

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

September 20, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Issue No. 205



St. Anthony Catholic Church
1000 6th Street
Charleston, WV 25302
www.stanthonywv.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/stanthonywestvirginia

General Directory

Administrator

Fr. Tijo George

Email: tgeorge@dwc.org

Fr. Charles Anemelu

(Priest in Residence)

Deacon David Wuletich

Email: davidwuletich@gmail.com

Phone: 304-345-9567



Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church
100 Jackson Drive
Elkview, WV 25071
www.ourladyofthehills.com

Facebook
www.facebook.com/ourladyofthehillswv

Office

1000 6th Street, Charleston, WV 25302

Email: secretary@stanthonywv.com Phone: 304-342-2716

Office Hours:

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.

LETTER OF HOPE

"My dear Co-Workers, Active, Sick & Suffering, Lay Missionaries of Charity, I Thirst Movement Members, Volunteers, Let us praise and thank God for the many opportunities He gives us during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic to deepen our faith and trust in God's providential love for us, our dear ones and our poor.

God did not come to do away with suffering. He did not even come to explain it. He came to fill it with His Presence, He came to share in it" - Paul Claudel. In all our pain, sorrow and confusion Jesus is with us and He lives His Passion in us. "The Lord requires of you to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" - Mic 6:8.

The "lockdown" situation has made our activism to slow down and it provides us with the necessary time to examine and to discern by what motives, intentions and values do we personally conduct our daily lives.

God gives us this time to mend broken relationships not by clarifying, but by forgiving, by concern for the sorrows our offender carries in his/her heart. How much God will bless the pains we take to reconcile with one another.

Sincere prayer will soften our hearts and open them, allowing us to show our forgiveness by extending small acts of delicate thoughtfulness freely to the one who hurts us. I believe that God sends us these chances to suffer injustice in order to teach us gentleness and humility. Our Mother (Teresa) wanted to become a saint according to the Heart of Jesus: meek and humble. With God's grace we are able to take the misery of the other person into our own hearts and to confidently cry out to God for His mercy, for now his/her misery has become our own misery. We will experience the blessedness, which is deep interior joy promised to the peacemakers who are called God's children. At the same time in the combat against the evil of pride and anger within us, we have gained a great victory.

(continued on page 4)

Mass Schedule September 19 — 27

Saturday 09/19: <small>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/20: <small>25th 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
Tuesday 09/22:	OLH Mass 6:30 p.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Thursday 09/24:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †David Wibberg
Friday 09/25:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Liz Wiersteiner Williams
Saturday 09/26: <small>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/27: <small>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Becky Tyler Williams

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, 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 Sept. 12 & 13, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 3,034.50
Diocesan Scholarship Assoc.	17.00
Building Fund	55.00
Other	154.00

Attendance Saturday—13 Sunday—40

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 955.00
Diocesan Scholarship Assoc.	115.00
St. Anne's Outreach	35.00
Other	30.00

Attendance Sunday—21

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 current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together, all of us, in solidarity.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 09/02/20

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Seek the Lord (instrumental) — #649
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	God, We Praise You — #209
Communion:	The Cry of the Poor — #612
Recessional:	Canticle of the Sun (instrumental) — #425



Music Notes from Lorie—As most of you know, I have been unable to play at St. Anthony for the past several weeks due to ankle surgery. We have been blessed with two fantastic musicians who have generously been sharing their time and talents to fill in for me. **Donna Becher** and **Jim Zellers** (both from Blessed Sacrament) have kept the music playing here at St. Anthony on Sunday mornings while I have been away. I plan to be back full time shortly, as my healing is progressing nicely, but wanted to take the opportunity to thank them both for their service to our parish. Thanks also to our own Chris Newman and Mary Wuletich for sharing their cantoring talents with us during the pandemic. Finally, thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recovery.

OLH Pastoral Council Meeting—The Our Lady of the Hills Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, Father will celebrate Mass at 6:30 p.m.



Volleyball—Please join us for open Gym Volleyball in the St. Anthony Parish Center every Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. beginning on September 24, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact **Jonathan Burdette** at cadjjn@yahoo.com or text/call **304-553-6658**.



St. Anthony 2020 Graduates—If you or a member of your family is a St. Anthony Spring/Summer 2020 Graduate, please contact **Jennifer Burdette** at **304-553-6601**.

National Chain of Life—Sunday, October 4 is the National Chain of Life from 2:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. 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.

Online Giving Now Available—We are excited to inform you that we now offer ParishSOFT Giving on our websites: www.stanthonywv.com and www.ourladyofthehills.com! As a church that seeks to serve, we wanted to provide you the convenience of being able to give the way you want, whenever you want. ParishSOFT Giving offers you the opportunity to make secure, automatic contributions from your bank [or credit/debit card] account to our church. Online Giving costs you nothing and provides many advantages to you and the church:

Benefits for You

- No check writing or ATM stops before church
- Safe, secure, and confidential transactions
- Use your checking/savings account or credit/debit card
- Schedule recurring or one-time donations
- Change a gift or account anytime you like
- Choose offertory, special funds, pledges
- View your giving history anytime

Benefits for the Church

- Provides sustained giving that helps parish budgeting and ministry planning
- Reduces check processing fees
- Allows staff more time to focus on ministries
- Creates peace in knowing your data and auto-deposited gifts are secure
- Accommodates special funds and tuition
- Provides giving history for tax statements
- Reaches a wider demographic of givers

We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. For more information about ParishSOFT Giving, please visit your parish website and click on the **“Click Here to Donate”** button, or call Michele at 304-342-2716.

Disaster Relief Collection: September 19 & 20—Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of September 19-20 in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred across the country (US Gulf hurricanes and the western wildfires) as well as the devastating explosion that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services and will provide pastoral support and rebuilding assistance to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Please remember in prayer those who have lost their lives as a result of these disasters, as well as all those who are injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, access to food and water and to those who remain without electricity or are stranded.

Checks should be made payable to your parish and indicate “Disaster Relief” on the memo line.

Catholic University of America: September 26 & 27—This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

LETTER OF HOPE *(continued from page 1)*

God has called us to bring hope into our troubled world at the brink of despair. ... I thank you for your prayers and concern for the sisters and our poor. I entrust you and your dear ones to the powerful protection of Our Lady, Mother of mercy and Mother of hope, and to the intercession of our Mother.

Please, pray for me,

God bless you

Sr. M. Prema m.c., Superior General, Missionaries of Charity

International Movement of Co-Workers of Mother Teresa, Motherhouse, Kolkata, India. 13 July 2020

JESUS KNOWS EACH OF US BY NAME

He invites us to follow him, live with him and be his disciple. If we have accepted the Lord's personal invitation, if we have been baptized and confirmed in this Christian way of life, then our first responsibility is to nurture, develop and share this precious gift: our personal vocation as disciples of Jesus Christ. This means we are called to be faithful stewards of the identity and mission we have been given as Christians. It also means that we are challenged to share our personal vocation with others—both within the Church, and among those who have not yet encountered the Lord Jesus or heard his personal call.

What Happens in Purgatory?

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that the souls in purgatory can expect a twofold pain: the pain of loss, which is the delay of the Beatific Vision, and the pain of sense, which is the fire of purgatory. Aquinas observed in his *Summa Theologica*: “With regard to both the least pain of Purgatory surpasses the greatest pain of this life. For the more a thing is desired, the more painful is its absence” (Appendix 1, 2). St. Thomas also taught that the fire of purgatory is the same as the fire of hell. This is, unquestionably, quite frightening, but at least St. Thomas assured us the souls in purgatory will not be tormented by demons, as that punishment is reserved for the damned. Those in purgatory have resisted demonic temptation, so do not deserve to be plagued after death by forces over which they have triumphed in life.

Saints who have written on purgatory are nearly countless. They include John Chrysostom, Augustine, Nicholas of Tolentino (the patron of souls in purgatory) and, in more present times, St. Faustina. Those wishing to consider concise reflections on purgatory from these and other holy souls may be interested in a book by Father F.X. Schouppe, S.J., titled “Purgatory Explained.”

~Father Reginald Martin