

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

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

If God already knows our future and what we will choose, then what's the point?

The question regarding God's foreknowledge and our free will is one of the most vexing to puzzle Christian theologians, and it was one of the fundamental issues leading to the breakup of Christianity during the Protestant Reformation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "To God, all moments of time are present in their immediacy. When therefore he establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he includes in it each person's free response to his grace" (No. 600). In its simplest terms, this means God provides grace sufficient to save a soul, but this grace has no effect if an individual refuses to cooperate with it. We conclude this because our faith teaches (1) God has conferred a supernatural destiny upon us and (2) our first parents, before the Fall, were endowed with sanctifying grace, but they chose to disregard it.

~Father Reginald Martin

WORDS TO PONDER

"The Church is nourished spiritually at the twofold table of God's word and of the Eucharist: from the one, it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness. In the word of God, the divine covenant is announced; in the Eucharist, the new and everlasting covenant is renewed. On the one hand, the history of salvation is brought to mind by means of human sounds; on the other, it is made manifest in the sacramental signs of the Liturgy. It can never be forgotten, therefore, that the divine word read and proclaimed by the Church in the Liturgy has as its one purpose the sacrifice of the New Covenant and the banquet of grace, that is, the Eucharist. The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship. That act offers the sacrifice of praise to God and makes available to God's creatures the fullness of redemption." *from the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass*

Mass Schedule February 6 — 14

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| Saturday 02/06: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SA Mass 5:30 p.m. †Terrie Rosenfeld |
| Sunday 02/07: 5th 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 |
| Monday 02/08: | No Mass |
| Tuesday 02/09: | No Mass |
| Wednesday 02/10: | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday 02/11: | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift) |
| Friday 02/12: | SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Soul of Betsy |
| Saturday 02/13: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish |
| Sunday 02/14: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Marilyn Spencer SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Debbie Reed |



Safe Environment—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB’s *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction & visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families’ Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under “Accountability”, then “Report Misconduct” or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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 Hanson, David Dodd, Nazira Joseph, Zachariah Kushner, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Maya Clark, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, William Ashworth

Our Lady of the Hills—Bert Zodorozny, Margaret Hancock, Violet Edwards, William Spencer, Katie Caroli, Jeanne Rollins, Steven Spencer, Harry Crede, Doug Rollins, Vickie Ayoob

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 January 30 & 31, 2021

St. Anthony

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| Offering | \$ 1,113.50 |
| Church in Latin America | 135.00 |
| Building Fund | 50.00 |
| Attendance | Saturday—20 Sunday—43 |

Our Lady of the Hills

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| Offering | \$ 690.00 |
| Church in Latin America | 350.00 |
| Attendance | Sunday—27 |

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.

Music for Liturgy

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| Entrance: | Christ in Me Arise — #518 |
| Gloria: | Mass of Healing |
| Offertory: | Healing River of the Spirit — #664 |
| Communion: | We Remember — #493 |
| Recessional: | Lift Up Your Hearts — #562 |

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St. Anne's Outreach Center

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

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 January 31, 2021, St. Anne's has not served any children.

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| Balance as of <u>12/31/20</u> | \$ 4,285.98 |
| Contributions Received | 170.00 |
| Less: Expenses | (0.00) |
| Balance as of <u>01/31/21</u> | \$ 4,455.98 |

Thank you for your generosity!



“After the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for His own, “that they may all be one” (Jn 17:21). This means that we are not able to achieve unity with our own strength. Above all, unity is a gift, it is a grace to be requested through prayer.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 01/20/21

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!

St. Anthony Restoration Committee—We want to hear from you! The St. Anthony Restoration Committee is currently looking at projects to improve and restore our parish buildings. If you have any suggestions or something that you want brought to our attention, please let us know. For your convenience, there is a suggestion box in the back of the church or you can contact Susan Bossie-Maddox by phone at 304-541-0068 or email at saintanthonyrestoration@gmail.com.

Adult Educational Opportunity—Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF).

The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. 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, February 19th.**

Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church

Ecclesiology is the theological study of the Church and in this course we will learn basic terms and concepts that are essential for understanding the Church's nature and mission, and how these have been a constant theme in the Church's evolution as a "living organism" throughout history. We will focus on the New Testament Church, those earliest of Christians and what it felt like to be a Christian in the first century. We will look at this time of development and transition as community and leadership rose. We will study the early questions that arose in this time period and we will end with how this early Church serves as a guide and blueprint for issues in the Church today. Although the class will meet regularly on Thursday nights, the first night of the class will be on Wednesday, February 24th, at 7pm. This is due to a Diocesan-wide Zoom presentation with Bishop John Stowe on Thursday, February 25th, which we don't want to interfere with.

Offered Thursdays 7-9 pm

Introduction to Scripture

Though an introductory course can't cover everything one needs to know to navigate the world of scripture, this course provides the basic concepts to begin the journey! We will focus on how the Bible came about, what were some of the cultural factors which influenced the events around the writings of the Old and New Testaments, and what Church documents today tell us about the Bible. Our focus will be on how Catholics read and interpret the Bible.

Offered Thursdays 1-3 pm

All courses run from Feb 21-March 27; successful completion is worth 2.5 CEU's if taken for score.

National Marriage Week

February 7—14, 2021

This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." This is a wonderful opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

This week we pray for all married and engaged couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage vows, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking

February 8, 2021

With encouragement from Pope Francis, the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General designated February 8th as an annual day of prayer, reflection, and action against human trafficking. On this day, we remember and pray for survivors and victims of modern-day slavery. We pray that we may work together to remove the causes of this disgraceful scourge that is present in all our cities and neighborhoods.

February 8th is also the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan in 1869, St. Bakhita was kidnapped and enslaved as a child. Eventually she was sold to an Italian diplomat and taken to Italy, where she valiantly asserted her freedom with the help of the Cannossian Sisters of Venice. Through her faith, St. Bakhita realized the promise of liberty inherent in the human spirit. She lived out the rest of her life as a Cannossian sister, sharing her empowering testimony of human freedom and dignity. In 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Josephine Bakhita, noting that in this saint, "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation.

World Day for the Sick

February 11, 2021

We pray for all those suffering from illness, especially those whose health has been impacted by the Coronavirus. We also pray for their caregivers and family members.

Come and Strengthen your Faith....!

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

The Topic is **"WALK THROUGH THE MASS:
Exploring the Sacred Liturgy"**

This Session will cover:

- How the Mass we celebrate today links back to apostolic times
- The four main sections of the Mass
- How we encounter God in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- What we can do to "get more" out of every Mass
- Why we must attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation

Pope Francis' Prayer to SAINT JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

