

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

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



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From the Pastor's Desk

Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?

One day, as the Jewish general Judas Maccabeus and his men were burying comrades fallen in battle, they discovered that the slain soldiers had been secretly practicing idolatry (2 Mac 12:39-40). “Turning to supplication,” scripture says, “they prayed that the sinful deed might fully blotted out” (2 Mac 12:42). Then Judas took up a collection for an expiatory sacrifice for them in the temple. “In doing this, he acted in a very excellent and noble way.. Thus he made atonement for the dead that might be freed from this sin” (2 Mac 12:43, 46).

Why did the ancient Jews pray for the dead? For the same reason they prayed for the living. It was an act of fraternal charity. They recognized that the departed needed their help to be cleansed of their sins, and they were confident that such spiritual works would benefit those who had died, just as it would have benefited someone who was still living.

First Christians, who were Jews, maintained this “excellent and noble practice.” References are found in the letters of St. Paul (2 Tim 1:16-18; 1 Cor 15:29). Many inscriptions found on ancient Christian tombs ask the living to intercede for those buried within. Clearly, from earliest times, the church has offered prayers and sacrifices for the faithful departed especially the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Some Christians object to praying for the dead. For those who are in heaven, our prayers are not needed. For those who are in hell, our prayers are useless. But, according to catholic teaching, most souls who go to heaven still require purification after they die before they are ready to live with God for ever. We believe that they undergo the process of purification in Purgatory. Our prayers can help that process. And we don't know for sure who is in hell, so we should still pray in hope for even the worst of sinners.

In short, charity demands that we should pray for the dead, and humility demands that we should ask others to pray for us when our day comes to depart this life.

(“The New Catholic Answer Bible” published by Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, Indiana)

Mass Schedule November 12—20

Saturday 11/12: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 11/13: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Beloved Dead of O'Farrell Family (M.E. O'Farrell) SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Radmila Valetick (T.C.)
Monday 11/14:	No Mass
Tuesday 11/15:	OLH 6:30 p.m. Modou Touray
Wednesday 11/16:	SA 9:00 a.m. † Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Thursday 11/17:	SA 9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)
Friday 11/18:	SA 9:00 a.m. † Reparation to Divine Justice (prayer gift)
Saturday 11/19: Feast of Christ the King	SA Mass 5:30 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 11/20: Feast of Christ the King	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. † Rev. Fr. Wendel Moliski, OFM Cap. SA Mass 10:30 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory (prayer gift)

Stewardship Report for November 5 & 6, 2022

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 2,410.56
All Saints' Day	295.00
Other	117.80
Attendance	Saturday—34 Sunday—83

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 1,881.13
Building Fund	150.00
Other	375.00
Attendance	Sunday—54

Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you!



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 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, Christina Lopez, Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Wanda Graham, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold

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

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



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 October, 2022, St. Anne's has served 6 children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/21	\$ 4,748.12
Contributions Received	960.00
Less: Expenses	(1,474.89)
Balance as of 10/31/22	\$ 4,233.23

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy

	SA 5:30 p.m.	OLH 8:30 a.m. & SA 10:30 a.m.
Entrance:	Let Heaven Rejoice— #575	Let Heaven Rejoice— #575
Gloria:	Mass of Christ the Savior — #914	Mass of Christ the Savior — #914
Offertory:	The Cry of the Poor — #623	Peace Be with Those — sheet music
Communion:	Spirit and Grace— #344	Spirit and Grace— #344
Recessional:	How Can I Keep from Singing — #443	How Can I Keep from Singing — #443

Minister Schedule

	November 13, 2022	November 20, 2022
Our Lady of the Hills	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feast of Christ the King
Lector:	C. Stodola	G. Kozera
Eucharistic Minister:	T. Stodola	L. Kozera



St. Anthony Angel Tree for the Salvation Army—Help a child feel special and joyful this Christmas by selecting an angel from our Angel Tree. You can purchase a gift from the wish list or purchase an age-appropriate toy or clothing. All items must be new. There is a removable label on the back of your angel. Place your **unwrapped gift or gifts** in a plastic can liner (garbage bag) and affix the label to the bag. You may include wrapping paper inside the plastic bag in addition to your gift. **Please return unwrapped gifts by Thursday, December 15th, to the Church or directly to the Salvation Army. If you have any questions, call Katy Layne at 304-344-3495.**



November Birthdays

- 1 Lorena Thomas
- 3 Violette Colon
- 5 Philip Sweeney
- 7 Sadie Childress
- 9 Chris Joseph
- 10 Lia Ireland
- 13 Jennifer Burdette
- 13 Connie Vaughan
- 13 Paul Young
- 14 Olivia Garton
- 17 Mason Bossie
- 17 Linda Leonoro
- 18 James Ashworth
- 21 Jennifer Hall
- 24 Janice Keiffer
- 27 Mark Colon
- 29 Ellie Mosier

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

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!**

GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 29, 2022



Together we can serve as a light for all to see!



Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS): November 12 & 13—On November 12 & 13, we will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. **Remember to make your check payable to your parish and write “Military Services” in the memo line.**

Take Heed That You Are Not Led Astray

Meditation: How would you respond if someone prophesied that your home, land, or place of worship would be destroyed? Jesus foretold many signs that would shake peoples and nations. The signs which God uses are meant to point us to a higher spiritual truth and reality of his kingdom which does not perish or fade away, but endures for all eternity. God works through many events and signs to purify and renew us in hope and to help us set our hearts more firmly on him and him alone.

First signs of the end times

To the great consternation of the Jews, Jesus prophesied the destruction of their great temple at Jerusalem. The Jewish people took great pride in their temple, a marvel of the ancient world. The foretelling of this destruction was a dire warning of spiritual judgment in itself. They asked Jesus for a sign that would indicate when this disastrous event would occur. Jesus admonished them to not look for signs that would indicate the exact timing of impending destruction, but rather to pray for God's intervention of grace and mercy.

Jesus said there would be many signs of impending conflicts and disasters - such as wars, famines, diseases, tidal waves, and earthquakes - which would precede the struggles of the last days when God's anointed King would return to usher in the full reign of God over the earth. In that day when the Lord returns there will be a final judgement of the living and the dead when the secrets of every heart will be brought to light (Luke 12:2-3; Romans 2:16).

Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem

Jesus' prophecy of the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem was a two-edged sword, because it pointed not only to God's judgment, but also to his saving action and mercy. Jesus foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the dire consequences for all who would reject him and his saving message. While the destruction of Jerusalem's temple was determined (it was razed by the Romans in 70 A.D.), there remained for its inhabitants a narrow open door leading to deliverance. Jesus said: "I am the door; whoever enters by me will be saved" (John 10:9). Jesus willingly set his face toward Jerusalem, knowing that he would meet betrayal, rejection, and death on a cross. His death on the cross, however, brought about true freedom, peace, and victory over the powers of sin, evil, and death - not only for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but for all - both Jew and Gentile alike - who would accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Do you know the peace and security of a life submitted to the lordship of Jesus Christ?

We need to recognize the signs of God's judgment, mercy, and grace to save us

Sometimes we don't recognize the moral crisis and spiritual conflict of the age in which we live, until something "shakes us up" to the reality of this present condition. God reminds us that a future judgment and outcome awaits every individual who has lived on this earth. The reward for doing what is right and pleasing to God and the penalty for sinful rebellion and rejection of God are not always experienced in this present life - but they are sure to come in the day of final judgment.

The Lord Jesus tells us that there will be trials, suffering, and persecution in this present age until he comes again at the end of the world. God intends our anticipation of his final judgment to be a powerful deterrent to unfaithfulness and wrongdoing. God extends grace and mercy to all who will heed his call and his warning. Do not pass up, even for one day, God's invitation of grace and mercy to seek first his kingdom of righteousness and peace. This day may be your only chance before that final day comes.

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“Holiness is not a process of struggles and renunciations. It is above all the experience of being loved by God, of freely receiving his love, his mercy.”

~Pope Francis tweet on 11/08/22