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## The Origin of the Creed

If you ask most people what the longest prayer is that they pray at a Catholic Mass, most will probably respond with the Creed. The only problem with that answer is that the Creed isn't really a prayer.

The Creed, after all, isn't addressed to God. It's a statement of beliefs which we recite together as an expression of our unity in the faith. It may be spoken reverently or even prayerfully, but that doesn't in itself make it a prayer.

So: where does the Creed come from? As a summary of the most central Christian doctrines, it arose from times when those beliefs were in question— when various factions held different theological positions. The older version of the Creed is the Apostle's Creed, which traces its origin to the 4th Century. Although legend says that the Apostle's Creed was penned by the Apostles themselves, the earliest evidence we have is a letter from St. Ambrose, after the Council of Milan.

The creed we use most frequently at Mass is the Nicene Creed. Although it's origins at the Council of Nicea in 325 place it in the same century as the Apostle's creed, the Nicene creed is longer, and more explicitly defines what we believe about the human and divine natures of Jesus Christ. This was in reaction to the Arian heresy, which denied Christ's divinity. The version of the Nicene Creed we use today includes additions made at the Council of Constantinople in the year 381.

The Creed was further revised based on other theological controversies. In the late sixth Century, the Latin-speaking Churches of the west, under the banner of Rome, added the words "and the Son" to the phrase explaining the giving of the Holy Spirit. The Orthodox Churches of the East believe that the Holy Spirit is sent only from the Father. While this may seem like a minor point to most of us today, literal battles were fought over this "filioque" controversy,

When we recite the Creed at mass, we're part of the Church's long theological Tradition, re-affirming the results of centuries of theological study and debate that has helped us understand with ever-greater precision who God is, and what He has done for us.

~Father Larry Rice

### 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 17—23, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 786.50
Donation	200.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	120.00
Other	150.00

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,475.00
Diocesan 2nd Collections	830.00
St. Anne's Outreach	35.00
Other	35.00

**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](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.

**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

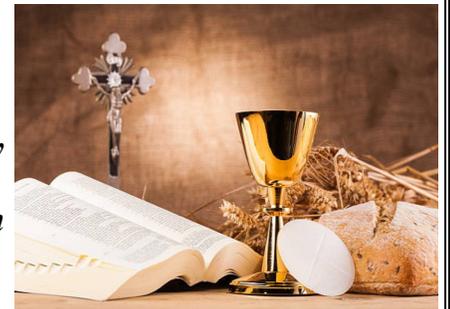
As of March 2020, St. Anne's has served 9 children.

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)



We extend our condolences to Nancy & Vernon Johnson and family. Nancy’s brother-in-law, Lou Blum, has passed away. Please pray for Lou, Nancy and their family. May he rest in peace.



We extend our condolences to Peg Nagem and family. Peg’s mother, Bunny Crockett, has passed away. Please pray for Bunny, Peg and their family. May she rest in peace.

## **COVID-19 Community Drive-Up Testing Event**

The Kanawha-Charleston Health Department and the Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority will hold a community drive-up COVID-19 testing event next week on Charleston's West Side. The testing event will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 28 at the Mary C. Snow Elementary School on Fourth Avenue.

In order to be tested, people must have symptoms for the disease, which include coughing, fever and shortness of breath. **Testing is by appointment only.**

For an appointment, call the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department’s COVID-19 hotline at 304-348-1088.

## **CONSECRATION OF USA to MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH – MAY 1, 2020**



On Friday, May 1, Archbishop Gomez will lead the country in a prayer which consecrates the United States to Mary, Mother of the Church.

Canada, too, has chosen this day to offer prayers and to consecrate their country to Mary, Mother of the Church.

“This will give the Church the occasion to pray for Our Lady’s continued protection of the vulnerable, healing of the unwell, and wisdom for those who work to cure this terrible virus,” said Archbishop Gomez in a letter to the U.S. bishops. Each year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. “This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he continued.

For more information, please visit, <http://usccb.org/news/2020/20-65.cfm>

For additional information and a link to the Facebook feed: <https://lacatholics.org/consecration/>

Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on **Friday, May 1 at 3:00 p.m. EDT** and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation. A liturgy guide will be available to assist the faithful who may join in by tuning into the USCCB’s social media platforms: **Facebook**, **Twitter**, and **Instagram**.

*Note: This prayer entrusts the country to Mary, Mother of the Church, it does not change the fact that our official national patroness is Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Our national patronal solemnity remains December 8.*

**“The pandemic reminds us there are no differences or borders between those who suffer. We are all frail, all equal, all precious. May we be profoundly shaken: Now is the time to eliminate inequalities and heal the injustice undermining the health of the entire human family!”**

*~Pope Francis tweet on 04/23/20*

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	For You Are My God — #444
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
<b>Offertory:</b>	Two Were Bound for Emmaus — #1695
<b>Communion:</b>	The Path of Life— #735
<b>Recessional:</b>	Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise — #171



## Lorie's Music Notes

In Luke's gospel today, we hear the story of the two disciples traveling to Emmaus. These travelers begin their journey with heavy hearts, but finish it with joy when they realize that the stranger among them is Jesus! The Offertory song is based on this gospel story. Of course, we continue to rejoice in the Resurrection, so we will close with an Easter song. He is risen! Alleluia!

## Easter Amid COVID-19

Holy Week culminates on Easter, the celebration of Christ's triumph: darkness gives way to the light, silence to exultant praise, and death to eternal life.

The world marked by sin and death, constriction and diminishment, the defeat of which Easter represents. Sin's nature turns sinners in on themselves, makes their vision myopic, their desire truncated, and their relationships with God and others increasingly disabled. The world of death, which is sin's consequence, is marked above all by decay. Sin is the spiritual material withering toward nothingness.

Easter is the very opposite of all this. Easter is characterized by expansiveness and growth. The spark of one candle giving way to an ocean of flame, the birthing of baptismal waters, the marvelous uplift of the Spirit outpoured, the nourishment of bread come down from heaven is all made possible by the inability of a rock-hewn tomb to encase the author of salvation.

But what does it mean to celebrate this expansiveness of Easter in a world shrunken by quarantine? How to celebrate life surrounded by images of death? How to proclaim the growth of God's Kingdom within the suffocating global empire of pestilence?

These are the unavoidable questions of Easter 2020. And, if we are honest, they are questions that do not come with stock answers, but we must now navigate these uncharted waters.

May I be so bold to propose a path forward? If I can, it's only because of the pathway that Christ has already cleared for us. It is the road that runs from fear to freedom, impatient despair to hope.

The COVID-19 pandemic already has become an event of global disruption unlike anything we have seen, since, perhaps, World War II. It's still far too early to tell the ultimate consequences of that disruption. That uncertainty quite understandably is the source of great anxiety, even dread. To not be so affected would be, in truth, inhuman.

That constricting fear at the level of the spirit is compounded by the increasing constriction of our bodies, as the requirements of social distancing become ever more restrictive. The world remade by virus is a claustrophobia inducing vice-grip of persons.

It is true that we cannot (nor should we) stage a "break-out" from the legitimate strictures put in place on our physical movement. But we can and should break free from the chains of fear and despair, because Christ has set us free, and that is the one and only source of our hope. Not only must we do so for our own sakes, and for the sake of the Church, but for the world as well. That is how we live Easter expansiveness. We share with the world the freedom and hope given to us. We share the light *(continued on page 5)*

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of Christ until it illuminates a world plunged in darkness. We breathe out the God's Spirit on multitudes literally suffocating for lack of air. This is what it truly looks like to be an Easter people.

But we can only give to others what we have. We cannot share the freedom and the hope that Christ makes possible if we are still consumed by fear and despair — even if these are cleverly veiled under the guise of devotion.

Part of growing in Christ's freedom is accepting that things will inevitably change. We do not know what the world will look like — or even the practice of Church life — on the far side of the pandemic. Certainly, much that once was will be lost, never to be regained. Of course, contained in the moment, is the alternate possibility that things once lost may be recovered. Regardless, there is no going back to exactly how things were; there is only the possibility of going forward.

There will be those who find this difficult to accept, and that is to be expected. There are the impatient demands for the world and the Church to get back to “normal” as quickly as possible. But that is merely the voice of fear denying the truth that we have no control over what is uncontrollable. Real freedom involves a surrender: to God, and God's future, yet to be revealed.

The medieval mystic Julian of Norwich — a woman who in her own life witnessed medical and ecclesial calamities far greater than any of us have experienced — recalling the words of Christ, once wrote: “he did not say, ‘you shall not be tormented, you shall not be troubled, you shall not be grieved,’ but he said, ‘you shall not be overcome.’” God want us to pay attention to these words, she added, “for he loves and is pleased with us, and so he wishes us to love and be pleased with him and put great trust in him,” and in the end, “all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well (Revelations of Divine Love, Penguin, 1998).”

*~Father Andrew Clyne writes from Maryland*

## **Online Resources:**

There are many online websites and mobile apps to enrich our spirit during this time. Here is a list of resources for you and your loved ones.

In addition to our diocesan website, [dwc.org](http://dwc.org), the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops' website, [usccb.org](http://usccb.org), has a plethora of resources presented in text, audio, and video formats.

Daily Readings written <http://usccb.org/bible/readings>

Daily Readings audio <http://usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>

Video Reflection <http://usccb.org/bible/reflections/index.cfm>

The [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) site will also give you tutorials on how to pray the Rosary, the Divine Chaplet, and other prayers and devotions.

Daily Reflection from The Word Among Us can be accessed at <https://wau.org/meditations/>

EWTN Catholic Radio Daily Schedule <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule>

Access The Magnificat free online at <https://www.osvnews.com>

Liturgical Press is providing free access to a digital file for Give Us This Day, which includes the daily Mass texts: <https://giveusthisday.org/>

Digital National Catholic Register has Catholic news, stories, blogs, etc. at [ncregister.com](http://ncregister.com)

Discover a saint special to you at Catholic News Service's Patron Saints page: [https:// www.catholicnews.com/patron-saints.cfm](https://www.catholicnews.com/patron-saints.cfm)

Catholic enrichment site for children: [Catholicsprouts.com](http://Catholicsprouts.com)

For teens and twenty-somethings: [lifeteen.com](http://lifeteen.com)

For Catholic headline news: [catholicnewsagency.com](http://catholicnewsagency.com)