

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday, March 16th:** St. Anthony Guild Meeting after Mass.
- † **Monday, March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day
- † **Tuesday, March 18th:** NO MASS—Fr. Dan to the Chancery for a meeting.
- † **Wednesday, March 19th:** Solemnity of St.

- Joseph, Patron St. of the Diocese
- † **Thursday, March 20th:** Reconciliation at SA at 6:00 PM before 6:30 PM Mass
- † **Friday, March 21st:** Stations of the Cross at both Churches at 6:30 PM.
- † **Saturday, March 22nd:** Reconciliation at AOOL at 4:00 PM before 4:30 PM MASS



A vigil candle for the month of March has been lit for the **United States of America** by St. Anthony's Guild.



BABY BOTTLES - The Knights of Columbus Council #15610, with your help, will be supporting the **James Isaac House** again this year. Baby bottles are available for you to fill up and return by **Mother's Day, May 11th**. Thank you for your support!

St. Anthony's Guild is collecting school supplies and clothing (socks, elastic waist pants, shirts, underwear) any size, for school children to see them through the end of the school year. Annunciation will also place a tote in the vestibule for donations if you would like to contribute.



Stations of the Cross will continue at both Churches on Fridays at 6:30 PM. Come and walk with Jesus on the path He travelled for **each of us**.

2025 SHANTY IRISH DINNER & BAND



"Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged."
Barb, Paula & Family

In 2025, the universal Church will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, the first ecumenical council of the Church, held May - July, 325. The great gift of the council was the Nicene Creed, professed by Christians every Sunday throughout the world.



Our Spiritual Adoption Tree - Week 27 - Your baby's eyes can now open and close; they may move in response to light. You might feel a burst of flutters and wiggles. Your baby's lungs are making surfactants to help the alveoli (tiny air sacs in the lungs) remain open, which makes it possible for your baby to breathe after birth.
www.babycenter.com

St. Anthony's Guild will be making P/B and Coconut Eggs again this year and selling them for \$2/each. Sign up sheets have been placed in both Churches. The deadline to place an order is March 30th. Delivery/pickup will be between April 6-13th unless you would like yours sooner.



AOOL's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. There is a basket in the vestibule for donations. Thank you for helping to make this a successful event!

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 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Trust in the Lord



*Praise and honor to you,
Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining
cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.*
Cf. Mt 17:5
Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

 <p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 4:00-4:15 PM (AOOL) Thursdays 6:00-6:15 PM (SA) or by appointment</p>	 <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursdays 5:30 PM (SA) 1ST Friday of the month, (AOOL) 4 - 6 PM but cancelled for April</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>E-mail: annunciationchurch@atlanticbbn.net Website: aolsa.org 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</p>

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, March 15	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, March 16	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Paul Biser† Req. by Jean & Steve Bradshaw
<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Poor Souls in Purgatory + Req. by The Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization
Tuesday, March 18	12:00 (N) (SA)	NO MASS
<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Dr. of the Church</i>		
Wednesday, March 19	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Debbie & Mark Seward Req. by People of the Parish
<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Thursday, March 20	6:30 PM (SA)	Peggy Brakeall Req. by People of the Parish
Friday, March 21	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Amy Rountree & Family Req. by People of Parish
Saturday, March 22	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>Third Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, March 23	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Ron Brockett Req. by Kathy Brockett
<i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Jimmy Summerlin + Req. by People of the Parish

Weekly Readings

 **Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10 / Lk 6:36-38 **Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20 / Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10 / Lk 16:19-31 **Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a / Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 **Sunday:** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 / Lk 13:1-9

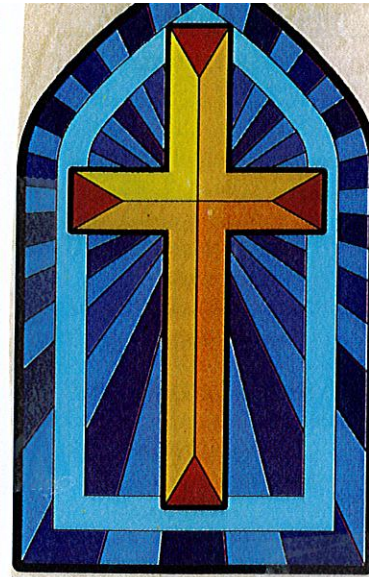
Country Club Mall Cinema in LaVale, MD - (SHOWTIMES)

Thursday, March 13th - Wednesday, March 19th - **The Last Supper** (PG 13, 2 hrs. 10 mins.)
 Thursday, March 27th - Wednesday, April 2nd - **The Chosen: Last Supper Part 1** (NR, 2 hrs. 10mins.)
 Thursday, April 3rd - Wednesday, April 9th - **The Chosen: Last Supper Part 2** (NR, 2 hrs. 55 mins.)
 Thursday, April 10th - Wednesday, April 16th - **The Chosen: Last Supper Part 3** (NR, 3 hrs. 15 mins.)

Weekly Collections March 8 - 9 2025

Attendance AOOL: 52 / 88 Weekly: \$ 2,558.00 Debt Red.: \$ 453.00 Poor Box: \$ 146.00
Easter Flowers: \$ 25.00 Priest Retirement: \$ 25.00

Attendance SA: 41 Weekly: \$ 823.00 Building Fund: \$ 410.00 Poor Box: \$.00



† Sunday Morning Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank You for allowing me to see the start of another week and another day. I pray my week will go well. If there are any obstacles I must face, I pray You give me the wisdom to overcome them. I pray You keep my mind focused, my heart steady and my spirit filled with positivity, joy, love and happiness.

In Jesus' Name I Pray,
Amen.

St. Anthony's Guild will be giving out food boxes for Easter again this year. The delivery date will be April 13th.

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Happy Lent to you all!

I hope you've been well as we put winter behind us and look forward to Spring. This week, I want to bring you some good news about me. As you might know, I was ordained for the Diocese of Trenton, which encompasses the four middle counties of New Jersey. In December of 2021, I arrived back in West "By God" Virginia and have never been happier in my priesthood than being here with all of you. Although I have been here for a little over three years, I was still a priest for the Diocese of Trenton. I was here on a probationary basis for a period of three years, and that time was up in December. The process isn't so cut and dry where-by I just transfer to another diocese and that's that. Suffice it to say, I had to request to be released as a priest of the Diocese of Trenton, as well as request permission to officially be a part of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

With that, I have been officially accepted as a priest of this diocese! I know it may not seem like a big deal since I've been here for a period of time, but to me it is. Now, I do have to meet with Bishop Brennan, the Vicar of Clergy (head of the clergy) and the Vicar General (2nd in command to the bishop). Before you ask, I don't know how many stars he has. This Tuesday, I have to travel to Wheeling to meet with them at 10:00 AM (so no Mass at St. Anthony's). Since I'm a priest of the diocese, I don't think I'll be interrogated, so hopefully it will be a friendly, less intense meeting. However, whenever you meet with the "boss man" and others in positions of authority, it is nerve-racking. So, I ask for your prayers that everything goes well.

On Wednesday, we celebrate the feast day of St. Joseph, the patron saint of our diocese. In reality, there isn't much known about Joseph. He isn't mentioned much in scripture, and nothing of him after the story in Luke of him and Mary searching for Jesus and finding Him in the temple at age 12. The month of March is dedicated to him and Pope Pius IX named him the patron and protector of the Church in the 19th century.

He is mentioned in Luke and Matthew's gospels and in the infancy narratives. It is believed that he was a widower with children before he was engaged and betrothed to Mary. Some of the early Church fathers tend to agree with this theory. This would also explain, to some, why the gospels mention that Jesus had brothers and sisters. However, Catholic tradition sees this as referring to cousins which was a common practice of the day to call cousins brothers and sisters.

Joseph is seen as a quiet man of few words. This is attributed to the fact that he doesn't speak in the gospels, but what he does do is follow God's instructions. So, he is seen as a man of faith and devotion, a protector of Mary, legal father of Jesus, and is seen as an example of fatherhood and also seen as a hard worker. There is even a feast named after this attribute, May 1st, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He was known to be a carpenter and Jesus worked with him. There are some who believe that he was more than a carpenter but really a skilled craftsman who was proficient in a variety of trades.

So, we celebrate this quiet man who loved Mary, raised Jesus and obeyed God. We ask for his intercession in our lives, especially as men, that we are good fathers and example to our children and the epitome of what it means to be a good husband. St. Joseph, pray for us.

Did you know that during the Covid-19 crisis the song by Neil Diamond, "Sweet Caroline" was banned? There was to be no touching hands, reaching out, touching me, touching you?

If anybody gets a message from me about canned meat, don't open it. It's SPAM.
Have a great week!



PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING



Please Pray for: Dena Albright, Walter Aumuller, Barb Biser, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara & Greg Bonat, Darlene Bridges, Mary Kay Britt, Ron Brockett, Vicky Brown, Cathy Case, Carla Clark, Julia Codire, Marsha Combs, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangelis, Deb DeGeorge, 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, Jim Hymes, Jim Howard, Joe Hughes, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Todd Jones, Lisa Jones, Wanda Kirk, Michael Knotts, Margritt Krams, Stacy Kobe, Liz Lantz, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Audrey Liller, Annie Light, Ed Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Doug Long, Bob Maiers, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Tom McCoy, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Hogan Moody, Steve Morgan, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Marilyn Paul, Steve Pelaez, George Perry, Heather Peters, Bonnie Price, Mary Susan Resser, Jacob Robey, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Amy Rountree, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Samantha Shank, Shawnee Simmons, Luke Sites, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Donna Struntz, Christopher & 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