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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:**

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## What are *New Age Religions* and why they are wrong?

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is rolling out the red carpet for the New Age Religions with a weekly online class with *New York Times* bestselling guru Eckhart Tolle and a daily broadcast with Marianne Williamson. "A Course in Miracles (ACIM) by Marianne presented by "Oprah and friends" channel on XM satellite radio claims to be a mind training based on spiritual psychotherapy. New Agers are Universalists, believing that all paths lead to God. They fault Christians for being intolerant and narrow-minded. Most New Agers hold Jesus in high regard, believing him to be a great spiritual teacher, or guru, but not as God and Savior. They do not accept Jesus' claim that he alone is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

The typical New Ager believes that God is in everything (pantheism), all things are one (monism), man is God, human mind creates reality, and one's own experience validates the truth. New Agers do not believe in evil. Therefore, they do not accept man's problem as separation by sin from God. Instead, they believe that each of us has forgotten his or her own divinity. Therefore, the New Age solution is to seek "higher consciousness" through meditation, breathing exercises, yoga, diet, crystals, channeling, alternative healing, spirit guides, and more. Each of these diverse practices has the same purpose: to awaken the god in man. The main problem with the "new age movement" is that it is just modernized superstition and its ideas are mostly antichristian. Put simply, New Age is an unacceptable combination of humanism, eastern mysticism and occultism.

## Mass Schedule September 5 — 13

Saturday 09/05: <small>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/06: <small>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †David Wibberg
Thursday 09/10:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 09/11:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Pamela Finley
Saturday 09/12: <small>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/13: <small>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Pauline Wyatt

### 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!!**



**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](http://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 29 — 30, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,572.50
Holy Land Collection	55.00
Building Fund	100.00
Other	16.50

Attendance    Saturday—17    Sunday—31

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 915.00
Holy Land Collection	60.00

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.



**“We must always have this ‘holy restlessness’ in our hearts, in the search for the true good who is God. Let us help others feel the thirst for God. He gives peace and happiness to our hearts.”**

~Pope Francis tweet on 08/27/20

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	All Are Welcome (instrumental) — #414
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Renewal — #860
<b>Offertory:</b>	Seek Ye First — #435
<b>Communion:</b>	Spirit and Grace — #345
<b>Recessional:</b>	For the Fruits of This Creation (instrumental) — #426



**The Diocesan Scholarship Association Collection: September 12 & 13**—Thanks to the generosity of parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, more than 30 students from our parishes and Catholic high schools currently receive scholarships to Wheeling Jesuit University through the Diocesan Scholarship Association (DSA). The DSA was established in 1961 by Reverend Daniel Kirwin and Archbishop Swint to encourage students from our diocese to attend Wheeling Jesuit University. Since its inception, the DSA has assisted hundreds of students who chose to attend Wheeling Jesuit University where they received an excellent education at West Virginia’s only Catholic institution of higher education.

**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!!

**The office will be closed this Monday—Friday, September 7—11, for office staff vacation.**

### Upcoming Right to Life Events

**National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn**—The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will be prayed on Saturday, September 12th beginning at noon at the Memorial to the Unborn at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1023 6th Ave., St. Albans. Masks and social distancing required.

**National Chain of Life**—Sunday, October 4 is the National Chain of Life from 2:30 pm—3:30 pm on the Boulevard in front of Drug Emporium. Another chain will be on Washington Street West between Maryland and Delaware Avenues at the same time. This is an hour of prayer and silent witness for the unborn. Masks should be worn. Participants already social distance by standing 10 feet apart.

**Fatima Rosary**—Fatima Rosary—all 20 decades and litanies—will be prayed on Saturday, October 10 at noon in the public square at 1900 Kanawha Blvd. East in front of the South entrance to the State Capitol (Abraham Lincoln statue). Masks and social distancing required.

**THANK YOU!** **Thank You**—Thank you from Food For The Poor for your generous donations to their appeal. Fr. Karris also is very appreciative of those who watched his video and share his message.

## GETTING TO HEAVEN

A short biblical passage supplied by St. Peter in Acts helps us understand more about how to get to heaven. Having heard a sermon that he preached on Pentecost, many were struck to the heart and asked what they should do. Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

But this is not to be understood as a ritualistic observance we fulfill on one day, but is meant to usher in a whole renewal of the human person. And thus we should look at all three things that Peter indicates in some more detail.

The word translated as “repent” is *metanoia*, which means more than to clean up our act. It means to come to a whole new mind, rooted in what God teaches and reveals, with new priorities and the ability to make better decisions.

To be baptized is not only to be cleansed of our sins, but also to see our old self put to death and for Christ to come alive in us. Baptism ushers in the beginnings of a lifelong healing process that must continue by God’s grace. Baptism also points to all the sacraments of the Church. Having been brought to new life, we must also be fed by the Eucharist and by God’s word, we must see the wounds of sins healed in confession, (continued on page 4)

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we must be strengthened for a mission by confirmation. Baptism also makes us a member of the Body of Christ. And thus, we are called to walk with all the members of Christ's body — the Church. St. Peter also speaks of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. And thus we are taught that our dignity is to be swept up into the life, love and wisdom of God. We are called to be sanctified by the Spirit, to see sins put to death and many virtues come alive.

As can be seen, there are many dimensions to the work of God in saving us. Thus, we are to walk in a loving covenant relationship with the Lord. We are to do this in fellowship with his Church, through the grace of the sacraments, obedience to the Word of God and prayer (see Acts 2:42).

~Msgr. Charles Pope



### **St. Teresa of Calcutta: A missionary of charity**

Agnes Bojaxhiu left home at 18, never to see her family again. She desired to be a missionary, joining the Loreto Sisters in Ireland in 1928. There she learned English, used to teach in the Indian missions where she arrived the following year.

Agnes desired a religious name after Therese of Lisieux — the patroness of the missions. The name was taken by another nun, so she opted for the Spanish spelling: Teresa.

An educator in Calcutta for nearly 20 years, eventually St. Teresa became headmistress of an affluent girls' school. But her heart grew discontent with the poverty surrounding the convent. In 1946, she experienced what she described as a "call within a call" — that she was to leave behind her way of life and dedicate herself to the poorest of the poor.

"I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them. It was an order. To fail would have been to break the faith," she said. By 1948, she set out from the Loreto convent — adopting a new white sari habit with blue stripes — caring for those in the slums.

Within a year, other women asked to join her work. This laid the foundation a new religious congregation she called the Missionaries of Charity. Their ministry, in St. Teresa's words, would consist of caring for "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone."

Eventually, known as "Mother Teresa," she established institutions through the world, serving the world's poor, sick and vulnerable. She would go on to establish a men's community, a contemplative branch of the order, in addition to providing opportunities for lay collaboration.

St. Teresa was never comfortable with attention or notoriety on account of her work. She thought it would detract from Jesus, the one she credited with all her work. But media throughout the world still reported her story.

"By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus," she said.

She traveled the world defending human rights and dignity. A tireless defender of life at all stages, she noted that "any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."

St. Teresa became a household name the world over, the recipient of numerous honors in recognition of her tireless and devoted service to the poor. In 1979, she won the Nobel Peace Prize, and she received American accolades such as the Presidential Medal of Freedom and honorary U.S. citizenship — one of only eight individuals so honored throughout history.

Mother Teresa died in Calcutta on Sept. 5, 1997. Pope St. John Paul II waived the mandatory five-year waiting period to open her cause of canonization. During that process, it was revealed that Mother Teresa had an extraordinary interior life, in which she experienced great spiritual suffering and desolation.

Surviving correspondence with Mother Teresa's archbishop and others indicate she doubted God's presence in her life. "The place of God in my soul is blank," she wrote. "Sometimes — I just hear my own heart cry out 'My God' and nothing else comes — The torture and pain I can't explain." In caring for those who were crucified with Christ, she mystically shared in the agony of Calvary.

*Her feast day is Sept. 5.*

~Michael R. Heinlein