

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

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

Friday, September 6th

Holy Hour following 8 am Mass—8:30 to 9:30 am
Mass—11:00 am

Sunday, September 8th

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

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 2-8

9/02	10:00 am	Evelyn Swann (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
9/03	8:00 am	Anna Hartman (D) r/b Bob Hartman
9/04	8:00 am	Joseph Krall (D) r/b Marie & Ed VanHaute
9/05	8:00 am	James Curtin (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
9/06	8:00 am	Rosemary Haas (D) r/b Hanko & Woodburn Families
	11:00 am	Steve & Sharon Wathen (L) r/b Paul & Dorothy Wathen
9/07	9:00 am	Suzanne Davis & Lori Ryznar (D)
	4:30 pm	John, Margaret McLane and children (D) r/b Michele Blincoe
9/08	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Tony O'Connor (D)

Bible Study at the Rectory

Father Stack will begin a new weekly Bible study session September 10th, which will be at 10:30 am every Tuesdays. All are welcome to attend. Just show up or contact Father Stack at 443-646-5721 for more information.

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.

St. Anthony's choir will resume rehearsals on September 12th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the church and will sing at the 8:15 Mass beginning on September 15th. Please come and join us in praying through song! Contact Liesl Schiavone at 607-206-0314 or email her at lieslvanhaute@gmail.com with any questions.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Labor Day: Reflecting on the meaning of our life on the planet earth.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

This weekend finds us at the end of "summertime." For many, the time of the summer months are filled with fun and adventure, long trips to distant places and a time to relax and enjoy the warmer weather. As I was watching the news the other day, I was surprised that some school districts were beginning class before summer was officially over. I guess they have their reasons, but I like the traditional beginning of school after Labor Day.

This weekend is also the long weekend of "Labor Day." Labor Day gives us a time to reflect on our lives being a gift from God to do something important in the eyes of the Master Creator; God Himself. I was reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church on reflecting on the meaning of work and found these lines: "HUMAN WORK precedes directly from the persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence, work is a duty: 'If anyone will not work, let him not eat.' Work honors the Creator's gifts and talents received from Him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ."

The Christian understanding of work is much needed today in our society. I have found that a number of people don't really take pride in what they set their hands to. One of the things that I have done over the past years is to meet and pray with the individuals, or the company that is coming to do some type of work in our parish plant. In this way I gently remind them of what St. Paul told the Colossians: "Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men since you know full well you will receive an inheritance from Him as your reward." (Colossians 3:23).

One last reflection on Human Labor is the fact that it is deeply related to the gift of human life. God, the giver of all human life, calls each of us into existence to do something that only we will be able to do. Even though things seem to be duplicated in human activity, the uniqueness of something being done by you, individually, has all the fingerprints of God, Himself, all over it. This is because God, the author of all life has called you to do it for Him and his Kingdom. And this, my friends, is the great tragedy of abortion. That a human life is cut short of the very work God wants to be done in this world which only that person can do.

As we take the time to reflect upon the wonderful life God has called us to, and the numerable way His presence intersects in the midst of our daily lives, let us be ever thankful to the God who manifested Himself first as Our Creator. As we say each Sunday in the Creed: "I believe in God, Creator of Heaven and Earth...."

Peace, In Christ, Fr. Stack



Faith Formation

We are looking forward to having all of our children back in Faith Formation Classes next Sunday, September 8th! We will begin in the church after the 8:15 am Mass, and then proceed directly to Padua Hall for our **Faith Rally Kick-off** where we will reveal our new theme for the year! All faith formation families, parents and parishioners are invited and encouraged to stay!

Confirmation Orientation for all 9th graders is Wednesday, September 11th, beginning with 6:00 pm Mass followed by pizza and sessions for both students and parents. We hope to wrap up the evening by 8:15 pm. Our Confirmation teachers, Anne Scott and Patty Hanko, will be working with a new team of adults and youth to walk alongside our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive the Holy Spirit in a new outpouring and come into full communion with Church!

Life Teen

It's a PARKING LOT PARTY! Saturday, September 14th, all high school youth are invited to our 2nd annual party in the parking lot with fun games, good food, and great friends! We will gather in the parking lot directly following the 4:30 Mass— You won't want to miss it!

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.**



The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now available for quiet prayer and adoration to all parishioners of St. Anthony's. Call the office at 443-646-5721 for more information and to obtain the access code.

"We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world."

—Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Jane Carrello, 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, Ruth Marks, 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, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

Looking for ways to grow close to Jesus and learn more about your Faith? The **TASTE PROGRAM** is a Catholic Women's program dedicated to bringing women closer to Jesus and the Church He founded. Register NOW for our first weekly session on Thursday September 19th. For more information and registration please visit: www.TasteProgram.com.

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Next Weeks Readings: 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time — September 8th, 2019

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Weekly Offerings and Donations August 24 and 25

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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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