

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 18th

Hospitality—8:30 to 11 AM (2)

Monday, November 19th

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Tuesday, November 20th

Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (rectory)

All are welcome to attend.

Healing Mass—7 PM

Thursday, November 22nd

Thanksgiving Day Mass—10 AM

Thursday & Friday, November 22nd and 23rd

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 24th

Life Teen—6:30 to 9 PM

Sunday, November 25th

Breakfast with St. Nicholas—8:30 to 11 AM (2)

Religious Goods Store—After all Masses (2)

Legend

Church (1)

Padua Hall (2)

Religious Education (3)

Ewald Center (4)

Mass Intentions for November 19th—25th

Saturday, Nov. 24th 9 AM Marie Iadarola

r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

Sunday, Nov. 25th 11:15 AM Parishioners

**All other Masses this week will be offered
for the souls of the deceased.**

HEALING MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Father Dan Leary, from St. Andrew the Apostle in Silver Spring, will be here to preach the homily and celebrate Mass with Father Stack at next Tuesday's Healing Mass. One of God's gifts to His Church is healing through the powerful gift given to us by the Holy Spirit, especially by receiving prayers through the priesthood. Catholics and non-Catholics may receive healing prayers and you can always stand in prayer for the healing of someone else who is not present and petition God on their behalf. Please take advantage of this opportunity for healing and renewal.

ADVENT PARISH MISSION

DECEMBER 9TH THROUGH 11TH

Mark your calendars — December 9th through 11th from 7 to 8 pm. Fr. Pierre Toussaint from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Bronx, NY. Fr. Pierre will also be preaching the homilies the weekend of the 8th and 9th. More information to come.

Let's give Fr. Pierre a warm St. Anthony's welcome!

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Dealing with Discouragement

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I once heard a story about the power of discouragement. To get discouraged is a very common thing. It happens to all of us from president to common citizen. It comes in various forms and tries to derail our lives and keep us from trying new things. As a priest I have had to deal with discouragement most of my priesthood. You would think that if God called you into a priestly vocation things would go smoothly and there would be no discomfort at all. I can tell you that is far from the truth.

The first thing to learn and to adjust to is the fact that we are in "Spiritual Warfare." Whether you are in the world, working in a secular job and trying to raise a family or are in a church/religious vocation trying to be faithful to your vows. Either one or even something in the middle; you are going to be attacked.

So, the story goes that "Father Satan" was training junior devil to go forth from "devil" school and to tempt and wreak havoc on mankind. As each junior devil was about to graduate from school, father Satan was dealing out various tools to use to bring down men and women and lead them to hell. To the first junior devil, he gave the temptation of greed. "Here" father Satan said; "use this tool called greed and you will wipe them out by the tens of thousands." To another, father Satan gave the tool of lust. "Here is the power of lust, with this you will take them down by the hundreds of thousands." And so, on and on father Satan gave the various tools to tempt and bring down society. In the course of Satan's dishing out the tools, one of the junior devils pointed to the top shelf and said: "Hey, father Satan, which tool is that up on the top shelf? I want that tool!!!" "O' no," father Satan told him. "You can't have that one. For that is my greatest tool. That tool is mine alone. THAT TOOL IS DISCOURAGEMENT!!!"

I am reminded of this story, for today as I write, we celebrate the Feast of St. Frances Cabrini. She was born of an Italian family and called by God to join the religious life. She started the religious order of sisters dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She journeyed to Rome to ask the Pope where she might be needed. Her heartfelt desire was to go to China and bring the message of Jesus Christ there, but the Pope had other ideas. He told her to go west into the America's to help the immigrant people from Italy settle into their new environment. It was a tough road to tread but she did it. In fact, the very people who were "on the same team" never even gave her a chance. It's a funny thing about the Church. We sometimes discourage others because they have a new idea or different approach. Mother didn't give in to discouragement. She stayed in America and helped transform the immigrant population into a vibrant Church.

She is another one of my "Hero's" in the Church.
Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

**No Faith Formation Classes
On Sunday, November 25th
Enjoy the time with your family!**

**Parents and siblings are welcome to join us
for our Advent Prayer Service on
December 2nd in the church at 10:15 am.**

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is next **Saturday, November 24th** (Yes, Thanksgiving weekend!). We will gather together for Mass and a Thanksgiving Feast! The teens will explore the benefits of living with a grateful heart, as well as be challenged to practice virtuous deeds in their quest for healthy relationships! As usual, we will end in Adoration, strengthening the most important relationship of all-**GOD & YOU!**

High School Youth

If you are a high school youth and want to get involved in one of our church ministries (lector, greeter, gift bearer, music ministry etc.) please reach out to Kevin McAndrews @ 301-502-3517 or kevin_mcandrews@msn.com We Need You!!

**Go to our website: www.stanthonycal.us
under Education for calendar,
interesting videos and blogs for teens.**

BIBLE STUDY

All are still welcome to attend Bible Study at the Rectory, led by Father Stack on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 unit 12 noon. He is teaching on St. Paul and the Acts of the Apostles.



CALVERT CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

Calvert Catholic seeks to connect Catholics in their 20s and 30s so we can encounter Christ in community. Join us for meal, discussion, retreats, or service. We are always looking for new members and new ideas! We meet the second Saturday of the month in one of our homes for good food, prayer and discussion. Daycare always provided. Meet us on Facebook, Instagram, or email: CalvertCatholicYA@gmail.com.

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

The Archdiocese Child Protection Class is being offered at St. John Vianney on December 6th at 7 pm for anyone interested in working with youth in the parish. To register please go to virtusonline.org and register under the Washington DC Archdiocese.

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, Wlaine Cunnane, 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, Lindsey Jay, 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, Sue White.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE: NOVEMBER 25TH

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this One, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

Contributions and Donations

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Offertory and Donations Nov.10/11— \$8,216.15

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: **November 24th and 25th**