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

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

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Mass Schedule October 3 — 11

Saturday 10/03: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 10/04: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Stephen Bossie
Thursday 10/08:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †David Wibberg
Friday 10/09:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Liz Wiersteiner Williams
Saturday 10/10: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 10/11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †David Wibberg

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.

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!!

Stewardship Report for Sept. 26 & 27, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,303.50
Catholic University	36.95
Other	146.55
Attendance	Saturday—12 Sunday—47

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 540.00
Catholic University	280.00
Other	40.00
Attendance	Sunday—22

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

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.



“Almighty God, present in the entire universe and in the smallest of Your creatures, fill us with the strength of Your love so that we might take care of life and beauty.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 09/28/20

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Lift Up Your Hearts — #563
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	Save Us, O Lord — #646
Communion:	Gift of Finest Wheat — #322
Recessional:	I Sing the Mighty Power of God — #422



What is a Mass Intention?

From the days of the early Church it has been common practice to offer Mass for the dead, as well as for others. Archaeologists have discovered epitaphs on tombs in the Roman catacombs, asking for prayers for the departed one. Numerous early Church Fathers witness to this practice. Recall from St. Augustine's "Confessions" St. Monica's one dying request, "that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Countless Christians have made this same request of their survivors.

In his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* (1902), Pope Leo XIII situated the offering of Mass for others in the true context of our concern for others, the Communion of Saints. "For faith teaches us, that although the venerable Sacrifice may be lawfully offered to God alone, yet it may be celebrated in honor of the saints reigning in heaven with God who has crowned them in order that we may gain for ourselves their patronage. And it may also be offered — in accordance with an apostolic tradition — for the purpose of expiating the sins of those of the brethren who, having died in the Lord, have not yet fully paid the penalty of their transgressions" (No. 12).

~ Fr. Ray Ryland

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund: October 3 & 4—The collection for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund has been rescheduled to this weekend due to parish closings during the COVID-19 pandemic. This collection provides the support for retirement benefits and medical expenses for the diocesan priests who have served the people of our diocese as their vocation in life. If you have already donated this year to the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund, thank you for your gift. If you have not donated yet, please be generous. Remember to make your check payable to your parish and write "Priests' Retirement" in the memo line of your check.

Sacraments Course (October 18—November 21)—This five week course will look at the history and theology of the sacraments. This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dw.org with your name, address, and phone number. **The last day to register is Friday, October 16th.**

 **St. Anne's Outreach Center**
Our Lady of the Hills
Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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

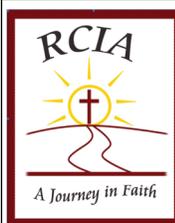
As of September 2020, St. Anne's has served 17 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	1,615.00
Less: Expenses	(748.31)
Balance as of <u>09/30/20</u>	\$ 4,803.18

Thank you for your generosity!



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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA**) is the process through which non-baptized adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In addition, RCIA welcomes adults who are already baptized but not Catholic and prepares those adults to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church, and it also helps those adults baptized Catholic, but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation, to complete their sacramental initiation. For more information about RCIA and the Catholic faith, please call Father Tijo at 304-342-2716 ext. 406 or email him at tgeorge@dw.org.



Congratulations—Congratulations to Noah Thomas Smith, son of Damon and Erika Smith, who was baptized at Our Lady of the Hills on Saturday, October 3, 2020. Let us pray for God’s light to guide him as he begins his spiritual journey.



Blessing of Animals This Weekend—Father Tijo George will bless all pets on **Saturday, October 3 at 11:45 p.m.** in the parking lot of **Our Lady of the Hills** and on **Sunday, October 4 at 12:30 p.m.** in the Rectory parking lot at **St. Anthony**.

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). If it rains, we will pray under the portico of the Capitol. Masks and social distancing required.

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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

St. Anthony Adult Education—Join Father Tijo George for a series of classes to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith. Beginning on **Wednesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m.**, each session will last about 45 minutes. If you are interested, please contact the office to sign up—email: secretary@stanthonywv.com or phone: 304-342-2716.

Sign Up for Online Giving

We are pleased to offer ParishSOFT Giving on our websites: www.stanthonywv.com and www.ourladyofthehills.com! 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.

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.

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the
Devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God,
thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

