

Schedule of Masses

Saturday, May 10	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i> <i>St. Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Robin Hughes † Req. by Michele Martz
Sunday, May 11	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Joanne & Frank Peto Req. by People of the Parish
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	For the People
Tuesday, May 13	12:00 (N) (SA)	NO MASS
<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>		
Wednesday, May 14	8:00 AM (AOOL)	NO MASS
<i>St. Matthias, Apostle</i>		
Thursday, May 15	6:30 PM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>St. Isidore</i>		
Friday, May 16	8:00 AM (AOOL)	NO MASS
Saturday, May 17	9:00 AM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Allison Beverlin (Congratulations) Req. by Pat & Steve Penrod
Sunday, May 18	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Fr. Daniel Price Req. by your Secret Friend

Weekly Readings

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 / Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 / Rv 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

This is traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, because each year this Sunday's Gospel reading comes from that portion of John's Gospel where Christ declares Himself the Good Shepherd for us, the sheep. In the First Reading Paul and Barnabas encountered the rejection that sometimes comes with preaching Christ. The Jewish people in the city were jealous of the Apostles who were drawing great crowds, and had them expelled from the town. Shaking the dust from their feet in protest, they moved on to another city. The Psalm for today, Psalm 100, proclaims our status as the sheep of God, the flock of the Lord. It is a Psalm of the here and now, proclaiming God's invitation to come into the divine presence, proclaiming that we belong to God.

Weekly Collections May 3 - 4, 2025

Attendance AOOL: 33 / 93 **Weekly** \$ 2,483.00 **Holy Land:** \$ 25.00 **Debt.:** \$ 1,721.00

Easter: \$ 45.00 **Poor Box:** \$ 211.00 **Candles:** \$ 15.00

Attendance SA: 49 **Weekly:** \$ 964.00 **Building Fund:** \$ 450.00 **Candles:** \$ 42.00



Ministry Schedule

Annunciation:

Sat., May 17, 4:30 PM

Lector: Christy Kegg

E.M.: Pat Penrod,

Jane Adams,

Joe Hughes

Ushers: Mark Clayton,

Steve Penrod

Server: Maci Smith

Cantor: Daryl Wolfe

Sun., May 18, 9:00 AM

Lector: Mary Jane Bright

E.M.: Sue Long,

Brian Crist,

Sue Pyles,

Ushers: Dave Abe,

Tony Liller

Server: Volunteer

Cantor: Daryl Wolfe

Counters: Tony Liller &

Chris Liller

St. Anthony's:

Sun., May 18, 11:00 AM

Greeter: Amber Houdersheldt

Lector: Debbie Boone

E.M.: Jim Howard,

Judy Wolfe,

Michele Schultz

Ushers: Amber Houdersheldt,

Wayne Houdersheldt

Servers: Volunteers

Cantor: Patty Maiers

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Mother's Day is a day to celebrate our mommies. Hopefully, your mom means the world to you, and she was/is the best mom ever. The month of May is dedicated to the epitome of motherhood, the Blessed Mother. Last Sunday at Annunciation, we had the First Communicants bring in the crown and the flowers for Mary. This weekend we crown Mary at St. Anthony's, fitting to do it on Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is not a recent commercial holiday. The founder, Anna Jarvis, loathed how what was intended to honor mothers for their contributions to their families and society, became more of a commercial enterprise. The first Mother's Day was celebrated in 1908 by Anna Jarvis to honor the accomplishments of her own mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis. Let's see how this holiday got its start here in this country.

To begin, we look back at the devastation left by the Civil War (War Between the States). Following the war, many parts of the country were left in ruins, especially the South, by the conflict. The physical devastation, as well as the number of lives lost on both sides, left the populace reeling. Left in the wake of the physical carnage was also the personal. The number of dead was staggering, and the number of those who survived the war who came home maimed physically or psychologically was high. Although the country was now united again, was it really? The hurt, the anger, the pain lingered on well beyond 1865. Couple that with Reconstruction in the South, it still seemed like a country divided. So, there was a need for healing, and along comes Ann Reeves Jarvis. She formed "Mother's Day Work Clubs." From these clubs, she sought reconciliation between divided communities who still held animosity towards each other. These clubs were crucial in fostering reconciliation among divided communities by focusing on shared concerns such as public health and the welfare of children. In the post-war era, Jarvis's initiatives sought to bridge the divide left by the conflict, advocating for unity and understanding through the common ground of motherhood and the well-being of the community.

With this in mind, Jarvis's daughter, Anna, sought to recognize and remember her mother, and in turn, all mothers for their contributions to their families and society, to see mothers as vital members of the community and showcase their achievements. On May 10, 1908, the first Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, WV. That's right, right here in West "by God" Virginia. Isn't that Wild & Wonderful?! As the celebration of mothers grew across the country, it became an official holiday in 1914, following President Woodrow Wilson's proclamation, that the second Sunday of May to be declared Mother's Day.

As mentioned above, Anna Jarvis eventually loathed what the holiday had become, and that it had morphed into something she couldn't recognize anymore. She envisioned something more personal and intimate. No one can argue that the holiday is huge in this country and has spread around the world to celebrate our moms and all they do for us and what they mean to us in our lives.

So, this weekend, we salute our moms. Moms, we love you and cherish you. You mean the world to us. You brought us into this world and immediately fell in love with us despite the crying, the dirty diapers, and getting up in the middle of the night to rock us back to sleep while you lost sleep. You, along with dad, raised us to be what we are. We thank you. I thank you. As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, let us take the time to really celebrate our moms, to pray for them and truly cherish them for all they have done for us and what they mean to us. Here's to our mothers!!!

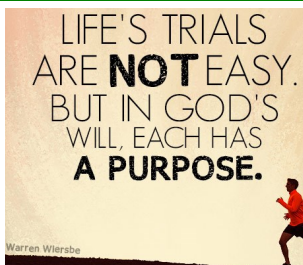
Here ya go:

I lost my pizza cutter, so I had to use my Bryan Adams CD, it "Cuts Like a Knife." (Parents, you might have to explain what a CD is to your kids, and who Bryan Adams is.)

I know they say money talks, but all of mine just says "goodbye."

Did you know that the earth is 70% water and none of it is carbonated. That means the earth is flat.

Have a great week.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

† **Monday, May 12th - Friday, May 16th:** Fr. Dan is on VACATION - **NO MASS ON THESE DAYS**

† **Monday, May 12th:** Craft Day at SA 10 AM - 1 PM

† **Tuesday, May 13th:** Grief Support Group @ Ft. Ashby Community Bldg. @ 6 PM

† **Wednesday, May 14th:** K of C Council # 15610 Business Mtg. at AOOL at 7 PM

† **Saturday, May 17th:** Reconciliation at AOOL at 4:00 PM before 4:30 PM Mass

† **Sunday, May 18th:** AOOL CCD kids and family are invited to an Ice Cream Party/End of Class Celebration after Mass in the Social Hall. SA - Guild Mtg. after Mass

Annunciation of Our Lord 2025 First Communicants Congratulations



- * Nicholas Hicks
- * Jaylyn Spangler
- * Gabriel von Hagel
- * Ruby Rennix
- * Ausha Hicks



A Thank you Note

Nine years ago, when we moved here from Catonsville, we didn't know anyone. You have made us feel so welcomed from the beginning. Our hearts overflow with love for our beautiful AOOL/SA Family. Thank you all for your prayers, texts, and cards. I believe your prayers were heard on high, as my surgery was not as invasive as planned. Jesus always gives us blessings in our times of suffering to let us know He is near, you and your prayers are my blessings. Thank you. We love you all.

Debbie & Mark Seward

PROJECT CONNECT 2025

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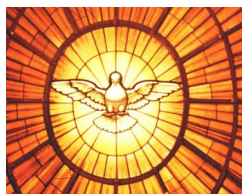
Wednesday, June 11, 2025,
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Canal Place Festival Grounds

- * Housing * Peer Support * Mental Health * Addiction Support
- * Driver's License * Birth Certificates * Medical Insurance *
- School Support * Clothing * Food * Jobs * Many More

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- * Wisdom
- * Knowledge
- * Counsel
- * Fortitude
- * Understanding
- * Piety
- * Fear of God



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

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.



AOOL has raised \$3,977 of their goal of \$10,900 with the generosity of 12 gifts. SA has raised \$1,090 of their goal of \$4,400 with the generosity of 6 gifts.



A Mother's Love

No gift on earth is greater, no treasure held above, the joy that comes from knowing a Mother's endless love.

In spite of how it's tested, it grows from year to year, providing strength and comfort... it "gently" draws us near.

It warms and it protects us, and guides us from afar, shedding light upon us, like a bright and shining star.

And when all things are measured, not one shall rise above, or be compared in value, to a Mother's endless love!

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A candle for the month of May has been lit by Jo Powers in memory of Margret Cowan and in honor of All Mothers.

AOOL will celebrate our 2025 Confirmandi on May 31, 2025
CONGRATULATIONS
Maci Smith & Mattilyn Richards

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



The Catholic Parishes of

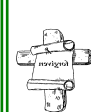
ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

May 11, 2025

*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

John 10:14



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 Friday of the month (AOOL)
Anytime between 4 PM to 6 PM

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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Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8 AM -1 PM

Tammy Collett, Parish Secretary

Kathy Brockett, Bookkeeper/Secretary

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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