

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, November 26th

K of C Breakfast with St. Nicholas—8:30 to 11 AM

Tuesday, November 28th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM

Christian Education Committee Meeting—7:00 PM (3)

Sunday, December 3rd

First Sunday of Advent

K of C Breakfast—8:30—11:00 AM

Faith Formation Prayer Service—10:15 AM (1)

Healing Mass—3:00 PM

Legend

Church (1) Padua Hall (2)
Religious Education (3) Ewald Center (4)

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- December 1st: Thomas Macken**
r/b Debbie Macken
- December 2nd: Jeffrey Dunlop (anniversary)**
Michael Green
r/b Marie Heaton
- December 3rd: Garner Siblings**
r/b Dottie Cecil
- Parishioners**

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish serving our country both here and overseas.

PARISH TREE OF LIFE

The Parish Tree of Life will be decorated in the coming weeks with special ornaments in memory of the deceased, buried by the clergy of St. Anthony's in 2017. **Daily Mass on December 16th, 2017 at 9:00 AM** will be offered for these people and all of our family friends who have died throughout the year. We will be happy to also provide ornaments for parishioners who have had parents or siblings who have passed away this year. If you would like an additional ornament, please contact Sister Ann at 443-646-5724 or 5725 by December 11th.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Message From our Chief Shepherd

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I hope your family day of Thanksgiving was a beautiful celebration of faith, family and friends. As we enter the season of joy and peace, I wanted to express to you my own thankfulness to you as well as the Cardinal-Archbishop of Washington. Cardinal Wuerl always writes a touching letter to priests thanking us for our ministry in this Archdiocese and asks us to share it with our parishioners. I thought it best to share it with you in this format.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

Dear Brother Priests,

“Each year as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I have tried to express my appreciation to you and all of our brother priests who are so much a part of what goes on each day in the life of this archdiocese, helping to bring great numbers of people closer to the Lord.

In keeping with the great Thanksgiving Day tradition, which reminds us of just how good God is and how regularly that goodness touches us through the thoughtfulness and kind deeds of others, I join you in saying thanks first to God and then to one another. In a most particular way, I offer my personal thank you.

This year I thought you might want to hear of an extraordinary manifestation of the generosity of the women and men whom you serve in your parish. As you know, following the hurricane disasters that struck Texas and particularly the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, the Virgin Islands and especially the Diocese of Saint Thomas in the Virgin Island, and the Archdiocese of San Juan in Puerto Rico, special relief collections were taken up in parishes across the archdiocese. Some \$600,000 has been collected, all of which has been distributed to these three dioceses. In forwarding the money, I reminded each of the bishops that the gift was the generous response of our Catholic faithful who also offer their affectionate prayers.

Reflecting on how alive in the Spirit in this Church, I also appreciate all that you do to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Thanks be to God this past June we ordained four new priests and there is no doubt that the Lord continues to invite laborers into the vineyard. In these men we see the future of our Church and if our current priestly fraternity is any indication, it will be a solid faith filled, self-giving, Christ-centered future.

My brother priests, may this Thanksgiving Day be a time of joy and appreciation. With gratitude for your support and pledging my continued prayers for you and your ministry, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Donald Card. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington

FAITH FORMATION AND "GIFT"

There will be no Faith Formation classes on November 26th.

PRAYER SERVICE

All parents and parishioners are invited to join us for our Faith Formation Advent Prayer service next Sunday, December 3rd at 10:15 AM in the church. Children will take part in the readings, prayers and songs.

"GIFT"

The high school "GIFT" program will be meeting this Sunday, November 19th, at 5:45 in the Religious Education Building. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held this Tuesday, **November 28th, at 1:00 PM** in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love. These are given to parishioners who are anointed for surgery and at the annual Anointing Mass. **For questions please call Marty Beyer at 301-855-4042.**

GIVING TREE

Thank you to parishioners who are participating in our annual Giving Tree project and took envelopes requesting gifts for the needy. The guidelines were revised and clients were asked to list gifts under \$50.00. Please sign out your envelope number.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is in need of volunteers to bake goodies for Hospitality Sundays. If interested contact Debbie Macken at 410-474-7558.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Featuring all handmade items. **December 2nd from 9 am to 2 pm.** Sponsored by Jesus the Divine Word Church Run for Vocations team. 885 Cox Road, Huntingtown, MD. Breakfast goodies and lunch available for sale. Proceeds benefit the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington.

SAVE THE DATE: DAY RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Join us for a day designed by author Danielle Bean to help you discover the life-changing truth about Jesus' unique and personal love for women. Walk alongside women of the Gospels and explore what it means to be loved by a God who longs to bless you, help you, heal you, forgive you, and give you a voice.

Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 9 am—3 pm.

Jesus Divine Word Parish, Huntingtown, MD

For more information call Karen Burns 410-414-8304 *23

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Louise Floren, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Kayla, Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCauley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, William Owens, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Joseph Tayman, Betty Theurer, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3RD, 2017

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

In this straightforward psalm, the people acknowledge their sinful ways, yet plead that their Creator might reveal himself to them. They ask God to remember, not their sins, but that "We are all the work of your hands."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul explains to the Corinthians that they are specially favored by God who has sent his only Son to them. He reminds us all that it was through God's grace that we have been called to kinship with Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Just as a servant watching over the master's house does not know when he will return, we do not know the hour of the Second Coming. Mark reminds us of the warning from Jesus to always be on guard, for we know not the day nor the hour.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What changes in your lifestyle does today's Gospel call you to make?

CONTRIBUTIONS

As always, we are most grateful for your generous contributions to our parish.

A RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH

Saturday, December 2nd, from 10—3 pm at the St. John Paul II National Shrine, 3900 Harwood Rd. NE, Washington, D.C. Opportunities for Confessions, Mass and to hear challenging and hope filled reflections from a pastor, young adult who returned to the Church, other parents and grandparents. The day is free and lunch, refreshments, and spiritual and practical resources will be provided.

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