

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 21st
MLK Jr. Holiday—Mass 10:00 am
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 22nd
No Bible Study
Prayer Shawl Meeting—1 pm (3)

Friday, January 18th
Adoration 8:30 to 11:45 am followed by
Communion Service at 12:00 pm

Saturday, January 26th
Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm (2,3)

Sunday, January 27th
Hospitality—9:15 to 11 am (2)

Legend

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

Mass Intentions January 21st-27th

1/21	10:00 am	Diane Jenkins (D)
1/22	8:00 am	Larry Hill (D) r/b Anne Hill
1/23	8:00 am	Father John Basil (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
1/24	8:00 am	James Curtin (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
1/25	8:00 am	Ron Croisette (D) r/b Terry & Joe Rednagle
1/26	9:00 am	Jose Cariaso (D) r/b The Family
	4:30 pm	Clare Simonsin (D) r/b Mary Kovac
1/27	8:15 am	Tony O'Connor (D) r/b Hetmansky Family
	11:15 am	Parishioners



Jesus the Good Shepherd Caregivers Together will have a meeting on **Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 pm** in the Centre at JGS, 1601 Mt. Harmony Rd, Owings. Ms. Ann Newton, Social Services Maryland Access Point Coordinator, Calvert County Office on Aging will speak. Anyone who can benefit from the information Ms. Newton will provide is welcome. Call Carolyn Austin for more information at 410-257-2508.

Caregivers Together meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Centre at JGS. Meetings are open to all Caregivers, Call Carolyn Austin if you have any questions at 410-257-2508.

Please visit our website at: www.stanthonycal.us

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Finding Peace Amidst Chaos

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

These are tough times in the Church. While I am glad we got a good amount of snow and things shut down in North Beach for a bit, the extra time lent itself to do some reading that I have been putting off. Usually I read in the evening, but I have come to find out that is not the optimal time for me to read. After about 5 or so minutes I am asleep. Today, with all the weather cancellations, I was able to get some time in to read. I should have stuck with a good book with a story that has nothing to do with the Catholic Church. But I was drawn in by yet another article dealing with the current scandal.

While I cannot get into the details of this latest "fiasco", I got angrier and angrier as I read along. I had to stop reading and go to my room in the rectory that has the Blessed Sacrament in it and pray. I opened the scriptures to the passage where Jesus blesses the Children and I proceeded to have a very fruitful meditation on this passage.

Part of my meditation was to consider the simplicity of a child's mind that allows them to be open and to believe that God wants to come to them and establish a relationship with them. Even though the relationship with God consists in believing what one cannot see and touch or hear; it is above and beyond any other relationship that children will have with people they can touch and see etc.... We as a Church, and I mean all of us, from little children to Pope Francis, would be better off to adopt the frame of mind which is derived from simple faith. This is not a call to be "childish", but rather to be childlike.

I must question what happened to some of these priests and bishops who have lost their way. I think either they were looking to the Church to provide them a means to climb a social ladder or perhaps as a means to acquire power and worldly fame. Perhaps they started out with sincerely good intention but got lost along the way. Either way, those brothers need some serious prayer.

Throughout the history of the Church, there have been many scandals. Sadly, this latest one is nothing new. But in all ages, the prayerful, faithful witness of the laity has often pulled the Church back on track. You, my good and faithful parishioners, have the opportunity to do this again through your own prayer.

On a final note, I remember one of the first times I went to spend a week with the Hermits of Bethlehem on a retreat. My spiritual director told me that it would be a very different kind of retreat. There would not be conferences and talking, he said. It would be made in complete silence. It was hard but I made it. After the retreat was over, I had the opportunity to talk with Father Gene Romano, the priest who began the religious order of hermits. I asked him how he got this idea of starting an order of Hermits. What he told me I will never forget. He said: "During the confusion of the 1960's and 70's and things were going off in every direction in society and in the Church, I decided to root myself in something that was permanent and that was the "Holy Eucharist." From that time on I committed myself to spending vast amounts of my time being with Jesus in his Eucharistic body. In these troubling times, our power and strength come from the Eucharist.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Thank you to all of our children who participated in the **Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest**. Many beautiful illustrations were submitted. Nina and Oriana Jacobs' posters have advanced to the National level!

Congratulations to the following children:

3rd Place Winners:

Jacqueline Arroyo, 2nd grade

Luke Degrange, 5th grade

Maria Hartley, 6th grade

2nd Place Winners:

Sophia Sanders, 1st grade

Casey Brabson, 5th grade

Katerina Brabson, 7th grade

1st Place Winners:

Nina Jacobs, 1st grade

Oriana Jacobs, 5th grade

Gianna Porfiri, 8th grade

Attention Confirmation Students: The Confirmation Enrollment Mass is next Saturday, the 26th. All Confirmation students should attend with their sponsor and/or parent and we hope to see you at our Life Night directly following Mass.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is Saturday, January 26th, beginning with the 4:30 Confirmation Enrollment Mass. Due to the cancellation of Life Teen last weekend our lesson will be "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. Food, Faith, Fun, Friends, and Jesus — no better time!

HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Stack and the Franciscan Friars are offering a trip to the Holy Land for only \$2895 plus tax and fuel charge, May 14th to 24th. This trip takes in all the sights you'll want to see. Register online at www.tektonministries.org with a deposit of only \$300. Price includes airfare, hotel, breakfast and dinner daily and all entrance fees and more. If you have any questions see brochures in the back of the church or call Ginger Geisler at 443-694-8301.

THANK YOU!

From The Ladies of Charity

The Ladies of Charity would like to thank St. Anthony's parishioners for your faithful and generous support of the Food Pantry and its clients in 2018. The activities you supported included: Spring and Fall Bake Sales, the Crab Basket Raffle, weekly food donations, Lenten and Advent food donations, the Souper Bowl, quarterly Plaza Mexico dinners, school supply donations, Christmas gifts for children in Pantry client households, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas "basket" distributions, and Food Drops in the Parish parking lot. We could not do it without your volunteer time, kind donations and financial donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **JANUARY 27TH, 2019**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra gathered the people and read to them from the book of the Law of God. He interpreted the law clearly, so that everyone understood what he had read. He then told them to go and rejoice in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Paul explains that a body is composed of many different parts, and that each part has its' own purpose and is important. He compares this to the Church, describing how we are one body composed of many members. All members should show concern for each other and understand that we are all vital to the body as a whole.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Luke discusses his decision to write about the events he and the other disciples had witnessed. He begins by telling of Jesus reading a passage from the book of Isaiah, where the anointed one is portrayed. Jesus finished by telling the people that they had seen that passage fulfilled in the hearing.

Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Christmas Collection total—\$36,001.00

January 13/14—\$4,630.19

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

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, Cardinal Hickey Academy, in Owings, MD, invites you to our Open House on Sunday, January 27th from 12:30 to 2:00pm. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our school program, meet our teachers and visit our facilities. For further information, please call the school office at 410-286-0404.