

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

September 18, 2022

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Issue No. 309



St. Anthony Catholic Church  
1000 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Charleston, WV 25302  
[www.stanthonywv.com](http://www.stanthonywv.com)

Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/stanthonywestvirginia](http://www.facebook.com/stanthonywestvirginia)

## General Directory

### Pastor

**Fr. Thomas Kalapurackal**  
Email: [tkalapurackal@dwc.org](mailto:tkalapurackal@dwc.org)

**Fr. Charles Anemelu**  
(Priest in Residence)

**Deacon David Wuletich**  
Email: [davidwuletich@gmail.com](mailto:davidwuletich@gmail.com)  
Phone: 304-345-9567

### Office

1000 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Charleston, WV 25302  
Email: [secretary@stanthonywv.com](mailto:secretary@stanthonywv.com) Phone: 304-342-2716

### Office Hours:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm; Closed Wednesday and holidays.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St Anthony: Saturday 4:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills: Tuesday 6:00 p.m.—6:15 p.m.



Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church  
100 Jackson Drive  
Elkview, WV 25071  
[www.ourladyofthehills.com](http://www.ourladyofthehills.com)

Facebook  
[www.facebook.com/ourladyofthehillswv](http://www.facebook.com/ourladyofthehillswv)



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### Eucharist, Body and Blood of Christ?

Jesus stated repeatedly that whoever would eat his flesh and drink his blood would have eternal life (Jn 6:51-56). When some of his listeners left him, he did not call them back saying, “Wait a minute! You misunderstood me! I was only speaking symbolically.” Instead, he let them go. Jesus was in fact speaking literally. In his first letter to the Corinthians (11:23-26), St. Paul quotes the words of Jesus over bread and wine at the last supper - “This is my body... This is my blood.” Nothing in these passages suggest that our Lord was speaking only symbolically.

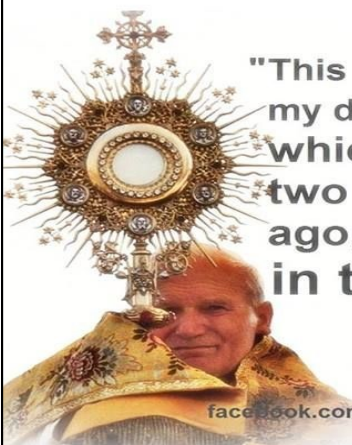
The account of the encounter of Disciples with risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus also makes it clear that our Lord took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Then they recognized him and he physically vanished from their sight (Lk 24:). Later, they reported the whole event to the other apostles saying, “how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

St. Ignatius of Antioch, the Church father who learned his faith and was consecrated as bishop by men who had been with Jesus at his last supper, writes, “The eucharist is the flesh of our savior Jesus Christ, who suffered for our sins and who in his goodness, the father raised.”

The change of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ is a mystery which we will never fully understand. But even though we may find it difficult to imagine how this event takes place, we can be sure that God who created the universe out of nothing has the power to accomplish this miracle as well. (*Excerpt from The New Catholic Answer Bible*)


## Mass Schedule September 17—25

Saturday 09/17: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Nazira Joseph (prayer gift)  OLH Mass 12:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Monday 09/19:	No Mass
Tuesday 09/20:	OLH Mass 6:30 p.m. † Bob Scott
Wednesday 09/21:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Thursday 09/22:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 09/23:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. † Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 09/24: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 09/25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish  SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)



**"This is the wonderful truth,  
my dear friends: the Word,  
which became flesh  
two thousand years  
ago, is present today  
in the Eucharist"**  
- Bl. John Paul II

[facebook.com/CatholicsGrowingTogether](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicsGrowingTogether)

 To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

**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.

**Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.**

### Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

**St. Anthony**—Mary Hanson, David Dodd, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Mary Wuletich, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich


**Our Lady of the Hills**—Bert Zodorozny, Violet Edwards, Vickie Ayoob, Wanda Graham

**Please call Father Thomas Kalapurackal at 304-342-2716, if you would like a visit and to receive communion or a home blessing.**


### Stewardship Report for September 10 & 11, 2022

The collection report and attendance information for St. Anthony and Our Lady of the Hills for September 10 & 11, 2022 will be in next week's bulletin.

**Thank you for your generosity.  
May God bless you!**



**St. Anne's Outreach Center  
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.  
Call 304-965-7670 to schedule an appointment.

**As of August, 2022, St. Anne's has served 5 children this year.**

Balance as of <u>12/31/21</u>	\$ 4,748.12
Contributions Received	745.00
Less: Expenses	( 809.99)
<b>Balance as of <u>08/31/22</u></b>	<b>\$ 4,683.13</b>

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

**Catholic University of America: September 24 & 25**—This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC in response to the commitment made by the bishops at its foundation in 1887. It is the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which non-baptized adults are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. In addition, OCIA welcomes adults who are already baptized but not Catholic and prepares those adults to be received into full communion of the Catholic Church, and it also helps those adults baptized Catholic, but who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation, to complete their sacramental initiation. For more information about OCIA and the Catholic faith, please call the office at 304-342-2716.



**“The sweet song of creation invites us to practice an ‘ecological spirituality’ attentive to God’s presence in the natural world, aware that everything was created through Christ and that ‘without Him not one thing came into being’ (Jn 1:3).”**

*~Pope Francis tweet on 09/06/21*



### **September Birthdays**

- 3 Aliana Ashworth
- 4 Mary Akers
- 8 Rich Stonestreet
- 8 Jim Withrow
- 10 Ava Mosier
- 15 Ray Swecker
- 18 Tammy Bailey
- 19 John Polak
- 20 Mary Resler
- 21 Janie Bowles
- 21 Karen Hudson
- 21 Caroline Wells
- 22 Jean McCollam
- 23 Addison Garton
- 25 Linda Davis
- 26 Steve McCollam
- 26 Anne Wheeler
- 27 Jennifer Curia
- 30 Alan Hall

**Please notify the office if your birthday is not listed or the date is incorrect. Thank you!**

## **Who Will Entrust to You the True Riches?**



**Meditation:** What does wealth and riches have to do with the kingdom of God? Jesus seemed to praise a steward (a manager entrusted with his master's goods) who misused his wealthy employer's money. What did the steward do that made Jesus praise him? The steward was responsible for managing his wealthy landowner's property. The steward very likely overcharged his master's tenants for their use of the land and kept more than his fair share of the profit. When the landowner discovered the steward's dishonest practice he immediately removed him from his job, leaving him penniless and ashamed to beg or do manual work.

### ***The Lord alone can satisfy our desires and give us generous hearts***

There is one Master alone who has the power to set us free from greed and possessiveness. That Master is the Lord Jesus Christ who died to set us free and who rose to give us new abundant life. The Lord Jesus invites us to make him the Master and Lord of our lives. He alone can satisfy the desires of our heart and transform us in his love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our money, time, and possessions are precious resources and gifts from God. We can guard them jealously for ourselves alone or allow the love of the Lord to guide us in making good use of them for the benefit of others - especially those in need - and for the work of the Lord in advancing his kingdom. Ask the Lord to fill your heart with a spirit of generosity and joy in sharing what you have with others.



## **Why do Catholics believe in seven sacraments, while Protestants believe in only two? Exactly what is a sacrament, and what does it do for a person?**

Catholics believe in seven sacraments because Christ instituted seven; because the Apostles and Church Fathers believed in seven; because the second Ecumenical Council of Lyons (1274) defined seven; and because the Ecumenical Council of Trent (1545-1563) confirmed seven. In short, the enumeration, seven, arises from the perpetual tradition of Christian belief – which explains why that enumeration is accepted not only by Catholics, but by all of the other ancient and semi-ancient Christian communities – Egyptian Coptic, Ethiopian Monophysite, Syrian Jacobite, Greek Orthodox and Russian Orthodox.

To understand what a sacrament is, and what it does for a person, one must know the correct, the traditional Christian, definition of a sacrament. Properly defined, a sacrament is “an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace (holiness)” to the soul . . . that is to say, it is a divinely prescribed ceremony of the Church in which the words and action combine to form what is at the same time both a sign of divine grace and a fount of divine grace. When this special grace – distinct from ordinary, inspirational grace – is imparted to the soul, the Holy Spirit of God is imparted to the soul, imbuing the soul with divine life, uniting the soul to Christ.

As the Scriptures point out, this grace is the grace of salvation – without it man is, in a very real sense, isolated from Christ. And as the Scriptures point out, Christ gave His Church seven sacraments to serve as well-springs of this ineffable, soul-saving grace, the grace which flows from His sacrifice on Calvary:

**BAPTISM** – the sacrament of spiritual rebirth through which we are made children of God and heirs of Heaven: “Amen, amen I say to thee, unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3:5. Also see Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:2-6).

**CONFIRMATION** – the sacrament which confers the Holy Spirit to make us strong and perfect Christians and soldiers of Jesus Christ: “Now when the apostles, who were in Jerusalem, had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John. Who, when they were come, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. . . . Then they laid their hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 8:14-17. Also see Acts 19:6).

The **EUCCHARIST** – the sacrament, also known as Holy Communion, which nourishes the soul with the true Flesh and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus, under the appearance, or sacramental veil, of bread and wine: “And whilst they were eating, Jesus took bread; and blessing, broke, and gave to them, and said: Take ye. This is my body. And having taken the chalice, giving thanks, he gave it to them. And they all drank of it. And he said to them: This is my blood of the new testament, which shall be shed for many.” (Mark 14:22-24. Also see Matt. 26:26-28, Luke 22:19-20, John 6:52-54, 1 Cor. 10:16).

**PENANCE** – the sacrament, also known as Confession, through which Christ forgives sin and restores the soul to grace: “Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained.” (John 20:22-23. Also see Matt. 18:18).

**EXTREME UNCTION** – the sacrament, sometimes called the Last Anointing, which strengthens the sick and sanctifies the dying: “Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord . . . and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him.” (James 5:14-15. Also see Mark 6:12-13).

**HOLY ORDERS** – the sacrament of ordination which empowers priests to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, administer the sacraments, and officiate over all the other proper affairs of the Church: “For every high priest taken from among men, is ordained for men in the things that appertain to God, that he may offer up gifts and sacrifices for sins . . . Neither doth any man take the honor to himself, but he that is called by God, as Aaron was.” (Heb. 5:1-4. Also see Acts 20:28, 1 Tim. 4:14). Also: “And taking bread, he gave thanks, and broke; and gave to them, saying: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this for a commemoration of me.” (Luke 22:19).

**MATRIMONY** – the sacrament which unites a man and woman in a holy and indissoluble bond: “For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be in one flesh. Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.” (Matt. 19:5-6. Also see Mark 10:7-9, Eph. 5:22-32).

There you have it, the Word of Christ and the example of the Apostles attesting both to the validity and the efficacy of the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. In truth, every one of them is an integral part of Christ’s plan for man’s eternal salvation.

**Author: Paul Whitcomb**

**Nihil Obstat: Rev. Edmund J. Bradley Censor Deputatus**

**Imprimatur: Timothy Manning, Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, Vicar General**

**April 13, 1961**