

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

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

FROM HOPE TO DIE BY SCOTT HAHN

Excerpt: “When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Christ, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This is what every Catholic child learns before he or she receives First Holy Communion, and this is the ancient belief of the Church, taught to us by Jesus himself: “My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed” (John 6:55). “This is my body . . . This is my blood” (Matt 26:26-28).

In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is really and truly present. His presence is as real as it was when he walked the streets of Jerusalem and as real as it will be when he returns at the end of days. It is a true parousia, a true coming. And it changes us. At every Mass, in every Holy Communion, Jesus gives his divine life to us. As we've talked about already, the Church calls this life sanctifying grace. It's the life that God breathed into Adam at the dawn of creation and that Adam and Eve both possessed until they made the mistake of listening to the serpent. Sanctifying grace is what they lost, and it's what Jesus restores to us in Baptism.

The Eucharist is God continuing to nourish us with that gift. He feeds us with himself to give our souls what they need for our journey through this world. When we receive the Eucharist frequently, worthily, and reverently, we are healed. We are comforted. We are strengthened. We are empowered to live the life God calls us to live, make the sacrifices he calls us to make, and be the people he calls us to be. The Eucharist, in short, helps us to become holy. It helps us to become saints.”



Mass Schedule February 27 — March 7

Saturday 02/27: <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 02/28: <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Marilyn Spencer (F. & C. Mosier) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Ray & Catherine DePaulo (E. Jordan)
Monday 03/01:	No Mass
Tuesday 03/02:	OLH Stations 6:00 p.m.—Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 03/03:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 03/04:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 03/05:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Mary Canterbury (M. J. Zsoldos & B. Williams) SA Stations 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 03/06: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 03/07: <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †James Caroli (C. & T. Stodola) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Randy Tyler (M. Tyler)



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 Feb. 17, 20 & 21, 2021

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,459.50
Black & Indian Missions	110.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	85.00
Other	25.00

Attendance Wed.—46 Sat.—18 Sun.—45

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 530.00
Black & Indian Missions	445.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	115.00
Other	95.00

Attendance Wednesday—22 Sunday—23

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:	Glory in the Cross — #138
Offertory:	I Have Loved You — #602
Holy:	Sanctus — #857
Communion:	Loving and Forgiving — #654
Recessional:	Beyond the Days — #121

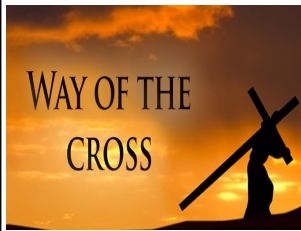
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Bulletin & Mass Announcements—The deadline this week for bulletin announcements is **Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.** and for Mass announcements is **Friday at 9:00 a.m.** Thank you!

Schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent



St. Anthony

Fridays: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Hills

Tuesdays: Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund: March 6 & 7 — A special second collection is scheduled for the weekend of **March 6 & 7, 2021**, to support the **Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA)**, a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

TEC is a diocesan spiritual movement for older high school teens and young college students. It begins with a retreat weekend filled with dynamic reflections, music, sacraments, adoration, small group dialogue, prayer, and community building. Afterwards, the TEC community (TECITES) evolves into a network of mutual support that both reinforces their parish involvement and personal spiritual growth. TEC leads participants to integrate Christ's Paschal Mystery (dying, rising, and going forth) at a time of passage through which they are preparing for adult life after high school and college.

TEC is effective in helping young people focus on their spiritual life as well as their secular life. It also empowers them to speak openly and courageously to their friends about their faith in Christ and their living out of Christian values.

TEC began in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in the late sixties under the leadership of Fathers Ed Bell and Jody DeBias (both deceased). Father Leon Alexander was a team member of the very first TEC in Wheeling, serving as a confessor for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In recent years, TEC became dormant, but it is currently being revived under the leadership of Mr. Daniel Maul, the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Youth. Daniel has formed a Diocesan TEC Steering Committee consisting of Ralph Modena of Princeton, Kathy Lynch of Beckley, Theresa O'Leary of Charleston, Fr. Leon Alexander of Charleston, Father John McDonough of Morgantown, and many more. They are meeting often via ZOOM.



“There is no time today for indifference. Either we are brothers and sisters, or everything will fall apart. Fraternity is the new frontier for humanity on which we need to build; it is the challenge of our century.” ~Pope Francis tweet on 02/04/21

DID YOU KNOW? A 2020 Pew study stated: "In 2018 the global median level of government restrictions on religion continued to climb, rising to an all-time high. By far the worst offender was China. According to the Pew study, Christians experienced the most harassment globally, facing persecution in 145 countries; Muslims in 139; and Jews in 88. "This century is only two decades old," Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of NY and cautioned, "but has **already seen 1.25 million** martyrs killed around the world simply because of their belief in Jesus Christ, and that threat to religious believers is growing." **Cardinal Dolan was recently named by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as chair of its Committee on Religious Liberty.**

Questions and Answers about Lent

Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are 46.

It might be more accurate to say that there is the "forty day fast within Lent." Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of 46 days. The forty day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the Time of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?

Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole Time of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?

Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Are there exemptions other than for age from the requirement to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

Franciscan Sisters, TOR Lenten Retreat 2021

The Franciscan Sisters, TOR are excited to invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat, held virtually on Saturday, March 27th. Our theme is Into Your Hands, Father, focusing on trust and abandonment to our Heavenly Father, seen in the life of Jesus and our own lives! The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister. Our sisters will also share short video reflections during Lent, leading up to the retreat, on our Facebook page and Youtube channel, and offer weekly small groups.

More information about the Lenten Retreat can be found on our webpage, www.franciscansisterstor.org, under Events. Registration for both the small groups and the retreat itself will also be found at that link. There is no fee to register, but registration is required by Wednesday, March 24th for the retreat itself. If you are a part of a parish group, Bible study group, or prayer group, and would like your group to participate, see our Events page or contact Sr. Anna Rose at (740)544-5542 x135. Individuals and groups of family and friends are also welcome!

Come and Strengthen your Faith...!

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

The Topic is **“MATRIMONY & HOLY ORDERS:
The Sacraments of Service and Communion”**

This Session will cover:

- Some of the key foundations for building a strong marriage
- Why marriage is a sacrament and what difference this makes for married couples
- How Christ's love for his Church is the model for marriage
- The difference between divorce and annulments in the Catholic Church
- And finally, the second Sacrament of Service – Holy Orders

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.

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.