

# 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.

## How Are Readings Chosen For Mass?

The cycle of readings at Mass throughout the year has been established by the Church; more specifically, with the Second Vatican Council's reform of the Liturgy, and by the authority of the Pope, a new Roman Missal and Lectionary has been established. There are two cycles of readings: weekdays and Sundays (feast days).

The weekday readings are on a two-year cycle (I, II) except for Lent and Advent, when the readings are the same every year. The Sundays are on a three-year cycle (A, B, C), supposedly because during the time of Christ the Sabbath readings in the local synagogue were also on a three-year cycle, and in the Church, we try to do what Jesus did.

Vatican II reforms introduced a much wider variety of readings for the Masses because of the Church's desire that Catholics know a lot more of sacred Scripture.

Although the cycle of readings has been established by the Church, there is room for choice depending on the occasion. For instance, the readings for a funeral Mass on a weekday could be selected from Readings for a Funeral, and not necessarily the readings for that weekday; likewise with wedding Masses, etc.; and likewise for local celebrations of local saints. All of that is set forth clearly in the "Ordo," an official guide for the daily celebration of the Liturgy available in every diocese. Usually there is a copy of the local Ordo in the sacristy of your Church.

~Father Francis Hoffman

## Mass Schedule April 17 — 25

Saturday 04/17: <small>3rd Sunday of Easter</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. † Eric Ghiz (M. & T. Bee)
Sunday 04/18: <small>3rd Sunday of Easter</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Anna Corbin (P. & D. Young)
Monday 04/19:	No Mass
Tuesday 04/20:	OLH Mass 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 04/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 04/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Friday 04/23:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Mary Canterbury (M. J. Zsoldos & B. Williams)
Saturday 04/24: <small>4th Sunday of Easter</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/25: <small>4th Sunday of Easter</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Jerry A. Legg (N. Legg)  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Mary Canterbury (M. J. Zsoldos & B. Williams)



**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](http://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](http://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](http://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, 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 April 10 & 11, 2021

#### St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,842.50
St. Anthony Caring Fund	20.00
Attendance Saturday—34	Sunday—48

#### Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,075.00
Building Fund	100.00
Other	10.00
Attendance Sunday—32	

**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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<b>Entrance:</b>	Ye Sons and Daughters — #173
<b>Gloria:</b>	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #932
<b>Offertory:</b>	Two Were Bound for Emmaus — #161
<b>Communion:</b>	The Supper of the Lord — #348
<b>Recessional:</b>	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today — #183

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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!



Congratulations to Nathaniel and Evelyn Broyles who were married yesterday at St. Anthony. May God bless you with a long and happy marriage!



**Religious Items Needed**—If you have extra rosaries (intact or broken) or religious medals, consider donating them to the Sisters of the Infant Jesus at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg for distribution to Zimbabwe Catholic. Zimbabwe, which is on the verge of starvation and genocide, is one of the poorest lands in Africa. You can place your religious items in the collection basket in the rear of the church at St. Anthony or the gathering space at Our Lady of the Hills. The deadline to donate is Sunday, May 9.



## April 22 is Earth Day!

As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human Family
- care for all of God's creation

**Grounded in our Catholic Tradition now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.**

**PRAY** to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

**LEARN** how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

**TELL** your local and national leaders to protect creation.

**Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!**

## WHY DO ROMAN CATHOLICS KNEEL AT MASS?

For Roman Catholics, kneeling is one of the most distinctive physical gestures of prayer during the celebration of Mass. In fact, for many centuries the lay faithful of the Roman Rite would kneel for almost the entire duration of Mass. Why is that?

While it's true that standing during prayer was a common posture of the early Christians (and is currently maintained by many Eastern Christians during the Divine Liturgy),

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kneeling was also part of early Christian tradition.

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), kneeling was something highly disfavored by both Greek and Roman culture. Ratzinger writes in his book *Spirit of the Liturgy*, “If we look at history, we can see that the Greeks and Romans rejected kneeling ... kneeling was unworthy of a free man, unsuitable for the culture of Greece, something the barbarians went in for. Plutarch and Theophrastus regarded kneeling as an expression of superstition ... Aristotle called it a barbaric form of behavior.”

Ratzinger claimed that, “Kneeling does not come from any culture —it comes from the Bible and its knowledge of God.” In particular, “Saint Luke, who in his whole work (both the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles) is in a special way the theologian of kneeling prayer, tells us that Jesus prayed on His knees. This prayer, the prayer by which Jesus enters into His Passion, is an example for us.”

Catholics kneel because Jesus kneeled during prayer.

Additionally, kneeling is typically seen in the Gospels as a way to express supplication and adoration. Often in the New Testament kneeling is preceded by an act of faith, “I do believe, Lord,” and completed by an act of adoration at the majesty of God (cf. John 9:35-38).

Elsewhere, like in many of the healing narratives, the person is presented kneeling in supplication, asking to be healed.

For these reasons the Roman Rite instructs the faithful to kneel during Mass specifically when Jesus is made present on the altar. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, “In the Dioceses of the United States of America, [the faithful] should kneel beginning after the singing or recitation of the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) until after the Amen of the Eucharistic Prayer.

This physical posture is meant to express a spiritual attitude of adoration before the triune God, truly and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. It is an act of humility, recognizing our own littleness before the Creator of the world. The act of kneeling prepares our hearts to receive God within our souls, striking down our pride with a physical reminder of what our soul should be like spiritually.

In this way, kneeling in the context of the Roman liturgy is directly tied to Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist. While not officially part of the Rite, it is a common custom in some churches to maintain a kneeling posture until the consecrated hosts are placed back within the tabernacle.

Kneeling during Mass is an ancient posture, one that expresses a deep spiritual truth that is connected to the Real Presence of Jesus on the altar.

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

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

The Topic is “**CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING -  
protecting the dignity of the human person**”

This Session will cover:

- The five words of Jesus that form the basis of Catholic social teaching
- Why Catholics think discussion about social issues is good for all human beings
- The difference between rights and responsibilities, and how the Catholic view differs from the world’s view
- Why the Church insists that all human life is sacred
- What the Church means by a “preferential option for the poor”
- The importance of the family as the fundamental unit of society
- What Catholic social teaching tells us about our economic activity and participation in political life

### **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.