

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Monday, March 10th: SA Craft Day has been changed to the second Monday of each month, 10 AM - 1 AM. Next one is March 10th.**
- † **Tuesday, March 11th:** SA will pray the Rosary before 12 (N) Mass - Grief support Grp. Mtg. at Ft. Ashby Community Bldg. at 6:00 PM
- † **Wednesday, March 12th:** K of C Council #15610 Business Mtg. at AOOL at 7 PM.

- † **Thursday, March 13th:** Reconciliation at SA's at 6:00 PM, before 6:30 PM Mass
- † **Friday, March 14th:** Stations of the Cross at both Churches at 6:30 PM. **AOOL - Bring a meatless dish to share at 5:30 PM before Stations.**
- † **Saturday, March 15th:** Reconciliation at AOOL at 4:00 PM before 4:30 PM Mass.
- † **Sunday, March 16th:** Guild Mtg. after Mass

Knights of Columbus Council # 586, Located at 66 N. Mechanic St., Cumberland, MD, will be open for the **Hooley Pub Crawl** on **Sat., March 15th, at 1:00 PM** for specials and music. Also, featuring the **Shanty Irish Band** at 8:30 PM. Cover will be \$10.00 per person.

Join Fr. Rocky for a free video series "**Lenten Lessons on the Sacraments**". Each video lesson is quick and delivered daily to your email from March 5th - April 17th. Let us be inspired to grow closer to Christ this Lent! You may sign up at RelevantRadio.com/Lent



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

The Seven Deadly Sins
Pride, Greed, Wrath, Envy, Lust, Gluttony, Sloth

This Lent, join Scott Hahn as he unpacks the biblical richness of **Jesus's Seven Last Words**, spoken as He hung dying on the cross. In this free Lenten journey starting Ash Wednesday (March 5), you will receive 30-minute video reflections on one of Jesus's final utterances. To accompany these reflections, we're excited to share sacred music by the men's ensemble, Floriani. To sign up for this free Lenten journey, go to the link: <https://stpaulcenter.com/lent>



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**.

This Lent, take time to reflect on the words of Pope Francis.

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?

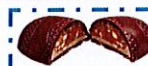
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Bring a **meatless dish** and join us at Annunciation of Our Lord in the Social Hall on Friday, **March 14, 2025 at 5:30 PM** before Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM.



AOOL's **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**, after Mass. We are asking for parishioners to help by bringing in candy or small items to help fill the eggs. A reminder that the eggs are smaller and suckers will not fit in them. Thank you for helping to make this a successful event!



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.

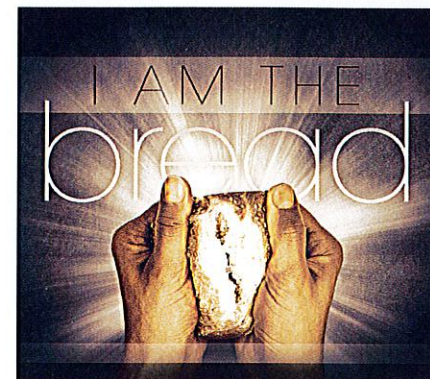
IMPORTANT - March 18, 2025 - 12 (N) Mass at St. Anthony's is **cancelled**. Fr. Dan will be out of town.

Our Spiritual Adoption Tree - Week 26 - With the third trimester right around the corner, it is essential to get enough of key nutrients like calcium, iron, iodine, choline, vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin B6, vitamin B12, folic acid, and omega-3 fatty acids. Baby has started to inhale and exhale small amounts of amniotic fluid, which is essential for lung development. www.babycenter.com

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 9, 2025
*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

 <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 is cancelled for the month of March and 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@atlanticcbbn.net Website: aoolsa.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 8 <i>St. John of God, Religious First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass Denny McGann † Req. by Nancy McGann & Family
Sunday, March 9 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Paul Biser † Req. by Knights of Columbus Council #15610 For the People
Tuesday, March 11	12:00 (N) (SA)	Steve Muenze † Req. by People of the Parish
Wednesday, March 12	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Ruth Abe † Req. by Dave & Debbie Abe
Thursday, March 13	6:30 PM (SA)	Jimmy Summerlin † Req. by People of the Parish
Friday, March 14	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Karen Muenze & Family Req. by People of the Parish
Saturday, March 15 <i>Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass For the People
Sunday, March 16 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Paul Biser † Req. by Jean & Steve Bradshaw Poor Souls in Purgatory Req. by The Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization

Weekly Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 / Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 / Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 / Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 / Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 / Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 / Phil 3:17— 4:1 / Lk 9:28b-36



This Lent ask yourself: What burdens am I carrying that I need to surrender to God? How can I trust more in His plan for my life? In what ways can I help others let go of their struggles and experience God's love?

Weekly Collections March 2, 3, & 5, 2025

Attendance AOOL: 62 / 102 / 60 Weekly: \$ 2,378.20 Debt: \$1,475.00 WV DR: \$ 579.00
Home Missions: \$ 40.40 Easter Flowers: \$ 30.00 Candles: \$ 37.00 Poor Box: \$ 129.00
Attendance SA: 52 / 28 Weekly: \$ 775.00 Poor Box: \$ 84.00 Building Fund: \$ 236.00
WV DR: \$ 93.00



PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that you have done for me.

Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that you went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that you endured. Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on your love and glory.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

The Forty
Days of
LENT



RETURN
to the LORD
YOUR GOD

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Hello all,

Who wants peace of mind in their lives? I think we all do. No one wants to be stressed out or even burned out in life. The Group *Boston* (I know you know that I know you know who they are) had a song about this topic, called, you guessed it, "*Peace of Mind*." "Now if you're feelin' kinda low 'bout the dues you've been paying. Future's coming in much too slow, and you wanna run, but somehow you just keep hangin' on stayin' can't decide on which way to go, yeah, yeh, yeh. I understand 'bout indecision, but I don't care if I get behind, people livin' in competition, all I want is to have my peace of mind..."

Many would say that having our peace of mind is akin to a feeling, but I would say that it's "*More Than a Feeling*." It goes to the heart of contentment, and many things in life can make us seem like we are content in life: cars, home, nice vacations, nice investment account, beautiful family, good job with a nice income, etc. In the end, we are just trying to climb that ladder of success, trying to keep that sense of accomplishment, sense of contentment in life. There will come a day when it won't matter.

We need to take a look ahead to really find our true peace of mind. It's not in the things of this world, although they will provide a sense of peace of mind for a time, but then we will go searching for that peace again. We can only have true peace of mind in Jesus Christ. The peace he offers is not temporary but eternal. When things go sideways in life, he'll be there. He's there in the joys, but also in the sorrows, and especially in the sorrows of life.

As we go through Lent, let us connect with our Savior, or maybe it's a reconnect. Lent is a good time to dive deeper into our faith as we look to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Of course, we look to the three pillars of Lent: prayer, charity and fasting. Also, another well-known practice is that of giving something up for Lent. This could be anything really, but it should be something we'll miss, something that we find hard to live without. Common ones are coffee, chocolate, maybe meat, television, internet, social media, the list goes on and on. Another way to approach this is to turn it around. Instead of giving something up, how about adding something into our lives that will help draw us closer to God? It could be anything, maybe a devotion, if you don't do one or adding in another. Maybe adding in more time for prayer, maybe confession, Stations of the Cross is one thing that people can get a lot out of. Coming to Stations every Friday at 6:30 PM at either church could be helpful to our faith or help us better understand what Jesus went through at the time. Whatever we do this Lent, let us make it meaningful to us in our faith journey and not just to check off a box that it was done. It must mean something to be something meaningful.

How about a couple of these:

Wife says to husband: "I accidentally dropped my laundry basket, and my freshly cleaned clothes fell out." Husband says: "Yes dear, I watched it all unfold."

A guy once told me that he got his dog to retrieve a stick from 100 miles way. I said that seems a bit far-fetched.

For all the cat lovers out there: If you don't talk to your cat about catnip, someone else will.

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 Miltnerberger, Adrienne Monroe, 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, 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