

## Schedule of Masses

Saturday, September 6	9:00 AM (SA)	Becky Wolfe Req. by your Secret Friend
<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, September 7 <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Joe & Dolly Wolfe (60th Anniversary) Req. by Daryl Wolfe
	11:00 AM (SA)	Those suffering with Mental Illness Req. by People of the Parish
Tuesday, September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	12:00 (N) (SA)	Mike Miltenberger Req. by Judy Wolfe
Wednesday, September 10	8:00 AM (AOOL)	The Miltenberger Family Req. by People of the Parish
Thursday, September 11	6:30 PM (SA)	Edward W. Taylor, Sr. † Req. by Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization
Friday, September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Debbie & Murt Robey Req. by People of the Parish
Saturday, September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Dr. of the Church</i> <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA)	No Mass
	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Peggy Kara Req. by People of the Parish
	11:00 AM (SA)	Peggy Brakeall Req. by St. Anthony's Guild

 **We stand in unwavering solidarity with Minnesota's parish of Annunciation and all affected families.** 

### Weekly Readings

**Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a / Mt 1:1-16, 18-23    **Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26    **Thursday:** Col 3:12-17 / Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Lk 6:39-42    **Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

### Weekly Collections Aug. 31st & Sep. 1st, 2025

**Attendance AOOL: 51 / 72**    **Weekly:** \$ 2,272.00    **Seminarians:** \$ 25.00  
**Poor Box:** \$ 70.00    **Debt. Red.:** \$ 150.00  
**Attendance SA: 49**    **Weekly:** \$ 697.00    **Poor Box:** \$ 50.00



## Ministry Schedule

### Annunciation:

**Sat., Sept., 13, 4:30 PM**

Lector: Christy Kegg

E.M.: Joe Hughes,

Jane Adams,

Pat Penrod

Ushers: Steve Penrod,

Joe Hughes

Server: Justin Smith

Cantor: Phil Douthitt

**Sun., Sept., 14, 9:00 AM**

Lector: Debbie Abe

E.M.: Sue Pyles,

Harolyn Sherman,

Sue Long

Ushers: Bob Grabenstein,

Roger Lantz

Server: Patti Henry

Cantor: Phil Douthitt

Counters: Phil Douthitt &

Michele Martz

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### St. Anthony's:

**Sun., Sept. 14, 11:00 AM**

Greeter: Amber Houdersheldt

Lector: Dianna Howard

E.M.: Jim Howard,

Wayne Houdersheldt,

Michele Schultz

Ushers: Fred Wolfe,

Amber Houdersheldt

Servers: Volunteers

Cantor: Rosemary Lehman

*Join us as we continue to pray for the unborn and their parents.*

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Annunciation of Our Lord Starts Sunday, September 21st parents, children and teachers** are to meet in the Social Hall after Mass.



## From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Hello, my party people: I can imagine some of you were last weekend. Hope you had a great Labor Day and great start to your favorite football team's schedule. I don't follow sports anymore but many of you do. Hope it was a good way to start the season. Special shout out to Frankfort on their win over Moorefield and WVU's win over Robert Morris.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, two young students died, and many others were injured in a horrific act of violence inflicted on a Catholic school celebrating opening of the school year at Mass. As I mentioned last weekend, it boggles the mind on how this happens - evil inflicted upon the innocent. In a world full of evil, people are bound to ask the question, "Where's God in all of this?" Natural question: we can say that he is in it, being with those who are suffering, comforting them. He knows the feeling of suffering. We look to Jesus on the Cross. He identifies with and is with us in our suffering, as he is with those families and the parish community of Annunciation in Minneapolis.

Of course, for some this leads to the question of, "If God, who is all-powerful and all-knowing, then why does he tolerate or allow evil in the world? How can we allow the innocent to suffer, especially children? This also leads to the issue of all suffering, not just from violence, but disease as well. Why do children die of cancer, etc.? The problem of evil cannot be answered simply. I'll leave it up to the big brains in theology to try and figure it out, and even then, can they? Anyone who has suffered from tragedy or seen it knows that it is heart-wrenching. Some even endure it more than others, and we ask "Why?" Unfortunately, the answers are not all that satisfying because suffering is in many ways, a mystery.

St. Paul tells us in Romans (8:28) "All things work together for the good of those who love and trust the Lord and are called to his purpose." As I would imagine, it's difficult to see that at times. In the Garden of Eden paradise was established for humanity, but something changed. Evil was lurking and enticed Eve and Adam into sin and paradise was lost forever. A hostile world emerged so we struggle with sin, endure suffering, and we see and experience evil. Even Jesus, the Son of God, wasn't immune from evil being inflicted upon his person. He could have turned aside from it. He is God after all, but his destiny was to endure the pain and suffering and even death for our sakes, because of love.

Speaking of love, God loves us so much he gives us human freedom. That's part of God's love for us, the freedom to choose. It's risky because many choose not to love God. Some act against God and turn to evil, but true love is not love without the freedom to choose it of our own volition. God wants us to love him freely, not him forcing us into it. The shooter who took on evil inflicted it upon innocent children and adults at Mass, a place to praise and worship God. It appears from the manifesto and the items used to carry out the attack, he hated children and Catholics. From that we can get a sense of hatred and rage against God.

Jesus "meets us at the crossroads of suffering and death, and, not exempting himself, allows suffering and death to have a redemptive meaning, a way back to him and a road to glory" (Fr. Charles Pope, Archdiocese of Washington). As we mourn and pray for those who suffered unimaginable tragedy, we pray for ourselves, our two parish families and our community that nothing ever happens like it did that fateful day in Minneapolis.

Something to lighten the mood:

Why did the dog chase his tail? He was trying to make ends meet.

Cat puns freak *meowt*. Seriously, I'm not kitten.

Dogs have owners, cats have staff. (I'm not sure about that. I just live in Bella's house, she's in charge.)

If cats could text you back, they wouldn't.

The Energizer Bunny has been arrested. He has been charged with battery.

**DON'T FORGET to sign-up for the Parish Picnic September 21st at 2 PM.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Sunday, September 7th:** Social Sunday at both Churches - **National Grandparents Day**
- † **Tuesday, September 9th:** Rosary for the "Unborn" at SA before 12 (N) Mass—**Fr. Dan continues the 8 week class on "Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer"**, at AOOL starting at 2 PM. **All are welcome to attend.**—Grief Support Group mtg. at Ft. Ashby Community

- † Bldg. at 6 PM.
- † **Wednesday, September 10th:** Craft day at SA 10 AM - 1 PM— **K of C Council #15610 Business Mtg.** 7:00 PM at AOOL
- † **Thursday, September 11th:** Reconciliation at SA at 6:00 PM before 6:30 PM Mass
- † **Saturday, September 13th:** Reconciliation at AOOL at 4:00 PM before 4:30 PM Mass



**OCIA** - Do you know of someone that is interested in becoming Catholic? Or someone that would like to know a little more about the faith and why we do what we do? We encourage you to invite them to attend OCIA. Please see Armando Herrera or call the office if you are interested.

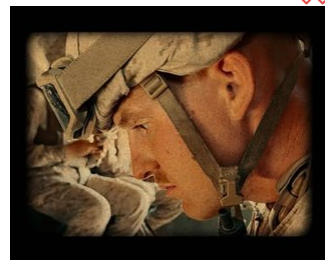
**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025



- School Supplies Needed**
- \* Ticonderoga pencils
  - \* Disinfecting wipes (any brand)
  - \* Composition notebooks
  - \* Spiral notebooks
  - \* Small dry erase boards (approx. 9" x 12")
  - \* Dry erase markers
  - \* Crayola crayons
  - \* Pink and green highlighters
  - \* Glue sticks

- Other Needs:**
- \* Tennis shoes - sizes 10-5 for both boys and girls
  - \* Spill proof water bottles
  - \* Jackets

**A TOTE WILL BE PLACED AT BOTH CHURCHES FOR THESE ITEMS.**



Continued prayers for parishioner Luke Sites. May God keep him safe, we pray.



Thank you to Md State Pest Control for taking care of the bee issue at Annunciation Church.

*A vigil candle has been lit for the month of September in loving memory of Andrew Wolfe.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS and MASS INTENTIONS** are accepted by phone, email, through the collection baskets or in person during office hours. Please contact us if you would like to request ANY Mass for any particular person or occasion. One Mass per weekend must be offered "For the People" of our parishes, but any other time is open to the first person requesting it. Any offering is appreciated.

**Please Pray for:** Dena & Jason Albright, Walter & Jennifer Aumuller, Charles Belinski, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara & Greg Bonat, Darlene Bridges, Mary Kay Britt, Vicky Brown, Cathy Case, Bob & Carla Clark, Julia Codire, Marsha Combs, Melissa Dahlheimer, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangelis, Vera Demeduk, Richard Delaney, Robert Deremer, Karen Dodrill, 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, Krista Howard-Clarke, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Lisa Jones, Wanda Kirk, Michael Knotts, Margritt Krams, Stacy Kobe, Liz Lantz, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Audrey Liller, Annie Light, Ed Lindner, Luke Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Lilly McCormick, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Mike Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Hogan Moody, Steve Morgan, Wally Mowry, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Marilyn Paul, Steve Pelaez, Heather Peters, Bonnie Price, Mary Lou Quin, Mary Susan Resser, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Shank Family, Shawnee Simmons, Luke Sites, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Donna Struntz, Lu Thibault, Jimmy Twigg, Linda & Ronnie Ward, Adam Watts, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe & Dolly Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Harlow Wooton

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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



The Catholic Parishes of  
**ANNUNCIATION**  
of OUR LORD  
&  
**SAINT ANTHONY**  
**September 7, 2025**

*Twenty-Third*  
*Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*

*Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws.*



**FOLLOWING CHRIST**  
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS

*Psalm 119:135*

**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)  
1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of the month  
5 PM - 7 PM (AOOL)

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Price  
**Email:** [dprice@dwc.org](mailto: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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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**