

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 27th
Memorial Day—Mass 10:00 am
Office Closed

Friday, May 31st
Holy Hour 8:30—9:30

Sunday, June 2nd
Healing Mass—3:00 pm

Monday, June 3rd
Adoration and Confessions—5:00 to 8:00 pm
Children's Adoration—6:00 to 6:30 pm

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 27-JUNE 2

5/27	8:00 am	Tom Gay (D) r/b Rochelle Gay
5/28	8:00 am	Special Intention r/b Marie Heaton
5/29	8:00 am	Vincent Hubbert (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
5/30	8:00 am	Winona Wagner (D) r/b Gail & Jimmy Carroll
5/31	8:00 am	Philip Brown (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
6/01	9:00 am	Joan r/b Sal Scavo
	4:30 pm	Father Patrick Kemp and Father Robert Grace (D) r/b Marion Arhar
6/02	8:15 am	Winona Wagner (D) r/b Gail & Jimmy Carroll
	11:15 am	Parishioners

"AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST"

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



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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Imitation of Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

During life, we all read a book or two. Some of us are avid readers and others are only readers of the comic strips on Sunday mornings. Well, to each his own. Some books that we read are known to the world as "Classics", and others are not. In the course of my seminary education (for which I will always be eternally grateful to Mother Church for), we read certain classic works: *Interior Castles*, by Teresa of Avila; *The Spiritual Exercises*, by Ignatius Loyola, just to name a few. These were classics, that is, once you read them, you would keep these books on your library shelf for future references.

The other day Deacon Ed gave me a print out of a section of *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis, another classic that I was blessed to read in the seminary. It's a series of meditations on the life of Christ and the spiritual life. It's been in print for over 500 years, a testament to the truth, goodness, and beauty it contains. I would like to share with you some of the spiritual writer's thoughts:

"Do not care much who is with you and who is against you; but make it your greatest care that God is with you in everything you do. Have a good conscience, and God will defend you securely; no one can hurt you if God wishes to help you. If you suffer in silence you will surely receive God's help, since he knows best the time and the way to set you free, resting yourself to him, for God helps you and frees you from all confusion. It is often good for us, and helps us to remain humble, if others know our weaknesses and confront us with them.

When a man humbles himself for his faults, he more easily pleases others and mollifies those he has angered. God protects and frees a humble man; he loves and consoles a humble man; he favors a humble man; and showers him with graces; then, after his suffering, God raises him up to glory.

He reveals his secrets to a humble man and in his kindness invitingly draws that man to himself. When a humble man is brought to confusion, he experiences peace, because he stands firm in God and not this world. Do not think that you have made any progress unless you feel that you are the lowest of all men.

Above all things, keep peace within yourself, then you will be able to create peace among others. It is better to be peaceful than learned.... a good and peaceful man turns all things to good. A man who lives at peace suspects no one. But a man who is tense and agitated by evil is troubled with all kinds of suspicions; he is never at peace with himself, nor does he permit others to be at peace....

So be zealous first with yourself, and then you will be more justified in expressing zeal for your neighbor. You are good at excusing and justifying your own deeds, and yet you will not listen to the excuses of others. It would be more just to accuse yourself and excuse your brother.

If you wish others to put up with you, first put up with them."

Thus, ends the reading.

May the Lord continue to bless you during this holy season of Easter.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Adoration is Monday, June 3rd from 6:00 to 6:30 pm during our regularly scheduled Adoration from 5 to 8 pm. Please bring your children and place them at the feet of Jesus!

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."
-Saint Mother Teresa

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.

Do you feel blessed by God? Do you live with a grateful heart for all that Jesus has done for you? Why not share your joy with the young people in our parish?

"Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."
-Saint Mother Teresa

We are looking for kind, loving and faith-filled teachers for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation year. Please pray and discern if God is calling you to work in this important ministry! Contact Mary Beth Woodburn for more information.

Holy Hour for Vocations for the Intentions of the Ordinandi

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **June 7th from 8:30 to 9:30 am**, following the 8 am Mass. Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination of our Priests on June 15th as we pray for:

Deacon John Benson	Deacon Stefan Megyery
Deacon Joseph Cwik	Deacon Patrick Mullan
Deacon Brendan Glasgow	Deacon Benjamin Petty
Deacon Christian Huebner	Deacon Jan Pietryga
Deacon Ebuka Mbanude	Deacon Michael Russo

We also pray for Acolyte John White as he prepares to be ordained to the Order of Permanent Diaconate on June 22 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC.

A Thank You From Catholic Charities: *"On behalf of everyone here at Catholic Charities, thank you for St. Anthony's caring financial support to Parish Partners."* Parish Partners is part of Catholic Charities which operates 59 programs providing a wide array of services including emergency assistance with rent, housing, food etc. for those in need in our area.

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 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.

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.

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Weekly Offerings and Donations

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Next Weeks Readings: Seventh Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

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