

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Tuesday, February 4th:** SA will pray the Rosary for the "Unborn" before 12 (N) Mass
- † **Thursday, February 6th:** Reconciliation at SA at 6:00 PM before 6:30 Mass
- † **Friday, February 7th:** Mass at CCDV at 10:30

- AM for Residents & Homebound
- † **Saturday, February 8th:** Reconciliation at AOOL before 4:30 PM Mass
- † **Sunday, February 9th:** Second Collection is for the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund



Malachi Howe, (2/2); Gabriel von Hagel, (2/4); Patricia Folk, Sarah Cowan, (2/6); Sharon McKenzie, (2/8); Joe Hughes, (2/9); Justin Smith, Karah Twigg, (2/10); Debra Smith, (2/12); Kierstin von Hagel, (2/13); Dena Albright, (2/14); Eva Hicks, (2/15); Rita Lapinski, Debbie Abe, (2/19); Jean Miller, (2/20); Brian Crist, (2/23); Phil Douthitt, Caitlin Davis, (2/24); Mary Susan Resser, Liz Lantz, (2/25); John Douthitt, Josiah von Hagel, Debbie Boone, (2/27); Chuck Eberly, (2/28)

## Reminder - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #15610 dues are due.

Time is running out to complete the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** survey in order to strengthen and better prepare us for the future! Share your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help our parishes thrive. The survey link for Annunciation is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x0t746>. St. Anthony's survey link is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/x2y4d6>. Paper copies are also available in both churches and the office.

## World Day for Consecrated Life

The Catholic Church celebrates the *World Day for Consecrated Life* Feb. 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas or the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Established by St. John Paul II, in 1997, the day recognizes the beauty and impact of a life dedicated to poverty, chastity, and obedience. "The mission of the consecrated life in the present and in the future of the Church," he said, "concerns not merely those who have received this special charism, but the entire Christian community. The consecrated life, he added, "is at the very heart of the Church as a decisive element for her mission, since it 'manifests the inner nature of the Christian calling' and the striving of the whole Church as Bride towards union with her one Spouse," citing his apostolic exhortation *Vita Consecrata*.

The day "answers the intimate need to praise the Lord more solemnly and to thank him for the great gift of consecrated life," he said. Next, "this day is intended to promote a knowledge of and esteem for the consecrated life by the entire People of God."

"They are invited to celebrate together solemnly the marvels which the Lord has accomplished in them," he said, "to discover by a more illumined faith the rays of divine beauty spread by the Spirit in their way of life, and to acquire a more vivid consciousness of their irreplaceable mission in the Church and in the world."

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 WE CONGRATULATE DAN & DEBBIE O'CALLAGHAN CELEBRATING THEIR 47TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON FEBRUARY 4TH.  
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A vigil candle has been lit in loving memory of **Larry Wolfe** for the month of **February** by his loving wife of almost 60 years, **Judy Wolfe**.



**Our Spiritual Adoption Tree** - Week 21 - Nestled comfortably in the womb, your baby is constantly growing and changing. Your baby has working **taste buds** and can taste what you eat when they swallow your amniotic fluid.



The **sucking reflex** is starting to develop, and your baby can suck their thumb. The skin is wrinkled and translucent. It appears red because of visible blood vessels.



## Italian Dinner

**February 15, 2025**

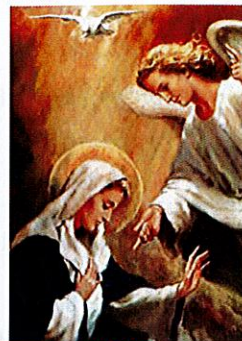
**5:30 PM—8:00 PM at AOOL**

Free Will Donations will be accepted.

*This event is open to parishioners of both parishes, friends, and family.*

Proceeds from this and future events will go towards needed improvements for the rectory. Please sign up so that we can get a count for food. We can only be successful with your support!

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.



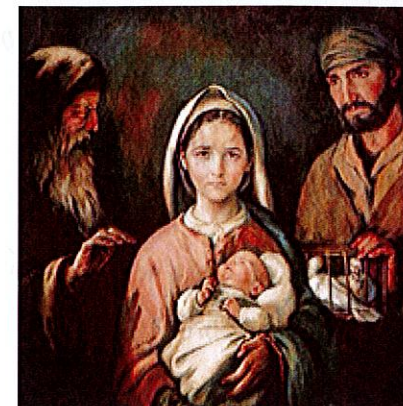
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## ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY

**February 2, 2025**

*The Presentation  
of the Lord*

*All generations will call me  
blessed, for God has looked on  
his lowly handmaid.*



*Lk 1:48*



**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> Friday of the month  
 4 PM—6 PM (AOOL)

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Price

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**K of C #15610 Grand Knight:** Brian Crist

**Directors of Religious Education**

Michele Schultz (St. Anthony)

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**Sacristan (AOOL):** Mike Weaver/Volunteers

**Organist (SA):** Becky Wolfe

**Organist (AOOL):** Jenn Tupa

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**OCIA Coordinator (AOOL):** Armando Herrera

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[www.facebook.com/groups/147125069949301](https://www.facebook.com/groups/147125069949301)

**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

## Schedule of Masses

Saturday, February 1 <i>BVM The Presentation of the Lord (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	Jim Hymes Req. by People of the Parish For the People
Sunday, February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	Very Reverend John Ledford, V.F.† Req. by People of the Parish Pasquale Dimaio † Req. by Cumberland Historical Cemetery Organization
Tuesday, February 4	12:00 (N) (SA)	In Memory of Larry Wolfe † Req. by Judy Wolfe
Wednesday, February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Chuck & Linda Ebeling Req. by People of the Parish
Thursday, February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	6:30 PM (SA)	Janet Wolfe - Medovic & Florence Wolfe Sharp Req. by Judy Wolfe
Friday, February 7	8:00 AM (AOOL) 10:30 AM (CCDV)	Leia Gallen Req. by People of the Parish Residents & Homebound Req. by People of the Parish
Saturday, February 8 <i>St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)</i>	9:00 AM (SA) 4:30 PM (AOOL)	No Mass Joe Hughes (Birthday) Req. by People of the Parish
Sunday, February 9 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day</i>	9:00 AM (AOOL) 11:00 AM (SA)	For the People Robert Maiers † Req. by People of the Parish

## Weekly Readings



**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40 / Mk 5:1-20

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 / Mk 6:1-6

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8 / Mk 6:14-29

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 / 1 Cor 15:1-11 / Lk 5:1-11

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4 / Mk 5:21-43

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 / Mk 6:7-13

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 / Mk 6:30-34



## Weekly Collections January 25-26, 2025

**Attendance AOOL: 34 / 85 Weekly: \$ 2,335.00 Debt: \$ 115.00**

**Poor Box: \$ 62.00 Candles: \$ 12.00**

**Attendance SA: 46 Weekly: \$ 946.00 Candles: \$ 24.00 Poor Box: \$ 20.00**



## Prayer During Difficult Times

God of love and mercy,  
assist me in this time  
of trouble and anxiety.  
Ease my burdens.  
Strengthen my faith.  
Increase my trust and  
confidence in Your  
compassionate care.

Give me the courage  
I need, dear Lord, to  
face the difficulties  
before me, knowing  
that with Your help,  
miracles happen and  
lives are restored.

I pray for a share in  
Your healing graces,  
and ask that You surround  
me with Your comforting  
goodness, for health in  
mind and body, and for  
a heart filled with  
hope and peace.

AMEN

Behave humbly, and  
you will find favour  
with the Lord

Ecclesiasticus 3:18

## From the Desk of Fr. Dan

Mother Nature! I wish she'd make up her mind. In the month of January, we saw two snowstorms and bitterly frigid temperatures, but this past week, they were in the forties and creeping towards fifty. Go figure. I think she's just teasing us this winter.

Many, if not all of us, as we age, look back on our lives and reflect on what was. We look back at our childhood and all the good memories, the hope it contained. In our minds' eye, we see certain events, we remember the music of the era; we remember the television shows and movies. We also remember some of the fashion and homestyle trends, the cars of the time, etc. But, I think, we also look back with sadness on the mistakes and the regrets we made back then and wish we had done things differently.

There are even songs that take us back in time to remember days of old. *Old Days* by Chicago, and *Class of '57* by the Statler Brothers immediately come to mind. How many remember *Reflections of my Mind* by The Marmalade. It was released in late 1969, and became their biggest hit, but not their only one. I would imagine their name may not be remembered by many who were of age during that time period, but maybe so. How many of you remember the song and/or the group? The song is not so much remembering times past, but more of a reflection, as the title says. "*The changing of sunlight to moonlight, reflections of my life, oh how they fill my eyes. The greetings of people in trouble, reflections of my life, oh how they fill my eyes. Oh, my sorrows, sad tomorrows, take me back to my own home. Oh, my crying (oh my crying), feel I'm dying, dying. Take me back to my own home...I'm changing, arranging, I'm changing, I'm changing everything, everything around me...*"

How many of us look back on our lives and remember when we were young, vibrant, full of dreams, and hopes for a good life? We remember how we looked or at least have pictures of ourselves, our spouses and kids when they were young, and then look at everything now. We're older; they're older. Everything is so different than it was back then. Has anything gotten better? The song is a melancholy look at the past, life now and, in the future, ("sad tomorrows"). The sunlight of youth fades to the moonlight of advanced age. The person is looking back in time with tear-glazed eyes and longing for the past, because the future looks bleak, but he doesn't want to die. He seems to have hope for the future.

It's so easy to look back in time to when we were young, full of life, no wrinkles and more hair. Then time takes its toll on us in many ways. As Christians, when we look to the past, we should see a hope that belies what we see and experience in this life, a future guided by the past. Our faith gives us hope for a much brighter and eternal tomorrow. Our faith should guide us forward to be better in our journey with the Lord, to grow in our faith, to be more knowledgeable in our faith and continue to live it out to the best of our abilities. Even when the world around us seems to be one big steaming pile, we do our very best for God to make it a bed of roses. Hopefully, we pass on that faith to our children and our children's children. I know, it is very bleak right now because society has brainwashed those around us into believing a lie. We must stick to our faith and strive to live our very best life for God even in the face of hatred. We must fight back against the spirit of apathy for God, show a life well lived for him, and that there is a tomorrow, an eternal tomorrow and the hope that it is in Christ.

Here ya go:

Old age used to be all in my head, but now it's in my joints too. Oh, to be young and spry once again, to have no kinks, no pain. Those were the days. You knew who you were then.

Why is there enough asphalt for speedbumps, but not enough to fill potholes? Hmm...

A sign at the First Baptist Church: "Surely, the Lord has done great things. He has, and don't call him Shirley." For those who know, you get it.

Have a great week.

**Please Pray for:** Pam Adams, Dena Albright, Walter Aumuller, Alex Balice, Paul & Barb Biser, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Barbara 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, Logan Duncan, Jenny Emerick, John & Eileen Engel, Jan Evans, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Leia Gallen, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Dale 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, 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, Steve Morgan, Robin Patch, Colleen Patton, Steve Pelaez, George Perry, Heather Peters, Bonnie Price, Mary Susan Resser, Jeanie Rigney, 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, 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