

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday, December 22nd:** Christmas play at AOOL after Mass today. SA is decorating the Church today. **Help is needed!**
- † **Monday, December 23rd:** No CEOS meeting this month. We will resume next month.
- † **Tuesday, December 24th:** **No Daily Mass** at SA - Christmas Eve Mass at SA ~~4:30~~ **4:30** PM and Mass at AOOL - ~~6:30~~ **6:30** PM. 2nd collection is for Catholic Charities West Virginia.
- † **Wednesday, December 25th:** **Happy Birthday Jesus!** Mass times are AOOL - 9:00 AM and SA - 11:00 AM. **Merry Christmas!**
- † **Thursday, December 26th:** No Daily Mass
- † **Friday, December 27th:** No Daily Mass
- † **Wednesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary:** AOOL Mass at 8:00AM and SA Mass at 12 (N)
- † **Friday, January 4th:** Mass at CCDV at 10:30 AM
- † **Monday, January 6th - Friday, January 10th:** Fr. Dan is on vacation. **No daily Masses.**



A candle has been lit for the month of December in loving memory of Larry Wolfe, requested by Judy Wolfe.

**Knights of Columbus Council #15610**  
**2025 Membership Dues**  
 \$25 = Regular member  
 \$10.50 = Honorary members & members under 26 yrs. old  
 \$0.00 = Honorary Life Members & Fr. Dan  
 Payments may be given to Bob Grabenstein



St Anthony's will be decorating the church for Christmas Sunday, Dec. 22nd, immediately after mass. All are welcome to stay and help make our church beautiful for the season.



**Our Spiritual Adoption Tree** - The 15th week of pregnancy is a critical time for the fetus's growth. The baby's skin remains thin and translucent, but the underlying blood vessels become visible. The baby's taste buds start to develop, and their ears and eyes keep growing into their proper places. The baby's limb motions get more coordinated, and it may begin to suck its thumb. The skeletal system develops with bones becoming harder, and the delicate, soft hair called lanugo begins to cover the baby's body. Additionally, the baby is now producing urine, which is released into the amniotic fluid. While many of these developments are taking place, most mothers won't feel fetal movements until a few weeks later. The fetus typically measures about 4 inches in length and weighs around 2.5 ounces by the end of this week.  
<https://www.babycenter.com>

**January 1, 2025**  
**Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother**



**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Mass times are**  
**AOOL - 8:00 AM**  
**SA - 12 (N)**

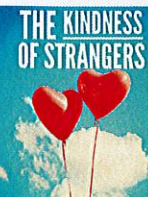


**Support Catholic Charities West Virginia!** - *It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35)* - Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation allows us to provide hope, provide safety, provide food and provide care. Join us in our mission of love! Give to Catholic Charities through the second collection at Christmas Masses.  
 In giving, we live honorably before God who gives us all we have. Through your support, we can continue providing caring and compassionate support to West Virginians in need. Thank you for your heart to give.

**Praise HIM in the good times, as well as the troubled times.**

## CHRISTMAS PLAY at AOOL

Join us **after Mass** on **Sunday, December 22nd** for a **Christmas Play** directed by Jenn Tupa and performed by AOOL Faith Formation Children.



Thank you to everyone that helped support the Giving Tree at AOOL. The Mineral County Social Worker was overwhelmed with the kindness of our Parish. Many children will be blessed because of your kindness.



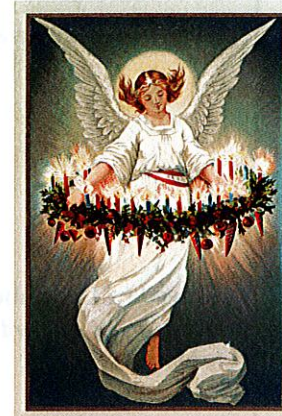
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## ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

**December 22, 2024**

## 4th Sunday of Advent

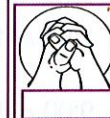
*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.*



*Luke 1:38*



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



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
 Thursday 5:30 PM (SA)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month  
 4 PM—6 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):** Jenn Tupa  
**Nursing Home Coordinator:** Linda Ward  
**OCIA Coordinator (AOOL):** Armando Herrera

**E-mail:** [annunciationchurch@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:annunciationchurch@atlanticbbn.net)

**Website:** [aolsa.org](http://aolsa.org)

[www.facebook.com/groups/147125069949301](https://www.facebook.com/groups/147125069949301)

**Office Hours** Monday-Thursday 8 AM - 1 PM

Tammy Collett, Parish Secretary  
 Kathy Brockett, Bookkeeper/Secretary

**Physical Address:** 8819 Frankfort Hwy.  
 AOOL - Fort Ashby, WV 26719  
 SA - 176 Main St., Ridgeley, WV 26753  
**Mailing Address** (both parishes):  
 P.O. Box 1560, Fort Ashby, WV 26719-1560  
**Phone:** (304) 298-3392 **Fax:** (304) 298-3419

**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 21 <i>St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Dr. of the Church</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass For the People
Sunday, December 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Joe Dodrill & Family Req. by People of the Parish Janet Jack Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
Tuesday, December 24	12:00 (N) (SA) 4:30 PM (SA) 6:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass Daniel Brown † Req. by Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization Nora Collett † Req. by Brian & Tammy Collett
Wednesday, December 25 <i>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Betty & John Scully † Req. by Kathy & Ron Brockett Edgar Kirk † Req. by Anna Kirk
Thursday, December 26 <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	6:30 PM (SA)	No Mass
Friday, December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	No Mass
Saturday, December 28 <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass For the People
Sunday, December 29 <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Jean Douthitt (Heavenly B-Day) Req. by People of the Parish Susan Knisley † Req. by Cumberland Historic Cemetery Organization

### Weekly Readings



**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Lk 1:57-66  
**Wednesday:** Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** Is 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25  
**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt 10:17-22  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52



### Weekly Collections December 15, 2024

**Attendance AOOL - 45 / 70 Weekly: \$ 2,341.00 Debt.: \$ 200.00 Poor Box: \$ 42.00**  
**Rel. Retirement: \$ 35.00 All Souls: \$ 10.00 Imm. Conc.: \$ 430.00**  
**Attendance SA - 33 Weekly: \$ 619.00 Imm. Conc.: \$ 215.00 Poor Box: \$ 85.00**



### Peace on Earth

Long ago and far away  
In Bethlehem of old,  
A little Baby Boy was born  
For blessings yet untold.  
"Peace on earth, good will to men"  
The angels did proclaim,  
For peace will fill the hearts of those  
Who call upon His name.  
He came to earth to live and die  
Upon a cross one day,  
And yet no grave could hold Him there -  
He is the Light, the Way.  
He gives us everlasting life,  
A gift no man can sever;  
Because He lives we are assured  
That we will live forever.  
Oh little Babe of Bethlehem,  
Oh precious Lamb of God,  
We look across the years and see  
That lonely path You trod.  
We long to follow You each day,  
So guide us, Lord, we pray,  
For in these troubled times we need  
Your peace throughout each day.

Gertrude B. McClain

### From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Greetings one and all! Hope you've had a super-duper, wicked, awesome week! Guess what? **It's Christmas this week** and that means that Santa Claus is coming to town! Even more importantly, we celebrate the birth of our Savior on Wednesday the 25th. So, we have a different schedule of Masses:

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24th:** 4:30 PM at St. Anthony's; 6:30 PM at Annunciation

**Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25th:** 9:00 AM at Annunciation; 11:00 AM at St. Anthony's

On top of that, we have the New Year quickly speeding around the corner. That day is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. So, the Mass schedule looks like this: 8:00 AM at Annunciation and high noon at St. Anthony's.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the security cameras at Annunciation by participating in the 50/50 and those who made donations after the drawing was over. It is now paid in full. All of this speaks to your generosity and care for your parish home. As I mentioned, we will look at St. Anthony's in the coming months.

I want to highlight both parishes for all the hard work that was undertaken especially by the CCD program and St. Anthony's Guild in providing others less fortunate than we with a special Christmas. The Guild provided gift boxes for seniors; hopefully they know that they are not alone. The CCD program at St. Anthony's provided food baskets for families in the area that are struggling. Individual donors at Annunciation provided Christmas gifts for children in the area. All of this couldn't be done without everyone's support and prayers. Thank you, thank you, thank you! We can't forget Sister Katherine and her fellow sisters in Texas. As you may know, Sr. Katherine is the daughter of our very own Jean Dorsey. St. Anthony's provided a gift basket of goodies for her and the other sisters, all from everyone's generous donations, so again, thank you. All this shows why our two churches are the best in the state. If there was a state championship for best Catholic Church of West Virginia, Annunciation and St. Anthony's would be fighting it out for the number 1 spot.

Speaking of state championships, HOW 'BOUT 'DEM FALCONS!! State Champions. Is this the start of a dynasty? We hope so. This is just the first of many championships Frankfort will win over the years. I wonder if on the bus ride home they sang "We are the Champions" by Queen? Congratulations to the coaching staff and all the players for a great season.

I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas, and God bless us, everyone.

Have you ever heard this Southern saying especially in the summer? "I'm sweatin' more than a sinner in church"

I don't snore, I just purr with the force of 10,000 kittens.

"My mother said to me: 'Hate has four letters, but so does love. Enemies has seven letters, but so does friends. Lying has five letters, but so does truth. Cry has three letters, but so does joy. Negativity has ten letters, but so does positivity.' Life is two-sided, choose the better side of it."

Have a wonderful week.

**Please Pray for:** Pam Adams, Dena Albright, Walter Aumuller, Alex Balice, Paul & Barb Biser, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara Bonat, Darlene Bridges, Mary Kay Britt, Ron Brockett, Vicky Brown, Cathy Case, Carla Clark, Julia Codire, Marsha Combs, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangellis, Richard Delaney, Logan Duncan, Jenny Emerick, John & Eileen Engel, Jan Evans, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Leia Gallen, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Dale Hankinson, Roy Harsh, Lucy Haywood, Jim Hymes, Jim Howard, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Todd Jones, Wanda Kirk, Doris Klipstein, Michael Knotts, Margritt Krams, Stacy Kobe, Liz Lantz, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Annie Light, Ed Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Doug Long, Bob Malers, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Tom McCoy, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Steve Morgan, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Steve Pelaez, George Perry, Heather Peters, Bonnie Price, Mary Susan Resser, Jeanie Rigney, Jacob Robey, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Samantha Shank, Shawnee Simmons, Luke Sites, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Donna Struntz, Christine Thibault, Lu Thibault, Adam Watts, Reva Waybright, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Mary Margaret Wollan, Harlow Wooton