

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

### **Monday, April 1st**

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

### **Tuesday, April 2nd**

No Bible Study  
Knights of Columbus Prayer Service—7 pm (1)

### **Wednesday, April 3rd**

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

### **Friday, April 5th**

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am  
**Mass—11:00 am**  
Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 (2)  
Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

### **Saturday, April 6th**

Life Teen—5:30 to 8:30 pm (2)

### **Sunday, April 7th**

Knights of Columbus Breakfast—8:30 to 11 am (2)  
Religious Goods Store—8:30 to 11 am (2)  
**Healing Mass—3:00 pm**

### **Legend**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 1-7

4/1	8:00 am	<b>James Deiso, Jr. (D)</b> r/b Dorothy Benya
4/2	8:00 am	<b>Virginia Mary Saha (D)</b> r/b Claudia Toone
4/3	8:00 am	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
4/4	8:00 am	<b>John Brady (D)</b>
4/5	8:00 am	<b>George H. Gernon, Jr. (D)</b> r/b Beth Donohue
	11:00 am	<b>Goyena Boucher (D)</b> r/b Woodburn Family
4/6	9:00 am	<b>James Doherty (D)</b> r/b Ladies of Charity
	4:30 pm	<b>Jennifer Molina-Mabe (L)</b> r/b Marie Heaton
4/7	8:15 am	<b>Parishioners</b>
	11:15 am	<b>Gloria Hampton (D)</b> r/b Leonard & Margaret Hampton

Lenten  
  
Stations of the Cross

**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.

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

### **The Town of Nazareth**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Yesterday was March 25th, which is the Feast of the Annunciation. Being Monday, I went to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for my weekly pilgrimage for confession. The place was packed with pilgrims to "Mary's House" which was expected for the feast day.

Naturally, my mind slipped away to memories of another church, thousands of miles away in the town of Nazareth in Israel. The Church, while not as grand as the Shrine, is very lovely and it has, below the main church, something which is truly awe-inspiring and beautiful. It is the remains of the original church built around the turn of the century by the crusaders. It is here that you read the words "Verbum Caro Hic Factum Est." The small Latin word "Hic" means "Here". This is the only place in the world where the small Latin word "Hic" fits into the scenario. Everywhere else in the world we say Verbum Caro Factum Est; like at the Church of the Annunciation in Washington, DC where I was privileged to be stationed years ago while working in vocations. It was there that I met Monsignor Montgomery, one of the great pastors of our Archdiocese.

The town of Nazareth is one of our stops on the pilgrimage that we will be making this Spring, and I look forward to once again visiting this place where Jesus grew up as a boy and worked in the carpenter shop with Joseph.

In the course of history there are many instances where God broke into the human scenario. We have God coming to Adam and Eve, and of course Moses and the burning bush. All the prophets were privy to the Words of God, so that they could speak on behalf of God. But only in this small town of Nazareth did the Word, definitively break into human history and change the course of human history. It was the turning point of all history. And the world would never be the same.

Mary's "Fiat" or yes, is the example we need to follow during these days of Lent. Asking ourselves what God wants to accomplish in this life given to us as His gift. The message which has always been at the heart of the Pro-Life teaching of the Church is that all human life has meaning, and that God called us into existence to fulfill a certain task that only we can accomplish.

Years ago I celebrated a funeral for an old lady who outlived all her relatives and friends. There was only one person at the funeral besides me. The lady's grandson asked to say some words of remembrance to the congregation (I was the entire congregation). What the grandson said has always stuck with me. He basically said that everyone in his life had given up on him. He had no friends. But that his grandmother never gave up on him. She was his hero!!! I was deeply moved. If this was the grandmother's purpose in life, than so be it. All life has a meaning and purpose.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Our First Holy Communion Mass is May 4th** and we have some families in need of boys suits, blue or black (sizes 8/10 or 10/12) and girls First Holy Communion dresses (sizes 7/8 or 9/10). Please let Mary Beth Woodburn know if you have one you would like to donate or lend to one of our families. Thank You!

**Please bring in your Cross Catholic Outreach "Lenten Offering Boxes"** each week and add to the big "Charity Jug" located in the main hall of the Religious Education Center. Thank you for your generous donations thus far—Our "Charity Jug" is filling up fast to ease the suffering of the orphaned and vulnerable children living at St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Philomena homes in Meru County, Kenya. It is amazing how much we can accomplish when we all work together!

**Our next Children's Adoration is on Monday, April 1st from 6 to 6:30 pm.** Bring your children to sit at the feet of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and be led in beautiful prayers and songs! "You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus you brought heaven down...." (Hillsong Worship)....Mother Teresa said it is "the best time you will spend on earth"!

## **LIFE TEEN**

**All high school youth are invited** to our next Life Night on Saturday, April 6th, after the 4:30 Mass. We will be watching "The Passion Of The Christ" by Mel Gibson. (This is a change from our original schedule.) **Parents please be aware that this movie has an "R" rating due to graphic violence.** We will create a prayerful environment for the teens to enter into this solemn viewing to contemplate the depth of pain and sacrifice Jesus went through to give each of us Eternal Life with Him. The movie runs a little over 2 hours, and we will not start it until 6:00 pm so departure time will be 8:30 pm. As usual, parents are always welcome to stay.

**SUMMER CAMP:** If you are registered for **CoveCrest** in Georgia August 4th—11th, **camp money is due NOW!** Please submit your \$500.00 check payable to St. Anthony's (put Life Teen Summer Camp in memo) and return it to the Religious Education Office. Thank you!

**We are going to the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic in Greenbelt to pray for an end to abortion on Saturday morning, April 6th.** We will meet at St. Mary's Upper Marlboro for 8 am Mass then head to the clinic and pray until 11 am. We will return by noon. For more information please go to: [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) and contact Denise Waters at 410-474-9393 if you would like to join us! Let's speak for those who cannot speak for themselves!

**Plaza Mexico is hosting a fundraiser** for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry on Monday, April 8th from 4:30 to 10 pm. A portion of all eat in and carry out meals will be donated by Plaza Mexico. Flyers are in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your support!

## **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 DiBietto, 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, Tina.

## **DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED**

### **VIRGIN MARY:**

#### **"Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians"**

Join the Calvert Council Knights of Columbus on the evening of **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm.** There will be a prayer service in recognition of the icon of **"Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians."** The icon illustrates an inspiring example of fellow Christians who so bravely and faithfully died for love of Christ. We will pray to Mary to assist our persecuted brothers and sisters. Please join us on **April 2nd** in prayer that we may yet live in a world of peace and harmony, together with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

**A Mental Health First Aid course** will be offered at St. John Vianney on April 6th from 8 am until 5 pm. This course teaches how to identify signs, understand risk factors and respond to people who may be experiencing mental illnesses and substance use disorders. For more information contact **Janis Housden at 410-535-3079 or [janis.housden@maryland.gov](mailto:janis.housden@maryland.gov).**

## **Weekly Offerings and Donations**

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

March 23rd and 24th—\$8,149.00

### **Next Weeks Readings: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21**

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14**

**Gospel: John 8:1-11**

***Please drop off food donations for the Ladies of Charity Lenten Food Drive by this weekend.***