

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

April 19, 2020

2nd Sunday of Easter

Issue No. 183



St. Anthony Catholic Church
1000 6th Street
Charleston, WV 25302
www.stanthonywv.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/stanthonywv

General Directory

Administrator

Fr. Tijo George

Email: tgeorge@dwc.org

Fr. Charles Anemelu

(Priest in Residence)

Deacon David Wuletich

Email: davidwuletich@gmail.com

Phone: 304-345-9567



Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church
100 Jackson Drive
Elkview, WV 25071
www.ourladyofthehills.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/ourladyofthehillswv

Office

1000 6th Street, Charleston, WV 25302

Email: secretary@stanthonywv.com Phone: 304-342-2716

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.

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy image, the Chaplet, and the Novena



Saint Faustina: Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary.

St. John Paul II explains:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies of evil, nazism and communism, were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of off-setting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy—the truth of the merciful Christ.

And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II, *Memory and Identity* (2005)

Divine Mercy Sunday: St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed, for example:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699).

(continued on page 3)

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 10—16, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,775.00
Easter	5,520.00
Diocesan 2nd Collections	115.00
Other	180.00

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,025.00
Easter	275.00
Diocesan 2nd Collections	425.00
Other	380.00

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

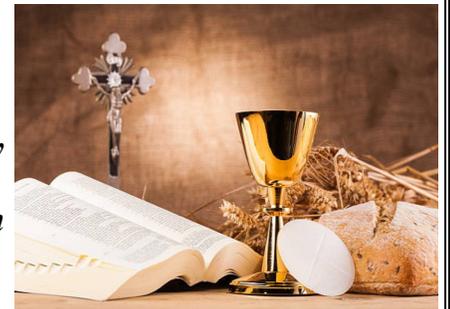
As of March 2020, St. Anne's has served 9 children.

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.

Origin of Divine Mercy Sunday, ... *(continued from page 1)*

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that “Jesus, I trust in You” be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish” (Diary, no. 48) and “By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls” (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: “Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you” (Diary, no. 1541). “Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy” (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided below.)

The Divine Mercy Novena: Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

HOW TO SAY THE CHAPLET OF MERCY:

This chaplet only takes a few minutes to say, on ordinary rosary beads.

First, say one "*Our Father*," one "*Hail Mary*," and one "*Apostles' Creed*."

Then, on the large beads of the rosary, say the prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

R in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On each of the ten small beads, pray:

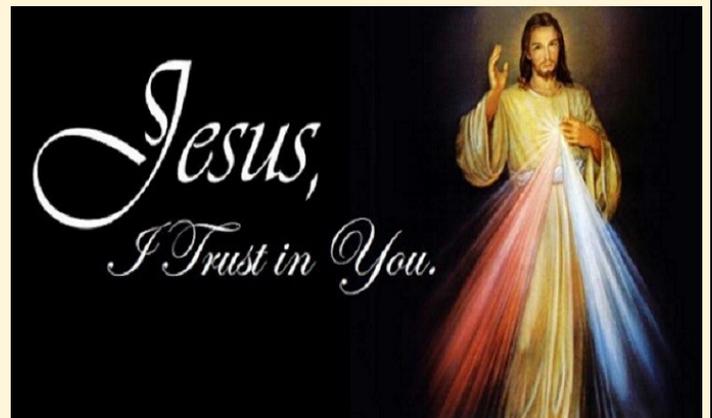
For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion . . .

R have mercy on us and on the whole world.

After reciting all five decades this way, end by repeating, three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One:

R have mercy on us and on the whole world.



“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)

“God's faithfulness is a patient fidelity to His people. God listens, guides, explains slowly, and kindles the heart as He did with the two disciples who had traveled far from Jerusalem: He made their hearts burn so they would return home.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 04/15/20

The Chaplet

(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.

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".

Mercy

<http://LasTresAveurias.blogspot.com>

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.

The Resurrection and the Gospels: Apostolic Eyewitnesses

The readings during the Easter Season, especially during the octave of Easter, the eight days from Easter Sunday to Divine Mercy Sunday, go through several apparitions of the risen and glorified Jesus to his apostles and disciples. There are several different stories, and not all of them appear in all the Gospels. This may lead one to question their veracity: Why didn't the Gospel writers share the same stories? Why did some talk about Jesus' Resurrection appearances in detail, like John, and some almost not at all, like Mark? Do such discrepancies mean that the Resurrection is a falsehood?

Quite the contrary, actually. The diversity of the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection attests more strongly to their authenticity. The reasoning goes like this: if the Gospel writers were going to make up the Resurrection of Jesus or if the Apostles taught a made-up doctrine to the first Christians, they would have been united in their story. It would have been something rehearsed, perhaps even memorized, among the Apostles and evangelists. Instead, each Gospel writer offers a unique perspective. As Craig Blomberg, author of *The Historical Reliability of the New Testament*, writes: "... [T]he fact that the four writers each include enough unique material to their narratives, while overall clearly narrating the same event, suggests a greater degree of literary independence ... decreasing the likelihood of collusion" (B&H Academic, 2016). In other words, the Gospel writers each had a way to tell the great story of Jesus. They also had audiences they were attempting to reach, so their Resurrection reports, like the rest of their Gospels, vary in some of the details, while agreeing in the essential points.

One of those essentials is that the new humanity of the risen Jesus was different than before. The Resurrection seemed so unbelievable that Jesus himself had to convince his Apostles time and again that it was really he who was in their midst. That is why he ate with them, even cooked for them, and invited St. Thomas the Apostle to touch His wounds. Thomas' exclamation has echoed down the ages in the Church as the quintessential act of faith in the risen Jesus: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28).

In fact, the Apostles were absolutely certain that the Jesus who appeared to them was the same Jesus who had died on Good Friday. His humanity was changed, but he was the same person. Only God could do such a thing, could create such a new reality. That is the message that the Apostles proclaimed from the very beginning when they preached. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Christ's apostles knew that they were called by God as 'ministers of a new covenant,' 'servants of God,' 'ambassadors for Christ,' 'servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God'" (No. 859). Their relentless witnessing to Jesus, which was inspired by the Holy Spirit and mandated by Jesus himself, got them into trouble time and again, but they did not stop. They and their followers were arrested by the Jewish authorities and sometimes killed. If they were not executed by the Jews, then they were killed by the Roman government. Both St. Peter and St. Paul, for example, were martyred in Rome. The only apostle who did not suffer martyrdom was St. John, the beloved disciple, although he did endure torments and exile. They went to their deaths proclaiming the reality of Jesus's resurrection from the dead and salvation for all people through him. Before they died, the Apostles ensured that the life and person of Jesus would continue to be preached and that the sacraments would be celebrated. Recall that during the resurrection appearances, Jesus conferred authority on his Apostles. In Matthew, Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Mt 28:18).

In John, Jesus breathes on the disciples, imparting to them the Holy Spirit: "'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (Jn 20:21-23). As the Catechism states: "Thus the risen Christ, by giving the Holy Spirit to the apostles, entrusted to them his power of sanctifying: they became sacramental signs of Christ. By the power of the same Holy Spirit they entrusted this power to their successors" (No. 1087). The apostles made sure that their authority would not die with them. Since it came from Jesus himself, it was meant to be a part of Jesus' Church forever.

The Holy Spirit pushed the Apostles out and into the world, to preach and teach people about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Forgiveness of sins was offered in Jesus' name, and the Apostles had the authority to teach that and to offer that forgiveness to each and every person. They were impelled to share the Gospel, to freely give away what they had received. They passed on that apostolic mission to their successors and, in this way, empowered the Church of all times to make disciples of all nations.

~Sister Anna Marie McGuan