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The Presentation of the Lord

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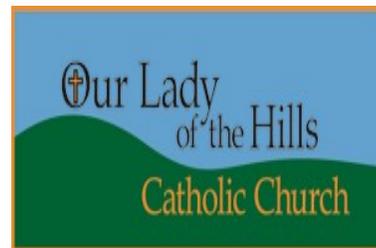
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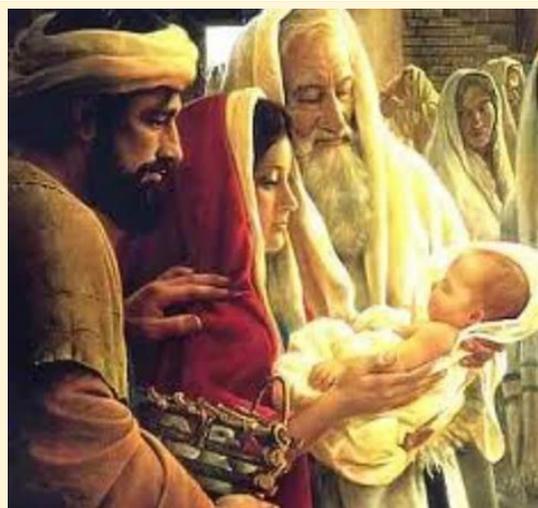
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**Office Hours:**

**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.**



## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany (January 6), the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later February 15. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice for her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against the mystery birth or death excluded a person from Jewish worship.)

This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated

Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century, the blessing and distribution of candles, which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas. In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of St. Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end: "Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen Canticle of Simeon" (Lk 2:29-32).

## Mass Schedule February 1 — 9

Saturday 02/01: <small>The Presentation of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/02: <small>The Presentation of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)  SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Monday 02/03:	No Mass
Tuesday 02/04:	OLH No Mass
Wednesday 02/05:	OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m.  SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Thursday 02/06:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 02/07:	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 02/08: <small>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/09: <small>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)  SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (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](http://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, 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—January 25 & 26, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,291.64
Church in Latin America	213.14
Other	107.74
Attendance	Saturday—34 Sunday—65

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 795.00
Church in Latin America	362.00
Other	122.00
Attendance	Sunday—38

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	In His Temple, Now Behold Him — #208
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
<b>Offertory:</b>	God, We Praise You — #209
<b>Communion</b>	Christ Be Our Light — #587
<b>Recessional</b>	Glory and Praise to Our God — #547



### Lorie's Music Notes

We would normally hear the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's gospel today, but the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time falls on February 2nd this year, which is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. We will therefore hear Luke's gospel story about Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord. We have some special prayers at the beginning of Mass today, along with a song appropriate for this feast. You probably won't recognize the title, but you will know the melody (Tantum Ergo). The words are perfect for today's celebration!

**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!!

### Do Non-Christians Pray Through Christ?

Paul's Letter to the Romans assures us that God has left no one without some knowledge of himself. "For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made" (1:19-20).

Though all non-Christian religions contain error, they also have elements of God's truth. Wherever God reveals His truth to any degree, He always reveals through His Son. "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him" (Mt 11:27).

Whenever a non-Christian prays to God, whatever of truth he knows and whatever of true love for God he reveals, that person is in fact praying through the Jesus Christ he does not know. Whatever of God's truth is in that person's mind and attitude must be pleasing to God.

The Church teaches that persons who truly love and serve God as best they can know Him can be saved. But they are saved by the truth they profess, not the error which their religions have imparted to them.

That truth comes to them through God's Son, Jesus Christ. Therefore, the Church has to proclaim that, ultimately, no one can be saved except through Jesus Christ.

~Father Ray Ryland

**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](http://dwc.org/2020-womens-retreat). Questions and phone registrations can be directed to Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662. Registration will close on February 28<sup>th</sup>, but space is limited, so register soon to ensure your spot!



### 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 January 2020, St. Anne's has served 3 children.

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

Contributions Received 105.00

Less: Expenses ( 0.00)

Balance as of 01/31/20 \$ 4,041.49

Thank you for your generosity!

**Father Tijo George's Return**—Father Tijo will return from his vacation on Monday, February 3. **There will not be Mass at Our Lady of the Hills on Tuesday, February 4.** Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday, February 5. For Sacramental emergencies before his return, please call the office at 304-342-2716. Let us pray for Father Tijo to have a safe journey back to Charleston.

**First Friday at St. Anthony—February 7, 2020** 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.

**OLH Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

**2019 Tax Contribution Statements**—2019 tax contribution statements will not be automatically mailed to you. **Please call or email Michele at the office** if you would like to receive a copy of your tax contribution statement. Thank you!

**Vocation Discernment Retreat for Women**—The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother will hold a Vocation Discernment Retreat the weekend of February 21—23, 2020 at the TOR Sisters' Motherhouse located at 369 Little Church Rd., Toronto, OH 43964. For more information or to apply, please visit [franciscansisterstor.org](http://franciscansisterstor.org). You can apply under the *Vocations* tab.

**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](http://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](http://campbosco.com) for more information and registration.

**Come and Strengthen your Faith....!**

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

The Topic is **"MATRIMONY AND HOLY ORDERS: The Sacraments of Service & Communion"**

This Session will cover:

- Some of the key foundations for building a strong marriage
- Why marriage is a sacrament and what difference this makes for married couples
- How Christ's love for his Church is the model for marriage
- The difference between divorce and annulments in the Catholic Church
- And finally, the second Sacrament of Service – Holy Orders

### 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.

