

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

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## ADVENT: A TIME OF WAITING, CONVERSION & HOPE

- **Waiting:** the memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; and for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- **Conversion:** to which the Liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand";
- **Joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).
- Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

Placing four candles on green fronds in an **Advent Wreath** has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).

The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent. It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God's plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Savior. The faithful are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child. Mary, who was "intimately united with the birth of the Church in America, became the radiant Star illuminating the proclamation of Christ the Savior to the sons of these nations".

*Directory on Popular Piety & Liturgy, The Vatican*

## Mass Schedule November 28 — December 6

Saturday 11/28: 1st Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Thomas Ramsey
Sunday 11/29: 1st Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday 12/02:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 12/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Terrie Rosenfeld
Friday 12/04:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Terrie Rosenfeld
Saturday 12/05: 2nd Sunday of Advent	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/06: 2nd Sunday of Advent	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Sally Rectenwald Stewart

### 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, Terrie Rosenfeld

**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 21 & 22, 2020

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,562.50
Campaign for Human Dev.	337.05
Other	86.40

Attendance Saturday—22 Sunday—36

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 430.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	400.00
Other	45.00

Attendance Sunday—20

**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 earth and its poor urgently demand a sound economy and a sustainable development. Therefore, we are called to rethink our mental and moral priorities so that they are in conformity with God’s commandments and the common good.”**

~Pope Francis tweet on 11/19/20

## Music for Liturgy



<b>Entrance:</b>	Save Us, O Lord — #648
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Healing
<b>Offertory:</b>	Come, Lord Jesus — #60
<b>Communion:</b>	Christ, Be Our Light — #587
<b>Recessional:</b>	Let the King of Glory Come — #63



### Survey of Catholic Doctrine (January 3 – February 6)

A five-week course offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This is a hybrid model offering both live weekly lectures (through Zoom) as well as a rich variety of online resources.

We will look at some of the major doctrines of the Catholic Church including the Trinity, original sin, church, salvation history, and the communion of saints. We will explore and deepen our understanding of terms and concepts such as: magisterium, ecumenism, eschatology, and other Catholic terms.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

**This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition.**

**The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu.**

**For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at the Diocese at [jmckeets@dwc.org](mailto:jmckeets@dwc.org).**

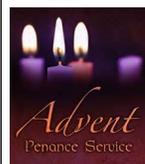
### THE VALUE OF CONSCIENCE

The memory still stings: there I was, age 7, the veteran of a splendidly moving and memorable first holy Communion and graced with an oddball love of the Sacrament of Confession in all of its velvet-curtained-sliding-screen ambiance, planning to steal a toy “ladies fan” from a candy store, simply to see if I could.

The fan was red, and I had always been — and still am — a sucker for all things red. It was airy, lacy and flamboyant, and I had the 10 cents the thing cost in my pocket.

But the toy display was on the other side of the cashier, and the devil was on my shoulder: “Take it,” he whispered. “I bet you could slip it into your pocket and no one would know.”

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**Our Lady of the Hills**

**St. Anthony**

### Communal Penance Services

**Thursday, December 17**

**Friday, December 18**

**Mass 6:00 p.m.**

**Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.**

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### Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	5:30 p.m.	SA
Christmas Eve	8:00 p.m.	<b>OLH *</b>
Christmas Eve	10:30 p.m.	SA
Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.	SA

**\*OLH Reservation Required**—Contact Chuck Stodola by email: [charlesstodola@msn.com](mailto:charlesstodola@msn.com) or phone: 304-343-0631. You must leave your name, number attending, and if those attending can sit together.



### Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve	5:30 p.m.	SA
New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.	OLH



### St. Anthony: Men's Socks & Gloves

We are now collecting **men's socks and gloves** to be donated to the Veterans Center. Please donate only **new socks and gloves**. There are baskets located in the back of the church for your donation.

### Rosary for the Unborn

Anyone who would like to pray the rosary for the unborn in our area, for the men and women affected by abortion and the closure of the Women's Health Center, please call Stan Wyatt at 304-346-8135.

## THE VALUE OF CONSCIENCE (continued from page 3)

Petty theft, which I had never before aspired to, became suddenly a tantalizing challenge. And the fan was red. I took it. I cleverly slipped the thing into my sleeve and casually walked out the door. It was so easy. And so completely unsatisfying.

By the time I'd walked home, fanning myself all the way in a manner I was sure duplicated the graceful lines of a señorita, I had begun to feel a peculiar emptiness that was new, and throughout the day that feeling grew, until it threatened to become a black hole into which I could disappear. By eventide, I had thrown the fan away from me in disgust. It wasn't mine; it was ill-gotten booty. I had sinned, and it was not good.

The next day was Saturday — confession day in our neighborhood, for in 1965 it was a rare Catholic who would receive Communion without first reconciling themselves to God. I frankly couldn't wait to get the theft off my chest — and out of my heart and soul — and had barely gotten the “bless me father” off my tongue before the full story came pouring out. The priest, spending another glorious Saturday within a small, airless box and — at that hour — listening mostly to the piping sins of children, had given a grumpy acknowledgement that my sin was a biggie. “Stealing is mentioned in the Ten Commandments; it especially offends God,” he said, and I thought, “I know, I know, it's been eating at me.”

Thank God for penance. A Rosary decade on my knees felt sufficiently arduous, and I emerged from church feeling like I'd done my piece. And yet . . . it couldn't be that easy, could it? Where was the justice? The man at the candy store was still out his 10 cents.

Walking home, I fingered the quarter in my pocket, given me by my grandmother and designated for an orange drink I craved. My sense of justice wrestled with my thirst. I did dearly love my orange drink. But, finally, conscience won out; stepping into the candy store, I approached the counter, meaning to confess my crime, pay the dime and be done. But I couldn't. Serving justice on a coward's tray, I waited until the man's attention was diverted, and quietly slid the quarter on his counter and quickly left the store.

It was not a perfectly balanced redemption; it left me cleansed, but out 15 cents. But I had not yet explored the vagaries of fairness. I was ignorant of all but the most elementary theology, and it would be many years before I could distinguish between the unsophisticated notion of “Catholic guilt” and the heavy grace of “a properly formed conscience,” but I felt better. My Catholic grounding had informed my sense of both justice and mercy. I had confessed regret to my God and made a generous, if anonymous, restitution, and the gaping mouth of emptiness so eager to swallow me had been resolutely snapped shut. The red fan was never again a pleasurable toy, but it became a favorite possession, a reminder that whenever God is pushed aside, only emptiness awaits.

~ Elizabeth Scalia

### Breaking Bread 2021 Missals



Each family is invited to pick up a Breaking Bread 2021 Missal as your personal missal for your family to use at Mass. Please write your name on the cover. **Due to COVID-19, do not leave your personal missal in the church.** You are to carry the missal back and forth to Mass each week.

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

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

The Topic is “**THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE  
LIFE OF GRACE: God's Divine Life Within Us**”

This Session will cover:

- Who the Holy Spirit is
- How the Holy Spirit operates in our lives and in the life of the Church
- Why it is absolutely essential that we come to know and love the Spirit
- The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit
- The ways the Holy Spirit makes us holy

## **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.

