

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 12th

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

Wednesday, March 13th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Friday, March 15th

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am

Mass—11:00 am (note time change)

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 pm (2)

Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

Middle School Youth Group—6:30 to 8:30 (2)

Monday, March 18th

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm

Tuesday, March 19th

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

Healing Mass—7 pm

Legend

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

Mass Intentions March 11th — 17th

3/11	8:00 am	Peggy McCaig (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
3/12	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
3/13	8:00 am	James Deiso Jr. (D) r/b Dorothy Benya
3/14	8:00 am	James V. Curtin (D) r/b Rosemary Curtin
3/15	8:00 am	Allen L. Curtin (D) r/b Veith Family
	11:00 am	Mary Grimes (L)
3/16	9:00 am	John Christ (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
3/17	8:15 am	Sherry Jarboe (D) r/b Nancy & Bo Bradley
	11:15 am	Elizabeth Carver (D) r/b Beverly & Pete Maccari



Are you interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion?

There will be training for **Lectors on March 23rd** and training for **Eucharistic Ministers on March 30th** in the church immediately following the 9 am Mass. If you are interested call Father Stack for an appointment and to attend the training at 443-646-5722.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Loving the Box

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Well, Lent is upon us. What a wonderful time to use the graces of God to make our life on earth worth living. Years ago, I heard a phrase spoken at a conference I was attending which made a lot of sense. "Purpose is reason to be." God calls us into existence through the instrumentality of our parents. Our parents, doing the "parent thing" supply the necessary means to bring about new life. God, however, infuses into the person to be born an immortal soul. The soul is the life principle of the child, which gives the child a unique characteristic and personality which make the child an individual unlike any other in the entire world. This God given personality, which is totally ours and no one else, makes us unique.

Thus, is the beauty of human life. Human life is a valued treasure that is both very beautiful and always worth supporting. Being called into existence has eternal value and is always worth defending no matter what. The Catholic Church has always been a staunch defender of the right to life from conception to natural death. This is the Church I love and will remain in to my dying days.

Now the Church has its problems, as we have witnessed in these last few months. But it is the church of Jesus Christ. Even Jesus knew that scandals and problems would arise due to human weakness and evil intent, but it is still the Church.

One of my heroes in the Church was St. John Vianney. His life is an interesting read. He wasn't a likely candidate for the priesthood from a worldly point of view. He had trouble in the seminary with the studies and was almost dismissed due to his lack of intelligence. However, through prayer and God's power he made it. Those in charge of his priestly vocation thought that while he became a priest, he certainly didn't have what it took to be one of the greats, so they assigned him to a backwards little town in France where he couldn't do much damage. "Damage control" thought his superiors.

As the story goes, this saint of ours arrived in the town of Ars and simply prayed and did his prayers. He prayed and prayed and prayed. Eventually he found his calling in the confessional box where people lined up to go to confession to this Holy Priest. In some instances, they waited hours and even days to confess their sins to this saint of the box. It was said that he could read souls and brought much healing and comfort to God's people.

When I went to the seminary back in 1978, I remember reading a book about the saint's life and I was deeply inspired. Interestingly enough, the Church has made him the patron of parish priests. It is because of this saintly priest that I too have come to love the box (confessional). If I had my way, I would love to spend the rest of my priestly life in the box. It is a place of great healing for souls who are wounded. The box is a beautiful place to give direction for those who are lost and on an oasis for the tired and sorely broken.

May you take advantage of the extra times we will be having for confessions at St. Anthony's. Your parish priest, although a far cry from St. John Vianney, loves the box as he did.

Pax Tecum, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

This Lent, our Faith Formation families are asked to help Cross Catholic Outreach to feed and educate orphaned and vulnerable children living at St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Philomena homes in Kenya. Our Faith Formation children “met” one such boy, Collins, by watching a video at our Lenten Kick-off Rally. All parishioners are welcome to join this outreach by picking up your very own “Lenten Offering” box in the back of the church. As you pray, fast, and give alms, please help us bring Christ’s compassion and mercy to these children who are so desperate for love and hope. Together at St. Anthony’s, we can *carry the cross* of Kenya’s needy children.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is on Saturday, March 23rd. SAME WAVELENGTH: Jesus, the Living Sacrament. All high school youth are welcome as we will begin with dinner in Padua Hall following the 4:30 pm Mass. The goal of this Life Night is to introduce Jesus as the Living Sacrament, who we can encounter concretely in the Mass, and provide the teens an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Him. We will also reflect on the following question as we end with Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: How does our sacrificing during Lent prepare us for heaven?

There are still a few spots left for our Summer Camp trip to CoveCrest in Georgia, August 4th—10th! All teens entering 9th grade through exiting 12th grade are invited to attend! Please go to Lifeteen.com and look under “CAMPS” for more information. **#BESTCAMPEVER**

How can you practically live out God’s mission for you right here and now? Sure, there are tons of different ways that you can discern by prayer, but these three simple steps, will get you started in the right direction....Check out our website at stanthonycal.us under EDUCATION and then HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH....



Join your fellow parishioners and bring your family and friends to share a meal together and walk the Lord’s Passion every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm with a simple soup supper and Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to help out. To sign up go to:

www.signupgenius.com, search for a sign-up and enter email: stanthonycal@gmail.com or call the office.

Holy Angels Parish, 21340 Colton Point Rd, Avenue, Maryland, invites you to their Annual Spring Seafood Dinner on **Sunday, March 24th from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm**. The buffet will include crab balls, shrimp, oysters, fried chicken, green beans, slaw etc. There will also be a raffle (with a chance to win \$1,000 or \$500) a bake sale and craft tables. Adult tickets are \$28 and children 6-12 are \$8. Children 5 and under are free!

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, Thomas Combs, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Carolyn Humerick, 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, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

A CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN

Father Dan Leary (St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring) and Father Larry Swink (Sacred Heart, LaPlata), invite you to join in the **first-ever Men’s Weekend Retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA, April 5-7, 2019**. The theme for the retreat is ***The Five Loves of the Saints***. The cost is \$220 and includes room and all meals, partial scholarships are available. For more information go to www.AnimaChristiRetreats.org or contact Bill Wannall at wwannall@sacredheartaplata.org.

CAMP ST. CHARLES OPEN HOUSE

Camp St. Charles, in beautiful Southern Maryland, will hold an open house on **April 14th from 11 am to 3 pm**. At camp children will learn to work together and develop an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, archery, paddling, art projects and much more. Camp St. Charles is fully Accredited with the American Camp Assoc. and certified by the State of Maryland. New families may save on tuition by registering at the open house. For more information, directions and to sign up for an open house go to www.campstcharles.org, call **301-934-8799** or email director@campstcharles.org.

Weekly Offerings and Donations

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 2nd and 3rd — \$10,991.50

Faith Direct February — \$10,622.00

Next Weeks Readings: Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17,18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36