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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, 'full of grace' through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin. In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth— long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church.

MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother. To you we come. Before you we kneel, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your clemency, hear and answer them. Amen.

~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Mass Schedule December 5 — 13

Saturday 12/05: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/06: <small>2nd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Sally Rectenwald Stewart
Tuesday 12/08: <small>Immaculate Conception</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) OLH Mass 7:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Wednesday 12/09:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 12/10:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 12/11:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 12/12: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 12/13: <small>3rd Sunday of Advent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Alfred & Ann Romagnoli



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, William Ashworth, Terrie Rosenfeld, Anna Corbin

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, Doug Rollins, Anna Corbin

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 28 & 29, 2020

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 947.50
Giving Tuesday	1,727.00
St. Anthony Caring Fund	10.00
Other	12.50

Attendance Saturday—16 Sunday—47

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 350.00
Giving Tuesday	150.00

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.

Mark Scarpelli and Dan Kehde's "Mary: A Rock Opera" follows the life of Mary, mother of Jesus, during the final 9 months before the birth of Christ. Because of COVID-19, they are unable to mount the usual production in 2020, but the Contemporary Youth Arts Company is keeping the tradition alive with a film adaptation that was shot under strict COVID protocols. To view the Mary video, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSeIWjEJ3t8>.

Music for Liturgy

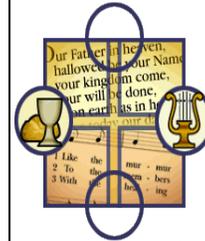
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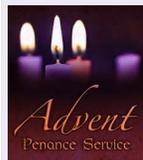
Entrance:	On Jordan's Bank — #61
Offertory:	A Voice Cries Out — #44
Holy:	Mass of Healing
Communion:	Like a Shepherd — #606
Recessional:	Come, Lord! Maranatha — #65

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Communal Penance Services



Our Lady of the Hills

Thursday, December 17

Mass 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.

St. Anthony

Friday, December 18

Reconciliation 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve	5:30 p.m.	SA
Christmas Eve	8:00 p.m.	OLH *
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 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



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the patron saint of the United States, is celebrated on **December 8**. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Mass this Tuesday at **St. Anthony** at **5:30 p.m.** and at **Our Lady of the Hills** at **7:00 p.m.**



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.



Parish Christmas Presents & 2021 Catholic Calendars—For Christmas, Father Tijo George invites each Parish Family to pick up “Remember When!,” a book written by Jeremiah Gagnon, an Our Lady of the Hills parishioner. Also, our 2021 Catholic calendars are now available. At St. Anthony, the books and calendars are located at the back of the church. At Our Lady of the Hills, the books and calendars are located in the gathering space. **Please only take one book and calendar per family.**

Bulletin Announcements—The deadline for bulletin announcements this week is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.**



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 November 2020, St. Anne's has served 28 children.

Balance as of <u>12/31/19</u>	\$ 3,936.49
Contributions Received	1,895.00
Less: Expenses	(1,165.51)
Balance as of <u>11/30/20</u>	\$ 4,665.98

Thank you for your generosity!

Retirement Fund for Religious: December 12 & 13—Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for the Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Catholic Charities West Virginia: December 24 & 25—Support Catholic Charities West Virginia today! Our readings remind us of our baptism, where we joined the body of Christ and began our mission of love. At Catholic Charities West Virginia, we love our neighbors through caring and compassionate services to people in need, supporting them as they make meaningful change. **Will you help us?** Donate at www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org, mail in a donation (2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003), text ‘Christmas’ to 304-245-6600 or donate during any Christmas Mass (please make checks donated at Mass payable to your parish). We're waiting in joyful hope: 19 Days Until Christmas!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – DECEMBER 12



In 1531 a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a poor Indian (St. Juan Diego), at Tepeyac, near Mexico City; she identified herself as the Mother of the True God, instructed him to have the bishop build a temple on the site and left an image of herself imprinted miraculously on his tilma, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which shows no sign of decay 488 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin.

Yearly, an estimated 10 million visit her Basilica, making her Mexico City home the most popular Marian shrine in the world, and the most visited Catholic Church in the world next to St. Peter's in Rome. In 1999, Pope St. John Paul II, in his homily at the Basilica, declared December 12 as a Feast Day for the whole continent, naming Our Lady of Guadalupe Patroness of all Americas. During the same visit the Holy Father entrusted the cause of life to her loving protection, and placed under her motherly care the innocent lives of children, especially those who are in danger of not being born.

THE BEAUTY OF THE PSALMS

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, in our continuing catechesis on prayer, we now turn to the Book of Psalms, which can be considered a great treasury of prayers. The Psalms teach us to pray to God in words that he himself has given us. In them, we encounter the entire gamut of human emotions, from praise, petition, and joyful thanksgiving to anguished supplication for deliverance from life's bitter disappointments and sorrows.

The Psalms teach us that God is not deaf to our prayers, especially those that arise from a broken heart and a troubled spirit. The Psalmist's repeated cry, 'How long, Lord?', is itself an acknowledgment that, amid our every trial and tribulation, God hears our voice and never abandons us. As a loving Father, he weeps for our sufferings in this world, yet in his wisdom, he has a saving plan for each of us.

The Psalms are thus a guide to growth in the practice of prayer. They open our hearts to ever deeper hope in God's providential care; they confirm our trust in his promises, and they inspire us to persevere on our life-long journey of faith in his word." they confirm our trust in his promises, and they inspire us to persevere on our life-long journey of faith in his word." ~ Pope Francis



Congratulations!—We congratulate Susan Bossie-Maddox of St. Anthony for being selected by our Vicariate Pastoral Council to serve as a representative to the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

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 "WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH?:
The Mystery of the Catholic Church"

This Session will cover:

- How communion with the Church is directly related to our relationship with Christ
- How the Church is more than a human institution
- Why Jesus established only one Church
- The four marks of the Church
- How the Church can be holy when it is filled with sinners

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.

