

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Sunday, December 21st: Decorating for Christmas at both churches.** SA will have pizza afterwards and AOOL is having a Christmas Cookie Exchange. Stay to share in the fun! SA will also be delivering the baskets they made for the families in need.

† **Monday, December 22nd:** No CEOS Meeting this month.

† **Wednesday, December 24th:** No Joint Parish Covered Dish Social this month. Office closed 24th & 25th.

† **Thursday, December 25th: Merry Christmas**

† **Friday, December 26th: No Mass**

† **Saturday, December 27th:** Reconciliation at AOOL at 4:00 PM before 4:30 PM Mass.



A candle for December has been lit for **Families going through difficult challenges** from *St. Anthony's Guild.*

Mass Intentions Make the Perfect Gift! If you're looking for a special and meaningful Christmas gift for someone, consider offering a Mass. Mass intentions provide a spiritual gift to those you love through prayer. There are still many dates available in 2026. The suggested stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.

Christmas & New Year Schedule

Wednesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve (Vigil) AOOL - 4:30 PM / SA - 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day AOOL 9:00 AM / SA 11:00 AM

Friday, December 26th: No Masses

Wednesday, December 31st: AOOL 8 AM Daily Mass / New Years Eve (Vigil) AOOL 6:30 PM.

Thursday, January 1st: New Years Day HDO- AOOL 9:00 AM / SA 12 (N), No evening Mass.

Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

2025 Joint Parish Christmas Party



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact a local law enforcement agency, or confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston personnel to the Diocese, at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



The Catholic Parishes of

ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

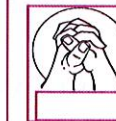
The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Matthew 1:23



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 4:00-4:15 PM (AOOL)
Thursdays 6:00-6:15 PM (SA)
or by appointment



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursdays 5:30 PM (SA)
1st Tuesday of the month
5 PM - 7 PM (AOOL)

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Price

Email: dprice@dwc.org

K of C #15610 Grand Knight: Brian Crist

Directors of Religious Education

Michele Schultz (St. Anthony)

Matt Sisk (Annunciation)

Sacristan (SA): Fran McFarland

Sacristan (AOOL): Mike Weaver/Volunteers

Organist (SA): Becky Wolfe

Organist (AOOL):

Nursing Home Coordinator: Linda Ward

OCIA Coordinator (AOOL): Armando Herrera

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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8 AM - 1 PM

Tammy Collett, Parish Secretary

Kathy Brockett, Bookkeeper/Secretary

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Mailing Address (both parishes):

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Devotional Prayers (25 minutes prior to Sunday Mass times):

Divine Chaplet - Every First Sunday of the Month

Holy Rosary - On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Schedule of Masses

Saturday, December 20	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Penrod Family Req. by Kathy Brockett
Sunday, December 21	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Peggy Brakeall Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
Tuesday, December 23	12:00 (N) (SA)	Dick Dorsey † Req. by Carpendale Addition
<i>St. John of Kanty, Priest</i>		
Wednesday, December 24	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Danny, Resa, Gage & Jameson Long † Req. by Sue & Doug Long
	6:30 PM (SA)	The Wolfe Family Req. People of the Parish
Thursday, December 25	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For our dearly departed loved ones † Req. by People of the Parish
<i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	For those that are less fortunate Req. by People of the Parish
Friday, December 26	8:00 AM (AOOL)	No Mass
<i>St. Stephen the First Martyr</i>		
Saturday, December 27	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>		
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, December 28	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Bonnie Price Req. by The Collett Family
<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Malachi Howe & Parents Req. by St. Anthony's Guild

Weekly

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56 **Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Lk 1:67-79 **Thursday:** Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22 **Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 / Col 3:12-21 / Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Weekly Collections December 13 & 14, 2025

Attendance AOOL: 29 / 85 Weekly: \$ 2,214.00 Religious Retirement: \$ 1,494.00
Christmas Flowers: \$ 20.00 Poor Box: \$ 129.00 Immaculate Concep.: \$ 50.00 Debt: \$ 60.00

Attendance SA: 34 Weekly: \$ 741.00 Building Fd.: \$ 50.00 Immaculate Concep.: \$ 70.00
Religious Retirement: \$ 281.00 Christmas Flowers: \$ 50.00 Poor Box: \$ 50.00

Ministry Schedule

Annunciation:
Sat., Dec. 27, 4:30 PM
 Lector: Volunteer
 E.M.: Joe Hughes,
 Pat Penrod,
 Jane Adams
 Ushers: Joe Huges,
 Steve Penrod
 Server: Chuck Ebeling
 Cantor: Sean Douthitt
Sun., Dec. 28, 9:00 AM
 Lector: Mary Jane Bright
 E.M.: Lou Miltenberger,
 Doug Long,
 Sue Pyles
 Ushers: Larry McKenzie,
 Brysin Brennan
 Server: Dave Abe
 Cantor: Sean Douthitt
 Counters: Mary Jane &
 Rob Bright

St. Anthony's:
Sun., Dec. 28, 11:00 AM
 Greeter: Sly Logsdon
 Lector: Michele Schultz
 E.M.: Judy Wolfe,
 Wayne Houdersheldt
 Ushers: Fred Wolfe,
 Volunteer
 Servers: Volunteers
 Cantor: Rosemary Lehman

**From our house to yours,
 may you have a very Merry
 Christmas, filled with
 loved ones and many
 blessings throughout the
 New Year!**

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Hello everyone. Although I was on vacation this past week, I wanted to write a huge thank you to all of you who helped with the Christmas party, the set up and clean up, and all those who brought so many delicious foods. I had one parishioner tell me that we are so blessed to have so many great cooks among the two parishes. He was certainly smiling and rubbing his tummy in appreciation and satisfaction. Of course, to all of you who braved the bitter cold weather to share in the festivities. We had a very good crowd, and I believe everyone had a good time, thank you for coming. I think Bella had an excellent time socializing with everyone. She certainly likes the attention, and I think she was a hit with everyone, especially wearing her little dress. She looked very festive.

At this time, I want to wish each of you to *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. This is truly the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! *"It's the hap, happiest season of all."* May you be blessed beyond imagination and may the New Year bring you much joy and happiness! God bless us, everyone!

As a reminder for our Christmas Masses: On **Christmas Eve**, there will no Daily Mass in the morning. Evening Masses: 4:30 PM at Annunciation and 6:30 PM at St. Anthony. **Christmas Day:** 9:00 AM at Annunciation and 11:00 AM at St. Anthony. On December 26th, there will be no daily Mass.

May the joy of our Savior's birth always be in your heart.

Here we go (only one is Christmas related):

- How much did Santa pay to park his sleigh? Nothing, it was on the house.
- At my age, to see the Northern Lights all I have to do is stand up too fast. Sometimes I even get a total eclipse. Who can relate?
- Today I started an argument with my wife [bad idea for sure] while riding the elevator. I was wrong on so many levels.

As we gather 'round the tree, our voices all combine in sweet accord to thank the Lord for a *Christmas auld lang syne*...We sing his praise this day of days and pray that next year at this time we'll all be near to share the cheer of a *Christmas auld lang syne*."

Have a great week and again, Merry Christmas! Ho, ho, ho. If you are traveling for Christmas, stay safe out there.

Please Pray for: Laura Beth Amtower, Dena & Jason Albright, Walter & Jennifer Aumuller, Jay Bailey, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara & Greg Bonat, Kara Breedlove, Darlene Bridges, Mary Kay Britt, Vicky Brown, Denise Cameron, Cathy Case, Bob & Carla Clark, Donnie Clark, Julia Codire, Marsha Combs, Melissa Dahlheimer, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangelis, Vera Demeduk, Richard Delaney, Amy Driver, Logan Duncan, Jenny Emerick, John & Eileen Engel, Jan Evans, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Leia Gallen, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Dale & Tina Hankinson, Roy Harsh, Lucy Haywood, Krista Howard-Clarke, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Lisa Jones, Wanda Kirk, Michael Knotts, Stacy Kobe, Liz Lantz, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Audrey Liller, Annie Light, Ed Lindner, Luke Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Maggie Luzier, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Lilly McCormick, Charlotte McCullough, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Mike Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Hogan Moody, Steve Morgan, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Marilyn Paul, Steve Pelaez, Bonnie Price, Ronnie & Linda Proud, Mary Lou Quin, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Shank Family, Shawnee Simmons, Luke Sites, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Donna Struntz, Lu & Lois Thibault, Jimmy Twigg, Linda & Ronnie Ward, Adam Watts, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe & Dolly Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Harlow Wooton