UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Monday, October 8th

Holiday—Parish Offices Closed

Mass—10 AM

Friday, October 12th

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 AM (1)

Saturday, October 13th

Teen Music Meeting—4 PM (2) Life Teen—7 to 9:30 PM (off site)

Saturday & Sunday, October 13th & 14th

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower-drop off all donations in Padua Hall this weekend.

Sunday, October 14th

Parent Meeting for 6th—8th Grade—9:30 to 10:30 AM (2)

Monday, October 15th

Red Cross Blood Drive—11 to 7 PM (2) Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK OCTOBER 8TH—14TH

Monday: Lawrence P. & Gail Gibbs

r/b Mary Medlock

Tuesday: Frank Rugnetta

r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

Wed. Donna Wink

r/b Peggy Veith

Thursday: Jill & Jim Wahlgren (L)

r/b Beth Donohue

Friday: Bernard Jones

r/b Woodburn Family

Saturday: Nathaniel Darza (L)

June Bradley

r/b The Family

Sunday: Parishioners

Maya Lanham (L)

Angela Cunningham

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

CALVERT WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please join your Sisters In Christ from the Catholic Parishes in Calvert County for a weekend retreat at the Washington Retreat House in DC near the John Paul Center and the Shrine. The retreat house is run by the Franciscan Sisters of Atonement, the Retreat Master will be Father Dan Carson. Rooms are private and handicap accessible rooms are available. Please contact Carol Harford at 410-286-3888 with any questions.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Little Way

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Today as I write we celebrate in the Church the feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux, otherwise known as the "Little Flower." In a few weeks we will celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila, who was known as a great reformer in the Church. In my coming to know each of these saints in my own spiritual life I have referred to them as the Little "t" and the Big "T". Whatever the case, each of the "t"s have had a profound influence on my spiritual life, as a Christian and as a priest.

In the case of our first Theresa, I share with you her personal struggle in coming to know God's will for her. This is taken from the autobiography of Theresa:

"Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistle of St. Paul in hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of the first epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, the Church is composed of a variety of members and that the eye cannot be the hand....I was not satisfied and did not find peace....When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which St. Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorable within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed, I knew that the Church had a bay composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that on love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostle would have proclaimed the gospel no longer.... I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything. In one word, that love is everlasting. Then nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling; my call is to love. Certainly, I have found my place in the Church....in the heart of the Church I will be love...."

The life of Theresa is truly extraordinary. She wanted so much to be a missionary but due to poor health she could not physically do that. However, her desire to be that mouthpiece for the Lord certainly distinguished her in many ways.

Today she is the patroness of all the missionary activity in the Church. She, who never was able to leave the French convent and died at the age of twenty-four, is an example for us that we must have a pure heart to do whatever the Lord calls us to do. Purity for heart is key to growth in the spiritual life. We pray to her to set our hearts aflame with the same missionary zeal that she possessed.

This was her little way. It is the way that all of us can follow.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

The next "Parent Mixer" for parents of children in grades 6 through 8, will be on October 14th, from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Padua Hall. 3rd and 5th grade parents will meet Sunday, October 21st from 9:30 to 10:30.

Coffee and goodies will be served!

Thank you to all the Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade parents who came to our Parent Mixer last weekend. It was great to put names to faces and have the opportunity to get to know one another better.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Teen meeting will be "off-site" on Saturday, October 13th, at the Tolentino's home (2531 Redbud Lane, Owings) for a Barn Dance and Bonfire! Most of us will still attend the 5:30 pm Mass, but then we will all carpool over to the Tolentino's home and begin there at 7 pm. (Sorry, no adoration that evening). We have a professional Swing Dance instructor coming to teach our youth this social style of dancing—whether it is East coast, West, coast or Lindy Hop style, it is all swing dancing and all fun! We will end our evening with some fascinating Saint stories around the bonfire-you won't want to miss it! Pick up will be at 9:30 pm.

Check out our website for <u>stanthonycal.com</u> relevant Life Teen blogs and videos.

CALLING ALL MUSIC LOVING TEENS

Can you play piano, guitar, violin, flute or another instrument? Do you like to sing? We are seeking teens ages 13-18 to be a part of a new Teen Music Group at St. Anthony's. If interested contact:

Jenn Colosi at colosi.home@gmail.com or Kevin McAndrews at kevin_mcandrews@msn.com or text 301-502-3517 Our first meeting will be in Padua Hall on October 13th at 4 pm

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

It is a joy to invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land May 14th—24th, 2019. Since our youth we have been hearing the gospel stories about Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem Capernaum and Galilee. He worked miracles around the Sea of Tiberius, Jericho and Cana. He was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth and was crucified at Golgotha. We will be seeing those places and much more. Our visit will give us the opportunity of walking in the footsteps of Jesus, our Blessed Mother and the first disciples. We will be accompanied by a Franciscan Friar as our tour guide and each day we will celebrate Mass and reflect on the gospel text appropriate to the place we visit. This will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime and it will forever change the way you read and understand the Scriptures. We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a grace-filled journey to the land from which has come our salvation. See flyers at the back of the church. You can sign up online at www.tektonministries.org/pilgrimages for as little as \$300 and you can pay on it when you can. All money needs to be in by the end of March.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marllene 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, JoAnn Kery, Richard Knupp, Rick William Kallal, Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Maude Mangels, 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 Rodriquez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Sue White.

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 14TH

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

This poem discusses how the spirit of wisdom is far more beautiful than any riches could be. All gold is no more than sand when compared to the importance of wisdom, which often leads people to the other good things in life.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

God's perception of people is called "sharper than any two-edged sword." God is able to know the thoughts and feelings of all his people. We can hide nothing from him, and will need to account for all he has seen in us.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

A man asks Jesus how he can share in everlasting life. Jesus tells him to sell his possessions and travel with them. The man refuses and Jesus tells his disciples how difficult it is for a rich person to enter heaven if they are too concerned with their possessions. The disciples remind Jesus that they gave up everything for him, but he assures them they will be rewarded with everlasting life.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

September 30th —\$7,959.06 Hurricane Florence Relief—\$1,747.00 Faith Direct September—\$12,365.00 There will be a second collection next weekend for World Mission Sunday

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