

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 25th—Palm Sunday

Procession of Palms from Boardwalk—8:15 Mass
Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass
High School “GIFT” Program—6 to 8 OM (3)

Tuesday, March 27th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 PM (3)
Prayer Shawl Meeting—1:00 PM (3)

Wednesday, March 28th

“The Light is On” Adoration & Confession - 6 to 8 PM
Designated Group: Parishioners
Intention: Pray for Growth in Holiness

Holy Thursday, March 29th

Mass—7:30 PM Followed by
Adoration in Padua Hall until Midnight

Good Friday, March 30th

Living Stations of the Cross—GIFT Teens—Noon
Stations of the Cross—2:30 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 PM
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion—7:30 PM

Holy Saturday, March 31st

Confessions: 10 Am to Noon & 2 to 4 PM
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 PM
Easter Vigil—8 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **MARCH 26TH—APRIL 1ST**

Monday: 8:00 am Michael Aunchman
r/b Ladies of Charity

Tuesday: 8:00 am Mary Donovan (L)
r/b Lanham Family

Wednesday: 8:00 am Theodore Ayers
r/b Deacon Ed & Nora Baker

Thursday: 7:30 pm Priests of the Archdiocese

Saturday: 8:00 pm RCIA Candidates

Sunday: 8:15 am Parishioners
11:15 am Lucille Dellosa
r/b Dellosa/Moltz Families

“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.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Palm Sunday in Year B: Mark’s Passion

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

Today as I write, the Church through the world is celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph. This feast concentrates on the fact that Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. In May, we will celebrate another feast of St. Joseph, in which we will concentrate more on his vocation as a “Working Man”.

We also celebrated, just a few days ago, the feast of St. Patrick. The month of March, in which Lent falls, always has some wonderful feast days in which we can celebrate the lives of these Holy People. March 25th is also the celebration of the Annunciation, which this year falls in Holy Week and is transferred to another day, April 9th.

This Sunday finds us blessing palm branches and waving them triumphantly as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We recall that moment when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem amidst the cries of the people proclaiming him to be the Messiah of the Son of David. These same people, in just a few short days will be crying out another, very different chant. They will cry out; “Crucify Him.” Oh, the fickleness of the human heart. We are not very different from them.

We will bless palm branches and we will also listen to the Holy Passion of Jesus Christ according to Mark. Mark is the evangelist that pulls no punches. His crucifixion scene in the Gospel is blunt and to the point. Mark’s gospel was addressed to the Church around the year 60 AD. It was a church struggling to get it’s foundations established. The Apostles were having a difficult time spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Many of them were sacrificing their very lives as a result of their proclamation. Mark, the Evangelist, was aware of this. He was the mouthpiece of St. Peter, who was crucified in Rome on an upside down cross. St. Paul wasn’t far behind. Mark’s passion reflects this time by having Jesus saying only one thing from the cross. That is: “My God, My God,...Why have you forsaken me.”

The other Gospels tells us more of what Jesus uttered from the cross. And while it may have fit into the Gospel scenario, Mark gives us a Jesus who is utterly destitute and stripped of everything; even the intimacy of the Father’s love. Jesus hangs from the cross in great sorrow with darkness engulfing him. He asks; Where are You Heavenly Father?

During life there will be times when we will identify with each of the Evangelists depictions of the crucified Jesus. I have found much hope in the portrait that St. Mark paints of the crucified Jesus. Even though his crucifixion scene is cold, bleak, and dark, it doesn’t end there. There is the Resurrection, but that doesn’t mean that we will not encounter hardship in this world. It is a Gospel of Hope.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Faith Formation Classes on Wed.
March 28th or Sunday, April 1st.

Faith Formation Newsletter and Re-registration
information will be sent home on April 7th.

"GIFT"

High School "GIFT" program will meet this
Sunday, March 25th at 6 pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION THE LORD: APRIL 1ST, 2018

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms, rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What part of the Passion story most touches
your life this year?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.
Offertory March 15th—\$7,899.50

FAITH DIRECT

Simple, Secure and Convenient.

St. Anthony's now has electronic fund transfer for your weekly donations. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll, or pick up a form in the back of the church.

Our parish code is MD768.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC "EASTER HOPE"

The Parish has 250 copies of the Dynamic Catholic's 2018 Easter Book "*Beautiful Hope—Finding Hope Every Day in a Broken World*". They are at the entrances to the Church. **Please take 1 per family.**

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday. We will pray a Divine Mercy Chaplet on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 3 pm and after daily Mass during the week. The Novena concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8th. There is an optional link for the Novena on St. Anthony's Facebook page and the Parish Website.

"SHARING IN THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY".

In response to Pope Francis' apostolic document on "The Joy of Love", Cardinal Wuerl has written an Implementation Plan for Parishes in the Archdiocese based on that document. It is entitled "Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family". This plan will be implemented in various ways both in the Archdiocese and in parishes. We have received copies for you to read and reflect upon. If you have ideas about something we can do here at St. Anthony's, please contact Father Stack. Copies can be found on the tables in the foyer of the church.

QUO VADIS HIKING TRIP

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, all high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip on Sugarloaf Mountain in Montgomery County. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic Adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men, who are open to the priesthood. The meeting location is St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville, Maryland. Bus transportation is available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations with any questions: vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **March 27th 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.**