

Schedule of Masses

Saturday, February 21 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i> <i>St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Dr. of the Church</i>	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>1st Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Chas Ebeling † Req. by Chuck & Linda Ebeling
Sunday, February 22 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
	11:00 AM (SA)	Poor Souls in Purgatory † Req. by the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Org.
Tuesday, February 24	12:00 (N) (SA)	Charles Sr. & Elizabeth Fryer † Req. by Steve Fryer
Wednesday, February 25	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Thibault Family & Mathews Family † Req. by Lu & Louis Thibault
Thursday, February 26	6:30 PM (SA)	Shelia Houdersheldt † Req. by Wayne Houdersheldt
Friday, February 27 <i>St. Gregory of Narek,</i> <i>Abbot and Dr. of the Church</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Debbie Seward Req. by Kathy & Ron Brockett
Saturday, February 28 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, March 1 <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Barrett Brode Req. by William Brode
	11:00 AM (SA)	Harold K. Edgerton † Req. by the Cumberland Historic Cemetery Org.

Weekly Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32
Friday: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a / 2 Tm 1:8b-10 / Mt 17:1-9

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Weekly Collections - Saturday, Feb. 14 & 15, 2026

Attendance AOOL: 41 / 95 Weekly: \$ 2,392.00 Debt: \$ 27.00
Poor Box: \$ 56.00

Attendance SA: 53 Weekly: \$ 1,010.00 Bldg. Fd. \$ 15.00 Poor Box: \$.00
Home Missions: \$ 15.00



Ministry Schedule

Annunciation:

Sat., Feb. 28, 4:30 PM

Lector: Maria Smith

E.M.: Joe Hughes,

Pat Penrod,

Chrity Keg

Ushers: Steve Penrod,

Joe Hughes

Server: Maci Smith

Cantor: Sue Long

Sun., March 1, 9:00 AM

Lector: Mark Seward

E.M.: Doug Long,

Harolyn Sherman,

Brian Crist

Ushers: Rob Bright,

Dave Abe

Server: Brysin, Leia &

Paytin

Cantor: Sue Long

Counters: Mary Jane &

Rob Bright

St. Anthony's:

Sun., March 1, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Sly Logsdon

Lector: Michele Schultz

E.M.: Peggy Brakeall,

Wayne Houdersheldt,

Judy Wolfe

Ushers: Derrick Robey,

Amber Houdersheldt

Servers: Volunteer

Cantor: Rosemary Lehman

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Salutations one and all! I hope you've had a good week. We had some nice warm days and saw most of the snow disappear. Bella is happy to see grass again, for you know what, and she can also once again roll around in the grass, which she loves to do.

I hope we're all getting into our groove with Lent by now. If not, maybe this week we can settle into our cruising speed with it.

A few weeks ago, I mentioned the possibility of going to an Altoona Curves game this year, but I haven't heard any feedback. Does that mean most are not interested? I'll put a sign-up sheet out here soon, just in case, to see if anyone is interested. If not, that's okay.

I want to congratulate our two little ones being baptized at Annunciation Saturday at the Vigil Mass. Shout out to little Maeve Morrison and Amari Skeffery. Their mothers are Phil Douthitt's daughters, Taylor and Lauren.

I want to share a short reflection with you from *Return to Joy: A Lenten Journey of Renewal* by Meredith Dean Augustin. For this first weekend of Lent, Jesus is led out into the desert and tempted by Satan. The desert may conjure up various images in our minds: hot, dry, barren, dusty, etc. I would imagine most of us don't purposely seek out going to the desert, it's a harsh environment suited only for the hardest of souls.

If we were to look at the beginning of the monastic movement way back when, where did the people go? They went out into the desert. Why? To seek solitude with God, in the reflection, Ms. Augustin mentions the desert can bring clarity when our hearts are still. When out in the desert, it offers us an opportunity to settle in with God, and in some ways, slow down. We're removed from the everyday pressure and busyness of our lives. It allows us to walk with God to shed what burdens us, what holds us down. We can seek out spiritual food and water that truly nourishes us down to our soul and to remember that even in the desert, God provides. Also, Ms. Augustin mentions that Jesus was led out into the desert, not as some form of punishment, but as a form of preparation. She says: "In that quiet, empty place, Jesus learns what it really means to rely completely on God. Away from distraction and applause, Jesus comes face to face with what is essential - love, trust and obedience" (23).

Being a spiritual desert, we usually think of a time when we find it very hard to pray or a period where we doubt. Maybe being in a desert is not so bad if we look at it as Ms. Augustin speaks about. It's a place where we can regroup, get away (in a sense) and learn what is essential to us all in our spiritual lives, that God loves us, and with that we can trust him, leading to obedience to him which is meant to draw us closer to him. Being in the desert can also show what is truly important to us in our lives. May this time in Lent this year lead us to a place of resting in the Lord, and maybe a time in the desert isn't so bad. It might just lead us closer to our God and a more defined purpose in our spiritual lives to better serve him and one another.

Okay, here we go:

I went to the doctor with some lower back pain. He diagnosed me with being my age.

I used to rock around the clock, but now I limp around the block.

My wife said to me, "You haven't heard a word I've said." I thought to myself, that's an odd way to start a conversation.

Remember the movie, "Dirty Dancing?" It came out in 1987, and it was about life in the summer of 1963. If it came out in 2025 it would be about life in the summer of 2001! *2001 is now considered throw back.* Wow, just wow!

You can't give away a used mattress, but somehow, we will pay \$100, \$200, \$300 bucks and up to sleep on one in a motel/hotel. Hmmm.

All right everybody, have an awesome week.

THE 5 PILLARS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE



We continue to pray for those on our prayer list
Please include Nia Smith in your prayers.




ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Saturday, February 21st: Women's Prayer Ministry Group** will meet at AOOL at **10 AM** to pray the Rosary and make a Craft. - Reconciliation at 4 PM before 4:30 PM Mass
- † **Sunday, February 22nd:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- † **Monday, February 23rd:** CEOS Meeting in Social Hall at AOOL 11:30 AM - 2 PM
- † **Tuesday, February 24th:** SA will pray the Rosary for the Unborn before 12 (N) Mass
- † **Wednesday, February 25th: JOINT PARISH Covered Dish Social** at 6:30 PM at AOOL
- † **Thursday, February 26th:** Eucharistic Adoration at SA at 5:30 PM, Reconciliation at 6 PM
- † **Friday, February 27th:** Stations of the Cross at both churches at 6:30 PM
- † **Saturday, February 28th:** Reconciliation at 4 PM at AOOL
- † **Sunday, March 1st:** Social Sunday at both churches—**AOOL Breakfast Brunch**

♥♥♥♥♥ We congratulate those celebrating Wedding Anniversaries this month: Joe & Karen Dodrill, (51 yrs. on 3/7); Danny & Jane Adams, (54 yrs. on 3/25); Bill & Christine Brode, (61 yrs. on 3/26)

Birthdays Blessings Jeff Dominick, Julie Marcellino, (3/3); Toni Brothers, (3/4); Cole Livingston, (3/6); Samuel Notel, (3/8); Linda Hoey, (3/9); Nicholas Smith, (3/10); Margie Grogg, (3/11); Richard Miller, (3/16); Danny Adams, (3/21); Murt Robey, (3/26); Dave Abe, Selena Wolf, Fran McFarland, Rosemary Lehman, (3/28); Connie Hughes, (3/29); Ariana Herrera-DosReis, (3/31)

Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us seek the assistance of God's grace.

 A candle for the month of February has been sponsored for Larry Wolfe, Flo & Janet, by their loving wife and mother Judy Wolfe.



Knights of Columbus
Bishop Bernard Schmitt Council 15610

Annunciation of our Lord & Saint Anthony Parish

Featuring:

The Shanty Irish Band

Saturday, March 7th 6:30 to 9:30
Location: Annunciation of our Lord Social Hall
8871 Frankfort Hwy, Fort Ashby WV

Tickets: \$20.00
Tickets Available from any Knight or at Parish Office
Call (304) 298 - 3392

Email annunciationchurch@atlanticbbn.net

March 1st we will start **collecting items to fill Easter Eggs** for our **Yearly Easter Egg Hunt** at Annunciation. We appreciate your generosity and remind you that the items have to be **small enough** to fit in an egg.

- EVERY FRIDAY during Lent at AOOL**
Bring a dish and join us at 5:30 PM
before Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM!
- † Feb 20th - SOUP FUNDRAISER FOR YOUTH
 - † Feb. 27th - Bring a Meatless Pizza
 - † Mar. 6th - Bring a Meatless dish of any kind
 - † Mar. 13th - Bring a Meatless Soup
 - † Mar. 20th - Bring a Meatless dish of any kind
 - † Mar 27th - Bring a Meatless Pizza

JOINT PARISH COVERED DISH SOCIAL
Wednesday, February 25th
at 6:30 PM at AOOL
Ham is on the menu!



Sunday, March 1st, Social Sunday at AOOL—Join us for a **Breakfast Brunch**. **PLEASE** bring a dish to share as this will be the only food provided.



The Catholic Parishes of ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

February 22, 2026


*First Sunday
of Lent*

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.*



Matthew 4:4b

 **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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Tammy Collett, Parish Secretary
Kathy Brockett, Bookkeeper/Secretary
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AOOL - Fort Ashby, WV 26719
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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

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.