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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Three actions of the magi guide our journey towards the Lord, who today is revealed as light and salvation for all peoples. The Magi see the star, they set out and they bring gifts.

Seeing the star. Why did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven... Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?... We may ask ourselves what star we have chosen to follow in our lives. Some stars may be bright, but they do not point the way. So it is with success, money, career, honours and pleasures when these become our life... The Lord's star, however, may not always overwhelm by its brightness, but it is always there, ever kindly: it takes you by the hand in life and accompanies you. It does not promise material reward, but ensures peace and grants, as it did to the Magi, "exceedingly great joy" (Mt 2:10).

Setting out. His star demands a decision to take up the journey and to advance tirelessly on our way, that we free ourselves from useless burdens and unnecessary extras... and accept unforeseen obstacles along the map of life... If we want to find Jesus, we have to overcome our fear of taking risks, our self-satisfaction and our indolent refusal to ask anything more of life... in finding that Child, in discovering his tenderness and love, we rediscover ourselves...

Bringing gifts. The Gospel becomes real when the journey of life ends in giving. To give freely, for the Lord's sake, without expecting anything in return: this is the sure sign that we have found Jesus... To do good without counting the cost, even when unasked, even when you gain nothing thereby, even if it is unpleasant. That is what God wants... We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us. These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians. Today let us look at our hands, so often empty of love, and let us try to think of some free gift that we can give without expecting anything in return. That will please the Lord. And let us ask him: "Lord, let me rediscover the joy of giving."

~ by Pope Francis

Mass Schedule January 4 — 12

Saturday 01/04: <small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. Mike Layne
Sunday 01/05: <small>The Epiphany of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Monday 01/06:	No Mass
Tuesday 01/07:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 01/08:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 01/09:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 01/10:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Saturday 01/11: <small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/12: <small>The Baptism of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory



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, Mike Layne

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 Shamblyn, 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 28 & 29, 2019

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,393.50
Building Fund	70.00
Other	70.94

Attendance Saturday—41 Sunday—80

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,035.00
Catholic Charities West Virginia	200.00
St. Anne's Outreach	5.00

Attendance Sunday—52

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	The First Nowell — #110
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	We Three Kings — #104
Communion	What Child Is This — #105
Recessional	God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen — #93



Lorie's Music Notes

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts. Epiphany comes from the Greek word *Epiphaneia*, which means "manifestation." This feast commemorates the manifestation of Christ to the gentiles, represented by the three kings. We will sing of these kings in our songs today.

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!!

When Should We Bow At Mass?

“Bowing” is indicated repeatedly in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (GIRM), the Church’s directives for the celebration of the Mass, but No. 275 offers a helpful summary of this posture:

“A bow signifies reverence and honor shown to the persons themselves or to the signs that represent them. There are two kinds of bow: a bow of the head and a bow of the body.

“a) A bow of the head is made when the three Divine Persons are named together and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the Saint in whose honor Mass is being celebrated.

“b) A bow of the body, that is to say, a profound bow, is made to the altar; during the prayers *Munda cor meum* (Cleanse my heart) and *In spiritu humilitatis* (With humble spirit); in the Creed at the words *et incarnatus est* (and by the Holy Spirit . . . and became man); in the Roman Canon at the *Supplices te rogamus* (In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God). The same kind of bow is made by the Deacon when he asks for a blessing before the proclamation of the Gospel. In addition, the Priest bows slightly as he pronounces the words of the Lord at the Consecration.”

2019 Tax Contribution Statements

To save money on postage, paper and ink for our parishes, your 2019 tax contribution statements will not be automatically mailed to you. **Please call or email Michele at the office after Thursday, January 16, 2020** if you would like to receive a copy of your tax contribution statement. **If you have any receipts for items purchased for your parish to be added to your statement, please submit them no later than Friday, January 17.** Thank you!

Check out FaithInWV.org—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has rolled out #FaithInWV, and it is all presented online through a new website - FaithInWV.org. It is an online pathway to stories, photos, and videos of how our people in West Virginia are following Christ by actions and choices. #FaithInWV is giving hope, rising above the odds, being a blessing, and leading by example. It is choosing to find the good in others and letting others see Christ in you. Ultimately, it is having faith in God the Father above all. Learn how our brothers and sisters in Christ are doing His work. Let’s imitate their love, joy, strength, and resilience through the website.

Do you know an exceptional Catholic in West Virginia, someone or a group who is a shining example of #FaithInWV? Email Bibey your feature idea to jbibey@dw.org.



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 304-965-7670

As of December 2019, St. Anne's has served 49 children.

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

Contributions Received 2,209.40

Less: Expenses (1,013.91)

Balance as of 12/31/19 \$ 3,936.49

Thank you for your generosity!

Father Tijo George's Vacation

Father Tijo is in India for his vacation. He will return on Monday, February 3, 2020. During this time, Father Charles Anemelu will cover the weekend Masses. **There will not be any weekday Masses while he is away.** For Sacramental emergencies, please call the office at 304-342-2716. Let us pray for Father Tijo to have a safe and wonderful vacation.

LERMA Food Pantry Volunteers for January

January is Our Lady of the Hills month to work at the LERMA Food Pantry. Our first Tuesday to work will be January 7, 2020. We need at least 3 workers every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you cannot work the whole three hours, that is fine. An hour of your time helps a lot. The first hour is our busiest time of the morning. We appreciate any amount of your time that you can give us. If you have questions, please ask Joyce Sweeney or Ellen Asbury. Thank you for continuing to support the LERMA Food Pantry.

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

Upcoming Right to Life News & Events

March for Life: Washington, D.C.—The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. will be at noon on Friday, **January 24, 2020.** A meeting is scheduled prior to the March with WV Congressional Delegation at 10:00 a.m. at the Rayburn Building in room 2168. There is a bus leaving JC Penney at Morgantown Mall parking lot at 4:00 a.m. Day trip return time is approximately 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 each or \$30 for families of 3 or more and reservations are required. Please call 304-594-9845 with any questions or to make your reservation. Carpooling to Morgantown or Washington D.C. may be available. Please call Stan Wyatt at 304-346-8135 if you are interested in carpooling or need additional information.

There will be a Mass on January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception followed by an all-night vigil with a closing Mass at 8:00 a.m. on January 24. A youth rally will be held at the Verizon Center before the March.

WV Annual Pro-Life Rally—The Annual Pro-Life Rally will be held at the State Capital on Monday, February 24, 2020. We will meet with our legislators from 10:00 am—11:00 a.m. The rally begins at noon on the north steps. If you have any questions, please visit wvforlife.org.

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

Join us at Our Lady of the Hills Parish
on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

The Topic is “**The Sacraments: Baptism & Confirmation**”

This Session will cover:

- What is a sacrament, how do sacraments work, and how can they shape our lives?
- What happens when we receive a sacrament?
- What profound changes take place within the soul of a person at Baptism?
- Why do Catholics baptize babies?
- What's the difference between Confirmation and Baptism?

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.

