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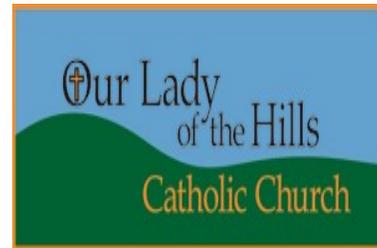
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

Do Christians believe in reincarnation?

The “*Catechism of the Catholic Church*” says: “When ‘the single course of our earthly life’ is completed, we shall not return to other earthly lives: ‘It is appointed for men to die once’ [Hebrews 9:27]. There is no ‘reincarnation’ after death” (#1013). Reincarnation was not a topic of interest in the time and place of Jesus. So, it is not surprising that we find no explicit reference to that in Jesus’ teachings. Jesuit priests Gerald O’Collins and Edward Farrugia describe reincarnation as “the belief, also called *metempsychosis* (Greek ‘animate afterward’), that souls inhabit a series of bodies and can live many lives on this earth before being completely purified and so released from the need to migrate to another body.”

It is a common belief among the Hindus, Buddhists, Neo-Platonists and others. Members of the “New Age” movement wrongly claim that early Christians believed in reincarnation. But historical facts provide no basis for this claim. Belief in resurrection and official rejection of the pre-existence of souls...rule out reincarnation. By maintaining an indefinite series of chances, the doctrine of reincarnation reduces the seriousness of God’s grace and human liberty exercised in one life that is terminated by a once-and-for-all death. Reincarnation defends a dualism in which the body is simply an instrument of the soul and is laid aside, existence by successive existence, as an altogether different body is assumed each time. As far as eschatology is concerned, the doctrine of reincarnation denies both the possibility of eternal damnation and the idea of the resurrection of the body. But the fundamental error is in the rejection of the Christian doctrine of salvation. For the believers in reincarnation, the soul is its own savior by its own efforts. Reincarnation denies the need to convert, about which Jesus spoke often. If souls keep recycling, won’t they all end up in the same place eventually? If so, why are our decisions today important?

Syro-Malabar Mass

On Tuesday, August 11 at 9:00 a.m., a Syro-Malabar Mass (Eastern Rite to which Father Tijo belongs) will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Parish in Chester by Father Pradeep with conferees including Father Tijo. This Mass will be live streamed on both St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills Facebook pages.

Mass Schedule August 8 — 16

<p>Saturday 08/08: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday 08/09: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Saturday 08/15: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday 08/16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish</p> <p>OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Rufus & Mary Elliott</p> <p>SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Pauline Wyatt</p> <p>OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish</p>
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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!!

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.

Mass Intentions—In accordance with the guidelines from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Mass stipends are deposited in a separate checking account. **If you are writing a check, please make it payable to St. Anthony Mass Account.**

The current suggested level of giving is **\$20 for a weekend Mass or \$10 for a daily Mass.** Any offering, however, is most welcome, and, if you do not have funds to offer, you are encouraged to request your Mass intention.

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, Lorie Collingwood

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, Lorie Collingwood

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 August 1 — 2, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,688.50
Building Fund	175.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	71.00
Attendance	Saturday—14 Sunday—36

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,975.00
St. Anne's Outreach	555.00
LERMA	135.00
Building Fund	50.00
Attendance	Sunday—25

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.

The Catholic Spirit—The Catholic Spirit now has a weekly electronic edition sent free of charge by e-mail to those who subscribe. Anyone can sign up for the e-list by sending an e-mail to crowan@dwc.org with "The Catholic Spirit e-list" in the subject line. In the body of your email, please provide the e-mail to send the e-version of The Catholic Spirit and also include your name and address if you would like to discontinue receiving the print edition.

Music for Liturgy

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Entrance:	O Bless the Lord, My Soul (instrumental) — #534
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	We Walk by Faith — #495
Communion:	You Are Near — #434
Recessional:	How Can I Keep from Singing (instrumental) — #442

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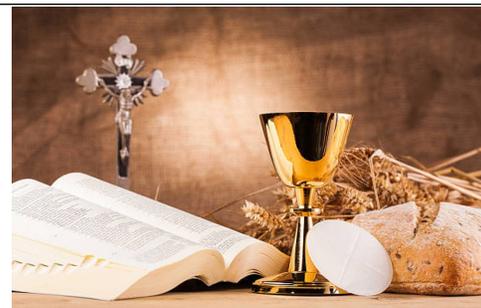


Feast of the Assumption—August 15: Because the Feast of the Assumption occurs on a Saturday this year, it is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Assumption is the oldest and greatest feast of Mary. Orthodox Christians call August 15 the Dormition (“falling asleep”) of Mary “She who sheltered the Divine Word in her breast was to be lodged in the dwelling place of her Son,” says St. John Damascene, describing his belief that after Mary’s death, her body was raised to live with God forever. That Mary’s body – not just her soul – is in God’s presence is a sign of the holiness of creation. The human body is not evil – it is good. Death is not the end of creation – it is the beginning of eternal life. In our day, when violence can desecrate the human body, the sign of Mary’s assumption gains new import.

The New Testament reading for this feast call Jesus the first fruits of those who have died, to be followed by the harvest of all who hope in him. As Mary, the model believer and sign of the church, is gathered in, we hope that we too will one day be part of this harvest. We surround Mary’s statue at church and at home with brilliant clusters of flowers, herbs and fruits – the first harvest of our gardens.

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.*



Annual Mission Appeal—August 22 & 23: Each year a mission group is allowed by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to make an appeal for funds to support their efforts. This year the group selected to make an appeal for our parishes is Food For The Poor. Unfortunately due to the pandemic, Food For The Poor, while needing our support more than ever, will be unable to make an appeal in person the weekend of August 22 & 23. You are asked to view an online video appeal at <http://www.foodforthe poor.org/father-robert-karris.html>

Food for the Poor Ministry:

Food For The Poor, one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the nation, does much more than feed millions of the hungry poor primarily in 17 countries of the Caribbean and Latin America. Founded in 1982, the interdenominational Christian ministry serves the poorest of the poor. Thanks to its faithful donors, the organization’s programs are providing housing, healthcare, education, fresh water, emergency relief and micro-enterprise assistance, in addition to feeding hundreds of thousands of people each day.

Food For The Poor donors have built more than 85,400 safe and secure homes for the destitute. In 2018, Food For The Poor built 4,253 homes for families in need of safe shelter. Since inception, the charity has provided more than \$15.7 billion in aid. Feel free to visit our website www.foodforthe poor.org, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on any of the flags to learn what we do for the poor in those countries.



“Men and women who pray know that hope is stronger than discouragement. They believe that love is more powerful than death, and that love will surely triumph one day, even if it be in times and ways we do not know.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 07/28/20

Catechetical Certification through the University of Dayton, Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

Are you a catechist in the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston or just want to learn more about your faith and deepen your relationship with God? The Diocese of Wheeling Charleston is partnering with VLCFF to bring you this hybrid internet-based, distance-learning program that supports both catechists and those seeking to deepen their faith. The cost of this course is paid for by the Diocese.

This Fall, from August 30th to Oct 6th, we will be offering **Introduction to Scripture** as part of the catechetical certification process through VLCFF. This particular course is being offered as a hybrid model. It will make use of all the advantages of the internet-based course (discussion boards, electronic materials, etc.), plus meet weekly via Zoom for face-to-face discussion and formation, facilitated by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. If you are interested in catechetical certification or just want to learn more about your faith, here is a chance to learn with folks from around the Diocese.

Introduction to Scripture

This course will cover the following:

- Explain what the Bible is and how it came about
- Begin to develop a basic biblical vocabulary
- Understand how Roman Catholics read and interpret the Bible
- Understand the main mistakes to avoid while reading and interpreting the Bible
- Identify the key Church documents related to the study of the Scriptures
- Explain the similarities and differences in the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant Bibles
- Identify the meaning of "inspiration" and "revelation" in the Scriptures
- Understand literary form as it is applied to their reading of the Scriptures
- Identify the key Church documents related to the study of the Scriptures
- Explain the meaning of "synoptic Gospels" and the unique contribution of each of the synoptic authors
- Explain the uniqueness of John's Gospel
- Understand the importance for a Biblical Foundation for the life of the Church
- Understand the meaning of the oral and written traditions of the Scriptures
- Understand the meaning and history of covenant love through the history of the Israelites
- Identify the meaning of the Kingdom as expressed in the Lord's Prayer
- Understand what a parable is and its role in proclaiming the Good News
- Understand the significance of the homily and characteristics of good homilies for the spiritual life of the community
- Identify the relationship between Scripture and Church teachings
- Understand the role that Scripture can play in moral discernment
- Explain how Scripture can be used to nurture one's prayer life

There is one text for this course, the cost of which is covered by the Diocese:

Daniel J. Harrington, S.J. *How do Catholics Read the Bible?* Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers. 2005 ISBN: 0742548716; ISBN-13: 978-0742548718

This course is being facilitated by Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.

Dr. Stoicoiu has been a professional minister in the Church for over 30 years and holds an MA in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from The Catholic University of America. Her areas of study are in the areas of Roman Catholic-Orthodox dialogue and the theology of liturgy, especially as this informs the theology of Eucharist, Church and Ministry.

Dr. Stoicoiu has taught both at the undergraduate and graduate level for almost twenty-five years and is also the director of liturgy for St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, WV. She has published in numerous professional journals, book chapters and articles. She strongly believes that the academic study of theology of the liturgy must be augmented by active pastoral experience and has worked to bring these two elements together for students and parishioners throughout her professional life.

For more information or to register for the course, please contact Jeanne McKeets in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis at jmckeets@dwc.org or 304-233-0880 x374.