

Catholic Parishes of St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills

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3rd Sunday of Lent

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

ARE SUNDAYS A DAY OFF DURING LENT?

I never heard about such a thing as a child but now, it seems like standard operating procedure. From the Sunday-free-day crowd, I heard that since Sundays celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, fasting is not even appropriate. Well, what the heck? Were all those extra days of sacrifice unwarranted?

We call it the “forty days” of Lent, harkening back to the time after Jesus was baptized and went into the desert to pray and fast in preparation for his public life. His death and resurrection saves us, but it does not mean we are all good to go now. If that were the case, St. Paul would not have said, “I now rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh, I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church” (Col 1:24).

Even though we are saved by Jesus, we are all still a work in progress. Lent is about deep-down-to-the-soul improvement. The three pillars of Lent—prayer, fasting, and giving alms—is our most-likely-to-succeed approach. But getting back to the original question, should our soul-improvement plan include Sundays? That decision is actually ours to make.

The forty days of Lent is a bit of a metaphor rather than a literal count. Since 1970 in the Roman Church, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sunset on Holy Thursday. According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “It might be more accurate to say that there is the ‘forty-day fast within Lent.’ Historically, Lent has varied from one week, to three weeks, to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty-day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part the time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.”

But can we take a day off from our own fasting and sacrifices? Here is what the USCCB says: “Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.” We are the boss of our own Lent.

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Mass Schedule March 14 — 22

Saturday 03/14: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 5:00 p.m.—Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/15: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. †Albert “Abe” Tyler
Monday 03/16:	No Mass
Tuesday 03/17:	OLH Stations 6:00 p.m.—Mass 6:30 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Wednesday 03/18:	OLH Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. SA Mass 10:00 a.m. †Charles E. Wright, Jr. OLH Supper 5:00 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 03/19:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. Simon Stroud
Friday 03/20:	SA Rosary 8:00 a.m.—Mass 8:30 a.m. Sebastian Stroud SA Stations 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 03/21: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Stations 5:00 p.m.—Mass 5:30 p.m. †Bob Pottroff
Sunday 03/22: <small>4th Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



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.

Special Mass & Liturgy Announcements

This year the combined Holy Thursday and Good Friday services and Easter Sunday Mass will be held at St. Anthony and the Easter Vigil will be held at Our Lady of the Hills. Father Tijo George would like to have ministers from both parishes to serve. If you would like to volunteer to serve, please respond by Friday, March 27. St. Anthony parishioners please email or call the office. Our Lady of the Hills parishioners please fill out the sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space.

Mass Intentions—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. Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to **St. Anthony Mass Account**.

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, Jerry A. Legg, Doug Spencer

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—March 7 & 8, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,290.50
Building Fund	345.40
Other	123.74
Attendance	Saturday—44 Sunday—55

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 946.00
Holiday Flowers	50.00
St. Anne’s Outreach	30.00
Attendance	Sunday—44

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy

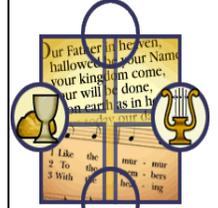
LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Entrance:	I Heard the Voice of Jesus — #462
Offertory:	As the Deer Longs — #497
Holy:	Sanctus — #844
Communion:	Come to the Water — #603
Recessional:	Lift High the Cross — #703

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Lorie's Music Notes

The readings today are filled with references of water. Water is a symbol of life. It refreshes, nourishes, cleanses and revives. Without it, crops and creatures will die. The well in the gospel story was a cistern with still and probably dirty water. Jesus promised the Samaritan woman deep flowing water. The living water of Christ is abundant and clean. Living water transforms through baptism. We will sing some water 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!!

Are Sundays a Day Off During Lent? *(continued from page 1)*

Lent is the season to zero in on following Jesus who chose to suffer and die for us. If we suffer with Christ, we will also rise and be renewed in our faith on Easter as a prelude to life everlasting. Such a joyous description of Lent incites a greater desire to raise the bar and choose to be all in. But every sacrifice, big or small, needs the right attitude and a moment of reflection in which we engage our hearts and minds to connect our action to the love of Jesus Christ. In 1 Corinthians 13:13, we are told, “So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

Before looking into this, I thought Sundays were free days. I guess I had the wrong definition of free. So now, back to the old days of going all in with a seamless Lent, giving more, but as the old saying goes: The more you give, the more you get.

~ Patti Maguire Armstrong



Solemnity of St. Joseph: March 19—Join with faithful from across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as we gather in faith to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph—Patron of our Diocese. Locally, on March 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart will celebrate Mass with music being performed by students from Charleston Catholic High School and Sacred Heart Grade School. Fr. Don Higgs will be the celebrant of the Mass with Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer serving as the homilist.



Blessed Palms—If you have old palms, consider bringing them back to church before Palm Sunday, April 5. You may place them in the container provided at the rear of each church. Please remember the palms we receive on Palm Sunday are blessed objects or sacramentals that need to be treated reverently.

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund: March 14 & 15 — At all Masses this weekend, a special collection will be taken for the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a trust fund set up to support the health care needs and retirement costs of retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Your support of this collection will be added to PHRA investments to provide long-term security and growth for this very important fund.

Catholic Relief Services: March 21 & 22 — Next week, our parishes will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support for displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



St. Anthony Fish Frydays

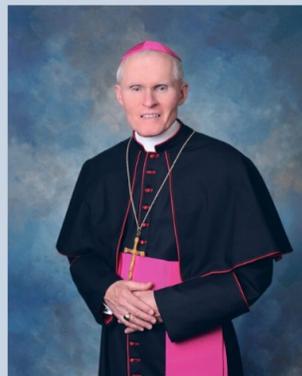
The next Fish Fry will be March 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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 home-made goodies!

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



**St. Anthony Church
&
Our Lady of the Hills
Welcomes
Bishop Mark E. Brennan
April 4 & 5, 2020**

Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at St. Anthony on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner in the Parish Center.

Bishop Brennan will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Hills on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. followed by a reception.

Schedule for Stations of the Cross

St. Anthony

Fridays: Stations 3:00 p.m.

Saturdays: Stations 5:00 p.m.—Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays: Stations 10:00 a.m.—Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

Tuesdays: Stations 6:00 p.m.—Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Supper 5:00 p.m.—Stations 6:00 p.m.



St. Anthony Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, March 15 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Triduum Services

04/09: Holy Thursday at SA at 6:30 p.m.

**04/10: Good Friday at SA
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord at 6:30 p.m.**

04/11: Easter Vigil at OLH at 8:00 p.m.

04/12: Easter Sunday at SA at 10:30 a.m.



Schedule for Communal Penance Services

OLH—Tuesday, March 24—7:00 p.m.

SA—Thursday, March 26—6:00 p.m.

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

**Join us at Our Lady of the Hills Parish
on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

The Topic is “**A LOVE THAT LASTS- GOD’S PLAN FOR SEXUALITY**”

This Session will cover:

- God’s plan for human sexuality
- Why the Church teaches that sex needs to be both unitive and procreative
- How the Church’s teaching on sex is not a “no” but a “yes” to authentic love
- Why we can’t separate pleasure from self-giving
- How sex is an essential part of the total, free, faithful and fruitful aspects of marriage

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.

