

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Monday, August 20th

K of C Red Cross Blood Drive—11 am to 7 pm
Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm

Tuesday, August 21st

Healing Mass—7 pm

Saturday, August 25th

Catechist Orientation—9 am to 12 pm

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK **AUGUST 20TH—26TH**

Monday: Emma Donovan (L)
Tuesday: Bob Franke (L)
r/b Ladies of Charity
Wed. Betty Jo Barbeau
Thursday: David Rymer
r/b Gracie Rymer
Friday: Helen Wall
r/b Linda Gibson
Saturday: Diana Lee Shane
r/b Cherie Loubert
Mary Lou Midlige
r/b Pat Friel
Sunday: Parishioners
Preston Owens, Jr
r/b Marie Darza

“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.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, THE **SACRAMENTS & CONVERSION**

It is not too late and please join us. RCIA begins
Sunday, September 9th, 2018 after the 8:15 Mass. We
are meeting in the basement of the Ewald building.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the
Catholic faith, converting to the Catholic faith or any
Catholic wishing to complete the sacraments should
come to the sessions or call Deacon Ed or Nora Baker
at 410-257-1347 for more details.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Saints of Auschwitz

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past week I have been thinking a lot about my trip to Poland with the celebration of the Saints, Teresa Benedicta and Maximilian Kolbe. First, I want to say something about the land and it's people. I found that Polish people to be very hospitable and kind. Poland is a wonderful place and I have wonderful memories of the people and their customs. Most of you know that I go to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception every Monday to go to confession. While going to the sacrament is the priority, I also stop to say hi to my friends the "Polish Nuns" who are the sacristans and the care takers of the Shrine. Sr. Lucy is a favorite of mine along with the others.

The Polish sisters have a great love for the Church because many of them remember or had relatives who remember the devastation wrought upon their country by the "Nazi" party lead by Adolph Hitler. It is a bleak time in history and one that many want to forget.

It belongs only to the providential power of God, to bring light out of total darkness and this is somehow wonderfully displayed in one of the most Hellish places I have ever been. Words cannot ever begin to express the darkness and eerie feeling I had the day our tour bus pulled up to the concentration cam of Auschwitz. I even find it difficult to write these lines and view the pictures that I referenced to write this article.

The first thing I remember was the wrought iron sign that hung above the entrance of the camp. It read in German: "ARBEIT MACHT FREI", which translated means; "work sets you free." How distant from the truth could that statement have been. However, out of all the pain and suffering, the work of the saints was truly manifested. St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta are two of my hero's who stood fast in the open and did not renounce their belief in God and that He brings goodness out of evil.

Today as I write, we recall the great sacrificial act of St. Maximilian who offered himself to be killed in the place of a man with a wife and family. I remember going to cell block #11 in Auschwitz where now there is a little shrine in what was his prison cell. I was touched very deeply. Just a few years ago our Holy Father canonized Edith Stein, which was her Jewish name. Edith became a Catholic after reading an account of the life of St. Teresa of Avila. In St. Teresa's classical work, "Interior Castles", Edith found much peace that put her soul at rest. Edith was a convert to Catholicism and soon joined the Carmelite order and professed vows. When it was thought that her life could be in danger because of her Jewish heritage, they moved her to the Netherlands for protection. But as fate would have it, she was apprehended and placed on a train to the death camp of Auschwitz where she died in the gas chamber on August 9th, 1942. She was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1998.

As I said, these two wonderful saints have touched my spiritual life very deeply. Upon my arrival in the Heavenly Kingdom, I look forward to spending all of eternity with such authentic Christian saints.

Peace, in Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

Faith Formation Registration

If you have not yet registered your children for Faith Formation classes, please do so as soon as possible. Children entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by September 1st, 2019. New students please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Anthony's) and tuition fees.

- 1 child \$120.00
- 2 children \$180.00
- 3 or more children \$230.00

Tuition assistance is available if necessary.

Catechists and Assistants Needed

We are in need of an 8th grade assistant. Thank you to all who have stepped up to teach the faith to our children. Please Contact Mary Beth Woodburn at 443-646-5724 if you would like to join in this ministry.

HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

Father Stack invites all parishioners to join him and the parish staff to pray the **Novena to the Holy Spirit** for the families and teachers in our Faith Formation program. We will begin on **Thursday, August 30th and end on Friday, September 7th**, which is the weekend our program begins. The novena in honor of the **Holy Spirit** is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of the **Holy Spirit** on the first Pentecost. Let us all join together and ask the Holy Spirit's powerful outpouring upon us as we begin this new Faith Formation year!

A PATH TO SAINTHOOD **"MARIAN CONSECRATION"**

Marian Consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through Mary. Marian Consecration means giving Mary full permission to form us into other Christs. Marian Consecration is 5 weeks (33 days) of reading each day from one of 4 saints (Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, Pope John Paul II) and pondering the message of Jesus and Mary in our hearts. Nora and Deacon Ed will lead a group to prepare for consecrating themselves to Mary or for renewing one's consecration. Organizational meeting in September. **Contact Nora or Deacon Ed at 410-257-0347 if interested.**

BISHOP BARRON'S "THE MASS"

The last two episodes of Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series, "THE MASS" will be presented on Wednesday evening August 22, from 7 to 8:15 pm in Padua Hall. The Mass is the most important and sacred act of worship in the Catholic Church. Parts 5 and 6 discuss the "Liturgy of the Eucharist."

CARDINAL HICKEY ACADEMY

Cardinal Hickey Academy will be holding their "Bag and Bangle Bingo" on Friday, September 28th at the Deale Elks Lodge. Doors open at 6pm and Bingo starts at 7pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, James Curtin, 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, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY **TIME: AUGUST 19TH, 2018**

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the Church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.



GOSPEL QUESTION

What opportunities have you taken recently to grow in the Spirit of God? What opportunities did you pass by?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Offertory August 12th—\$8,030.50
2nd collection—\$137.00