

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th

Ladies of Charity Crab Raffle— After all Masses
(parking lot)

Sunday, September 1st

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

Labor Day — Monday, September 2nd

Mass—10:00 am
Parish Offices Closed
No Adoration or Confessions

Sunday, September 8th

Faith Formation classes begin—9:30 to 10:45 am

11 am Mass on Fridays will begin September 6th.

MASS INTENTIONS AUG. 26 - SEPT. 1

8/26	8:00 am	Tom Gay (D) r/b The Gay Family
8/27	8:00 am	Don Exner (D) r/b Pat Waak
8/28	8:00 am	Shaun Casey (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
8/29	8:00 am	Ronnie O'Bier (D) r/b Debbie Macken
8/30	8:00 am	John J. Brahm (L) r/b Woodburn Family
8/31	9:00 am	Richard Edgington (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
	4:30 pm	Christina Pearman (L) r/b Marie Heaton
9/01	8:15 am	Geary Insley (D) r/b Knights of Columbus
	11:15 am	Parishioners

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Looking for a community of young families to grow in faith with? St. Anthony's is hoping to start a weekly Young Families Bible Study for parents with children, newborn thru PreK. We plan to meet in one of the parish classrooms for one hour weekly to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings to prepare for Mass. There would be ample space for kids to play while parents discuss the readings. This would be a perfect opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship! Contact R.J. and Lauren Santucci at: rlsantucci1205@gmail.com.

Altar Server Training

For children in grade 5 and up! Altar Server training will be offered at St. Anthony's on September 21st and September 28th for those interested in becoming an Altar Server. It will begin at 11 am and last for only one hour. Call the parish office at 443-646-5721 if you have questions or would like to sign up.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

On the Secularization of the World

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Just when you thought you heard everything, something new pops up on the radar screen. I was talking to some people the other day and we were talking about things we would do on our summer vacations. The people I was talking to had just come back from a trip to Quebec, Canada. Years ago, I remember a trip my family took to that beautiful city. I think I was about 11 or 12 years old. The highlight of our trip was a visit to the lovely church in Quebec, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre. I was enamored by the beauty of the church but what impressed me more were the hundreds of pairs of crutches, walkers and braces that were left behind because various people had come to that sacred place and were cured. As a testimony of the miraculous healing, they left at the church what they came in with. No longer needing these devices which aided them in walking and getting about in life. As we entered, the main wall at the entry into the church was completely covered with crutches. I was very moved by the sight and it has been burned into my consciousness ever since. In fact, one of the builders of the original church, Louis Giumont, helped build the church despite having severe scoliosis and needing the aid of a crutch. When the church was complete, he was able to walk independently.

Well, much has changed in forty years. While I'm sure St. Anne's continues to get its numerous pilgrims, who go to pray and climb the holy steps, there is a spirit of secularism which is spreading far and wide on this side of the Atlantic. Secularism is more of a spirit than it is a reference to this world. We see secularism spreading in our own culture. While I am generally happy with the Mass attendance at St. Anthony's, which has been up in the last few years, statistics show that many Catholics no longer have a sense of obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. What a pity this is; that the general population is meandering down the highways and byways of life without any reference to God and his Kingdom. Jesus told 42 parables in his teaching ministry and probably two thirds of these powerful teaching lessons were about being ready for the coming of the Son of God to render judgement. In general, the cultural secularism is living your life without reference to God and without having a relationship with his son Jesus Christ.

The people who visited Quebec City told me that the word "Tabernacle" is used as a curse word. Not knowing what to think I googled the word and sure enough, the word is used as an attack on the sacredness of the Church. The faith is dying in many places. Europe, for the most part uses their churches not as places of worshiping and praying to God, but as museums. This is also happening in some of the great churches in the United States, where one grand church was used for yoga sessions.

St. Paul used to remind his early communities to: "Stand Firm in the Faith." It's my favorite Pauline exhortation. Here at North Beach, this is our constant theme: "States in Fide" (Latin for standing firm in the faith).

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes resume Sunday, September 8th! If you still have not registered, please do so immediately so we can form classes and be sure we have enough books for every student. It is truly a blessing to have the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of Our beautiful Faith with the children! May God bless us in our efforts to serve Him!

We are still in need of a crossing guard at dismissal time, from 10:40 to 11:00 am. Please consider signing up for one Sunday a month to help keep our children safe!

All Confirmation Students! (9th Grade) Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11, beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm with dinner to follow. Parents and Confirmation students are required to attend and we will end by 8:15 pm.

RCIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

Do you have a child or know someone who needs to receive a Sacrament? RCIC is for children, 7 years old or older who want to become fully Catholic but have not received all of their Sacraments. Please call Mary Beth Woodburn if you have questions or want to enroll a child or teen in this class.

Faith Formation and Life Teen- Teachers and Core Team Leaders Needed!

Looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and your relationship with Christ? Please consider giving your time and talent to our young people who need your love, support and guidance on their way to heaven! Specifically, our program is still in need of a **kindergarten and 3rd grade teacher**, and we are always looking for young adults to help lead our teens closer to Christ using our Life Teen program. All of our catechists receive full tuition credit! If you are interested in being a catechist, assistant, or teen aide, contact Mary Beth Woodburn at dre@stanthonycal.us.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

St. Anthony's RCIA is for adults interested in becoming Catholic, those who need to complete the Sacraments to be in full communion with the Catholic Church, or for those wanting to learn more about their faith. For a baptized Christian reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church involves reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA meets on Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:45 am. If you have any questions or are interested in joining please contact:

Fr. Stack at fr.jamesstack@gmail.com

Wes Bryant at wesleyeb@comcast.net or

Paula Bryant at paulajbryant13@yahoo.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Bill Carroll, Mary Chin, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Dominic Dilorio, 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, Richard Knupp, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Josephine Martin, Mark Mann, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Barbara (Amon) Powell, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Infant Brandon Simonds, Jr., Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

Please join the Knights in Padua Hall for the restart of their First Sunday Community breakfast on Sunday, September 1st from 8:30 to 11 am

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Next Weeks Readings: 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time — September 2nd, 2019

First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Weekly Offerings and Donations August 16 and 17

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Offertory and Donations —\$9,539.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—\$755.00

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