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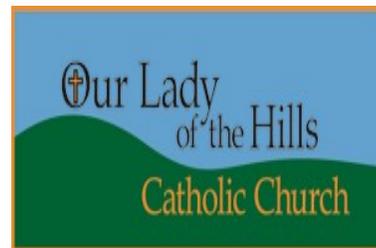
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Office Hours:

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.

Happy Mother's Day!

On this Mother's Day weekend, we pray for our mothers and thank them for their loving service to our families and communities. This prayer is from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition.

**Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mother.
Let the example of her faith and love
shine forth.
Grant that we, her family,
may honor her always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
R/. 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 May 1—7, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,140.00
Building Fund	260.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	130.00

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,025.00
LERMA	100.00
St. Anne's Outreach	60.00
Building Fund	45.00
Other	70.00

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 April 2020, St. Anne's has served 11 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	465.00
Less: Expenses	(99.96)
Balance as of <u>04/30/20</u>	\$ 4,301.53

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:	Church of God, Elect and Glorious— #415
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	Love Goes On — #477
Communion:	I Have Loved You — #602
Recessional:	Hail, Holy Queen — #205



Lorie's Music Notes

Our entrance song is based on Peter's First Letter, our second reading today. It speaks of the Church being a "holy nation, chosen race, and a royal priesthood," called to tell of God's mighty deeds. In the month of May, we celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. The recessional song today honors Mary, as well as all mothers on their special day. Happy Mother's Day!

Pastoral Council Meetings for Both Parishes

Our Lady of the Hills	Tuesday, May 12, 2020	6:30 p.m.
St. Anthony	Wednesday, May 13, 2020	6:30 p.m. Parish Center

The purpose of each meeting is to formulate a plan based on directives from the Diocese for the resumption of public Mass. The plan will then be sent to the Diocese for approval. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

“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).

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.

“It is not easy to live in the light. The light makes us see many ugly things within us: vices, pride, the worldly spirit. But Jesus tells us: ‘Take courage; let yourself be enlightened, because I save you.’ Let us not be afraid of Jesus's light!”

~Pope Francis tweet on 05/06/20

Summer Food Service Program

The West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) is continuing to seek partnerships with organizations across the state to help feed children during the summer months. County boards of education, local government agencies and other nonprofit organizations (501 (c)(3)) are encouraged to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which ensures children (ages 18 and under) facing food insecurity continue to receive free, nutritious meals during the summer when they do not have access the School Breakfast or National School Lunch programs. Sponsors typically represent schools, churches, community centers, libraries, housing complexes and summer camps.

<https://wvde.us/wv-department-of-ed-seeks-partners-to-feed-children/>

What is Spiritual Communion?

Years ago, I learned a “spiritual communion” prayer that St. Josemaría Escrivá learned as a child from his mother’s confessor. It goes like this: “I wish, my Lord, to receive you, with the purity, humility and devotion with which your most Holy Mother received you, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.” Millions around the world now pray that prayer.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving holy Communion. The impeding circumstances might be a variety of things: the person could already be “maxed out” because they have already received holy Communion twice that day; or the person could be in prison and unable to attend Mass; or the person might be elderly and at home watching Mass on the television or listening to it on the radio; or the person might be hiking a mountain and wants to be more deeply united to Jesus Christ at that moment.

There is no such thing as an “official” spiritual communion. Everyone can make up their own, or use a prayer another person composed.

When you pray a spiritual communion, your soul receives grace to the degree that you have true hunger for the holy Eucharist.

~Father Francis Hoffman

Happiness, Suffering and the Meaning of Easter

Is there anyone who doesn’t want to be happy? Engaged couples hope their marriages will prove to be happy, satisfying unions. Parents want happiness for their children. And if only they could, countless people would lend happiness to friends, neighbors and even people they never have met.

But happiness is a challenge. After all, do we even know what “happiness” means?

“The underlying assumption is that when people use the word ‘happiness’ they all mean the same thing, namely, the very loose concept of ‘feeling good,’” Abbot Christopher Jamison, a British Benedictine, wrote in his 2008 book “Finding Happiness” (Liturgical Press).

Abbot Jamison said that “contemporary meanings of ‘happiness’ mainly involve feeling good.” While there is “nothing wrong with feeling good,” he said he found this customary definition of “happiness” too narrow. “To find happiness, we need to broaden our definition so that feeling good is put into the wider context of doing good and knowing good,” the abbot explained.

Easter links suffering directly to life’s fullness. Christ’s death is followed by resurrection. Thus, for Christians, happiness and suffering are not unrelated; “feeling good” does not alone define happiness.

That is not to say that Christians should enjoy suffering or go hunting for it. But Easter’s message is that suffering need not pave the way to hopelessness and unhappiness.

In his 2007 encyclical on hope, Pope Benedict XVI wrote that “it is important to know that I can always continue to hope, even if in my own life, or the historical period in which I am living, there seems to be nothing left to hope for.”

Msgr. Stephen Rossetti talked about suffering, happiness and marriage in a Feb. 25 speech in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. He is a clinical associate professor of pastoral studies at The Catholic University of America and is widely recognized for his expertise on matters of priestly well-being.

“To the secular mind suffering and happiness are mutually exclusive. The presence of one negates the other,” Msgr. Rossetti told a group of priests. It is interesting that at this point he turned attention to marriage, since his speech focused in great part on the satisfaction so many priests in the U.S. experience, despite the great pressures on them at this moment in time.

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It is “largely assumed” in the U.S. today that suffering and happiness are strangers to each other, Msgr. Rossetti suggested. What is unfortunate in his view is that “this belief in the mutual incompatibility of hardship and satisfaction is devastating relationships and destroying lives.”

Msgr. Rossetti said that “when young married couples experience pain and struggle, they often assume something is wrong with their marriage. Many times the marriage is broken precipitously.” He expressed concern that “when people encounter roadblocks in their lives and work, they assume the worst. It is assumed if we are suffering then something is wrong.”

Having a theology of suffering “has helped us priests during our time of trial,” Msgr. Rossetti said; it aids the recognition “that suffering and happiness are not incompatible.” In fact, he added, “we cannot reach true human happiness and fulfillment without it. There is no resurrection without the cross.”

Msgr. Rossetti believes that “intuitively, wise people come to understand this. Older married couples realize that marriage at times involves hard work. They come to realize that the deeper levels of intimacy can only be achieved through such struggles.”

So it is “with any life,” he said. “The deeper levels of sanctity and joy can only be found by traversing the darkness.”

New Zealand’s Catholic bishops published a pastoral letter on suffering in 2010. “We know suffering cannot be totally eradicated. It is part of life,” the bishops commented. It was their conviction that, “unable too avoid suffering, none of us should have to meet it alone.”

The bishops said that Mary, whose son died on a cross, “provides the perspective and the motivation for us to use difficulties, disappointments, loss and whatever negatively affects our lives to deepen our understanding of what life is about and to draw us closer to God and to one another.”

In his encyclical on hope, Pope Benedict said that while efforts can be undertaken “to limit suffering,” it is not possible to “eliminate it.” What, then, are people to do and think? The pope said:

“It is when we attempt to avoid suffering by withdrawing from anything that might involve hurt, when we try to spare ourselves the effort and pain of pursuing truth, love and goodness that we drift into a life of emptiness in which there may be almost no pain, but the dark sensation of meaninglessness and abandonment is all the greater.

“It is not by sidestepping or fleeing from suffering that we are healed, but rather by our capacity for accepting it, maturing through it and finding meaning through union with Christ, who suffered with infinite love” (“Spe Salvi,” 37).

This blog post was originally published on USCCB’s For Your Marriage Website, www.foryourmarriage.org.



Virginia Groves wishes to thank everyone who sent Easter and Mother’s Day cards. They are sincerely appreciated.

THE LOVELIEST MASTERPIECE
OF THE HEART OF GOD
IS THE THE HEART OF
MOTHER

St. Therese of Lisieux