

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 7th

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm
Children's Adoration—6 to 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 8th

Altar Server Training—6 pm (1)

Friday, January 11th

Holy Hour & Adoration—8:30 to 11:45 am
Mass—12 Noon

Saturday, January 12th

Life Teen—5:30 to 8 pm

Tuesday, January 15th

Healing Mass—7:00 pm

Legend

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

Mass Intentions January 7th—13th

1/7	8:00 am	Tom Sydnor (D) Ann Marie Howerton (D) r/b Woodburn Family
1/8	8:00 am	Janice Sands (D)
1/9	8:00 am	John Windsor (D)
1/10	8:00 am	Douglas Proffitt (D) r/b Woodburn Family
1/11	8:00 am	Mary Beth Rogers (D) r/b Hanko & Woodburn Families
	12:00 pm	Steve & Sharon Wathen (D) r/b Dorothy Wathen
1/12	9:00 am	Thomas Macken (D) r/b Macken Family
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
1/13	8:15 am	Father Dan Leary (L) r/b Weilmuenster Family
	11:15 am	Lucille Dellosa (D) r/b Dellosa/Moltz Family



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

January 8th at 6 pm will be the next Altar Server training led by Deacon Eric. Children in 4th grade and up are encouraged to attend if they have ever considered altar serving. Please contact Deacon Eric if interested at 410-610-3844.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Crowning of the Year

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

May the Lord in His great goodness, bless you abundantly for your generosity during the Christmas celebrations. Here at the parish we experienced wonderful attendance, great enthusiasm and an abundance of blessings as we met many coming in to celebrate with families who are members at St. Anthony's. What a delight it was for your pastor to experience this on my fourth Christmas at the beach.

First off, I want to thank you, the good people of this parish for your deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ. He is the Master and Lord and the great High Priest. It is evident to me that there exists among you a deep love for His presence and a reverence that is displayed as I watch you enter our sanctuary. You really Love Him and it is beautiful to witness.

Secondly, even though the final numbers are not in, the initial report from the faithful counters is that you were very generous to our parish, thank you from the bottom of my Irish heart. It is important to all of us to sustain the ministries and to render the services to the people of North Beach, whether they be parishioners or others who need some type of assistance to help them during these times.

And finally, thank you for the personal gifts that you have given to me. My house has never been more filled with cakes, cookies and a various assortment of presents (some of which I haven't even opened) and "goodies." I think I will need to go on a serious diet and begin the Holy season of Lent a little sooner than expected. Thank You!!!

As we move through these "Octave" days of Christmas, (the word Octave, meaning eight days of Christmas) one of the feasts that is celebrated is the Feast of the Epiphany. It is the intention of the Church to "Drive Home" the message of Christmas into our heart by giving it eight days of celebration. It takes time for the full message of the beauty of Christmas to sink into our hearts and for it to bear fruit.

During these days the Church gives us plenty of fruit to nibble on. Among these is the feast of the Kings. Tradition tells us that three Magi, or star gazers, set out from their country to find the new born King of the Jews. I have always loved this feast. First, we learn that nature is always a tune to the things of heaven. Just by watching nature you learn the lesson of the resurrection. The movements of time and seasons tell the story of God's great love and attentiveness. The Magi saw a star and knew that this heavenly body pointed to something wonderful, so in hopes of finding something extraordinary, they set out on a journey. A journey that would change their lives. At the conclusion of T.S. Elliot's poem, Journey of the Magi, he tells of this (one of the Magi reflecting on his journey years later).

... "all this was a long time ago, I remember. And I would do it again, but set down. This set down. This: were we led all that way for Birth or Death? There was a Birth, certainly. We had evidence and no doubt. I had seen birth and death, but had thought they were different; this Birth was hard and bitter agony for us, like Death, our death. We returned to our places, these Kingdoms, but no longer at ease here, in the dispensation, with an alien people clutching their gods.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Welcome Back! Please join us in Padua Hall today from 10:15 to 10:45 for our Christmas/Epiphany sing-a-long! All families and parishioners are welcome!

Please continue to pray for our 2nd graders who will receive their First Reconciliation next Saturday, January 12th. "Lord Jesus, please give our children open minds and open hearts to receive your great mercy and unending love. Help them, Lord, to approach you with humility and confidence as they place all of their trust in you! Amen."

Children's Adoration is this Monday, January 7th from 6-6:30 pm during our regularly scheduled Adoration time of 5-8 pm. Confessions are also being offered at this time. Kick-off 2019 in the presence of Our Lord with your children in praise and thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given your family. Come and place at His Feet all of your troubles, and receive His peace which surpasses all understanding! Make this beautiful devotion part of your New Year's spiritual resolution!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is **Saturday, January 12th**, beginning with the 4:30 Mass titled "No Matter How Small." Using the story "Horton Hears a Who" as a basis, this night will help the teens understand what it means to protect and defend life at all stages. This Life Night will address the entire spectrum of pro-life issues and call the teens to actively speak out for the dignity and respect of all human life. We will end in Adoration of Our Lord between 7:30 and 8 pm.

Please go on our website at stanthonycal.us to see all of the scheduled dates and themes from January through May, 2019! Our Core Team is working hard to provide fun, meaningful, well-planned Life Nights for our teens to draw closer to Christ. Please encourage any and all young people to join us. You can also go to www.lifeteen.com for great articles on many different subjects to help spark faith discussions with your teen-subjects on relationships, dating, prayer, saints, social media use, and even test taking! If you are looking for new and different ways to strengthen the relationship you have with your teen-check out this site!

LADIES OF CHARITY

Plaza Mexico is hosting a fundraiser for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry on Monday, January 7th from 4:30 to 10 pm. A portion of eat in and carry out meals will be donated by Plaza Mexico. Thank you for your support!

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 22nd, at 1:00 PM** in the Religious Education building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls, symbolic baptism blankets, and hats and scarfs for needy children. For questions please call Mary Beyer at 301-855-4042.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Wlaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, 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, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD **JANUARY 13TH, 2019**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Isaiah tells of the Lord's Servant, who will be inconspicuous, but will not rest until justice is established. The Lord then tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter speaks to a group of pagans for the first time. He explains to them that any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

Gospel Question

What sudden or gradual epiphanies have changed the way you understand your religion? Did you embrace the changes, or did you/do you fight them?

Contributions

Thank you for your continued support.

December 22-23—\$7,319.63

2019 Contribution envelopes are available for pick-up outside of Padua Hall if you receive envelopes.

Project Rachel

Are you, or someone you know, wounded from an abortion? If you would like more information on hope and healing contact Father Stack at 443-646-5623 or email STAnthony0119@gmail.com. All inquiries regarding this ministry are kept in strict confidence.