

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

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Pentecost Sunday

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Pentecost Sunday

The Church celebrates Pentecost (so called because it is fifty days after Easter day) as the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, gathered in an upper room with Mary, mother of Jesus, "as a mighty, rushing wind," fulfilling Jesus' promise when He "breathed on them," as recorded in John's Gospel (Chapter 20).

This event, which marks the beginning of the Church, is recorded in the book of Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 2. The 14th-century Siennese painting by Duccio (above) illustrates the moment when the Bible says the Spirit descended upon the gathering of Christians in the form of tongues of fire. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, a reminder of the flames that "rested on them." Another symbol for the Holy Spirit is the dove, usually emitting golden rays of light.

The Holy Spirit gave the apostles gifts of grace through which they would undertake the evangelical mission of the Church. On the day of Pentecost, the apostles were given the miraculous "gift of tongues" -- so that everyone from every country understood the Christians' inspired message of salvation as if they were hearing it in their own languages. Thousands were converted by the preaching of Peter and the other apostles.

Called Whitsunday (white Sunday) in England, for the white garments worn by confirmands (candidates for Confirmation), Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks, originated as a Jewish festival fifty days (seven weeks) after Passover.

The Solemnity of Pentecost ends the Easter season. After Pentecost, the Easter candle is kept in the baptistery or near the baptismal font, and is lighted only for a baptism. For centuries, the Sundays of the Catholic Church year between Pentecost and Advent were numbered as "after Pentecost". Since the Second Vatican Council, this period is called "Ordinary Time" (the first period of Ordinary Time is that between the Epiphany and Lent). Three solemnities are celebrated in the weeks immediately following Pentecost: Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ), and the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

The following prayer was recited by Pope Benedict XVI in a homily on November 7, 2006. This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Let us invoke him so that he will irrigate, warm and straighten, so that he will pervade us with the power of his sacred flame and renew the earth. Let us pray for his with all our hearts at this time, in these days. Amen.

Mass Schedule May 22 — May 30

Saturday 05/22: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 05/23: <small>Pentecost Sunday</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Laurie Felber (A. & L.) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Dorothy White (D. White & P. Newman)
Monday 05/24:	No Mass
Tuesday 05/25:	OLH No Mass—Father out of town
Wednesday 05/26:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Thursday 05/27:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Friday 05/28:	SA No Mass—Father out of town
Saturday 05/29: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 05/30: <small>The Most Holy Trinity</small>	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Harry Crede (P. & D. Young) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Calvin White (D. White & P. Newman)



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, 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 May 15 & 16, 2021

St. Anthony

Offering	\$ 1,962.50
Holy Day—Ascension	70.00
Building	25.00

Attendance Saturday—31 Sunday—47

Our Lady of the Hills

Offering	\$ 1,464.00
LERMA	545.00
Other	220.00

Attendance Sunday—39

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

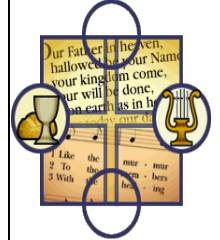
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Entrance:	One Spirit, One Church — #418
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #932
Sequence:	Come, O Holy Spirit — #193
Offertory:	Send Us Your Spirit — #450
Communion:	Spirit and Grace — #343
Recessional:	Sing a New Church — #420

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Lector Schedule

	May 22 & 23, 2021	May 29 & 30, 2021
St. Anthony	Pentecost Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity
5:30 Vigil Mass		
Lector:	D. Hess	R. Stonestreet
10:30 Mass		
Lector:	M. Ferguson	J. Bowles
Our Lady of the Hills		
Lector:	C. Stodola	M. Swecker

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!

Father Tijo George's Vacation—Father Tijo will be leaving on Monday, May 24, 2021, for his vacation. He will return on Friday, June 4. Father Charles Anemelu will cover the weekend masses. There will not be any daily masses. For Sacramental emergencies, please call the office at 304-342-2716. Let us pray for Father Tijo to have a safe and wonderful vacation.

 Bianca Leonoro, a St. Anthony parishioner, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. A private family Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Anthony on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Please pray for Bianca, her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Peter's Pence Collection: May 22 & 23—Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.peterpence.va/en.html.



Receive the Holy Spirit!

It's been observed that people need a mission, a sense of purpose, in life. In fact, the sense of emptiness so many experience today is a byproduct of not "being on mission."

As Christians, we are always on mission. And we've been on mission ever since that first Pentecost. A mission of love, to share the Good News with a world in need. What a powerful source of purpose and meaning in our lives! To realize that we're part of the same mission that inspired the likes of St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thomas Aquinas, all the saints throughout the ages, reaching all the way back to that Upper Room where the Risen Lord appeared to the disciples and first gave them the Holy Spirit.

That mission animates us today, and it's the reason why we're so intent on strengthening our parish through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. As we rejoice in our reception of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, let us prayerfully consider how He might be prompting us to contribute to this mission, as important now as it was 2000 years ago.

Thank you for your past generosity in support of the annual appeal and our parishes and for what we can accomplish this year! *To save postage, you may drop your CSA envelope in the collection basket, and we will forward it to the Diocese. PLEASE make your check payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.*

For parish update, see page 4.

The office will be closed Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday.



Catholic Sharing Appeal Update—As of **May 20, 2021**, St. Anthony has raised **\$31,350.00**, which is **327%** of our parish goal of \$9,590.00. **Congratulations, St. Anthony!** Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$4,320**, which is **80%** of our parish goal of \$5,385. Please remember that 100% of all donations above 50% of our parish goals will come back to the parish.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity!

Misusing “Oh, my God!”

While the phrase “Oh, my God” could be a prayer, it is not usually meant in this way. More commonly it uses the Divine name as a mere expression of surprise or exasperation. This is not a reverent or prayerful use of God’s name in most circumstances. The word “vain” means empty. And, therefore, the context you cite would usually seem to qualify as using God’s name in vain.

However, in assigning culpability (blameworthiness), it is good to remember that some have developed a bad habit of using this expression. As such, they usually commit the sin in weakness rather than malice, not intending to show disrespect to God.

It should further be recalled that the Second Commandment, “You shall not use the name of the Lord in vain,” has for its first meaning that we should never use God’s name to swear falsely or curse others. Irreverence of God’s name through casual use, such as you cite, is an extended meaning of the commandment. Thus we see that violations of the Second Commandment do admit to some degree of seriousness. It is far more serious a sin to use God’s name to swear falsely than to inadvertently use it to express surprise.

Still, one ought to avoid such vain or empty uses. One way to help break a bad habit that may have developed is for the one who says, “Oh, my God!” to correct themselves aloud by saying, “Oh, I mean to say, ‘May the name of the Lord be praised!’” This makes reparation and also helps break the habit.

~Msgr. Charles E. Pope

How many spiritual exercises are there?

There are many different ways to make a retreat (spiritual exercises), but it is helpful to know that the custom dates back to the time of Our Lord who, on occasion, would take His apostles and disciples off to some remote place to rest a while in prayer and contemplation (see Lk 5:16 and Mk 1:35). St. Paul also made a retreat in Damascus after the Lord knocked him off his horse and blinded him (see Acts 9:7-20).

Today, Catholics have many opportunities to make retreats: alone in silence, directed with a group, or even weekend retreats for couples. Some programs that come to mind are the Retreat Hostels hosted by Carthusians, Benedictines and Carmelites; Jesuit Ignatian retreats at various retreat centers around the country; Christ Renews His Parish retreats; Cursillo retreats; TEC (Teens Encounter Christ retreats); or even retreats sponsored by Opus Dei at various retreat centers around the country. Besides these, many dioceses have their own retreat houses for the use of the faithful.

If you have never been on a retreat, do not delay. It is a good practice for every adult Catholic to make a weekend retreat each year. Why? To get to know Jesus Christ better and love Him more deeply.

~Father Francis Hoffman

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.