

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, February 17th

No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, February 18th

Mass—10 am

Presidents' Day Holiday—Office Closed

No Adoration or Confessions This Evening

K of C Blood Drive—11 am to 7 pm (2)

Tuesday, February 19th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Healing Mass—7 pm

Sunday, February 24th

Hospitality Sunday—9:15 to 11:00 (2)

Legend

Church (1)

Padua Hall (2)

Religious Ed. Center (3)

Ewald (4)

Mass Intentions February 18th—24th

2/18	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
2/19	8:00 am	Sally Anne Pellegrino (D) r/b Woodburn Family
	7:00 pm	Josephine McWhorter (L)
2/20	8:00 am	Yoko O'Reily (D) Shirley Kallal
2/21	8:00 am	Scott Pettko (D) r/b Doris Pettko
2/22	8:00 am	Patricia Mylet (D) r/b Hanko Family
	12:00 pm	Martin Riordan (D) r/b Susan Heisler
2/23	9:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
2/24	8:15 am	Gloria Hampton (D) r/b Linda Hopkins
	11:15 am	Allan Curtin (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin



ST. ANTHONY'S NEEDS YOU!

Your Church is looking for parishioners to serve on and/or coordinate several ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers to the Homebound, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Sacristans. All you need is a willing heart and we will provide the training! Please call the office at 443-646-5721 with any questions or to meet with Father Stack.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Gift of Mary and Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Just the other day we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. One of the blessings of my life is to have traveled to the many Marian shrines that are scattered throughout the world. And even though the shrine in Mexico where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego is my favorite, I have to say all the shrines to Our Lady have a unique flavor all their own.

Just after Fr. Wells died, some of his parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, MD published a book titled "From the Pastor's Desk." In it are the various bulletin articles that Fr. Wells would write to his parishioners in the Sunday bulletin. Both Wells and I got the idea from Monsignor Hogan who told us that it is good to write a message to your parishioners.

So, I share with you something from the pastor's (Monsignor Wells) desk:

"The grotto at Lourdes, France is one of those places where even the most cynical "feel" the presence of the holy. Even the town itself with it's buying and selling of statues, pictures and bottles for the water of the spring, has a joy as people all over the world mingle in restaurants and stores, sharing common faith and tips on where to find the best prices. The holiness, throughout, is something that can almost be touched....

And yet, the atmosphere is not what Bernadette knew. Even today, the shrine is virtually closed in the winter. Bernadette was desperately poor. We would see her as emaciated; her lack of size was probably the result of being undernourished....

Over and over again, the scriptures remind us that the powerless who put their faith in God will find the kingdom of heaven. Mary chose Bernadette, one whom the world considers unimportant, to demonstrate the radical difference between the standards of God and those of the world....

The hundreds of sick and those volunteers who serve them, are among the great experiences of Lourdes. In wheelchairs and stretchers, they come each afternoon to be blessed by the Eucharist. There are occasional miracles, but it takes a very hard heart indeed not to be personally healed by the vision of faith where the weakest of the weak beg their mother's intercession with Jesus that they might submit to God's will for them."

May Mary, the holy mother of God, continue to watch over us and our parish.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

Lent begins on March 6th! This year we will be having simple soup suppers beginning at 5:30pm and Stations of the Cross at 7 pm every Friday! Please mark your calendars, bring your family and friends as we share a meal and walk the Lord's Passion together.

"You cannot enter fully into the joy of the Resurrection without first entering into Christ's Passion and Death."

FAITH FORMATION

No class this weekend! Happy President's Day!

Please mark your calendars now for our next Children's Adoration on Monday, March 4th from 6-6:30 pm, during our regularly scheduled Adoration time from 5-8 pm.

LIFE TEEN

Please keep all of our youth in your prayers as we will be attending "TIMELESS" A Retreat on Our Unchanging God. We arrive at West River on Friday, February 22nd and return Sunday, February 24th.

The Maryland March For Life is on Monday, March 4th! Join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis! We will march through Annapolis and Rally at Lawyers' Mall to be the voice of pro-life Maryland! The Rally will serve as a visible witness in support of defending vulnerable life, and it will feature keynote speaker Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation, Kelly Stauffer from Silent No More, and our guest performer, Jonny Brenns, American Idol Contestant.

4:30 Youth Rally
5:00 Mass @ St. Mary's
6:15 Assemble for March
6:30 March through Annapolis
7:00 Rally on Lawyer's Mall
8:00 Free Chick-fil-A

Yes, that said "FREE CHICK-fil-A" All ages are welcome to carpool to this event. Please contact Mary Beth at 443-646-5724 or dre@stanthonycal.us if you are interested in going to this event.

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: February 23rd and 24th.

Congratulations to the following winners of Knights of Columbus/Calvert Council #7870 Super "Seminarian" Bowl Pools:

Rosanna Noyes....\$150	Sonja Berquist....\$50
Jim Huse.....\$150	David Loeffler.....\$50
Deacon Ed Baker...\$50	Mike Rooney.....\$50

Your generous purchase of squares helped #7870 raise \$500 in support of our two ADW sponsored Seminarrians, Ben Bralove and James Fangmeyer.

Join fellow parishioners Monday through Friday at 7:40 for Morning Prayer and every Saturday morning at 8:40 in the church to pray the Rosary.

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 24TH, 2019**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity!
February 9 & 10—\$9,271.65

If you would like a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement please contact the office at 443-646-5721 or email office@stanthonycal.us.

JOIN ALMIGHTY FITNESS for our spring session of Fitness and Faith workouts right here at St. Anthony's! Classes run Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 in Padua Hall February 27th—April 17th. All fitness levels welcome! You'll train your body and strengthen your soul. Registration Now Open! Contact Kelly Favret at 410-610-1119 for more information or register at www.almightyfitness.weebly.com.
(Next Event: HIT the Dance Floor, Feb. 22nd at 7 pm.)