

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Sunday, March 17th: No St. Anthony's Guild Meeting this month. **St Patrick's Day**
- † Tuesday, March 19th: Video #5 at AOOL at 6:00 PM, "No Greater Love" with Fr. Dan - **SPRING BEGINS**
- † Wednesday, March 20th: Video #5 at AOOL at 2:00 PM, "No Greater Love" with Fr. Dan - **K of C #15610 Mtg. at AOOL @ 7 PM.**
- † Thursday, March 21st: Spring Cleaning at

- AOOL at 9 AM. Help is needed!
- † Friday, March 22nd: Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM at both Churches
- † Sunday, March 24th: **Palm Sunday, CCD Easter Egg Hunt after Mass at AOOL - 2 PM Seder Meal** at AOOL
- † Wednesday, March 27th: Covered Dish Social at AOOL at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to join us!

**CORRECTION**

All are invited to the  
Family Covered Dish Social  
**Wednesday, March 27, 2024,**  
6:30 PM at AOOL

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, Masses, cards and the wonderful luncheon for our family at a most difficult time.

Judy Wolfe & Family

Preparing for the Easter Vigil  
at Annunciation Church:

Rylee Rountree  
Baptism & Confirmation

Debbie Seward  
Confirmation

Luke Sites  
Confirmation will be delayed  
due to Military Leave

**Palm Sunday,**  
**March 24,**  
**2024**  
**SEDER MEAL**  
**at 2 PM**  
**at AOOL**

**First Communion at AOOL**  
**will be received by:**



Owen James  
Noriah Martz  
Harlow Martz  
Lillian Sisk  
**on May 5, 2024**



**EASTER EGG HUNT at AOOL**

**March 24th, Palm Sunday**  
Faith Formation Kids & Siblings

Kids, bring your baskets or a bag to collect eggs and join us!  
Thank you to everyone that brought in candy to fill eggs!



**Candy Easter Egg orders** from St. Anthony's Guild are **now available** to be picked up. If you still need to pay for your order, you may contact Saralee or the office.



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



**SPRING CLEANING**  
**at AOOL**

Help us to beautify our Church for Easter! Join us on **March 21st at 9 AM** at the Church. Bring your bucket and rags.

**HELP NEEDED!**



**No Greater Love**

Join Fr. Dan for the last video of this series at **Annunciation Social Hall**  
Choose the day/time that works best for you!  
Tuesday, March 19th at 6 PM  
**OR**  
Wednesday, March 20th at 2 PM

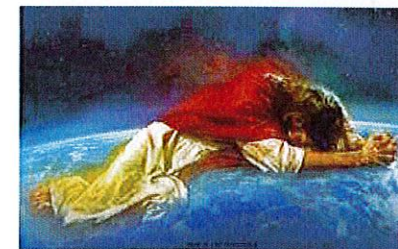


The Catholic Parishes of

**ANNUNCIATION**  
**of OUR LORD**  
**&**  
**SAINT ANTHONY**

**March 17, 2024**

*Fifth Sunday*  
*of Lent*



*Whoever serves Me must follow Me,  
says the Lord; and where I am,  
there also will My servant be.*

*John 12:26*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturdays 4:00-4:15 PM (AOOL)  
Thursdays 6:00-6:15 PM (SA)  
or by appointment



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Thursday 5:30 PM (SA)

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Price  
**Email:** dprice@dwc.org

**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

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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

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



Schedule of Masses		
Saturday, March 16	9:00 AM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	Dorothy Sheldon Req. by Jackie Beverlin
Sunday, March 17	9:00 AM (AOOL)	For the People
<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	William Schriver Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
Tuesday, March 19	12:00 (N) (SA)	Cathy Bender Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
<i>St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Wednesday, March 20	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Ronald V. Grabenstein† Req. by Kathy & Ron Brockett
Thursday, March 21	6:30 PM (SA)	Janet Jack Req. by St. Anthony's Guild
Friday, March 22	8:00 AM (AOOL)	Eileen Mitchell-Engel Req. by John Engel
Saturday, March 23	9:00 AM (SA)	NO MASS
<i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop</i>		
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Vigil)</i>	4:30 PM (AOOL)	For the People
Sunday, March 24	9:00 AM (AOOL)	Mary Abe † Req. by Dave & Debbie Abe
<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	11:00 AM (SA)	Children of Our Parishes Req. by St. Anthony's Guild

### Weekly Readings



**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Jn 8:31-42  
**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59  
**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42  
**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56  
**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1—15:47

### Weekly Collections (March 10, 2024)

**Attendance - Annunciation:** 66 / 66    **Weekly:** \$ 2,122.00    **Debt Red.:** \$ 55.00  
**Poor Box:** \$ 137.00    **Priest Ret.:** \$ 70.00

**St. Anthony:** 47    **Weekly:** \$ 747.00    **Poor Box:** \$ 80.00



### ST. PATRICK



**Patrick uses shamrock in an illustrative parable**  
 St. Patrick is depicted with a shamrock in detail on a stained glass window in St. Benin's Church, Kilbennan, County Galway, Ireland. Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the [Holy Trinity](#) by showing people the [shamrock](#), a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. In pagan Ireland, three was a significant number and the Irish had many [triple deities](#), a fact that may have aided Patrick in his [evangelization](#) efforts when he "held up a shamrock and discoursed on the Christian Trinity".

**Patrick banishes snakes from Ireland**  
 Ireland was well-known to be a land without snakes, and this was noted as early as the third century by [Gaius Julius Solinus](#), but later legend credited Patrick with banishing snakes from the island. The earliest writings about Patrick ridding Ireland of snakes is by [Jocelyn of Furness](#) in the late twelfth century, who says that Patrick chased them into the sea after they attacked him during his fast on a mountain. [Gerald of Wales](#) also mentions the story in the early thirteenth century, but he is doubtful of its truthfulness. <https://en.wikipedia.org>

### From the Desk of Father Dan

Greetings!

Did anyone notice last Sunday the snow squalls in the area? At times it was snowing to beat the band or was it snowing like a banshee? Either way, it was coming down. I left St. Anthony's after Mass, and it was snowing hard, but by the time I got out to Route 28, the sun had come out and the snow has stopped, crazy weather.

This Tuesday we commemorate the life of St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus and husband of Mary. In reality there is not much known about him, plenty of speculation, and he does not speak at any place in the Gospels. He is more known for his actions than his words. What we do know is not much, just from Scripture. The Gospel of Mark and the writings of St. Paul do not mention him. He's only mentioned at any length in Matthew and Luke. Each of these two Gospels contains a genealogy of Jesus which, of course, contains Joseph. He last appears in Luke when he and Mary find Jesus in the temple talking with the religious leaders.

Traditionally, the Catholic Church sees Mary as a widow, since no mention of Joseph after the finding in the temple scene in Luke. He is not present as Jesus begins his public ministry, not present at the first miracle recorded, the Wedding Feast at Cana, or at any other events where Mary is present. Based on Jewish tradition, if he had been alive at Jesus' death, he would have been the one to take charge of his son's body, not Joseph of Arimathea. Also, if he'd been alive at Jesus' death, Mary would not have been entrusted to John, the beloved disciple. Why would Jesus do that if his father was still around? In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is referenced as the carpenter's son. This reveals the profession of Joseph. Jesus would have trained under his father as an apprentice.

Interestingly, there are some writings, not scriptural, that speak more about Joseph and seem to contradict Church Tradition, especially when it comes to the assumption of his death at an early age in the life of Jesus. The gospel of James (circa 150 AD), an apocryphal writing, presents Joseph as an old man chosen by God to watch over Mary. A 5th century biography says that Joseph lived to be about 90 years old and was a widower with several children from a previous marriage, given charge of Mary to watch over her (Note: Mary would have been a pre-teen or a young teenager of about 12-14 years old at the time). Where does this leave her parents? I don't really know if we are to entertain these accounts as viable possibilities. Joachim and Anne do not appear in Scripture but are mentioned in the writings of James. I have not read James' or any other apocryphal writings of the day that speak of Joseph, or even Joachim and Anne, so I can't speak to what they say about them. I'm going to stick with what Church Tradition has to say, until I find out otherwise, but that won't be until the other side.

The veneration of Joseph began around the 9th century and continued to grow. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical, *Quamquam pluries*, where he presented Joseph as a model father, husband and as a protector of the Church. Pope Pius IX, in 1870, made Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII declared May 1st a feast day dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker. That is because he is considered the patron saint of workers. The month of March is dedicated to him, and he is the patron saint of our diocese. St. Joseph, pray for us.

How's this? Do you agree? *"It's not that your parents love their grandkids more than you. It's that their grandkids remind them of you as a child. And it's like getting to love that version of you all over again."*

Have a great week.

**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, Nick Dearcangelis, Richard Delaney, Logan Duncan, Chuck Ebeling, Jenny Emerick, Father Bob, Jamie Fazzalore, Lily Fletcher, Patricia Folk, Aaron Glinke, Dawn Green, Roy Harsh, Kathy Hayes, Lucy Haywood, Jim Hymes, Janet Jack, Marc Jedlowski, Kenneth Jenkins, Wanda Kirk, Doris Klipstein, Michael Knotts, Margritt Kramms, Stacy Kobe, Bob Lewis, Audrey Liller, Barbie & Ed Lindner, Ty Linthicum, Diane Liobel, Catherine & Kierstin Lippold, Bob Maiers, Galen Markley, Jim Martin, Janice McBride, Tom McCoy, Greyson McCullough, Marty Medovic, Rosa L. Mercado, Maddox Mervinsky, 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, Adam Watts, Carl Welch, Mark Wilbourne, Joe Wolfe, Judy Wolfe and Family, Bob Wolford, Donnie Wolford, Mary Margaret Wollan, Harlow Wooton