

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

### **Sunday, September 23rd**

Parish Picnic—12:30 to 3:30 PM

### **Friday, September 28th**

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 AM (1)

Ladies of Charity Food Distribution—Parking Lot  
11 am to 1 pm

### **Saturday, September 29th**

Life Teen High School Group—5:30 to 8:30 PM

### **Sunday, September 30th**

Faith Formation Parent Meeting: K-2—9:30 AM

### **Monday, October 1st**

Ladies of Charity Plaza Mexico Restaurant Night-  
4:30 to 10 PM

### **Legend**

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK** **SEPTEMBER 24TH—30TH**

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Dominic Vicino</b> r/b Larry and Betty Vicino
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Rudy and Elizabeth Corona</b> r/b Joe and Terry Rednagle
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Patricia Osburn</b> r/b Dillon Family
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Shirley Zehner</b> r/b Elaine Zehner
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Michael Green</b> r/b Marie Heaton
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>John Waak</b> r/b Waak Family <b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Isadore David Bianco</b> r/b Barberio Family <b>Angela Cunningham (L)</b> r/b Denise Waters

### **“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.

## **LIFE TEEN AT THE BEACH MUSIC GROUP**

Do you have a musical talent you would like to share with your parish? Can you play an instrument like piano, guitar, violin, or flute? Can you keep a beat? We are seeking teens ages 13 to 18 to be a part of a new Teen Music Group at Saint Anthony's. If interested contact:

**Kevin McAndrews at [kevin\\_mcandrews@msn.com](mailto:kevin_mcandrews@msn.com)  
or text 301-502-3517.**

## **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

### **The Precious Gift of Faith**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Each morning as I begin my day I go through a bit of a routine like most people. As I awake, and my feet hit the floor, I thank God for a new day. After going through the daily routine of washing my face and brushing my teeth I head downstairs to hit the on button to the coffee pot. I watch the sun as it crests over Tilghman Island which is across the bay from my house. Then I head to the room in the rectory which belongs to Jesus. Having the Blessed Sacrament in my rectory house is one of the benefits of being the pastor. I spend hours each day adoring and being in the presence of our Lord. Here is where my day begins. I acknowledge the presence of the Lord Jesus with the simple genuflection and then sit in the presence of Him who created me and begin my prayers. During this time which is most precious I always pray for at least three things. First, I pray thanking God for a new day which always leads to asking Jesus for the gift of faith. Then I pray for the people in the parish and finally I end with praying for those who I know are soon to die and will be taking the final journey to the Heavenly Kingdom.

I am reminded of the great importance of faith, especially during this time in the Church which has been racked with the latest scandal of sexual abuse. Quite frankly, I wasn't a bit surprised when the news hit the wire that the Church was encountering another, and perhaps worse, scandal than the one that was reported back in 2002. Now, believe me when I say that I am not happy about the whole thing. Just walking across Chesapeake avenue that same morning I couldn't help but think what the people driving by in their cars were thinking of me, the local priest, in his roman collar, going to say morning Mass. The phrase; "Guilty by association" sort of stuck to my clerical garb. I hurried across the street thinking these motorists have a good chance of taking one of "those guys" out. I know this might seem a bit outlandish, but it's funny what goes through your mind when your profession is being dragged through the media mud. Thank you, North Beach motorists, for being kind to this priest who is only trying to be faithful to his calling. And what a beautiful calling it is to be a priest of Jesus Christ. I am and will always be a priest. But to stay clear of Satan's wiles you must pray for faith. And I mean pray hard and often for the gift of faith.

I remember the priest mentor, Monsignor Tom Wells, always saying to me: "Stackman, it's all about faith." These words coming from my friend have never rang truer than today. Many people have asked me how something like this could happen to the hierarchy of the Church. While I know there are many reasons why such scandalous behavior has occurred, but at the end of the day I have to come back to the fact that these people who perpetrated such sick crimes lost their faith.

Faith is a precious gift, and when it falls, it falls fast and hard and much carnage is left in its wake. Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Lk. 18:8) My dear people of St. Anthony's, hold on, and I mean hold on tight! It's probably going to get worse before it gets better. But remember this, and I believe this with every ounce of faith I have, it's still a great time to be in the Church. I said that very phrase the day I was ordained, but I didn't at the time realize how true it would be.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

## **FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY**

Parents please mark your calendars now for a “**Parent Mixer**” and inspiring presentation taken from Vinny Flynn’s book, **The 7 Secrets of the Eucharist**. These are conveniently timed for you during your child’s faith formation class (9:30 to 10:30 in Padua Hall). Attendance is appreciated and expected! Come and get to know one another in a warm and welcoming environment; coffee and goodies will be served!

**Babysitting will be available upon request.**

K—2nd grade: Sunday, September 30th  
6th—8th grade: Sunday, October 14th  
3rd—5th grade: Sunday, October 21st

If this sounds interesting to you, but you don’t have any children in our program, you are still always welcome!

**Life Teen meets on Saturday, September 29th.** Our topic is **“A Time Such As This: A Life Night on Scandal and Corruption Within the Church.”** The goal of this Life Night is to discuss scandal and corruption within the Church, while remaining assured of Christ’s victory over evil. The teens will also be encouraged to rise and become the saints the Church of today needs.

Please continue to keep all of our youth in your prayers and if you feel called to help minister to our young people, please reach out to Mary Beth Woodburn at:

**[dre@stanthonycal.us](mailto:dre@stanthonycal.us)** or 443-646-5724.

## **ADDITIONAL MASSES ADDED**

Father Stack will be adding a Vigil Mass for Holy Days of Obligation. This is in addition to the First Friday Noon Mass that will begin in October and the third Tuesday Healing Mass at 7 pm that have recently been added. He is also taking into consideration moving the weekend Vigil Mass time from 5:30 to 4:30 pm beginning after the 1st of the year. Confession time would be moved from 4pm to 3pm on Saturdays. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Father Stack at:  
**[fr.jamesstack@gmail.com](mailto:fr.jamesstack@gmail.com)** or call the parish office.

## **ST. ANTHONY’S HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

A trip to the Holy Land is a once in a lifetime opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Everyone, especially Christians, should visit at least one time in their life. Fr. Stack is offering a trip to the Holy Land, **May 14-24, 2019**. We now have a final cost of only \$2,895 + taxes and tips. Tips for the tour guide, transportation people and hotel are at your discretion. For information call Ginger Geisler, 443-964-8301. Brochures will be available in the back of the church.

**Plaza Mexico** is hosting a fundraiser for the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry on **Monday, October 1st from 4:30 to 10 pm**. A portion of eat in and carry out meals will be donated by Plaza Mexico. Thank you for your support!

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam “Bo” Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, James Curtin, 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, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, 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.

## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY** **TIME: SEPTEMBER 30TH 2018**

### **First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29**

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesize, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not by the people.

### **Second Reading: James 5:1-6**

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgement day.

### **Gospel: 9:38-43, 47-48**

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

## **GOSPEL QUESTION**

How good do you want to be? How might you measure how good you already are?

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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or pick up a form in the back of the church.

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