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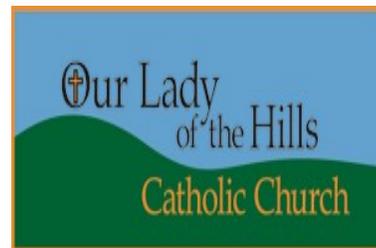
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony: Saturday 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm or other times by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.

Lent

This week, we celebrate Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Lenten Season.

Take inspiration for your Lenten journey from prayer and the reading of Scripture, from fasting and from giving alms.

Prayer—Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we are brought closer to Christ and are changed by the encounter with him.

Fasting—The fasting that we all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities.

Almsgiving—The giving of alms is an effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

Giving Things Up for Lent

Ask nearly anyone who grew up Catholic what they're doing for Lent, and they'll probably tell you what they're "giving up" for Lent. The notion of giving up some pleasure for the 40 days of Lent is very much in keeping with the penitential character of the season. Of course, the primary pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All of these are intended to turn our hearts back to God, to purify us, and prepare us for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. One of the things that the whole Church gives up for Lent is the acclamation "Alleluia," before the proclamation of the Gospel.

Of course, when it comes to giving things up for Lent, people often get into trouble by taking on too much, or by working from the wrong motivation. To take on too much is to set oneself up for failure. Several years ago, I decided to give up both meat and chocolate for Lent. Instead of turning my heart back to God, this only served to make me irritable, as every bacon cheeseburger or peanut butter cup I encountered began to take on demonic proportions. The following year, I decided that perhaps the spiritual discipline of Lent was what I needed to help me lose 10 pounds by Easter. This was obviously the wrong motivation, because it made my Lenten practice all about me. This discipline is supposed to get us out of ourselves, and back to God. Needless to say, by Easter I still had those 10 pounds, and felt like a failure besides. The gift of humility comes from all sorts of interesting places.

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Mass Schedule February 22 — March 1

Saturday 02/22: <small>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/23: <small>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Jim Caroli SA Rosary 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Monday 02/24:	No Mass
Tuesday 02/25:	OLH No Mass
Wednesday 02/26: <small>Ash Wednesday</small>	SA Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) OLH Mass 7:00 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Thursday 02/27:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 02/28:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Stations 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 02/29: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 5:00 p.m.—Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/01: <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Gerald “Sonny” Owen SA Stations 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.

St. Anthony Bible Study—The St. Anthony Bible Study Group will begin a Lenten Discussion during the Saturdays of Lent. It will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Rectory. The starting date is Saturday, February 29, 2020 and it will end on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Please join us.

OLH Vacation Bible School—SEEKING a Vacation Bible School coordinator from OLH to work with our long-time partner St. Andrew Presbyterian. This is Tina's last year after more than 16 years. She wants to work with someone who will continue this ministry in future summers. February to late June or early July the position is mostly email & phone outreach. Ask Tina for more info.

Also, **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**—The VBS will be held in the evenings of July 12th-17th. The program this year is "Knights of the Castle." Chuck will lead the adult study.

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—February 15 & 16, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,294.00
Building Fund	446.00
Other	109.04
Attendance	Saturday—46 Sunday—82

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,251.00
St. Anne’s Outreach	45.00
Other	25.00
Attendance	Sunday—57

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Come, Christians, Join to Sing — #549
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	Love Goes On — #477
Communion	Loving and Forgiving — #654
Recessional	All Creatures of Our God and King — #538



Lorie's Music Notes

The Sermon on the Mount continues in Matthew's gospel today, as Jesus tells his disciples to "love your enemies" and "pray for those who persecute you." The songs today were chosen with these thoughts in mind. Lent begins next week, and today's gospel helps prepare our hearts for the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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!!

The office will be closed on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Giving Things Up for Lent *(continued from page 1)*

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So this year, I'm trying a different tack. For Lent, I'm giving up.... complaining. I'm also trying to give up a grudge that I've been quietly carrying around since Christmas. I've also given up elevators, as an occasional reminder of my tendency to take the easy path. Time will tell, but I think I might make it all the way to Easter this year.

~Fr. Larry Rice

Church in Central and Eastern Europe: February 26—On Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

Catholic Missions among Black & Native American: March 1 & 2—Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the 135+-year-old National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease.

DWC Men's Discernment Weekend: March 6-8—Is God calling you to a life of self-sacrifice? Have you ever thought about being a Priest of Jesus Christ? The Diocese is hosting its second annual discernment retreat for men 18+ years and older discerning the diocesan priesthood on March 6-8 at Priest Field Pastoral Center. If you or someone you know is open to the priesthood, you do not want to miss this opportunity. Contact Rick Teachout in the Vocations Office today at 304-233-0880 or sign up on wvpriests.org!

Mass at Our Lady of the Hills is cancelled on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

February 26	St. Anthony	8:30 a.m.
February 26	St. Anthony	5:30 p.m.
February 26	Our Lady of the Hills	7:00 p.m.



**St. Anthony
Mardi Gras Celebration**



**Tuesday,
February 25, 2020
5:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
Parish Center**

**Spaghetti Dinner
50/50 Raffle & Door Prizes
Join us for an evening of good
food, fellowship and fun!**



St. Anthony Fish Frydays

It's that time of year again and we need your help!
The first Fish Fry will be February 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
in the Parish Center.

Please help us make this another successful year.

There are many ways you can help:

- Bring your family and friends to eat our delicious food.
- Promote the Fish Fry on Facebook and other social media.
- Help us by working at the events (sign-up sheets at the church exits).
- Make desserts – we always need plenty of homemade goodies!

If you have any questions, please call Moya Doneghy at 304-345-4101 or Brenda Ashworth at 304-542-2839.

Attention Volunteers for Fish Frydays

Due to the construction at the end of the block, parking will be more limited this year. All volunteers are asked to park in the parking lot behind the church (the former school parking lot). You can enter the parking lot from Central Avenue.

St. Anthony Donations of Goods for CCWV—Please check the baskets in the back of the church to see what items are currently being requested at this time by Catholic Charities West Virginia. The baskets have recently received new labels which indicate which goods are needed.



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

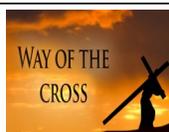
As of January 2020, St. Anne's has served 3 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	105.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of <u>01/31/20</u>	\$ 4,041.49

Thank you for your generosity!



**Schedule for
Stations of the Cross
during Lent**



St. Anthony (beginning February 28)

- Fridays:** Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Saturdays: Stations of the Cross at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m.
Sundays: Stations of the Cross at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.
Our Lady of the Hills (beginning March 3)
Tuesdays: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Simple Supper at 5:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

**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.

