

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sunday, September 2nd
Healing Mass—3 PM

Monday, September 3rd
Labor Day—Mass at 10 AM
Parish office closed

Friday, September 7th
Adoration—immediately following 8 AM Mass
Holy Hour for the crisis in the Church

Sunday, September 9th
Faith Formation Classes Begin—9:30 to 10:45 AM

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK **SEPTEMBER 3RD—9TH**

Monday: Robert Simonson
r/b Mary Kovac

Tuesday: David Varona (L)
r/b Danny & Denise Waters

Wed. Butch Neaney
r/b Lisa & John Friel

Thursday: Thomas & Margaret Donohue
r/b Beth Donohue

Friday: Susan Power (L)
r/b Ladies of Charity

Saturday: Patricia Osburn
r/b Beth Donohue & Jill Wahlgreen
Parishioners

Sunday: Dolores Bernhardt (Anniversary)
r/b Ernie Bernhardt & Rita Metro
Burt Brinkerhoff
r/b Weilmuenster Family

“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 410-257-0347 for more details.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Truth Will Set You Free

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I write on the feast of St. Augustine, who is one of the four Latin Doctors of the Church. Augustine has blessed the Church with his sharp intellect and his conversion story. He is an example of the penetrating power of God's grace at work. Like many in our modern culture, Augustine sought after that one thing; that sure "fix" that would make his life complete. So he chased a life of pleasure and it left him bankrupt. The story of Augustine and his mother, St. Monica, is repeated in the history of the Church down to our own time today. If you search hard enough you will find pieces of this story that apply to your family and your life as well.

However, there comes a point in everyone's life where all the goods and treasures of this life leave one depleted and on an ardent search for that which will last forever. We find that in Augustine's "Self-Reflection." Here the saint speaks for himself: (St. Augustine's Confessions)

"Urge to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because *you were my helper*. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not an ordinary light perceptible to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things: and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as Heaven is above the Earth. This light was above me because it has made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light...But I did not find it until I embraced *the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed for ever*. He was calling me and saying: *I am the way of truth, I am the life*. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. *For the Word became flesh*, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children."

Augustine profoundly speaks of the "Light" that created him. It is the light who is Jesus that makes all life complete. Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." (Jn. 8, 12) All throughout the course of life we are in an ardent search for that light. The world tries to attract us with lights that are artificial. Getting your name in the lights was and always has been an attraction of our society.

One of my most important works as a priest is to prepare the soul for death and the beautiful journey that awaits the soul that is moving ever so gently through these stages of letting go of this world. My very last instruction to these beautiful souls is this: "Look for the Light." It is that light who is Christ that truly makes you free.

Peace, in Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 9TH!

If you have not yet registered your children for Faith Formation classes, please do so as soon as possible. New students please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Anthony's) and tuition fees.

An Assistant is needed for the 8th Grade Wednesday evening class.

Please contact Mary Beth Woodburn to register or if you can help in this ministry.

All parents are asked to stay for the first class where we will announce our theme for the year! You can meet your child's teacher and see how you can help!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 12th beginning with 6 pm Mass followed by pizza and orientation. This is for registered 9th grade Confirmation students. Please note the change of date from last years schedule.

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you or your teen is struggling with all that is happening within our Church please go to LifeTeen.com and click on the article "The Darkness of Scandal and the Light of Christ." We are here for you if you want to talk about the struggles you may be having because of the scandal within our beloved Church.

All high school youth are invited to our first Life Night of the year on September 15th beginning with the 5:30 pm Mass. Come and meet your Life Teen Core Team at the Parking Lot Party-tailgating Catholic style, with food, fun, faith and friendship!

COME AND SING WITH US!

The St. Anthony's Choir sings at the 8:15 Mass from September through June and we would love to have your voice. Rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 13th from 7:30 to 9 pm in the church. Potential Cantors and choir members please contact Liesl Schiavone at:

607-206-0314 or lieslvanhaute@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL HOLY HOUR AND FIRST FRIDAY MASS

In reparation for the crisis in the Church, Father Stack will be offering a Holy Hour every Friday, beginning in September, immediately following the 8 am Mass. He will also be adding a First Friday Mass, beginning in October, at 12 noon every month.

MARIAN CONSECRATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An organizational meeting for those interested in doing the 33 day Marian Consecration will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 12:30 pm in the Religious Education Building. If you have questions contact Nora or Deacon Ed Baker at 410-257-0347.

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME: SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2018

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, and sandy ground will become springs of water.

Second Reading: James 2:1-5

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What part of your life resembles a desert? How might God cause that place to bloom and become a holy way?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Offertory August 26th—\$7,266.00

CALVERT COUNTY FAIR CATHOLIC BOOTH

Please help staff our Catholic booth. Please go to goo.gl/forms/ieMXuFPeQu7mzrfz2 if you can cover a shift at the booth. Shifts are two hours at various times on **Wednesday, Sept. 26th through Sunday, Sept. 30th**. Training for all serving will be held at St. John Vianney, Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 7 pm. Contact Sue Stavelly at accounting.stanthony.md@adw.org with questions.