

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

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Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony by appointment. Our Lady of the Hills by appointment.

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,
this day is bright with the memory of those
who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.
Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
Make our vision clear and our will strong:
that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:
to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship,
and to find safety only in the common good of all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. R/. Amen.

**Have a happy and safe Fourth of
July holiday weekend!**



Mass Schedule June 27 — July 5

Saturday 06/27: <small>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 06/28: <small>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Jerry Legg SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Saturday 07/04: <small>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 07/05: <small>14th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)

Bulletin Announcements

The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd for the holiday. Thank you!!

Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Donations

We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfectant for both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank 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.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Mary Canterbury, Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, 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 June 20 — 21, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,905.80
Building Fund	110.00
Other	35.00
Attendance	Saturday—19 Sunday—35

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,470.00
Building Fund	70.00
Other	45.00
Attendance	Sunday—27

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.



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.

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	All Are Welcome (instrumental) — #414
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	We Are Many Parts — #584
Communion:	The Supper of the Lord — #350
Recessional:	Christ Before Us (instrumental) — #409



Lorie's Music Notes

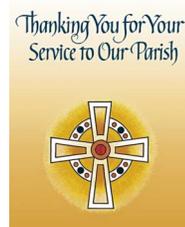
In today's Old Testament reading from the Second Book of Kings, we hear a story of hospitality. The influential woman welcomed Elisha into her home, giving him meals and a place to rest. God rewarded her generosity by giving her a son. We are also called upon by God to welcome the stranger. Our opening song, though an instrumental, reinforces this message of loving hospitality. We've sung this one often enough that you will recall the words: *All are welcome in this place!* (Unfortunately, during these times, we need to add "As long as you practice social distancing and wear a mask...!")

Directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: Faithful are required to wear masks during Mass, except in the moment of receiving Holy Communion. Please follow this directive. Thank you!



Anniversary of Father Tijo George's Assignment

Father Tijo George was assigned as our administrator on June 20, 2018. Father Tijo, we thank you for your caring and devoted ministry to St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills over the past two years. We are very fortunate to have you.
May God bless you!



FEAST OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL: June 29

Saints Peter and Paul are the principle pillars of the Church founded by Christ.

Saint Peter was chosen by Christ to be his first **Vicaron** earth, he was endowed with powers of the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven (Mt 16:13-19) and charged with the role of **Shepherd** of Christ's flock (Jn 21:15-17). In St. Peter and his successors (**the popes**), we have a visible sign of unity and communion in faith and charity. Divine grace led St. Peter to profess Christ's divinity. St. Peter was **martyred** in about the year 64 AD.

Saint Paul was chosen to form part of the apostolic college by Christ himself on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-16). He is the greatest **missionary** of all time. St. Paul was beheaded in the Tre Fontane along the Via Ostiense in Rome and buried nearby, on the site where the basilica bearing his name now stands.

Should We Have the Death Penalty?

In my diocese, a thriving prison ministry flourishes, led by the generous service of our permanent deacons, with the assistance of priests and many committed laity. Individual pastoral visits, Bible study, regular Masses and confession, an RCIA process and retreats contribute to an extraordinary pastoral care unfolding for the benefit of our incarcerated brothers and sisters. I am deeply grateful for the Christians witness of so many dedicated servants of the Lord.

A great blessing for me has been the opportunity to visit the prisons, celebrating the Eucharist and Confirmation, helping with the annual retreat, doing some of the RCIA scrutinies and meeting with the men on death row. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that, when we visit someone in prison, we are encountering him. I have stood in the "pit," still existent underneath Caiphass' house in Jerusalem, the dark hole where Jesus spent in prison the last night of his earthly life, facing a horrible execution the following day. Christ spent time on death row.

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Whenever I converse with prisoners, at least those involved in Church activities, I encounter faith, love and hope. Many of the men struggle to accept God's forgiveness for what they have done and to forgive themselves. Like all of us, they try to believe, pray and keep on the path of discipleship. I consistently remind them that they are sons of the Father, beloved by Jesus Christ; their criminal and violent deeds do not fully define them as human beings. They are so much more than that. Many of them have spent decades behind bars; many will never leave.

At any given moment, counting Federal and state prisons, as well as local jails, over 2 million people are incarcerated in the United States, and the number steadily increases. Our country locks up more people per capita than any other nation on earth. Many prisoners are a threat to others and need to be behind bars; those guilty of serious crimes have a debt to pay society. Few would disagree that part of an effective justice system is fair sentencing for crimes committed.

My experiences of prison ministry in Wisconsin, the Dominican Republic and now here in Indiana, however, raise questions in my heart and mind. Should prisons be simply punitive or also rehabilitative? Should we simply punish people indefinitely, or can they possibly change for the better? So many formative programs, educational opportunities and humanizing details have disappeared from contemporary American prisons that many inmates are more dehumanized, angry, disconnected and incapable of embracing a peaceful, productive and lawful life out in society. Are we simply warehousing people, or do we have a responsibility to help those in prison to experience transformation and conversion?

Capital punishment is clearly a controversial issue because it, too, raises many questions. In the 21st century, is it truly moral to execute a criminal who can be securely contained from society? We certainly need to fully acknowledge the horrific and violent crimes that many on death row have committed, but is putting them to death really the solution? Evidence suggests that capital punishment does not effectively serve as a deterrent to murderous violence. It costs the state more to execute someone than to incarcerate them for life, because of all of the judicial appeals. Cases exist where DNA testing proved that some death row inmates were actually innocent. Can an act of violence truly heal another act of violence? Many of the men on death row have experienced repentance for their crimes and an authentic conversion. Their time in prison has allowed them to reach such a point of grace.

Some voices iterate that the death penalty is justified, that some murderers have committed such heinous and horrible deeds that they should be put to death. Loved ones of such murder victims sometimes call for the execution of the one who killed their child, spouse or sibling. We can certainly empathize with the horrible trauma inflicted when someone close is brutally murdered; a natural human response is the desire to see such a killer's life taken away as well. But, doesn't Christ call us to go beyond "a life for a life?" Peace can only come with reconciliation and forgiveness.

Clearly, some criminals must be incarcerated their entire lives because they pose a threat to society, but is it not time to do away with the death penalty, to seek rehabilitation and healing for prisoners where possible, to put more resources into a concerted effort to help released inmates to live productively, contributing to the common good and finding their place in society? I readily acknowledge that issues related to the justice system, criminality, and prisons are complex and difficult. Nevertheless, the Church will always speak out for the life and dignity of every human being, unborn and born, immigrant and native, wealthy and poor, incarcerated and free. The social vision of Catholicism imagines a society of respect for all life, solidarity with the marginalized, mercy and justice for the poor and a healthy concern for the fully integrated flourishing of the human person. As Catholic disciples of the Lord Jesus, we can never give up our efforts to build a civilization of life and love, ready for the fullness of the Kingdom of God.

~Bishop Donald J. Hying

Bishop Hying is the Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin.



“Let us begin anew from the numerous examples of generous, freely-given love, which in these months have shown us how much closeness, care, and sacrifice are needed to nourish fraternity and civil coexistence. In this way, we will emerge from this crisis stronger.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 06/25/20