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The Baptism of the Lord

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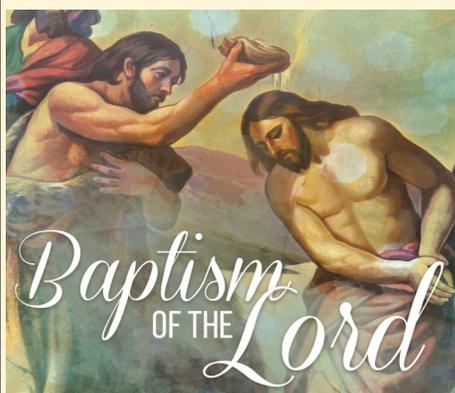
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Office Hours:

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.



What is the catholic teaching on infant baptism?

Fundamentalists often criticize the Catholic Church's practice of baptizing infants. According to them, baptism is for adults and older children, because it is to be administered only after one has undergone a "born again" experience—that is, after one has "accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior." But we don't find any example in the New Testament of a child raised in a Christian home who is baptized only upon making a "decision for Christ." Besides, since the New Testament era, the Catholic Church has always understood baptism as a sacrament which gives us remission of sin, both original sin and actual sin, and makes us children of God and heirs of heaven (Acts 2:38, 22: 16 & I Peter 3: 21).

Furthermore, Paul notes that baptism has replaced circumcision, which was done on Jewish children in the Old Testament and on adult pagan converts (Col. 2:11–12). Besides, the Bible nowhere says that baptism is to be restricted to adults. On the other hand, the Acts of the Apostles speak of the baptism of the entire household (including children) of Lydia (Acts 16:15), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:33), and Stephanas (1 Cor. 1:16). In all these cases, whole households or families were baptized, definitely including children. Probably, there were both younger and older children. Fathers of the Church unanimously taught the need of infant baptism. Origen, for instance, wrote in the third century that "according to the usage of the Church, baptism is given even to infants" (*Homilies on Leviticus*, 8:3:11 [A.D. 244]). The Council of Carthage, in 253, condemned the opinion that baptism should be withheld from infants until the eighth day after birth.

Mass Schedule January 11 — 19

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
Monday 01/13:	No Mass
Tuesday 01/14:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 01/15:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 01/16:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 01/17:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Saturday 01/18: <small>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 01/19: <small>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice

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 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.



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.

Stewardship Report—January 1, 4 & 5, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,906.68
Solemnity of Mary	633.30
Other	110.36
Attendance Wed—76 Sat—25 Sun—65	

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,228.00
LERMA	330.00
Other	85.00
Attendance Sunday—64	

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized — #111
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	Come to the Water — #603
Communion	Spirit and Grace — #345
Recessional	River of Glory — #641



Lorie's Music Notes

Today, we commemorate the Baptism of the Lord by John in the River Jordan. Jesus allowed himself to be baptized not because he was sinful, but to signify his union with sinful humanity. His baptism was the first manifestation that Jesus was the Son of God, as after he came up from the water, a voice came from the heavens saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." We sing of baptism and spiritually cleansing water 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!!

Addressing Atheism

In situations like this it is often good to use the Socratic method wherein one asks questions. Thus you might ask, "Why do you not believe in God?" This will make the student reflect on his own motives and reasons and to make the case for his view. Suppose he says, "I don't see God anywhere." You might ask: "Why do you think that only things you can see exist? Can you show me evidence that unseen things don't exist?" In other words, follow his train of thought and make him do the work to defend his position. Avoid mere gotcha questions, and when he might protest your many questions just reassure him that you are trying to understand why he thinks there is no God. Asking questions will help him discover some of the errors in his own logic. For example, saying God doesn't exist because He can't be seen is really a poor premise. There are many things I cannot see that do exist. I cannot see Topeka, Kansas, right now, but it exists. I cannot see an atom. These are real things, yet we know they exist by observing their effects. Many people use the Socratic method quite well in their conversations with atheists.

~ Msgr. Charles E. Pope

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!

DWC Women's Retreat: The Church is a Multi-Colored Garden—Women of the diocese are invited to gather in **Charleston** the weekend of **March 6-8** for a retreat that will focus on the "**Saints and Prophets from the Margins.**" **Br. Mickey McGrath** will lead this retreat. Through Brother Mickey's art and stories, this presentation celebrates the colorful and cultural diversity of the church. From the history of Black Madonnas to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Nicholas Black Elk, and Augustus Tolton, and other saints and heroes in modern times, we will take a look at Pope Francis' call for unity in the midst of diversity. For more information and for online registration, visit dwc.org/2020-womens-retreat. Questions and phone registrations can be directed to Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662. Registration will close on February 28th, but space is limited, so register soon to ensure your spot!

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

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. 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.

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.



Where can you go swimming, camping, eat great food, make new friends, and have fun outdoor adventures all while growing closer to Jesus? **CAMP BOSCO!!** Join us for one of our four weeks of camp this summer: **July 5-11, July 12-18, July 19-25 or July 26-August 1.** Camp is for anyone in 3rd-12th grade. There have already been waitlist questions, so don't wait any longer to sign up in order to guarantee your kid a spot at camp! Visit campbosco.com for more information and registration.

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

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

The Topic is **“THE EUCHARIST: Source & Summit of Christian Life”**

This Session will cover:

- How we know Jesus was speaking literally and not figuratively when he said to eat his body and drink his blood
- How the Eucharist can really be Jesus' body and blood when it still looks like bread and wine
- What Catholics mean when they say the Mass is a holy “sacrifice”
- How Jesus longs to be united with us in Holy Communion

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.

