

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, January 15th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Healing Mass—7:00 pm

Friday, January 18th

8 am Mass followed by Holy Hour 8:30 to 9:30 am
No Adoration or Noon Mass

*The church will be open until 3 pm for anyone
who would like to join in prayer with those
marching to end abortion.*

Monday, January 21st

MLK Jr. Holiday—Mass 10:00 am

Office Closed

YOUTH RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

This Friday, January 18th, The March for Life Rally will take place at noon in Washington DC at 12th St. on the National Mall, in between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive. Following the Rally, the March will begin on Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets at approximately 1:00 pm. The 2019 theme is "Unique From Day One". Come and march alongside hundreds of thousands of other pro-life Americans as we march to end abortion and to share the vision of a culture of life!

Mass Intentions January 14th—20th

1/14	8:00 am	James Curtin (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
1/15	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory (D)
1/16	8:00 am	Elaine Malott (D) r/b Weilmuenster Family
1/17	8:00 am	Mary Margaret Merkel (D) r/b Pat Waak
1/18	8:00 am	Cynthia McConnell (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
1/19	9:00 am	Mr. Raymond Schmidt (D)
	4:30 pm	Frank Preciose (D) r/b James & Diana Johnson
1/20	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Tony O'Connor (D) r/b Weilmuenster Family



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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Obedience and the Baptism of Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

The old saying goes: "All good things must come to an end." And so, the glorious season of Christmas ends after the Evening Prayer of the Church this Sunday. Speaking of this Sunday (today or tomorrow, depending on which Mass you attend) we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is an odd feast because the first thing you think of is, why did Jesus need to be baptized? From a theological point of view, Jesus did not need baptism in the same way you and I need Christian Baptism. Jesus, who is the second person of the Blessed Trinity, is fully God. As we pray in the creed: "He is God from God and light from light, true God from true God." However, in the Incarnation of the second person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus would have to subject Himself to the Father's will by being obedient. This subjection to obedience would have profound implications in the life of Jesus and consequently our lives as well. Obedience in the life of our dear Lord would come at a great cost to the "Only Son of God."

St. Paul, writing to the Philippians only 25 years or so after the Lord's resurrection, has given us a hymn about the Obedience of Jesus. You can read and pray the whole of it by turning to Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:1-11). This portion of the letter to the Philippians was a hymn that the early Christians would sing. It begins by calling to mind the proper "Attitude" that is befitting of the mature Christian believer. Paul says that your attitude must be like that of Christ. What was the attitude that Paul is reminding the early Christian of? It is the attitude of being **Humble**.

Years ago, I had the good fortune of being a chaplain for the Washington Redskins football team. I was the chaplain that went with the team to the games that were away from RFK. Believe me, it was a great experience! To bring Christ to this family of professional athletes was a real treat, and I had many good times performing this ministry. But one memorable moment came when then-Coach Joe Gibbs and I had a very brief conversation while flying to the town where the game would be played the next day. I asked him what he looked for when people came to try out for the team. He said to me: "Father, there are three things I look for. First, does the player have the raw talent that is befitting an NFL player. Secondly, is he willing to move to the Washington area. But thirdly, and most importantly, does he have a good attitude. If he doesn't have a good attitude, despite being the most talented of all athletes, we will not take them."

It's all about "Attitude." Christ Jesus manifested an attitude of great humility by submitting to God the Father's will. In all humility He subjected himself for baptism to give us an example of humility. The interesting thing about the virtue of humility is that in our modern society it has all been completely misunderstood. Many people confuse humility with humiliation, and therein lies the problem. Of course, we have all felt the uneasiness of being humiliated. But the virtue of humility is actually a very powerful virtue that enables a person to be comfortable with who they are and what God has called them to be.

Down through the years, humility has served me well. I hope on this feast you can steal a quiet moment away and meditate on your own life and the beautiful day you were baptized and made a child of God. What a glorious day that was.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Our second graders received their First Reconciliation this weekend. How beautiful it is to pray alongside these children and their families, and witness God's merciful love!

A fun time was had by all at our **Christmas-Epiphany sing-a-long** in the hall last weekend. Everyone enjoyed the children's beautiful voices as we sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and learned the origin and meaning of the song which dates back to the 1700's. Did you know the lyrics of this popular Christmas Carol were created to help young Catholics learn their faith at a time when practicing Catholicism was criminal? Fascinating!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is Saturday, January 26th, beginning with the 4:30 Confirmation Enrollment Mass. Our lesson is titled "What goes up..." and we will come to understand the significance of Jesus' Ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit. This Life Night will help the teens understand the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives, and their call to discipleship.

Our youth bus for the Archdiocese of Washington **Youth Rally and Mass at Capital One Arena in Washington DC leaves at 5:30 am on this Friday, January 18th** from the St. Anthony's parking lot. All ticket holders (we had to order these back in November) need to complete the permission slip that was e-mailed and return it to religious education office by Monday, January, 14th. Thank you!

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next Prayer Shawl meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 22nd, at 1:00 PM** in the Religious Education building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls, symbolic baptism blankets, and hats and scarfs for needy children. For questions please call Mary Beyer at 301-855-4042.

QUO VADIS SHADOW DAY

On Friday, February 15, 2019, juniors and seniors in high school are invited to join the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington for a special Quo Vadis "Shadow Day" at Saint John Paul II Seminary and the Catholic University of America. You will be able to experience a "day in the life" of a seminarian by joining them for Mass, Adoration, meals, class, sports and just hanging out. This day is a great opportunity to come and see what a day in the life of a seminarian is like. Please register to attend at www.dcpriest.org or email vocations@adw.org with any questions.

Birthright of Prince Frederick would like to thank St. Anthony's parishioners for their constant support, especially for their most recent donations from the "Giving Tree." Families received the gifts with joy and heartfelt appreciation. You eased a burden and brought happiness to their Christmas season!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Wlaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, 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, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **JANUARY 20TH, 2019**

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist had claimed one would come far more powerful than himself, one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit rather than water. When Jesus came to John and was baptized, the Spirit descended on him and a voice said, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

Contributions

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