope Francis writes, "surmounts even the worst barriers." When we come from a place of love, we can better understand others (no. 140).
9. Base positions on beliefs and values, not on the desire to "win" an argument or be "proved right" (no. 140).
10. Pray! True dialogue, Pope Francis reminds us, "can only be the fruit of an interior richness" nourished by our quiet time with God through reading, reflection, prayer, and "openness to the world around us" (no. 141).

These are challenging words from Pope Francis. How might our own families be different if we took his words to heart? Our parishes? Our neighborhoods? Ourselves? Our society? The current election cycle?

Pope Francis' vision is a vision of joy-filled love. Let's share it!

What Is The Stigmata?

The stigmata is a miracle, and the Church does recognize it after careful scrutiny. But sometimes it turns out to be a hoax. The two worthiest Christians ever (Our Lady and St. Joseph) did not bear the stigmata, although Our Lady bore the wounds of Christ in her heart, which was pierced with a sword (see Lk 2:35). The stigmata can be a sign of holiness, but it does not make a person holy; nor does the absence of the stigmata suggest a person is not holy.

The stigmata, or the five wounds of Christ, are a blessing in disguise because it usually brings great physical and spiritual suffering to the person who bears it. The term comes from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians: "I bear the marks of Jesus on my body" (6:17). The four most famous stigmatists were St. Paul, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Padre Pio. There have been dozens of other verified cases of the stigmata down through the ages, with the majority of the cases happening to saints and blessed, most of whom were women.

Sadly, there have been hoaxes about the stigmata, too, and some poorly formed Catholics consider mystical signs and wonders evidence of holiness, and flock to see the curiosity. But true holiness is usually found in the sanctification of ordinary life and ordinary daily duties, accompanied by growth in the virtues.

~**FATHER FRANCIS HOFFMAN**

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



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!



Happy Birthday, Father!

Father Tijo George is celebrating his birthday on Sunday, December 15, 2019. Let us wish him God's blessings on his special day.



Christmas Dinner

St. Anthony Christmas Dinner Fundraiser—St. Anthony will hold a Christmas Fundraising Dinner on Thursday, December 19 in the St. Anthony Parish Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is \$7.00 per person and will include ham and/or turkey, traditional sides, dessert and drink. Funds raised will support St. Anthony's 2020 Homecoming Celebration which will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020.



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.

Catholic Charities West Virginia: December 24 & 25—Catholic Charities WV needs your help! Today, the our Gospel reading reminds us that the proof about Jesus is in his miracles. At Catholic Charities WV, we see miracles happen with clients every day! 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: 10 Days Until Christmas!



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.** Thank you to the ministers who have responded!



St. Anthony Thank You—Our kneelers have been reupholstered by Waggoners, Inc. St. Anthony would like to thank Shiyami & Aravinth Sivasubramaniam for their bountiful donation as well as our parishioners who give so generously to the Catholic Sharing Appeal which made this project possible.

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.

