

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

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**Wishing you and yours a most blessed Easter
of joy and peace in the Lord.**

Break Open the Tomb

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection,
but such is the nature of my faith that so much of me remains entombed.

Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open
the tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the
tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand.
Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life.
That I may live more fully in your saving grace.

Amen.



Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Daniel Bishop, Robin Holly, Mike Layne, Michael Bee

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 for April 3—9, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,176.60
Building Fund	140.00
Easter	89.00
Other	30.20

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,255.00
Building Fund	70.00
LERMA	80.00
Other	235.00

Thank you for your generosity! Please remember to continue to support your parish during this difficult time. May God bless you!



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.

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!!

USCCB Responds to Coronavirus

Please visit <http://www.usccb.org/coronavirus> for information and resources from the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops.

DWC Mass Online

The Diocese is live-streaming daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. Monday—Friday and weekend Mass at 6:00 p.m. every Saturday from the Cathedral of St. Joseph at <https://dwc.org/home/mass/>.



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 March 2020, St. Anne's has served 9 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	350.00
Less: Expenses	(99.96)
Balance as of <u>03/31/20</u>	\$ 4,186.53

Thank you for your generosity!

Act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my
heart.
I embrace You as if You were already
there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from
You.
Amen.*



Healing Prayers Offered for Covid-19 Victims

If you have a family member/friend who has been infected by the Coronavirus, Fr. Tijo would like to pray for the infected person during the private daily Masses and Sunday Masses. A votive candle will also be lit for his/her healing. Please call the parish office or Fr. Tijo to have their names included in his prayers and a votive candle lit.



“We are Here for You”

We would like to help our parishioners who are not able to leave your homes. We have several parishioner volunteers, who can help you by running essential errands or picking up food items from the grocery store. Our aim is to help our parishioners-in-need during this difficult time while limiting exposure for all involved. We want you to know that your fellow parishioners are here to help you. If you are in need this type of service, please call:

Parish Office/ Fr. Tijo George or

Katy Layne (St. Anthony) 304-380-3260 (cell)

Cindy Mosier (Our Lady of the Hills) 304-437-0643 (cell)

The Easter Season

Easter is not just celebrated on Easter Sunday. It's an entire season that lasts for 50 days! This time of joy and exultation, from the Resurrection of the Lord to Pentecost, is one feast day, or one "great Sunday."

Why Crucifixes Should Be in Our Homes

The tradition of hanging crucifixes in homes has been handed down from generation to generation of Catholics. It is not uncommon to see a crucifix in every room of the house - especially family rooms and bedrooms. The presence of crucifixes offers four important benefits:

1. A Sign of our Faith - Crucifixes proudly proclaim our Christian faith to all who come into our homes. This silent, but powerful sign of Christ's love serves as a witness to visiting family members and friends, workman and anyone else entering our home.
2. Comfort in times of need - When hard or sad times come to our families the crucifix is a vivid reminder that suffering has a purpose and a value. As Christians we are called to pick up our cross and follow in Christ's foot steps, uniting our suffering to His. With Christ no suffering is in vain.
3. Spiritual protection - Not just something you see in movies, crucifixes really are a protection against evil spirits. Crucifixes proclaim for all to see the triumph of Jesus over sin and death. Evil has no power in the presence of Christ. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth" (Philippians 2:8-10).

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!" "He is Truly Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!"

With these joyous words Christians have greeted one another on Easter Day for nearly two thousand years. And every Easter the words proclaim anew the faith and hope of every Christian in the Good News of God's profound love of mankind, a love which conquers death.

Mass on Easter Day is the most splendid and exuberant celebration of the Church. For this is the Sunday of Sundays, the day of Resurrection of Christ, the centre and foundation of our faith. As Saint Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, your faith is in vain" [I Cor. 15:14, 17]. Thus Easter is the pinnacle of all feasts of the Church year, which began with Advent, or the expectation of the coming of the Messiah, sent by God to provide the means for our Salvation. The culmination of the entire liturgy is the Easter feast. Families who attend Mass on Easter Day join millions of Christians all over the world—past and present—in joyous affirmation of our redemption through the love of Christ, our hope of salvation, and our faith in the resurrection from the dead and the life of the world to come.

Every element of the festive celebration of Mass on Easter Day resounds with the great Alleluia, the triumphant word of praise for God proclaimed by men and angels. Every Sunday is a celebration of the Day of the Lord's Resurrection. Every celebration of Mass commemorates all the Easter Mysteries, the Lord's Supper at which Christ instituted the Eucharist, the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection, the historic events on which Christianity is based. Every Sunday, then, is a "little Easter." Every Sunday is Christ's feast day. This is why Catholics are seriously obliged to participate in the Church's celebration of Mass on Sundays. From the earliest days of the Church, Mass was on the first day of the Jewish week. The word Sunday, diessolis, or "day of the sun" is a pre-Christian word retained by the Church because it emphasizes the belief that Christ is the "Sun of Righteousness." Saint John, in Revelation 1:10, refers to the dies dominica, "the Lord's day."

~ Women for Faith & Family

EASTER HOMILY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, on this Sunday we finally enter into the glorious season of Easter after all the preparations we have gone through during the season of Lent, the forty days of penitential and sorrowful preparation of our minds, hearts and souls to welcome the Lord, to be with Him and to glorify Him this Easter. On this Sunday we celebrate the great moment of our Lord's resurrection, when He rose gloriously from the tomb, showing us all that death and therefore sin has no more power and hold over us.

As we enter into this great season of Easter, we are all called to get rid of ourselves all sorts of earthly worries and concerns, and yearn for the things that are above and beyond, which God has promised to us. In our second reading today, this is exactly what St. Paul wrote to the Church and the faithful in Colossae, as he exhorted all of them to seek heavenly things through Christ and set their sights on these, as we have shared in His death and will also share in His glorious resurrection.

It is this very important core tenet of our faith that St. Peter spoke about in his words to the family of the Roman centurion Cornelius, who desired to know the truth of the Lord Jesus, the Risen Lord and Savior. St. Peter spoke with the zeal of faith and with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit revealing before them all the Risen Lord, Who had suffered and died, and yet rose in glory and brought the same hope of salvation and liberation to all of us mankind who are still ensnared and enslaved by the power of sin.

That is why today we are all called to focus our attention on the Risen Lord, and to put our complete faith and trust in Him. We should no longer be fearful or be filled with despair, as it is exactly the devil's plan that he made us to fear and to be filled with despair and uncertainty that we end up being unable to comprehend, realize and appreciate God's wonderful mercy and love towards us. He wants us to be irrational and to fall deeper into our sinful ways, and therefore fail to achieve redemption from God.



Brothers and sisters in Christ, at the Evening Mass of the Easter Sunday today we also heard the account of the Lord with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, a village near Jerusalem. Those two disciples went to Emmaus debating and being unsure of what to make of the events they had just witnessed in Jerusalem, with their Lord and Master Jesus having been condemned to death by the chief priests and the elders, and was crucified to death. But they have also heard about the Resurrection and they were still not sure and could not believe of such a thing.

The Lord appeared before them but they did not recognize Him for they still did not have faith in the Resurrection and they still had their doubts, and the Lord walked with them, revealing and teaching to them His truth. He encouraged them and gave them strength by explaining to them the truth of the Scriptures, telling them all that everything has happened as how the prophets had revealed it in the years past, and that Jesus indeed was the Savior that they all had waited for, and they must have faith in Him.

Subsequently, when those two disciples eventually recognized Jesus they became courageous witnesses of the Lord's Resurrection, telling everyone passionately about how they had seen the Risen Lord, and how He had not died but risen from the dead,

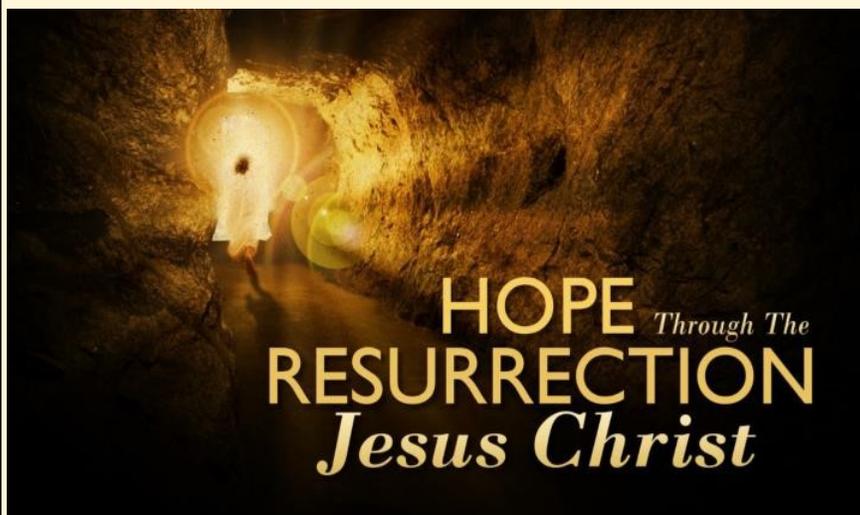
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and they made everyone who heard them convinced that the Lord had indeed triumphed and conquered death. That was what St. Peter had also done in our first reading as we discussed it earlier on.

Now, brothers and sisters in Christ, more importantly for us all as we enter into this season of Easter, all of us must be ready to accept what the Lord had called us to do, and that is to follow Him and to trust in Him, and to carry out the mission which He has entrusted to us, to go forth into the world and to proclaim the salvation of God, by being witnesses of His Resurrection like what St. Peter the Apostle and what the two disciples whom the Lord met on the way to Emmaus had done.

It is also very important that all of us take this seriously and embark on what we have been called to do, especially because we know just how dark and dire the situation had been this year, and how many of us had had a particularly difficult year this time round. We have definitely been preoccupied much by the current pandemic and many other troubles all around us, all the economic instabilities, socio-economic problems and other challenges and difficulties we may be encountering.

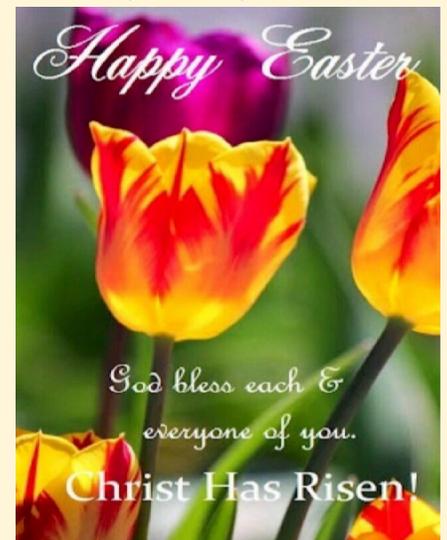


However, we must not give in to fear, and we must still strive and do our best because we ought to have faith in God. As we celebrate His Resurrection and triumph over sin and death today, we have to bring forth this joy and optimism, faith and trust in the Lord's providence with us in our own lives and within our own communities. That is why all of us have to be the bearers of God's hope and light within our own communities, that we bring this Easter joy to all those who are despairing and in darkness.

Are we able to commit ourselves to this great work of evangelization and also to witness to our faith through our actions towards our fellow brothers and sisters? Let us bring hope to this world when there is despair and hopelessness, and let us bring love and kindness when there is hatred and animosity among us. Let us show compassion towards those who are suffering, caring for those who are in need of love and attention. Let us brighten the days of those who have lost their way and hope amidst these dark and terrible times.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us all truly be filled with Easter joy and commit ourselves to be better Christians in all things. Let us live through this season of Easter and do our very best to make it truly a most meaningful time, growing in faith and become ever deeper in our own devotion towards God. May the Risen Lord Jesus bless us with the strength and courage to live our faith as good and most faithful Christians. Amen.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



The Chaplet

Of The Divine

Mercy

Jesus I trust in You.

Jesus said later to Sister Faustina:

...When they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person not as the just judge but as the Merciful Savior".

<http://LasTresAveurias.blogspot.com>

(0) Begin with the Sign of the Cross
 (1.) Our Father,
 (2.) Hail Mary,
 (3.) The Apostles Creed.
 (4) Then on the Our Father Beads say the following: Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
 (5) On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following: For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
 (6.) Conclude with (three times): Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Our Divine Shield

All of you may pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm – the hour of our divine Savior's death – each day until Divine Mercy Sunday (April 19th). While praying this powerful prayer, let us ask our Lord for Protection & Healing for our families, our community, our nation, and the whole world.