

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 3rd

Knights of Columbus Breakfast—8:30 to 11 am (2)
Religious Goods Store—8:30 to 11 am (2)
Healing Mass—3 pm

Monday, February 4th

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

Tuesday, February 5th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Friday, February 8th

Holy Hour for the Church—8:30 to 9:30 am
Adoration—9:30 to 11:45 am
Mass—12:00 pm

Saturday, February 9th

Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 (2)

Legend

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

Mass Intentions February 4th to 10th

2/4	8:00 am	Sister Mary Juliana Cox (L) r/b Christine Fulginiti
2/5	8:00 am	Marie Mocny (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
2/6	8:00 am	Sister Christine Born (L) r/b Christine Fulginiti
2/7	8:00 am	Schmitz Family (L) r/b Hetmansky Family
2/8	8:00 am	Dr. Peter Paul Roller (D) r/b Colosi Family
	12:00 pm	Michael & Leah Pennica (L) r/b Marie Heaton
2/9	9:00 am	Sister Patrick Stephen Meyer (L) r/b Christine Fulginiti
	4:30 pm	Kenneth Byrne (D) r/b Catherine Byrne
2/10	8:15 am	Darlene Kostelnik (L) r/b Christine Fulginiti
	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. Everyone is welcome. **Caregivers Together** meets every first Thursday of the month at JGS. Call Carolyn Austin for more information at 410-257-2508.

Please visit our website at: www.stanthonycal.us

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Blessing of throats and the Ministry of Blaise

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Ordinary time. However, this Sunday happens to fall on February 3rd, which traditionally we also celebrate the Feast Day of St. Blaise, or Blasé.

Blaise was a fourth century bishop in Armenia who suffered martyrdom for his faithfulness to Jesus Christ. However, he is best known for his miraculous cure of a little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. Blaise is prayed to often when people have some type of throat disease or an illness related to their throats.

In the Catholic Church there are all types of special blessings and practices which is one of the reasons I love the Church so much. It is good to be aware that as wonderful as these little Catholic benefits are, they never become more important than our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In the Church, the temptation has always been to make these blessings and other devotional practices more important than Jesus Christ. The seven Sacraments are the essential way to encounter the Risen Christ; all the other things, whether it be the blessing of St. Blaise, the ashes on Ash Wednesday or the palms on Palm Sunday are secondary. Important as they are, they need to be put in their proper place.

Years ago, as a child, I remember receiving the blessing of St. Blaise; I was fortunate to grow up in a parish that retained many of the traditional practices of Catholicism. Having a raspy throat that morning I thought to myself that the blessing of St. Blaise would fix me up and the sore throat would be cured. When to my surprise this didn't happen, I was disappointed in the blessing of the throats. My good parents set me straight and reminded me that the blessing is not some feat of a magician but a more powerful remedy to edifying speech and to use your gift of speech well.

While looking up the facts of Blaise's life, I stumbled upon this beautiful prayer that I would like to share with you:

"O Blessed St. Blaise you received from God the powers to protect men from throat disease and other maladies. Take away the illness that afflicts me, keep my throat healthy and perfect so that I can talk correctly and be able to proclaim and sing praises to God. I promise you, St. Blaise, that the words coming from my mouth will always speak: The truth and not lies; justice and not calumnies; goodness and not harshness; forgiveness and not condemnation; pardon and not accusation; respect and not disparagement; conciliation and not intrigue; calmness and not irritation; unselfishness and not egotism; edification and not scandal; enthusiasm and not defeatism; conformity and not complaint; love and not hate; joyfulness and not sadness; faith and not disbelief; hope and not despair."

St. Blaise, keep my throat free from illness so that I can praise God, my creator, and thank you, my protector. AMEN.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

This Monday, February 4th, we have Children's Adoration from 6:00 to 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled time of Adoration and Confessions from 5 to 8 pm. Bring your children to the feet of Jesus, and allow them to love Him with their whole mind, body, soul and strength!

"Any time spent before the Eucharistic presence, be it long or short, is the best-spent time of our lives."

--St. Catherine of Genoa

Next Sunday, February 10th at 10:45 am, all 2nd grade parents are invited to our **First Eucharist Parent Mixer**. Please mark this on your calendar as we will discuss important information regarding your child's First Holy Communion!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is **Saturday, February 9th**, "In the Name of Love". This social Life Night celebrates Valentines Day by gathering the youth together to build community. We will begin with dinner, play games, have contests, and of course eat Valentines Candy! We end in Adoration of Our Lord (Who is Love) at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you there!

Permission forms are now due for our weekend retreat at **West River February 22-24: TIMELESS: A Retreat on Our Unchanging God. ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are invited!** Please turn in your permission form and \$125.00 check (payable to St. Anthony's) by February 9th! Permission forms are found on our website www.stanthonycal.us under EDUCATION "High School Youth." Come and spend a weekend drawing closer to Jesus Christ: the Alpha and the Omega, God of our past, present and future-The Timeless One!

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 443-404-6673.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are you letting Jesus proclaim the good news to you in your marriage? Sign up today to attend one of the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends on **February 8-10, 2019 or October 25-27 in Gaithersburg, MD.** Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call 301-541-7007. It's not too early to sign-up.

Join us for Morning Prayer at 7:40 am every Monday through Friday in the church.

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, Anna Halterman, 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, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, 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, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 10TH, 2019**

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Isaiah recounts the awe he felt the first time he saw the Lord, who was surrounded by angels. He began to feel despair because he was a man of unclean lips, until an angel touched an ember to his lips and pronounced them clean. The Lord asked who he should send forth, to which Isaiah replied, "Here I am, send me!"

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Paul reminds the Corinthians that Christ died for us to free us from our sins. He encourages them to remember the importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. He admits that he initially failed to believe, and therefore was very grateful to be called an apostle and preach in the name of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Luke tells of Jesus preaching to a crowd, then joining Peter who was about to end a fruitless day of fishing. He told Peter to lower his net back in, and a great number of fish were caught. Upon seeing this, Peter and his companions, James and John, immediately abandoned their nets to follow Jesus.

Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity!

January 26/27—\$7,948.98

To save time and money we will be providing 2018 end of year statements by request. Please contact the office if you would like your statement.

Cardinal Hickey Academy has a position open for an Aftercare Assistant. Candidate must be 18 yrs. old and willing to go through a background check, fingerprinting, CPR and First Aide training. Hours are daily from 2:15pm-5:15pm or 3:00pm- 6:00pm. **Please contact CHA for more information (410-286-0404). Apply online at: schoolspring.com.**