

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

HOLY WEEK:

Monday, April 15th

Blood Drive—1 to 7 pm (2)
Adoration—5 to 8 pm (No Confessions)

Tuesday, April 16th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)
Healing Mass—7 pm

Wednesday, April 17th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Thursday, April 18th—Holy Thursday

Office Closed—No 8 am Mass
Holy Thursday Mass—7:30 pm followed
by Adoration until 12 midnight (2)

Friday, April 19th—Good Friday

Office Closed—No 8 am Mass
Living Stations of the Cross at Boardwalk—12 Noon
Stations of the Cross—3 pm (1)
Good Friday Service—7:30 pm

Saturday, April 20th—Holy Saturday

No 9 am Mass
Confessions—10 am to 12 pm
Confessions—2 to 4 pm
Easter Vigil Mass—8 pm

Sunday, April 21st—Easter Sunday

Masses—8:15 am and 11:15 am

Monday, April 22nd

Office Closed

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 15-21

4/15	8:00 am	Frank Bean (D) r/b Cassie Boothe
4/16	8:00 am	James L. Anderson (D) r/b Veith Family
4/17	8:00 am	James Deiso, Jr. (D) r/b Dorothy Benya
4/18	7:30 pm	Joseph Weaver (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
4/20	8:00 pm	RCIA Candidates
4/21	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Elizabeth Gernon (D) r/b Beth Donohue



FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Retreat

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Last week I was away on my annual retreat. First off, I want to thank all those who prayed for me while I was making "Time" for the Lord. Retreats are an important time for the soul of a person to encounter the Risen Lord in a very personal way.

Now there are various retreat experiences. Some like the "Guided" type of retreat where you attend a number of conferences and listen to talks on specific themes like "Repentance or New life in Christ." These are wonderful retreats which give the person a number of things to meditate on. I try to make this type of retreat every other year. On the alternative years, (as this year was) I much prefer to make a retreat based on the three "S's"; that are Silence, Solitude and Separation.

First, Separation. To separate from the world for a time of retreat can be challenging. However, in the history of religious spirituality this flight from the world was deemed absolutely necessary for one to find their true selves. In the second and third centuries of the Church, the Church experienced the movement of the "Desert Fathers" (and Mothers). This was right after the "Pax Romana" of the Roman emperor Constantine. He Christianized all of Europe and in doing this opened the world to the secular spirit. That being the case, these Holy Souls viewed the world as a type of shipwreck in which everyone had to swim for their lives. Simply to drift passively along with the current of society was viewed as disastrous. Separation meant an ability to get a "Foothold" on oneself. Thus, gaining this "Foothold" they were able and capable to save a world that was troubled. This is why people left their palaces and sought their instructions.

Secondly, Solitude. Solitude is essential in a retreat. To enable one to listen to the voice of the Almighty you must cut out all earthly activity. The world we live in judges us on what we "Do" rather than who we "Are." That is why abortion is so acceptable for a child that might be born with physical or mental difficulties. It was always part of the Communist Regime to think that if you couldn't make a genuine contribution to society then you were useless. Thus, it was fine to cut you out of society. This is far from Jesus' message of letting the little children come to me (Lk. 18,16).

Third, Silence. We live in a very noisy world. You don't really realize it until you silence all the mechanical devices and the people around you. At first it's a shock to the human system. This, more than the other two, is very difficult for me. The silence can be a real killer in terms of the human psychological disposition. This is one of the techniques that was used in war time to break people. We call it solitary confinement. However, when your purpose is to use the silence to open yourself to God and to hear His voice, a voice that speaks in silence, then it can make all the difference in the world.

Each of these can be used to finish our Lenten journey. Be patient with yourself and try to implement some of this in your everyday life. You'll be a better Christian for having done so.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

There will be no Faith Formation class on **Easter Sunday, April 21st**—We wish all of our families a Happy, Holy Easter! **Last class is Sunday, April 28th.** We will have a “Summer Send-Off Rally” in Padua Hall at 10:15 am. **Families and all parishioners are welcome to attend!**

This is our last week for Alms Giving during this Lenten season. Please bring in your “**Lenten Offering Boxes**” to benefit orphaned children like Collins, who are living in St. Francis, St. Clare, and St. Philomena homes in Meru County, Kenya. Cross Catholic Outreach provides them with food, education, and a deep love of Christ so that they know they are loved. Come on into the Religious Education Center and drop all those coins and dollars into our big “Charity Jug” — Cha Cha Ching! for the less fortunate!

We would like to give a big shout out to all of our Faith Formation teachers who have shared their time, talent and treasure with our children this year! (**Might you want to join them next year??**) We invite you to consider joining the Faith Formation ministry, whether as a teacher, teacher’s aide, substitute, or a crossing guard! As you pray to discern how you might help, please consider the following quote by Blessed Cardinal John O’Connor: “God wants to reach out to others through your hands. He wants to speak to others through your lips and God wants others to look into your eyes and see Him. GIVE GOD PERMISSION.” Please contact Mary Beth Woodburn for more information.

LIFE TEEN

Our High School youth will be participating in “**The Living Stations of the Cross**” on **Good Friday, April 19th at noon.** We will begin at the Pier Entrance down at 1st Street and will follow Jesus along the boardwalk until we reach the 10th Station, where we will process across the parking lot and into the church for the final four stations. Please make plans to attend and enter into this prayerful, solemn remembrance of Jesus’ great Sacrifice.

Our next scheduled Life Night is on Saturday, April 27th: Come to the Wedding Feast—a little bit of heaven on earth!

Life Teen Camp CoveCrest August 4th—10th: We still have spots open for our Summer Camp CoveCrest trip. This is the week **BEFORE** all high school sports start, so why not travel with 40 of your closest friends on a luxurious coach bus to Tiger, Georgia for a week of adventure! Check their reviews out on FaceBook, like this: “If you want your teen to encounter Christ and be on fire with the Holy Spirit, this is the place to send them! It’s a week filled with fun activities, inspiring speakers, Adoration and daily Mass that they’ll share with about 300 teens from across the country.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 28th and there will be Eucharistic Adoration here at St. Anthony’s beginning at 1:00 pm followed by Benediction at 2:45 and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm. Please join us!

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, Barbara (Amon) Powell, 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.

ATTENTION!! BIG NEWS!

Jesus the Good Shepherd is holding the **VIRTUS Child Protection Class on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 pm.** You need this class in order to work with youth within the parish. Please consider going so you can be a resource for our programs. Go to www.virtus.org to register.

Ultrasound Machine Fundraiser Update

Your Pro-Life commitment and generosity enabled Care Net Pregnancy Center to purchase a replacement ultrasound machine for the prince Frederick Center. It will be installed and operating soon. To date, you have donated \$8,010! All monies received beyond the purchase price will be used for Clinical Operations: Continual staff training; periodic maintenance and repair; and supply purchases. Calvert Council Knights thank you for your Lenten Life-Saving gifts; you have clearly demonstrated that St. Anthony’s is a strong, dedicated, and giving Pro-Life Parish.

Weekly Offerings and Donations

Thank you for your continued generosity!

April 6th and 7th—\$8,755.36

Faith Direct-March—\$12,155.00

The collection on Good Friday will support of Christians in the Holy Land. This support will help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, offer religious education and help preserve the sacred shrines

Next Weeks Readings: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9