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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.

What is a Plenary Indulgence?

There are probably very few items of Catholic doctrine more misunderstood than the concept of indulgences. Yes, yes, I know. You're thinking, "wasn't that the thing about selling tickets out of purgatory that brought on the Protestant reformation?" Well, yes, and no. But mostly no. Clearly, there were times in our history when even the leaders of the Church misunderstood indulgences. But after the second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI significantly revised the application of this often misunderstood doctrine. So, let's give it another look.

An indulgence, either partial or plenary, remits all or some of the temporal punishment that is due for sin. So, what exactly is this "temporal punishment?" Let's use an analogy. Say you throw a rock through my window and shatter it. I may forgive you for throwing the rock, but still expect you to pay to replace my window. That's the temporal punishment that's a consequence of sin. God forgives us when we repent. But something more may be necessary to indicate a change of heart and turning away from the things that lead to sin.

Pope Paul VI did away with talking of indulgences in terms of time, because it was confusing and missed the point. So we speak of indulgences today as partial or plenary. To gain one, there are specific conditions that must be met. One must make a sacramental confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope, as well as whatever additional conditions are established for the particular indulgence you're seeking. They can't be bought, and they're not a free ticket out of purgatory, since they're not free. But what they cost is a demonstration of inner conversion. Their point is the conversion of heart. These external actions and prayers are just the manifestation of that change.

The most common ways to seek a plenary indulgence is to spend a half hour in Eucharistic Adoration, or pray the Stations of the Cross, or pray the rosary in a church, with your family, or with a religious community, or to read or listen to the Sacred Scriptures for half an hour. And of course, add to that the sacramental confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intention of the Holy Father. If you can manage that, then a plenary indulgence is within your reach. Just don't blow it in the church parking lot on the way home.

~ 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 24—30, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,536.50
Easter	500.00
DWC Second Collections	125.00
Other	170.00

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 650.00
Catholic Home Missions	10.00
Building Fund	50.00

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.



Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Canticle of the Sun— #425
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	Like a Shepherd — #606
Communion:	Eat This Bread — #335
Recessional:	Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth — #389



Lorie's Music Notes

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The readings have many metaphors involving sheep and shepherds. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees a parable about sheep following their master because they recognize the sound of his voice, but they (the Pharisees) don't understand what he was trying to tell them. Our Offertory song speaks of the Lord as the Good Shepherd. As we are still celebrating the Easter season, we will end our Mass with some joyful Alleluias!

“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 (SA parishioners) or Cindy Mosier (OLH parishioners).



We extend our condolences to Christine & Clark Hansbarger and family. Christine's brother, Gerald O'Donnell, has passed away. Please pray for Gerald, Christine and their family. May he rest in peace.

St. Anthony: Tools Needed

St. Anthony needs a set of adjustable wrenches and a grinder wheel to sharpen tools. If you have either of these items that you would like to donate, please contact the office.

Our Lady of the Hills: Redesigned Website

Our website for Our Lady of the Hills has been redesigned with a new contemporary look. If you haven't visited recently, please check it out: www.ourladyofthehills.com.

“Many times we make comments that set off a small daily lynching. May the Lord help us to be righteous in our judgments and not to begin or follow gossip that provokes an undeserved condemnation.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 04/28/20

In Praise of Patience: Why do we need this beautiful virtue?

Christians can learn that they must exercise patience simply by observing God's own example. He himself is our first model of patience.

He patiently scatters equally over both the just and unjust the blossoms of this world's light (see Mt 5:45). He patiently allows the benefits of the seasons, the services of the natural elements, the tributes of all nature, to be enjoyed at once by both the worthy and the unworthy.

He bears with the most ungrateful nations, even those who worship the works of their own hands, persecuting His name together with His family. He puts up with their daily extravagance, avarice, iniquity, malice, insolence.

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In fact, He does all this even though His long-suffering actually allows people to mock Him: They assume that if there's no visible proof of divine anger toward the world, then God must not exist (see 1 Pt 3:3-4,9).

In Christ we also see evidence of God's patience. For God allowed himself to be conceived in a mother's womb and to wait patiently nine months until the time for His birth. After He was born, He patiently bore the long years of growing up. Then, having grown up, He wasn't eager to be recognized, but humbled himself to be baptized by His own servant.

Christ patiently repelled with words alone the assaults of the tempter. The One who is Lord became the patient Teacher, training us to escape death. As the prophet said, He did not contend; He did not cry aloud; His voice was not heard in the streets. He didn't break the bruised reed; He didn't quench the smoldering wick (see Is 42:2-3; Mt 12:19-20).

There were none who wanted to join themselves to Christ whom He didn't patiently receive. He despised no one's table or roof. In fact, He himself washed the disciples' feet.

He didn't turn away sinners. He didn't grow angry at the city that refused Him hospitality, even when the disciples wanted to call down fire from heaven on such a wicked town (see Lk 9:51-56). He cared for the ungrateful; He gave himself up to those who captured Him. Even though His betrayer came with them, He steadfastly refrained from pointing him out.

While He was being betrayed, "like a lamb led to the slaughter, he was silent and opened not his mouth" (Is 42:7). Had He willed it, at His word legions of angels would have come down from the heavens. But He refused to permit even one disciple an avenging sword (see Jn 18:10-12).

I will pass by in silence the fact that He allowed himself to be crucified.

Long-suffering of this kind no mere man could achieve. He was also God, and patience is God's nature.

Make God the one who receives your patience as a valuable deposit. He is abundantly capable of providing you interest. If you deposit in His care a wrong that someone has done to you, He will be your Avenger. If you deposit with Him a personal loss, He will be your Restorer. Give Him your pain; He is a Healer; commit to Him even your death; He is the One who raises from the dead.

What honor is granted to Patience, to have God as her Debtor! And not without reason: for she keeps all His decrees; she has to do with all His mandates. She fortifies faith; she is the pilot of peace.

She assists charity; she establishes humility; she waits long for repentance. She sets her seal on confession; she rules the flesh; she preserves the spirit. She bridles the tongue; restrains the hand; tramples temptations under foot; drives away scandals; gives the crowning grace to martyrs; consoles the poor; teaches the rich moderation.

She never overpowers the weak; she never exhausts the strong. She is the delight of the believer, and she invites the unbeliever. She adorns the woman and makes the man approved.

Patience is loved in childhood, praised in youth, looked up to in old age. She is beautiful in either sex, and in every time of life.

~Tertullian (c. 160-c. 225), known as the "father of Latin theology," was an African convert to the Christian faith and the author of numerous apologetic, theological and spiritual works in both Latin and Greek. This excerpt is adapted from his essay "On Patience" (c. 202).

