

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
MAY 21ST—MAY 28TH

Monday, May 21st

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Tuesday, May 22nd

Gospel Faith Sharing— 11:30 PM (3)

Monday, May 28th

Memorial Day—Mass at 10:00 AM

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK
MAY 21ST—27TH

Monday: Katherine Themes
r/b Jack & Cande Jarboe

Tuesday: Rose McKeever
r/b Ladies of Charity

Wednesday: Thomas J. Garrett
r/b Gracie Rymer

Thursday: Butch Neaney
r/b John Friel

Friday: Pope Leo XIII Inst.
r/b Deacon Ed Baker

Saturday: Nerl & Duesing Families (D)
r/b Doris Pettko
Michael Green
r/b Marie Heaton

Sunday: Parishioners
Michael Anthony Salek
r/b Victor & Veronica Salek

“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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Monday, June 4th from 7 to 8 pm

Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the “Holy Hour for the intentions of the Ordinandi” and an increase in Vocations to the priesthood and Consecrated Life on June 4th from 7 to 8 PM.

This years Ordinandi:

Deacon Oscar Astigarraga

Deacon Andrew Clyne

Deacon Kevin Fields

*“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest to send out
laborers for his harvest.” Mt 9:37-38*

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

Today I write a few days before the Feast of Pentecost. The gift of the spirit given to the early Church was the means necessary for that infant Church to take root and grow. The Apostles were given to fear because they witnessed what had happen to Jesus. The followers of the Master could expect the same. Something “transformational” had to happen, and the Lord provided such power by unleashing the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in the upper room. As I ended my previous article with the statement that the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit are intimately connected, so the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church are intimately intertwined.

I remember years ago studying in the seminary the course on Christology. I ultimately would delve into this subject and ended up writing my Master’s thesis on the topic of the Christological controversies that enveloped the Church in the West for centuries. The Church in the East didn’t get caught up in the controversy, so they were able to craft a well thought out theology of the Holy Spirit.

The Cappadocian Fathers of the East, namely, St. Gregory of Nazianzen, St. Gregory of Nysa and St. Basil the Great, gave to the Church some of the most brilliant and thought out doctrine on the Holy Spirit. To read it is to be drawn up by the Spirit into the very life of the Triune God. I would like to share the thought of St. Basil here, and think you will agree that it is truly up-lifting.

“The titles given to the Holy Spirit must surely stir the soul of anyone who hears them and make him realize that they speak of nothing less than the supreme Being. Is he not called the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father....But his principal and most personal title is the Holy Spirit.the Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings perfection to those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with Himself.through the Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations—We become God.”

So, you can see, that the Holy Spirit given to us is indeed a very powerful source of goodness, love, and truth. As we journey along our way through this world we need to keep the Holy Spirit ever close to us. Before we engage in any activity we should pray a simple prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for guidance and direction.

In our world there are many “spirits” vying for our attention; some good and some evil. Discernment is the prayer that keeps us on target and enables us to distinguish one spirit from another. More on the Discernment of Spirits later. In the meantime, enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit in your day to day activity. He will always enlighten you.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation & "GIFT" Registration

Re-registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year are due by June 3rd for Early Bird Special Fees. It would be helpful to re-register by the due date for planning purposes. 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.

Financial assistance is available for those in need.

Request for Catechists

At this time, volunteer catechists for the upcoming year are needed for Grades 7 & 8. Some assistants are also needed. Contact Sister Ann (443-646-5724) for more information.

LADIES OF CHARITY

March Plaza Mexico fundraiser-thanks to all the parishioners who purchased a dinner at Plaza Mexico on the March 12 fundraiser evening. Plaza Mexico sponsors this fundraiser for the Food Pantry once per quarter.

April Bake Sale-thanks to everyone who prepared baked goods, worked at the bake sale table, and purchased baked goods. The amount of donated baked goods was very generous!

The proceeds from these two events provided sufficient funds to cover two weeks of purchased food for the Food Pantry. We are serving approximately 50 families per week. Thanks to St. Anthony's parish for such a strong support of our Food Pantry mission.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22 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 and at the annual Anointing Mass. For questions, please call Marty Beyer at 301-855-4042.

ST. BERNARDINE'S

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine Parish (in Suitland) for their parish food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the Church.

Designated dates this month: May 26 and 27

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy 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, 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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY **MAY 27TH, 2018**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses asks the people if they have ever seen anything as great as the actions of God. He reminds them that there is only one God and all people must keep his commandments. If the laws of God are kept, his people will prosper all their lives.

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Paul explains that through the Holy Spirit, we become children of God. As heirs of God we must be willing to suffer as Christ was if we are to share in his glory.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus asks his disciples to go to other nations and teach others all that they have learned. He asks that these new followers be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL QUESTION

When are you aware of the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Offertory May 12th and 13th—\$7,279.68

Catholic Relief—\$1,788.69

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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.