

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † **Monday, April 22nd:** CEOS meeting - AOOL
Social Hall 10 AM to 2 PM.

† **Wednesday, April 24th:** Family Covered Dish
Social at AOOL at 6:30 PM
- † **Thursday, April 25th:** Eucharistic Adoration
at St. Anthony's at 5:30 PM

† **Sunday, April 28th:** St. Anthony Parish
Finance Council meeting follows 11 AM Mass

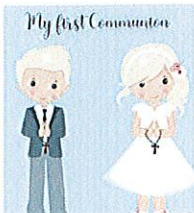
Special Collection Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St. Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a **special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024**, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.


Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

REMINDER, please pick up your tickets at the office for the **Altoona Curves Faith Day** if you signed up!



Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive their **First Holy Communion** on **May 5, 2024 at AOOL**.


Owen James
Noriah Martz
Harlow Martz
Lillian Sisk





ICE CREAM PARTY
for AOOL's Religious Education
Children and Families
Due to Mother's Day, we are moving the date to Sunday, May 19, 2024
Come and join us after Mass
for fun and ice cream!

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



Judy Wolfe has sponsored a vigil candle at St. Anthony's for the month of April in loving memory of Andrew Wolfe.



CINCO DE MAYO
Knights of Columbus Council #15610
Saturday, May 4th at AOOL at 5:30 PM
OR/AND
Sunday, May 5th at SA at 12 (N)

Our Knights are always willing to help others in need as well as help with various projects. We ask that you please help support them with this fundraiser. A Knight will be available after each Mass on the weekends for you to purchase your ticket.

\$10 / ticket and children 10 and under \$5
A variety of Mexican food to choose from



The Catholic Parishes of

ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD & SAINT ANTHONY



April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday
of Easter

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

John 10:14



 <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 Thursday 5:30 PM (SA)</p>
<p>Pastor: Rev. Daniel Price Email: dprice@dwc.org</p> <p>K of C #15610 Grand Knight: Brian Crist Directors of Religious Education Tammy Robey (St. Anthony) Kierstin von Hagel (Annunciation) SA Sacristan: Fran McFarland SA Organist: Becky Wolfe AOOL Sacristan: Mike Weaver/Volunteers AOOL Organist: Joanne Peto Nursing Home Coordinator: Linda Ward</p>	<p>E-mail: annunciationchurch@atlanticbbn.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, April 20	9:00 AM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, April 21	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Richard Rossell † Req. by Patti & Roger Henry
<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Larry Wolfe † Req. by Marie Hare
Tuesday, April 23	12:00 (N) (SA)	Edgar Kirk † Req. by Anna Kirk
<i>St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>		
Wednesday, April 24	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Wesson Harrison (4th Birthday) Req. by Wayne Houdersheldt
<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</i>		
Thursday, April 25	6:30 PM (SA)	Larry Wolfe † Req. by Judy Wolfe
<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>		
Friday, April 26	8:00 AM (AOOL)	David Penrod Req. by Pat & Steve Penrod
Saturday, April 27	9:00 AM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Grayson Bishop (Healing) Req. by Pat & Steve Penrod
Sunday, April 28	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Elijah von Hagel (Healing) Req. by Brian & Tammy Collett
<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	For the People

Weekly Readings



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

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

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a / Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 / Mk 16: 15-20

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

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

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8



What is religion? Reuniting ourselves to God by: believing everything He has revealed to the human race. Loving Him unconditionally.

Glorifying Him by doing His will as Christ taught us by His words and example.

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22)

~~~ Rev. William J. Cogan "A Catechism for Adults", Revised Edition 2000 A.D.

## Weekly Collections (April 14, 2024)

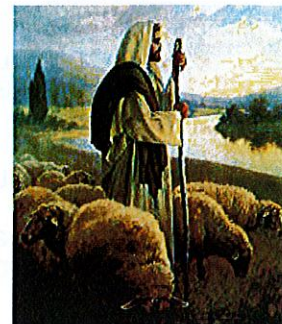
**Attendance - Annunciation: 48 / 82    Weekly: \$ 2,262.00    Poor Box: \$ 27.00**

**Debt. Red. \$ 70.00    Candles: \$ 14.00**

**St. Anthony: 51    Weekly: \$ 782.00    Bldg. Fund \$ 40.00**



## From the Desk of Father Dan



I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep (Jn 10:11-15).

### PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**AMEN**



*Today is a perfect day to...*

**JUST BE HAPPY!**

Good day to you all! Hope you had a wonderful week and are enjoying the warmer temps.

As we know, God's love is all encompassing, it surrounds and envelops us like a big warm hug. We can know that we are safe in the arms of love. Some of you may be familiar with the country artist, Martina McBride. In 1995, she recorded a song titled, *Safe in the Arms of Love*. Now, of course, it's not about God. It's about human love and wanting to find that special someone she can feel safe with and fall deeply in love with. We could extrapolate another meaning that we can apply to God and his love for us. "I want arms that know how to rock me, safe in the arms of love. I wanna fall and know that love has caught me, safe in the arms of love, safe in the arms of love." Who doesn't want to know they are safe in the arms of God's love, and know that when they fall (tough times come around or we fall into sin), they can know that God's love is like a net to catch them when they do? We know God's love is eternal. It's wider than the sky and deeper than the deepest ocean. His love is like a parent, wrapping their arms around their little child and rocking them to sleep; it's comforting, and the child feels safe. It's like that with God. Are these perfect analogies? No. No analogy is going to be perfect when we try to describe God because we are finite in every way and he is infinite in every way, but we try to make sense of who and what God is, and so we do the best we can with what we have.

For us, it's one thing to know this in our heads, but another to truly and really know it in our hearts, deep within us. Because when we really need to know God's love - tough times, stress, anxiety - we need to know and feel it deep in our bones and the only way to be confident in his love is to know it in the heart. To know it in the heart, we must know it by faith, to really believe that God loves us beyond all measure; that there was nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

If you're struggling in the knowledge that God loves you, or you feel like how can God love you because of certain sins, look at the cross. Jesus died for us **because** of LOVE. God loved us into being and his love never retreated to the peripheries. It stayed right there with us. Even in the midst of our sin, he never left us or abandoned us. Did he punish the Israelites like a parent would a child? Yes he did, and they deserved it. But he still loved them and loves us. No matter what kind of sin we have committed and will commit, he is there with us, always and forever for those that love him. When we are at our lowest, he is there to pick us up and carry us. When things look their darkest, he is a light-house shining forth out into the darkness to guide us home by the light of his love.

I pray that all of us can truly know of God's love in our hearts and lean on that knowledge. May God's love and peace be with you always. Food for thought: "Well done" is for good and faithful servants, not steaks.

"No matter how broken you think you are, Jesus Christ's love is more powerful than that, and he wants to enter into a personal relationship with you." - Nate Kearns, Univ. of Georgia student, who was recently baptized.



**Please support K of C #15610's baby bottle project. The total COLLECTED by Mother's Day weekend will go to the James Isaac House. Get your baby bottle after Mass!**



**Please Pray for:** Pam Adams, Dena Albright, Alex Balice, Paul & Barb Biser, Grayson Bishop, Nathan Blubaugh, Stanley & Dora Boinovich, CeCe Bogard, Darlene Bridges, Cathy Case, Carla Clark, Julia Codire, Tina Cook, Robert Dayton, Nick Dearcangelis, Richard Delaney, Logan Duncan, Chuck Ebeling, Jenny Emerick, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Dale Hankinson, Roy Harsh, Kathy Hayes, Lucy Haywood, Jim Hymes, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Wanda Kirk, Doris Klipstein, Michael Knotts, Sami Knotts, Margritt Kramms, Stacy Kobe, Ernest Lease, Bob Lewis, Audrey Liller, Ed Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Doug Long, Bob Maiers, Dorothy Magelitz, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Tom McCoy, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Maddox Mervinsky, Jean Miller, Joey & Heather Miltenberger, Adrienne Monroe, Steve Morgan, Morris Neppi, Dottie Nattolly, Jim Patterson, Colleen Patton, Steve Pelaez, George Perry, Heather Peters, Mary Susan Resser, Jude and Hunter Rice, Jeanie Rigney, Jacob Robey, Kira Robey, Bertha Romine, Malea Rugg, Cody & Jenny Saville, Debbie Seward, Samantha Shank, Dorothy Sheldon, Shawnee Simmons, Destinee Smith, Barry Steed, Harper Struntz, Lu Thibault, Elijah von Hagel, Adam Watts, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Donnie Wolford, Mary Margaret Wollan, Harlow Wooton