

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Sunday, October 21st

Parent Meeting 3rd through 5th grade-
9:30 to 10:30 AM (2)

Monday, October 22nd

Communion Service—8 AM

Tuesday, October 23rd

Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (Rectory)
Prayer Shawl Meeting—1 PM (3)

Friday, October 26th

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 AM
Ladies of Charity Food Distribution-Parking Lot
11 AM to 1 PM

Saturday, October 27th

Life Teen—6:30 to 8:30 PM (2)

Sunday, October 28th

Hospitality—9:15 to 11:00 AM (2)

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 22ND—28TH

Monday: Communion Service
Tuesday: Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday: Tom Sydnor (D)
r/b Weilmuenster Family
Thursday: Sami Boothe (D)
r/b Cassie Boothe
Friday: Kitty Bolash (L)
r/b Woodburn Family
Saturday: Tony O'Connor (D)
r/b Pat Waak
Patricia M. Minichiello (D)
Sunday: Parishioners
Lucille Dellosa (D)
r/b Dellosa/Moltz Family

SOMETHING NEW!

Please take a few minutes to look at the new "CareNotes" in the wall racks at the back of the church. These little pamphlets are designed to offer spiritual help and hope in the daily challenges of life. Some of the titles include: *Living with Cancer*, *Finding God in Pain or Illness*, *Peer Pressure* (for teens), and *Sad Isn't Bad* (for kids). These are free for all parishioners, so take one (or more than one) that appeals to you.

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Hospitality Committee is in need of people willing to bake on an occasional, as needed basis for bake sales, Hospitality Sunday etc. If you can help with this ministry please contact Debbie Macken at 410-474-7558.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

"Romero": A Prophet For Our Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Last Sunday before the 8:15 Mass I was watching the television. Now, I never do that before Sunday Mass as I am usually in my prayer room making ready for the Sunday liturgies. But it was a special Sunday because there was a canonization going on in Rome. Several people were being canonized saints of the Church and among them was a personal hero of mine, the Archbishop of El Salvador, Oscar Romero, who was martyred while saying Mass on March 24th, 1980 for patients at a cancer hospital.

Well, I tuned in to EWTN and they were praying the Rosary and I had to get to the 8:15 Mass. I never saw the canonization from Rome, but the life of this relatively obscure figure in the Church has always inspired me.

The Church is a funny place, when you read the story of the great Archbishop you catch a glimpse into what I mean. The Church was basically aligned with the Salvadoran establishment. And Oscar Romero was chosen because the powers that were, thought that this guy wouldn't rock the boat. He was, you might say a "moderate" and rather shy and simple minded. And perhaps he was at the beginning. However, things changed. As a pastor of the poor and the afflicted, and realizing that the government was all about themselves, the man acted and declined the invitations of the high and the mighty and associated with the outcasts and the disenfranchised.

This became a problem for the government and so he had to be done away with. The Archbishops own prophecy would come true when he made the comment that if those who were the enemies of the Church terminated his life, he would rise again in the people of El Salvador.

I watched with great interest a movie they made about his life years ago. Since the recent canonization there is a new release of the same accounts starring Raul Julia. I think some of our kids are going to see it soon, and it might be worth the ticket to see a modern saint of our times. We in the Church are blessed with some great witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus in our times. From Mother Teresa of Calcutta to Pope Saint John Paul the Great and now Oscar Romero, (not to forget Pope Saint Paul the Sixth) That will be the feature of my next bulletin article.

We pray that the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero will inspire us to take a stand for the truth. One of the reasons that I remain a Catholic is that we belong to a Church that has always had a deep understanding and appreciation for the dignity of all human life. When you come right down to it, it is a beauty of the incarnation; that God would incarnate Himself in the person of Jesus of Nazareth, which is the cause of our joy.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

Let the Children Come to Me!

Children's Adoration will be on **Monday, November 5th**, from **6 to 6:30 pm**. We will pray, worship, and adore Jesus for a "Holy Half Hour" during the regularly scheduled Adoration time from 5 to 8 pm. Children of all ages are welcome.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is October 27th, it will be on Identity and Equality. It will emphasize the dignity of every person while challenging the teens to see the importance of recognizing two genders — male and female — which are not fluid and cannot be changed.

The Archdiocese Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Capital One Arena in DC will be on Friday, January 18th, 2019. We need to order tickets for our youth at the beginning of November so please respond ASAP if your teen would like to attend this awesome event! After the Mass, we will head to the National Mall for the March For Life to the Supreme Court. (This is an excused absence from school.) Please contact Mary Beth Woodburn to order your tickets -- let's put our "Prayer for the Unborn" into action by attending this annual event!

We are going to the Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic in Greenbelt to pray for an end to abortion on Saturday morning, November 3rd. We will meet at St. Mary's in Upper Marlboro for Mass then head to the clinic and pray until 11 am. We will return by noon. For more information please go to 40daysforlife.com or contact Mary Beth Woodburn if you would like to attend.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI?

Secular (Lay) Franciscans will be available after the 8:15 and 11:15 Masses next Sunday, October 28th in Padua Hall. Coffee and donuts will be served and they can answer questions about their Fraternity. For more information contact Nina Teti OFS at:
ninamt@comcast.net or 301-642-3601

The Solemnity of All Saints is November 1st. Masses will be held at **5:00 pm** October 31st (Vigil Mass-bring your children before your families evening activities) and at **6 am, 8 am and 7:30 pm** on the 1st.

St. Bernardine's Food Pantry: On the fourth Sunday of each month we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine's Parish (in Suitland) for their food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the church. The designated dates this month are:
October 27th and 28th.

Crafters and artists needed for holiday craft show at Jesus Divine Word in Huntingtown on Dec. 8th from 9 am to 2 pm. For information and/or registration go to:
<https://jesusdivineword.com/events/craft-fair-1>

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, , 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, 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 Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Sue White.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 28TH

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.

Contributions for the weekend of October 14th
Thank you for your continued support of the parish.
Offertory and Donations—\$10,906.90
2nd collection—\$1,264.84

CARDINAL HICKEY ACADEMY

Is a Catholic Education right for your child? What is the PreK-8th grade advantage? How can tuition become affordable to me? Come to Cardinal Hickey Academy's Information Night on November 19th at 6 PM.

"Casino Night": Cardinal Hickey invites you to their Annual Auction Gala-Casino Night! Receive \$500 in chips to play at 9 gambling tables, enjoy food and drinks, raffles and more. November 10th, 6 pm at Calvert Elks Lodge in Prince Frederick. Tickets available online at **CHA2018GALA.WEBLY.COM**. Proceeds benefit the Academy.