

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 12th

Veterans Day—Mass 10 AM

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, November 13th

Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (rectory)

Thursday, November 15th

Social Concerns Committee Meeting—6 PM (3)

Friday, November 15th

Holy Hour for the Church—8:30 to 9:30 AM
Middle School Youth Group - 6:30 to 8:00 PM (3)

Sunday, November 18th

Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass (2)

Legend

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

Mass Intentions for November 12th-18th

Saturday, Nov. 17th John Waak
r/b Waak Family
Sunday, Nov. 18th Parishioners

**All other Masses in will be offered
for the souls of the deceased.**

ADVENT PARISH MISSION DECEMBER 9TH THROUGH 11TH

We will be hosting Fr. Pierre Toussaint from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Bronx, NY from Saturday December 8th through Tuesday, December 11th. Mark your calendars NOW! The Mission Talks will begin at 7 pm on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Fr. Pierre will also be preaching the homilies the weekend of the 8th and 9th.

Let's give Fr. Pierre a warm St. Anthony's welcome!



ST. ANTHONY'S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

A trip to the Holy Land is a once in a lifetime opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Everyone, especially Christians, should visit at least one time in their life. Fr. Stack is offering a trip to the Holy Land, **May 14-24, 2019**. We now have a final cost of only \$2,895 + taxes and tips. Tips for the tour guide, transportation people and hotel are at your discretion. For information call Ginger Geisler, 443-964-8301. Brochures will be available in the back of the church.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Perennial Things

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I have been at this thing called priesthood for about 40 years. First, I can honestly say it is always what God wanted me to do with my life. I enjoy being a priest and everything about the life from hearing confessions to doing youth retreats to making those late-night runs to Calvert Memorial. During the time while being formed in the seminary and for 32 years after, in active ministry, there have been things that I heard or read that I continually come back to, because whatever it was about, the Psalm, the experience, or the prayer etc., there was some element of the eternal I touched, or perhaps better put; "it touched me" very profoundly. This is one of these things I share with you today.

November has always been a favorite month for me in the Church year. We remember the dead. We recall many things and it causes us to pause a moment and think about the meaning of life and whether we are making the most of each opportunity. We need this!! All of this brings me back to a poem that I always read at this time of the year. There was something very stirring about its context that tinged on the "mystical." It was written by Thomas Merton, which I am sure many of you might remember. I was fortunate to go to the monastery in Gethsemane, Kentucky where Merton lived most of his religious life. Here is what he wrote:

St. Malachy:

"In November, in the days to remember the dead. When air smells cold as earth, St. Malachy, who is very old, gets up, and parts the thin curtains of trees and dawns upon our land. His coat is filled with drops of rain, and he is bearded with all the seas of Poseidon. (Is it a crozier, or a trident in his hand?) He weeps against the gothic window, and the empty cloister mourners like an ocean shell. The bells in the steeple talk faintly to the old stranger and the townier considers his waters. I have been sent to see my festival, for I am the saint of the day. Shall I shake the drops from my locks and stand in your transept, or leaving you, rest in the silence of my History?

So, the bells rang, and we opened the antiphoners and the wrens and larks flew up out of the pages. Our thoughts became lambs. Our hearts swam like seas. One monk believed that we should sing to him some stone-age hymn or something in the giant language. So, we played to him the plainsong of the giant Gregory: Oceans of scripture upon bony Eire... ..And the Melchisedec of our year's end who came without a parent, leaves without a trace, and rain comes rattling down upon our forest like the doors of a country jail."

St. Malachy was an Irish Saint, and the Archbishop of Armagh, to whom were attributed several miracles and an alleged vision. 112 popes later attributed to the apocryphal prophecy of the Popes.

So, my dear parishioners of St. Anthony's, we need to think about our own personal end and our hope of resurrection. This is why we follow this time in the church with the holy season of Advent and the birth of Jesus who came to die so that we could live in eternal life.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

PLEASE ONLY CROSS AT THE CROSSWALK with the crossing guard when you are bringing or picking up your children from Faith Formation. Too many people have been crossing near the Dairy Freeze and this is very dangerous. Also, if you are willing to help as a **CROSSING GUARD** during Faith Formation please call Mary Beth at 443-646-5724. Thank You!

EDGE Middle School Youth Group

All Middle School children (grades 6th-8th) are invited to the Fall Festival All Saints Party on Friday, November 16th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Religious Education Center. Ms. Jenn Matthews, our MSYG Coordinator, always has a fun, faith-filled evening planned. You don't want to miss it!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is Saturday, November 24th (Yes, Thanksgiving weekend!). We will gather together for Mass and a Thanksgiving Feast! The teens will explore the benefits of living with a grateful heart, as well as be challenged to practice virtuous deeds in their quest for healthy relationships! As usual, we will end in Adoration, strengthening the most important relationship of all-GOD & YOU!

**Go to our website: www.stanthonycal.us
under Education for calendar,
interesting videos and blogs for teens.**

ADVENT SCHEDULE: IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Adoration with Confessions:

December 3rd and 17th — 5 to 8 pm (Mondays)

Children's adoration the 3rd from 6 to 6:30

December 5th and 19th — 5 to 8 pm (Wednesdays)

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 8th—Immaculate Conception

Mass times are 9 am and 12 noon

Vigil Mass Friday, December 7th at 7 pm

Wednesday, December 12th

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Adoration-5 to 6:45 followed by 7 pm Mass

December 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th (Fridays)

8 am Mass followed by Holy Hour and Adoration
until 11:45 and **Mass at 12 noon**

6 AM Mass

**Tuesdays and Thursdays, December 4th, 6th,
11th, 13th, 18th and 20th**

Advent Parish Mission December 9th — 11th

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Wlaine Cunnane, 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, Maude Mangels, 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, Sue White.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: NOVEMBER 18TH

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judges. He warns that some shall "be an everlasting horror and disgrace." But he promises that some will love forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.

Contributions and Donations

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Offertory and Donations Nov. 3/4— \$7,493.25

Priest Retirement— \$2,557.00

All Saints Day— \$930.00

St. Bernardine's Food Pantry: On the fourth Sunday of each month we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine's Parish (in Suitland) for their food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the church. The designated dates this month are: **November 24th and 25th**