

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday-Sunday, April 14th & 15th

First Communion—During all Weekend Masses

Tuesday, April 17th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Bible Study—7 PM (1)

Saturday-Sunday, April 21st & 22nd

First Communion—During all Weekend Masses

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16TH—22ND

Monday: Francis Yanak
r/b Ladies of Charity

Tuesday: Blake Lanham (L)
r/b Lanham Family

Wednesday: Stacy Barber

Thursday: Betty DeMar
r/b Cassie Boothe

Friday: Blair Marcum
r/b Gail Carroll

Saturday: Pope Leo XIII Institute
r/b Deacon Ed Baker
James Deiso II
r/b Dorothy Deiso Benya

Sunday: Parishioners
Lucille Delloso
r/b Delloso/Moltz Families

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish serving our country both here and overseas.



YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

St. Anthony's is in the process of seeking a Youth Minister to coordinate our high school "GIFT" Program (grades 9-12). Please contact Father Stack if you are interested or have questions at:

443-646-5722 or email fr.jamesstack@gmail.com

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Today as I write, the whole Church throughout the world is celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation. Under normal circumstances this feast is celebrated exactly 12 months before the Feast of the Nativity. The 12 months take into account the normal gestation and growth of human life during the 12 months of pregnancy. December 25th is, for most people, the happiest days of the year. It celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, into time and space. But the Eternal word, we must remember, was in utero for 9 months before opening the womb of the Virgin Mary and being born into the world.

The mystery of the Incarnation is the most profound mystery of the Catholic faith. The Eternal Word was always in the presence of the Father, and as we say in the creed; "He was God from God and Light from Light, true God from true God."

Years ago, I was a pilgrim in the Holy Land. I would love to pilgrimage that land again soon. I remember going to the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The Church is the largest one in the Holy Land and is built over a little chapel altar which has inscribed on it this Latin phrase: "Verbum Caro, Hic, factum Est." Which is translated; "Here, the Lord became Flesh."

All you Latin scholars know that this Latin phrase means that the Word became flesh. But only in Nazareth, and only in this precise spot can the little word "Hic" be added. That little Latin adverb means "Here". Only in this chapel, in this underground cave and nowhere else in the whole world, can this phrase bear that little adverb. It brings real significance to this place in the Holy Land. I remember being there and being moved very deeply by this place. Thank God for the Franciscan Friars, who are the official custodians of the Holy Land, for keeping these places of faith alive for all the pilgrims to come and pray and to allow those special places to speak to us.

On another note, I will always thank God for being assigned to the Church of the Annunciation in Washington, DC. That was my third assignment as a priest of the Archdiocese, and like all the other, I was deeply moved by having the privilege of doing priestly ministry in such a wonderful place.

Our own St. Anthony was named in 1917 as a special patron and protector of the Holy Land sights. Our saint is invoked quite frequently as people leave for the Holy Land to make pilgrimage. I think it would be very fitting, together as a group from our parish, to make pilgrimage to the place where both St. Anthony and St. Francis dearly loved. Let's make it happen.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation & "GIFT" Registration

Re-registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year are being sent home with the oldest child in your family this Sunday. Please make sure you read all the information in this packet, especially the due dates for early registration. If you did not receive this information, please contact Sister Ann at 443-646-5724.

New Students

Parents can register **new students** for 2018-2019 school year by contacting Sister Ann at your earliest convenience, 443-646-5724 for an appointment. Children entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by September 1st, 2019. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Anthony's) and tuition fees.

Early Bird Special until June 3rd

- 1 child \$90.00
- 2 children \$150.00
- 3 or more children \$200.00

After June 3rd all fees go up \$30.00

Financial assistance is available for those in need.

"GIFT"

The next High School "GIFT" meeting will be next Sunday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM.

All high school youth are invited.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. St. Anthony's is 83% towards our parish goal of \$59,352. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help us meet our goal by visiting appeal.adw.org to learn more and donate. In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic charities, or to register to volunteer, visit:

catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **April 20-22, November 2-4, 2018** in Gaithersburg, MD and **August 3-5** in Hanover, MD. Go to moments4marriage.org to sign-up or call **301-541-7007**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Sue White.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **APRIL 22ND, 2018**

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Peter explains to the elders that his healing of a cripple was done in the name of Jesus Christ. He reminds the elders that they crucified Jesus, but God rose him up so that all people could be saved in his name.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

John expresses amazement at the fact that God allowed us to be called his children. Although we are unsure exactly what we will be after this life, we do know that we will see God as he is and be like him.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus speaks of a shepherd working only for pay, with no real concern for the sheep being well cared for. But Jesus is our shepherd and would lay down his own life for all those in his flock. God loves him for his willingness to sacrifice himself for the sake of all God's children.

GOSPEL QUESTION

When have you had an "Aha!" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.
Offertory April 8th— \$8,651.25

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St. Anthony's now has electronic fund transfer for your weekly donations. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll, or pick up a form in the back of the church.

Our parish code is MD768.