

Schedule of Masses

Saturday, March 14	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>4th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Bob Wolford † Req. by People of the Parish
Sunday, March 15	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
<i>Laetare Sunday</i> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Bob Wolford † Req. by Judy Wolfe
Tuesday, March 17	12:00 (N) (SA)	Robert & Evelyn Maiers † Req. by Patty Maiers
<i>St. Patrick, Bishop</i>		
Wednesday, March 18	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Ted & Mary Grabenstein † Req. by Bob Grabenstein
<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i> <i>Bishop and Dr. of the Church</i>		
Thursday, March 19	6:30 PM (SA)	Joe & Elma Wolfe † Req. by Judy Wolfe
<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Friday, March 20	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Mary Jane Bright Req. by People of the Parish
Saturday, March 21	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>5th Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, March 22	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Kathy Brockett Req. by Tammy & Brian Collett
<i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Joe & Dolly Wolfe Req. by St. Anthony's Guild



Weekly Readings



Monday: Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 / Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45

Weekly Collections - Saturday, March 7, & March 8, 2026

Attendance AOOL: 55 / 64 **Weekly:** \$ 2,376.00 **Debt:** \$ 30.00 **Poor Box:** \$ 104.00

Priest Retir.: \$ 1,176.00 **Easter Flowers:** \$ 268.00

Attendance SA: 47 **Weekly:** \$ 746.00 **Priest Retir.:** \$ 350.00 **Build Fd:** \$ 80.00

Flowers: \$ 55.00 **Candles:** \$ 57.00 **Poor Box:** \$ 130.00



Ministry Schedule

Annunciation:

Sat., Mar. 21st, 4:30 PM

Lector: Maria Smith

E.M.: Joe Hughes,

Volunteer,

Pat Penrod

Ushers: Steve Penrod,

Justin Smith

Server: Maci Smith

Cantor: Sue Long

Sun., Mar. 22nd, 9:00 AM

Lector: Christa Dommers

E.M: Rob Bright,

Lou Miltenberger,

Margie Grogg

Ushers: Joe Dodrill,

Dave Abe

Server: Mary Jane Bright

Cantor: Phil Douthitt

Counters: Patti Henry &

Patricia Folk

St. Anthony's:

Sun., Mar. 22nd, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Amber Houdersheldt

Lector: Jean Dorsey

E.M.: Volunteer,

Wayne Houdersheldt

Judy Wolfe

Ushers: Derrick Robey

Fred Wolfe

Servers: Volunteer

Cantor: Patty Maiers



PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

GOD, may the fullness of your grace remain with us through this week's challenges. May we pass on the grace we have received to those around us as we work, serve, and rest.

Amen

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Hello, hello again. Do you know how many songs have the word Hello in it? It's a bunch. An example is *Hello*, by Lionel Ritchie. What about *Hello, Goodbye* by the Beatles, or *Hello Again* by the Cars, or even *Hello, It's Me* by Todd Rundgren. A Google search shows the top 120 songs with "Hello" in the title. Jinkies Scooby! That's a lot, and that's just the top songs with that word in it. Anyway, on with the countdown...

For those who attended the St. Patrick's Day dinner featuring Shanty Irish, I hope you all had a good time. Shanty Irish puts on a *really good* show (say that with the voice of Ed Sullivan). The large crowd was fantastic; the Knights even had to set up more tables. I've heard nothing but good things from that night. Thank you to the K of C for a great evening. We even had visitors from Morgantown. (Remember Rick & Dottie Sausen?).

I hope everyone has recovered from the time change. Bella and I had a nice long nap Sunday afternoon. For some reason she was pretty much sacked out for most of the day.

In his little book, *The Forgotten Way: The Saint James Master Plan*, Matthew Kelly writes that we can be transformed by the way we speak. It works the other way as well. Unfortunately, we can be transformed negatively by however people speak to us and what is said. He says: "Governing your speech is a sure path to holiness" (1). He further states that we can be saints by how we govern our speech. Basically, saying the same things. He says in chapter six, that words matter. We all remember the saying: "Stick and stones make break my bones, but words will never hurt me." How many of us really believe that?. Words can hurt more than broken bones or any other physical injuries. Words can cut deeply, positive and negative. They can influence us to do great things, as well as cut us down and deeply wound us. There is a lot of power in words.

He reminds us that God created the universe by words. In the beginning was the Word (John 1:1). God's word created order out of chaos. God's own Son, Jesus, was the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Kelly says that words create and act upon us. He says: "A tongue-lashing can be a thousand times more devastating to a person's spirit than a physical beating. 'The tongue has the power of life and death' (Proverbs 18:21). Our bodies can heal from a physical beating, but the lasting impact of harsh words can endure for the rest of a person's life." In other words, words have power. They can create chaos or they can create order; they can lift up or they can tear down; they can protect or they can destroy. How many of us have been utterly devastated by what someone said to us, being affected for a long time or still? With the age of the internet, social media, we can become "keyboard warriors", wreaking havoc and mayhem online, destroying others by a few keystrokes on a computer.

Let us help to build up others by our words, help someone heal, make connections, and be a conduit of love. As Christians we should be good examples of Christian charity. Set the right example of what it means to be a follower of Christ. Too many times, Christians plant barriers to Jesus by words and actions. Set the bar high for ourselves by looking at how we speak. Spiritual life is in part spent in reflection. Let us reflect on how we speak to others. Are we building up or tearing down? This Lent, - I know it's half over already - take time to reflect on our words. Know the power they contain. May our speech be for the good. May it create order and not chaos.

I know that this is what you want:

Someone posted on social media that they had just baked some synonym buns. I replied, "You mean just like grammar used to make?" Now I'm blocked.

1995: "Don't get in a car with strangers." 2005: "Don't meet people in person you meet from the internet." 2025: Uber "Order yourself a stranger from the internet to get in a car."

Today's Work From Home tip: Blowing on the wine in your mug will help convince your ZOOM meeting that your tea or coffee is hot.

All of us older folks know all about living on the edge - we used to answer the phone without having any idea who was calling.

Okay, that's good enough for now. See you on the flip side.



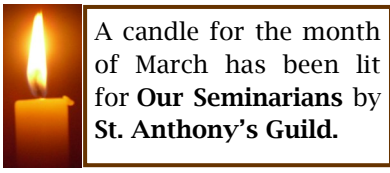
We continue to pray for those listed on our prayer list.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday, March 15th:** SA Guild Mtg. after Mass
- † **Tuesday, March 17th:** SA will pray the Rosary for the Unborn before 12 (N) Mass—**St. Patrick's Day**
- † **Thursday, March 19th:** Reconciliation at SA at 6:00 PM before 6:30 PM Mass

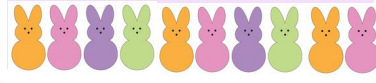
- † **Friday, March 20th:** Stations of the Cross at both churches at 6:30 PM. Bring a Meatless Dish at 5:30 PM to AOOL before Stations to share—SA making Candy Eggs at 10 AM
- † **Saturday, March 21st:** **Women's Prayer Ministry Group** will meet at 10 AM in the social hall at AOOL. Rosary then craft to follow.



A candle for the month of March has been lit for **Our Seminarians** by **St. Anthony's Guild**.

IN SUPPORT OF Life **Baby bottles** have been placed in the vestibule at AOOL. Please fill and return them by **May 10th**. Our **K of C #15610** will be donating all proceeds to the **James Isaac House in Keyser, WV**.

Items are being **collected to fill Easter Eggs** for our **Easter Egg Hunt at Annunciation on March 29th** (Palm Sunday). We appreciate your generosity! Thank you for helping to make this a success!



Thank You



Our **Knights of Columbus Council #15610** members, **Fred Wolfe, John Douthitt and Bob Grabenstein** moved furniture and items at the Rectory so that the new windows could be installed. **Dave Abe and Joe Urban** helped move everything back to its original place after the installation was complete.



For any needed Prayers

Good Morning let us serve You Breakfast

The **VFW in Ft. Ashby** is having breakfast on Sunday, March 15th from 8 AM - 12 (N). For just \$10.00 you get all you can eat pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, orange juice, and coffee. (Take out available for \$10.00) **Everyone is welcome!** **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO VETERANS IN NEED.** VFW Post 6667 * Cottage Lane * Fort Ashby, WV * 304-298-3666

If you ordered **P/B or Coconut Eggs from St. Anthony's Guild**, orders for **Annunciation** will be delivered to the office on **March 19th**. Money is due at time of pick up. Exact change is appreciated. They will also be available for pick up **Saturday, March 21st and Sunday, March 22nd** after Mass.

- * **Sunday, March 29th = Palm Sunday**
Easter Egg Hunt
- * **Thursday, April 2nd = Holy Thursday**
AOOL - 4:30 PM Mass SA - 6:30 PM Mass
- * **Friday, April 3rd = Good Friday**
SA - 3:00 PM AOOL - 5:00 PM
- * **Saturday, April 4th = Easter Vigil**
SA - No 9:00 AM Mass AOOL 8:00 PM Mass
- * **Sunday, April 5th = Easter Day**
AOOL 9:00 AM Mass SA 11:00 AM Mass



Frankfort Elementary School has a request for **small water bottles**. These need to be plastic bottles for the kids to refill. No straws. Flip top is ok and remember these are for small hands so not the tall bottles. Just drop your donations off in the back of church at **St. Anthony's**.

- EVERY FRIDAY during Lent at AOOL**
Bring a dish and join us at 5:30 PM before Stations at 6:30 PM!
- † **Mar. 20th** - Meatless dish of any kind
- † **Mar 27th** - Meatless Pizza

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

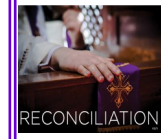
March 15, 2026
*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*



*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

John 8:12

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
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K of C #15610 Grand Knight: Brian Crist
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Michele Schultz (St. Anthony)
Matt Sisk (Annunciation)
Sacristan (SA): Fran McFarland
Sacristan (AOOL): Mike Weaver/Volunteers
Organist (SA): Becky Wolfe
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Nursing Home Coordinator: Linda Ward
OCIA Coordinator (AOOL): Armando Herrera

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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