

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, September 8th

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

Tuesday, September 10th

Bible Study—10:30 (Rectory)

Wednesday, September 11th

Confirmation Orientation—6:00 pm Mass
Followed by pizza and meeting in Padua Hall

Saturday, September 14th

Life Teen Parking Lot Party—5:30 to 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 15th

RCIA Begins —9:30 to 10:45 (Ewald)

Join fellow parishioners on Saturday mornings
in the church at 8:40, to pray the Rosary.
All are welcome to join in!

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 9-15

9/09	8:00 am	Monsignor James Lockman (D)
9/10	8:00 am	Dorothy Krall (D) r/b Matt & Liesl Schiavone
9/11	8:00 am	Scott Curtin (L) r/b Victoria Curtin
9/12	8:00 am	Denise Endsdorff (D) r/b The Farrell Family
9/13	8:00 am	Justin Herrity (D) r/b The Farrell Family
	11:00 am	Kenneth Byrne (D)
9/14	9:00 am	Marian LeRoux (D) Dorothy and Paul Wathen
	4:30 pm	John & Gloria Hampton (D)
9/15	8:15 am	Geary Insley (D) r/b Knights of Columbus
	11:15 am	Parishioners

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 Tuesday. 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

Reflecting on the Beauty of Priesthood

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

First off, I hope everyone enjoyed their extended weekend and thanked God for the true gift it is to "Work." The true meaning of "Labor Day" is to reflect on the specific work God has ordained us to do and to seek His presence amid all that we put our hands to. Even though Labor Day marks the end of the summertime period of relaxation and vacations, it's necessary to begin again in the work that the Lord has asked us to do.

One of the events that I look forward to every year is the Labor Day picnic that the priests of the Archdiocese have at the parish of the Little Flower in Bethesda. Monsignor Peter Vaghi is always a gracious host and he and his good parishioners help put on a tremendous feast for all the priests of the Archdiocese. I never miss it. The Labor Day picnic gives me an opportunity to touch base with priests who I work alongside with and I always come away with a sense of awe for having been chosen to be a part of this wonderful work of God in the presbyterate of Washington. These priests have so many gifts and talents and I am truly honored to be amid them.

As I walked around during cocktail hour and talking to some of the Brothers, I was struck by all the different ways the priests serve in our Diocese. I spoke to some who are teachers in college and seminary. I spoke to most who are pastors like me. Some are in the missions in other countries and others are in full time hospital work. All these good men are fully engaged in the work of the Lord and are happy being priests.

As we know from our theology, there is only ONE priest, and that person is the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the only mediator between God and man and in Him is our salvation.

Please pray for priests. Every Friday at the parish Holy Hour we pray for priests. We started these prayers at the time when the scandals in the Church were first being revealed. It was about a year ago when the Pennsylvania grand jury made it's report regarding the scandal and the attempted cover-up. I was as upset as anyone else who loves the Church and unfortunately the press only reports those things about priests when things go bad. Many things go unreported, priests do good things, and there are so many of those good things happening every day which are brought about by selfless priests doing the Lords work.

While there are days that can be challenging in the life and work of priests, these fade in comparison to the wonderful things that priests do every day as they bring the presence of Jesus into the lives of the people they love. Just ask the people whose lives were falling apart during a time of crisis. When the priest suddenly appears, things change because the priest brings with him Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



Faith Formation

Welcome back little disciples! Class begins today at 9:30 in the church and we will process into Padua Hall by class for our Faith Rally kick-off. Parents and parishioners are encourage to stay as we will be revealing our theme for the year.

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 the Church!

Catechetical Sunday is Sunday Sept 15th. Fr. Stack will bless all of our catechists at the 8:15 Mass. If you help in our Faith Formation program in any way please attend this Mass. Thank you.

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 for dinner from Mission BBQ!

Birthright of Prince Frederick is in need of volunteers to provide pro-life counseling to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Experience in counseling is not necessary; just a heart for women and a desire to be a compassionate witness to the life of the unborn. If you are interested in donating three hours a week to counseling our clients, please contact **Birthright at 410-257-1402** for an information/application packet. Your application and two references need to be received by October 3rd. **A full day of training will be held on October 12.** Additionally, Birthright is in need of clothing team members. No training necessary. The clothing team meets weekly to wash and organize gently used clothing donations for our clients. Call Birthright if interested.



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 access.

*"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.

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Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Solomons

OLSS is offering a 2 day/1 night luxury motor coach trip in early December to Longwood Gardens and the Winterthur Museum. Dates are December 9-10, and the price of \$279 includes the bus, hotel, entry to both sites, 1 breakfast, and \$20 dinner dollars at Longwood Gardens. A \$100 (refundable) deposit is due by October 15. For more details contact Mary Beth Brown at 443-623-6368, or Marybeth@bytheseatravel.com.

Next Weeks Readings: 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time — September 15th, 2019

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Weekly Offerings and Donations August 31/September 1

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Offerings and Donations — \$8,240.00

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