

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

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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:**

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

## A QUESTION ON OUR DEARLY DEPARTED

*Question: Often on Facebook and other sites, people speak of deceased loved ones as being in heaven. What are we to think of this sort of expression, and how should we speak of the deceased?*

On the one hand, we can see expressions like this as a hopeful and polite way of speaking of the dead.

Theologically, however, simply declaring or assuming a person is in heaven is wrong for a number of reasons. First, we take the judgment seat that belongs to Christ. Second, we may well engage in presumption. Third, we often mislead people into dubious hope or presumption. Fourth, we often deprive the dead who are in purgatory the prayers they need and deserve from us. Scripture does not say that we die and go straight to heaven. We have a little appointment to keep: the judgment seat of Christ. And even if the judgment is not about hell, a second judgment concerns the imperfections and sorrows that must be purged for nothing imperfect can enter heaven. It isn't just our sins or the effects of them that need to be removed, but we also carry things we know we can't take to heaven, such as regrets, past hurts, sorrows, etc. Christ must wipe these tears from our eyes. Therefore, it is proper to assume that when our loved ones die, they go through some period of purification and purgation. How lengthy this is and how time here relates to "time" in purgatory or heaven is unknown.

Perhaps a better way of speaking of our loved one is the traditional way: "Uncle Joe died two years ago. May he rest in peace." This avoids fake canonizations and inspires prayer. It reminds others that Uncle Joe is in the care of God, who knows what is right, just, best and necessary.

~ Msgr. Charles Pope

## Mass Schedule November 14 — 22

Saturday 11/14: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Paula Locke
Sunday 11/15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Dolores Buhl  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday 11/18:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 11/19:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †David Wibberg
Friday 11/20:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 11/21: Feast of Christ the King	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Paula Locke
Sunday 11/22: Feast of Christ the King	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](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, William Ashworth

**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 November 7 & 8, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 2,300.50
Building Fund	170.00
Other	277.90

Attendance    Saturday—19    Sunday—44

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 585.00
LERMA	165.00
Other	165.00

Attendance    Sunday—24

**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.



**"All of us are able to give without expecting anything in return, to do good to others without demanding that they treat us well in return. As Jesus told his disciples: 'Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give' (Mt 10:8)."**

~Pope Francis tweet on 11/07/20

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Christ Before Us — #409
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Healing
<b>Offertory:</b>	Peace Be With Those
<b>Communion:</b>	Eye Has Not Seen — #461
<b>Recessional:</b>	River of Glory — #641



**Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): November 21 & 22**—Our second collection the weekend of November 23 & 24 will be for the CCHD. There are over 43 million people in the United States living in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. In addition, 25% of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.



**St. Anthony Angel Tree for the Salvation Army**—Help a child feel special and joyful this Christmas by selecting an angel from our Angel Tree. You can purchase a gift from the wish list or purchase an age-appropriate toy or clothing. All items must be new. There is a removable label on the back of your angel. Place your **unwrapped gift or gifts** in a plastic can liner (garbage bag) and affix the label to the bag. You may include wrapping paper inside the plastic bag in addition to your gift. **Please return unwrapped gifts by Thursday, December 10th, to the Church or directly to the Salvation Army. If you have any questions, call Katy Layne at 304-344-3495.**

**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Retreats**—Do you enjoy ministering to young people, or might you want to give it a try? Do you have experience with TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) retreats, or might you want to learn more about them?

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is working to form a group of interested adults as an official, diocesan TEC Leadership Team. Our new co-chairs of the team are Mr. Ralph Modena and Mrs. Gina Boggess, both of Princeton. We're looking for adults who will be able to devote some time to developing a robust TEC program throughout the state and building the infrastructure to maintain it. We will need help identifying other adults who might be able to help, reaching teens who might be interested in attending a retreat, and promoting the retreats to parishes, schools, and ministry centers.

If you might have an interest in joining our efforts, please contact Mrs. Jeanne McKeets, in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, at 304-233-0880, extension 374. She can also be reached at [jmckeets@dw.org](mailto:jmckeets@dw.org).

**Family Needs Help with Furnishings**—A St. Anthony family has recently moved to the West Side. They currently need assistance furnishing their apartment. Some items they need include: 1 coffee table, 2 end tables, 1 bedroom dresser and/or 1 chest of drawers for adult bedroom, 1 bedroom dresser and/or 1 chest of drawers for children (2 girls), one table with four chairs (not oversized due to limited space). If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please call the office at 304-342-2716 or send an email to [secretary@stanthonywv.com](mailto:secretary@stanthonywv.com). We have volunteers who will pick up and deliver your donation.

**Hand Sanitizer and Disinfecting Wipe Donations**—We are accepting donations of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for both parishes. There will be a basket at the church entrances for donations. Thank you!!!

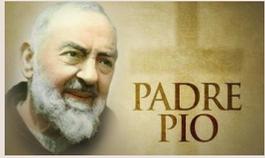
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We ask that you consider using this service—especially if you currently manage your bills or banking online. For more information about ParishSOFT Giving, please visit your parish website and click on the **“Click Here to Donate”** button, or call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

## 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. Every thing we do in between should be a build up in our own sanctification, our own relationship with Christ, and every thing 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.



### TAKING NOTHING, HAVING EVERYTHING

"Don't turn in on yourself as so often happens, unfortunately. In the midst of the trials which may afflict you, just place all your confidence in our Supreme Good in the knowledge that he takes more care of us than a mother takes of her child.... Take courage, then, I repeat, and have courage at all times. The Lord is with you, always ready to welcome what you confide to him in secret.

Be steadfast and firm in your faith and be on the alert, for in this way you will avoid all the evil snares of the enemy. This is precisely the warning given us by the prince of the apostles, Saint Peter: "Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." Resist him, firm in your faith." Yes, renew your faith in the truths of Christian doctrine, especially at times of conflict. And renew in a most particular way your faith in the promises of eternal life which our most sweet Jesus makes to those who fight energetically and courageously. God, the author of all grace and of every gift leading to salvation, has decreed that glory will be ours on condition that we endure suffering with a Christian spirit. So let us lift up our hearts full of confidence in God alone. Let us humble ourselves beneath his powerful hand, let us cheerfully accept the trials to which the mercy of the heavenly Father subjects us, so that he may raise us up at the time of his visitation. Let all our concern be to love God and be pleasing to him, paying no attention to all the rest, in the knowledge that God will always take more care of us than we can say or imagine.

~ St. Padre Pio

**Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral Employment Opportunity**—Sacred Heart is looking for a motivated and semi-skilled Maintenance Worker to join our team. \*Physical work is a requirement; you must have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation. If interested, please e-mail your résumé to John Blake, [jblake@shccwv.us](mailto:jblake@shccwv.us) or call 342-8175.

### Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

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

The Topic is "THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: The  
Mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection"

This Session will cover:

- How the Cross "works"- how it brings about our salvation
- How Christ, being both God and man, was able to heal our relationship with God through his death on the cross
- What it means when we say that Jesus "descended into hell"
- What Jesus' death and Resurrection mean for our lives today
- The real reason Jesus came to live with us

### 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.

