

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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



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“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

Mass Schedule April 20—28

Saturday 04/20: 4th Sunday of Easter	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/21: 4th Sunday of Easter	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. †Mary Ruffner SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Barbara Williams (D. & K. Lanham)
Monday 04/22:	No Mass
Tuesday 04/23:	OLH Mass 5:30 p.m. †Linda Conner
Wednesday 04/24:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Holy Souls in Purgatory (M. J. Zsoldos)
Thursday 04/25:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. †Richard Cassius
Friday 04/26:	SA Mass 9:00 a.m. Erin Gallagher
Saturday 04/27: 5th Sunday of Easter	SA Mass 5:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Sunday 04/28: 5th Sunday of Easter	OLH Mass 8:30 a.m. Father Thomas Kalapurackal SA Mass 10:30 a.m. †Msgr. Edward Sadie (M. J. Zsoldos)

Stewardship Report for April 13 & 14, 2024

St. Anthony

Offertory	\$ 1,749.75
Donation	450.00
Other	264.45
Attendance	Saturday—38 Sunday—60

Our Lady of the Hills

Offertory	\$ 715.13
LERMA	20.00
St. Anne's Outreach	15.00
Attendance	Sunday—41

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.

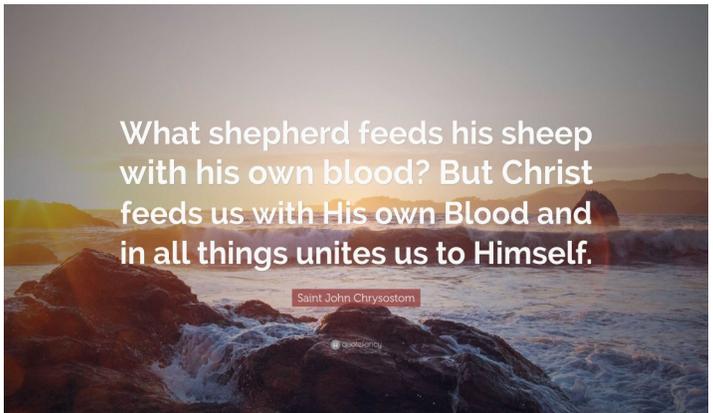
Mass Intention requests are scheduled in the order they are received.

Prayer List for the Sick & Homebound

St. Anthony—Michael McCallister, Robin Holly, Michael Bee, Chris Newman, David Wuletich, Linda Davis, Ursula Paezold, Christine Hansbarger, Mary Wuletich

Our Lady of the Hills—Violet Edwards, Ursula Paezold, Bill & Nancy Audia, Judy Killough & Family, The Dorseys.

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 March, 2024, St. Anne's has not served any children this year.

Balance as of 12/31/23	\$ 4,240.27
Contributions Received	155.00
Less: Expenses	(0.00)
Balance as of 03/31/24	\$ 4,395.27

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for Liturgy



Entrance:	Jesus Is Risen — #185
Gloria:	Mass of Spirit and Grace — #925
Offertory:	Like a Shepherd — #614
Communion:	Gift of Finest Wheat — #344
Recessional:	How Can I Keep from Singing — #447

Minister Schedule

	April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter	April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter
<u>St. Anthony</u>		
Mass	5:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
Lector:	R. Stonestreet	C. Harmon
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Hess	W. Leach
10:30 a.m. Mass		
Lector:	J. Bowles	B. Ashworth
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Bowles & M. Hamilton	B. Ashworth & B. Morton
Counters:	K. Layne & S. Spencer	S. Kawash & S. Bossie-Maddox
<u>Our Lady of the Hills</u>		
Lector:	G. Kozera	M. Swecker
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Lothes	T. Lanna

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



April Birthdays

- 4 José Magaña
- 5 Mark Isabella
- 6 Tom Thomas
- 7 Rick Mogielski
- 8 Teresa Hart
- 10 Karen Lanham
- 10 Linda Nehr
- 10 Paul Schrecongost
- 13 Vernon Johnson
- 13 Magdalena Lucas
- 14 Michael Sisler
- 15 Majorie Swecker
- 15 Diana Whitman
- 17 Darlene Young
- 20 Deborah McDougall
- 24 Jo Stump
- 30 David Anderson

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



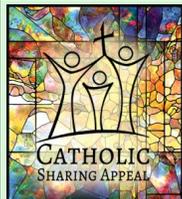
You are invited to Bible Study led by Deacon David on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the SA Parish Center.

Special Disaster Relief Collection: April 20 & 21, 2024

Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St. Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. **Checks should be made out to your respective parish with “Disaster Relief” on the memo line.** Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors. Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.



The 2024 Catholic Sharing Appeal Update

As of **April 18, 2024**, St. Anthony has raised **\$6,870**, which is **69%** of our parish goal of \$9,915. Our Lady of the Hills has raised **\$4,700**, which is **81%** of our parish goal of \$5,800. The first 50% of the parish goal will support Catholic Education, CCWV, and various diocesan ministries. Every dollar raised over the first 50% of each goal will be returned to the parish, including every dollar donated over the parish goal, making this a tremendous fund raising event for our parishes.

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.

I Am the Good Shepherd

Meditation: Do you know the peace and security of the Good Shepherd who watches over his own? The Old Testament often speaks of God as shepherd of his people, Israel. *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want* (Psalm 23:1). *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!* (Psalm 80:1) *We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture* (Psalm 100:3). The Messiah is also pictured as the shepherd of God's people: *He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arms* (Isaiah 40:11). Jesus says he is the *Good Shepherd* who will risk his life to seek out and save the stray sheep (Matthew 18:12, Luke 15:4). He is the *Shepherd and Guardian of our souls* (1 Peter 2:25).

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls

Jesus made three promises to his followers. He promised them everlasting life. If they accept him and follow him, they will have the life of God in them. Jesus also promised them a life that would know no end. Death would not be the end but the beginning; they would know the glory of indestructible life. Jesus promised a life that was secure. Jesus said that nothing would snatch them out of his hand, not even sorrow and death, since he is everlasting life itself. Our lives are safe in his hands.

Do you listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who calls you to himself?

The words which Jesus spoke upset many of the Jewish leaders. How could he speak with the same authority which God spoke and claim to be equal with God? He must either be insane or divine. Unfortunately some thought he was mad even though he cured a man who was blind from birth. We are faced with the same choice. Either Jesus is who he claims to be - the Son of God and Savior of the world - or the world's greatest deluder! We cannot be indifferent to his claim. For those who accept him as Lord and Savior he offers the peace and security of unending life and joy with God. Do you know the peace and security of a life fully submitted to Christ?

Cyril of Alexander, a 5th century church father comments on Jesus as our Good Shepherd:

"He shows in what manner a shepherd may be proved good; and He teaches that he must be prepared to give up his life fighting in defense of his sheep, which was fulfilled in Christ. For man has departed from the love of God, and fallen into sin, and because of this was, I say, excluded from the divine abode of paradise, and when he was weakened by that disaster, he yielded to the devil tempting him to sin, and death following that sin he became the prey of fierce and ravenous wolves. But after Christ was announced as the True Shepherd of all men, *He laid down his life for us* (1 John 3:16), fighting for us against that pack of inhuman beasts.

"He bore the Cross for us, that by His own death he might destroy death. He was condemned for us, that He might deliver all of us from the sentence of punishment: the tyranny of sin being overthrown by our faith: fastening to the Cross the decree that stood against us, as it is written (Colossians 2:14). Therefore as the father of sin had as it were shut up the sheep in hell, giving them to death to feed on, as it is written in the psalms (Ps. XLviii.16), He died for us as truly Good, and truly our Shepherd, so that the dark shadow of death driven away He might join us to the company of the blessed in heaven; and in exchange for abodes that lie far in the depths of the pit, and in the hidden places of the sea, grant us mansions in His Father's House above. Because of this he says to us in another place: *Fear not, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you a kingdom* (Luke 12:32)."

Do you listen attentively to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obey his word?

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