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The Ascension of the Lord

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St Anthony: Saturday 4:45 pm to 5:15 pm or other times by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY (LAST MONDAY IN MAY)

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, *(continued on page 4)*

Mass Schedule May 23 — 31

Saturday 05/23: <small>Ascension of the Lord</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 05/24: <small>Ascension of the Lord</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Ann Duley SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Albert "Abe" Tyler
Saturday 05/30: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Bob Pottroff
Sunday 05/31: <small>Pentecost Sunda</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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/>.



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.

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, Doug Spencer, Harry Crede

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 15—21, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 647.35
St. Anthony Caring Fund	70.00
Building Fund	70.00
Other	40.00

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 350.00
Building Fund	110.00
Feast of the Ascension	75.00
Other	125.00

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

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

Music for Liturgy

LITURGY



AND MUSIC

Entrance:	Praise to the Lord (instrumental)— #199
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #919
Offertory:	We Walk by Faith — #495
Communion:	Worthy Is the Lamb — #575
Recessional:	Go Make of All Disciples (instrumental) — #189

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AND MUSIC

Lorie's Music Notes

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. This excerpt from Psalm 122 is fitting for us today. This weekend is the first time in months that we are able to come physically to church. We rejoice to be together again, and pray for the day when we can all feel confident to come together in the Lord's house. In this new reality, our music must be minimized. As you will discover, it is not easy to sing through a mask. Also, in order to minimize potential contamination, the hymnals have been removed from the pews. Because of this, our singing will mostly be the acclamations. Sing when you are able. I'm just happy to have your voices back!

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 12/31/19 \$ 3,936.49

Contributions Received 465.00

Less: Expenses (99.96)

Balance as of 04/30/20 \$ 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.*



The office will be closed on Memorial Day—Monday, May 25, 2020.

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations—We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. Although the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston provided each parish with a “starter set” of PPE (personal protective equipment) that included hand sanitizer and disinfectant, it will only last for a short period of time. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!

Peter's Pence: May 30 & 31—Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

CCHD Intern—The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, housed with Catholic Charities West Virginia, is looking for an intern to serve the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The Intern must belong to the Catholic faith. This is a part-time position for 10 hours per week. This position assists the Parish Social Ministry Initiatives particularly as it relates to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to: working with (prospective) CCHD Funded Groups to project monitoring and evaluation of CCHD grants; relationship-building with CCHD-funded groups and other community development projects; helping community groups know about and apply for CCHD funding; supporting the review of grant applications; supporting the work of CCHD in the Diocese by promoting the CCHD Annual Collection; recruiting speakers as needed for the CCHD Annual Collection; distributing Collection materials to parishes; following up on Collections; letter and article writing; and building up the Local CCHD advisory committee. Please email cover letter, resume, and three professional references to jcatone@ccwva.org on or before Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

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or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. Today, many Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

~ by Scott Richert

Why Does Our Lady Appear on Earth?

What is the significance of the apparitions at Lourdes and other places? What is the meaning of Marian apparitions in general?

In our world of rationalism and secularism, of materialism and consumerism, God and the supernatural realm seem far removed from most people. Yet He continues to intervene in human history by sending the mother of Jesus when the Christian faith is challenged and under attack.

The human family needs to be reminded, sometimes in a dynamic and supernatural way, that God exists, that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a universal call to goodness and holiness, that we are all responsible before our Maker for our choices.

Apparitions are a wake-up call for a corporate examination of conscience about how well we may be responding to God's manifold invitations to personal salvation and world peace. So how are we responding to Him?

Private Revelation

The Church is necessarily both cautious and open in the matter of private revelation. She must discern what is false. And she must avoid the risk of losing credibility as the guardian of public revelation by too hastily confirming a reported private revelation or apparition.

Yet we can clearly observe the abundant blessings of Mary's action in private revelation. Her appearance is a heaven-sent reminder, an invitation to the world to live the Gospel fully and to assist the Church in its continuing mission of evangelization.

What would the 16th century have been without Guadalupe? Or the 19th and 20th centuries without the Miraculous Medal revealed at Rue de Bac in Paris, without Lourdes, without Fátima? We can thank God for the tremendous graces and blessings that result from authentic apparitions of Mary.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms, the purpose of private revelation is never to replace public revelation contained in Scripture and Tradition. Rather, the goal of authentic private revelation is to "help people live out their faith more fully" (Glossary; see No. 67). It accentuates the challenge of the Gospel to prayer, penance, fasting and conversion, which lead to peace of heart and the peace of all human societies.

In contemporary times we have seen more apparitions approved than in any other era of Church history. What does this say about our individual and communal faithfulness and relationship to God? If true Marian apparitions are on the increase, perhaps our age is in greater need of encouragement to live generously the Christian life.

Recall the words of Blessed Pope John XXIII about Lourdes in 1959: "Listen attentively to the salutary warnings of the Mother of God, who seeks to guide us in our conduct."

Mother and Son

Pope John Paul II taught us to see that Marian doctrine and devotion are indeed both Christ-centered and Church-centered. He noted the harmony of her unique participation as Co-Redemptrix in the redemption earned by Jesus Christ with her continuing maternal mediation and advocacy for all humanity. Mary is the perfect model for the People of God in their journey to become, with Jesus and herself, co-redeemers and intercessors for each other and all humankind.

Knowing and teaching the whole truth about Mary is thus the best means to teach the whole truth about Jesus and His saving incarnation, about His redemption and about His Church. The full truth about Mary safeguards the full truth about Jesus.

Mary is the most effective guiding star and mediating force for the new evangelization. The mother prepares the way for the Son. Is it any wonder, then, that He sometimes sends her to appear in our midst, so she can call us once again to draw close to God?

~ **Br. John M. Samaha**