

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

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DO WE HAVE ASSURANCE OF OUR SALVATION?

One of the doctrines of certain Protestant sects, especially among the Baptists, is that once you are saved you are always saved. This theology comes as a result of the Protestant doctrine of *sola fide*, or salvation by faith alone, which the Catholic Church has always condemned as a heresy, since Luther's time when it was first espoused. To most Protestants, salvation is a one-time event, usually referred to in terms of being "born again," after which they consider themselves "saved." By this, they mean that they are confident that Jesus has redeemed them and that they are guaranteed entry into heaven when they die — regardless of any sin committed later in their lives.

The Catholic position has always been that salvation, rather than being a one time, once and for all event, is a process that begins with our baptism and ends with our death and final judgment. Everything we do in between should be a build up in our own sanctification, our own relationship with Christ, and everything that we do matters in this regard. Just as we can (and should) grow closer to Christ, we can (and should avoid) grow farther apart, even to the extent in which we fall from a state of grace by committing mortal sin (1 Jn 5:16-17). If we depart this world without God's grace, our souls are in jeopardy. But we do not fear for God has given us the sacrament of reconciliation (Confession) as a means by which we are to repent and to remain in a state of grace.

Why Do Catholics Venerate Relics?

Although more than a common part of Catholic culture and practice, the veneration of relics has been practiced less during the last 50 years or so. But that seems to be changing in recent years, as a number of saintly relics have been traversing the United States, attracting large numbers of the faithful. Relics seem to be making a comeback, and in a big way.

And yet the veneration of relics in the Catholic tradition can be misunderstood easily. At (continued on page 4)

Mass Schedule October 17 — 25

Saturday 10/17: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 10/18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Edward Wuletich
Wednesday 10/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 10/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †David Wibberg
Friday 10/23:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Liz Wiersteiner Williams
Saturday 10/24: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Stanley & Pauline Wyatt
Sunday 10/25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

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 October 10 & 11, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,627.50
Building Fund	273.00
Other	85.55

Attendance Saturday—17 Sunday—44

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,489.00
All Souls Day	75.00
Other	205.00

Attendance Sunday—19

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.



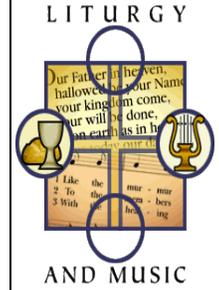
“Appearances notwithstanding, every person is immensely holy and deserves our love. Consequently, if I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 10/11/20

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Sing a New Song — #545
Gloria:	Mass of Renewal — #860
Offertory:	For the Fruits of This Creation — #426
Communion:	Bread of Angels — #365
Recessional:	Glory and Praise to Our God — #547



World Mission Sunday: October 17 & 18—Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. Thank you for your generosity. Remember to make your check payable to your parish and write “World Mission Sunday” in the memo line of your check.

Prayer for Elections from the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Newsletter

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps and Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~ Elaine Rendler-McQueoney



All Souls Candle Remembrance—Each November, we remember our departed loved ones with candles to honor them. If you receive collection envelopes, you may complete the front of the All Souls envelope with the names of your deceased and drop it in the collection basket. If you do not receive envelopes and wish to remember your departed loved ones, you may list them on a blank envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The suggested giving level is \$5.00 per candle.

CHANGE A LIFE
 Teach Someone to Read
 or
 Teach English as a Second Language
 (ESL)

FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING

Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 Monday, Oct. 26 from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Volunteer Tutors Must Have Computers
 and Wi-Fi to Teach Virtually

TO REGISTER CALL
304-989-9481

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County is an all volunteer non-profit

Funds provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) and Volunteer West Virginia

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Congratulations—We would like to congratulate Evie Ferguson who graduated from Charleston Catholic this past summer 2020. She is attending the University of Charleston to pursue a degree in nursing.

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.

Why Do Catholics Venerate Relics? *(continued from page 1)*

first glance it can appear to be displaced praise. Critics would falsely claim that praise or worship is accorded to the relic or saint rather than God himself, who, of course, is rightly the only subject of all worship.

A proper understanding of relic veneration, however, is best achieved with an appropriate approach. It would simply be incoherent to think that a Catholic or Christian would offer praise and worship to anyone other than God. And yet, honoring the saints — and their relics — is also an important part of what we do.

In order to develop a proper understanding of the place of relics in the Christian tradition, it might be helpful to consider them within a different context — that of family. It's not uncommon for many people to honor the memory of their loved ones by keeping pictures of family around the house. Nor is it uncommon to keep cherished belongings of our deceased loved ones, like grandma's jewelry or grandpa's Bible. These belongings likely are treasured, and treated with honor and reverence. They're kept in safe and honorable places. They're well-packaged when we move. They're often handed on from one generation to the next. These secular "relics" assist us in recalling the person and his or her life, and the memories that remind us of who they were and what they were about.

It is not rare to honor remnants of relatives' bodies, or those of notable people. Often parents will keep first teeth that are lost or save clippings of their child's first haircut. We build monuments to great men and women, and set up grave markers to memorialize them. And so it seems almost second nature for us to honor members of our family and those dear to us as well as the objects that belonged to them.

And so why wouldn't a similar reverence translate into our family of the Church? The saints are those men and women from our family who are deserving of our honor for their life of spiritual greatness. Moreover, they have put on Christ in baptism and become members of his body.

Catholics see the members of the Church as members of a family. Of course, as human beings — composites of body and soul — the Church honors their bodies after death. We, of course, do this as well in our families when we visit and decorate graves on birthdays, death dates or holidays. Made in God's image and likeness, we recognize the dignity of the human person by honoring their earthly remains — that is why the Church demands of proper disposal of a person's remains (burial of body or cremains).

Within this context, then, we should understand that relics are meant to be honored and venerated, not worshipped. In fact, the saints lead us to fuller worship of God in spirit and truth. By honoring their memories, bodies and belongings, we give thanks to God for the saint's holy witness. Relics are physical, tangible, concrete reminders that heaven is obtainable for us — so long as we recognize what made the saints holy and work to apply those qualities to our lives. When venerating relics we express gratitude to God for those members of our spiritual family. In the presence of the relics we recall their holy lives and we pray for the grace to achieve what they've achieved — eternity with God in Heaven.

~ Michael R. Heinlein

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

**Join us at St. Anthony Parish Center
on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

The Topic is **"Divine Revelation: God Seeking Us
and the Compass for Our Lives"**

This Session will cover:

- Divine Revelation: why and how God reveals himself to us
- Jesus as the fulfillment of God's revelation
- The transmission of Divine Revelation through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition
- The Magisterium as the authoritative interpreter of Scripture and Tradition

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.

