

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 20th

Adoration—5:00 to 8:00 pm (no confessions)

Tuesday, May 21

Healing Mass—7:00 pm
(Fr. Larry Swink—Celebrant)

Friday, May 23rd

Holy Hour 8:30—9:30
Communion Service—11 am

Monday, May 27th

Memorial Day—Mass 10:00 am
Office Closed

Please note: The 11 am Friday Mass will not be held from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 13-19

5/20	8:00 am	Julia Hetmanky (L) r/b Mom and Dad
5/21	8:00 am	Frank Iadarola (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
5/22	8:00 am	Mary Carey Tauber (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
5/23	8:00 am	Bill Exner (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
5/24	8:00 am	Genevieve (D) r/b Sal Scavo
	11:00 am	Beth McClure (D) Ladies of Charity
5/25	9:00 am	Deceased Members of Nerl Family r/b Doris Pettko
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
5/26	8:15 am	Anna Hartman (D) r/b Bo and Nancy Bradley
	11:15 am	Michael Green (D) r/b Marie Heaton

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased members of our parish and their families.

St. Bernardine’s Food Pantry

The fourth Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine Parish (in Suitland) for their food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the church.

Designated dates this month: May 25 and 26

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Gift of the Priesthood

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

Next month, once again, will be the ordination of several men in the Archdiocese of Washington, who have answered the call of God and will join in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. The one priest is Jesus of Nazareth, He is the Eternal Son of the Father, God from God, Light from Light. A life shared in the priestly ministry is a life sharing in His eternal priesthood. Please keep these men in your prayers as they follow their call and commit their lives to the Jesus.

It is good to remember that the word “Priest” comes from the Latin word “Pontifex”, which means “bridge builder.” That is what a priest is, namely a means used to get from one side to another. That is to say that God crosses over to us, and we cross over to God through the instrument of the Bridge or the Priest. I am acutely aware of this when going to anoint a person who is not long for this world. They are reaching out to eternal life and they need the assistance of one who can help get them there. That is the Priest.

A priest is very different from a minister. Ministers are in the work and they share much of what I do daily. Far be it from me ever to think that because I am a priest that I am better or more qualified than they. In fact, some of my best friends growing up joined in the ministry and are functioning ministers and rabbis. They are great people and they truly love the Lord.

But, a priest is the one who offers sacrifice. That is the slaughtering of a sacrificial victim to be offered to God in atonement for sin, or to offer fitting praise. In the Old Testament, there were priests that did that very thing. We know that there were priests at the time of Jesus.

The New Testament priest is one who offers the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Remember, every time you come to the “Holy Sacrifice of the Mass” you are on the hill of Calvary where Jesus, once and for all, offered himself up for you and feeds you his sacred body and blood.

I remember most on this sacred occasion were not spoken by the Bishop but from my mother. She said to me as I was hurrying up the cathedral steps; “Jimbo, be what God makes of you, not what you make of yourself.”

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

Priest Ordinations for the Archdiocese of Washington

will be June 15 at 9:30 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Washington, DC. All are welcome to attend.

Mark Your Calendar!!

Our own Acolyte John White will be ordained to the Order of Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Washington on June 22, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Washington DC.

His First Mass will be June 22, 2019 at 4:30 pm here at St. Anthony’s. He will preach at the 4:30 pm Mass along with the 8:15 and 11:15 am Masses on June 23.

We will have a reception for John on June 23 immediately following the 8:15 Mass in Padua Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and congratulate John for his dedication and perseverance.

FAITH FORMATION

Please return your Faith Formation Registration Form and payment for 2019-2020 today! Rates are the same as last year (\$90.00/1 child, \$120.00/2 children, \$150.00/3 and more), until June 1 and then they will increase(\$120.00/1 child, \$180.00/2 children, and \$230.00/3 and more.) Returning your forms now enables our office to order the necessary supplies, form class lists and recruit needed teachers—thank you so much! If you need a registration form or have any questions, please reach out to Mary Beth Woodburn at 443-646-5724 or dre@stanthonycal.us.

There may be a temptation to slack off attending Mass this summer....our Church teaches that it is a mortal sin to purposely miss Mass. We need to continue to bring our children as there is no place else on this earth where they will receive the grace needed for their salvation (not to mention our own). Consider the following quotes from famous saints:

“The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the cross.” St. Thomas Aquinas

“It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do without Holy Mass.” St. Padre Pio

“Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain.” St. John Vianney

LIFE TEEN

Calling all high school youth!! We still have a few spots for Camp CoveCrest in Tiger, Georgia August 4-10— We will be leaving the St. Anthony's parking lot on the morning of August 4-where we will travel in our luxury Coach Keller bus to the beautiful Georgia mountains for a week of high adventure rope courses, white water rafting, obstacle courses, hiking, daily Mass and more! Teens from all over the country come to this Life Teen Camp to experience our Catholic Faith in a fun and powerful way by hanging out with young, dynamic Catholic missionaries, priests and religious. Register today for the best week of your summer **#bestcampever**. Contact Mary Beth Woodburn for more information!

Quo Vadis Camp—The Office of Priest Vocations annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary July 28-31. For four days, high school aged young men who desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for fraternity, sports, and reflection. Bus transportation is available. More information is available and registration is open at www.DCpriest.org. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations @ vocations@adw.org or 202-636-9020 with any questions.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **May 28 at 1:00 pm** in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love. These are given to parishioners who are anointed for surgery or homebound. For questions please call Marty Beyer at: 301-855-4042.

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, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, John P. Flynn, Cathy Giancoli, 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 (Amone) Powell, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, , Grayson David Rodriquez, 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.

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Visit masstimes.org to find a Mass near you.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER

Sunday, May 19th from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. All single men, college age and up, who are practicing Catholics are invited to attend a Men's Discernment Dinner held at Saint John Paul II Seminary. The evening will include Mass, dinner, and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests, seminarians, and other young men from the Washington DC area. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Mark Ivany, Director of Priest Vocations, at 202-636-9020 or vocations@adw.org. Register online at www.DCpriest.org.

Weekly Offerings and Donations

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Offerory and Donations May 11/12—\$8,210.00

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Next Weeks Readings: Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Project Rachel: If you or a loved one are suffering from the emotional effects of an abortion, there is **HELP, HOPE and HEALING**. This ministry offers emotional and spiritual healing for women and men. All inquiries regarding this ministry are kept in strict confidence. Email STAnthony0119@gmail.com