

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, February 12th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Friday, February 15th

Holy Hour for the Church—8:30 to 9:30 am

Adoration—9:30 to 11:45 am

Mass—12:00 pm

Middle School Youth Group (MYSG) - 6:30 to 8 pm

Sunday, February 17th

No Faith Formation Classes

Monday, February 18th

Mass—10 am

Presidents' Day Holiday—Office Closed

No Adoration or Confessions This Evening

K of C Blood Drive—11 am to 7 pm

Tuesday, February 19th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Healing Mass—7 pm

Legend

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

Mass Intentions February 11th—17th

2/11	8:00 am	Harry Gonzales (D) r/b Colosi Family
2/12	8:00 am	Sister John Mary Fleming (L) r/b Christine Fulginiti
2/13	8:00 am	Stephen Pettko r/b Doris Pettko
2/14	8:00 am	Jack Shreve (D) r/b Veith Family
2/15	8:00 am	Jakob Scheuren (D) r/b Veith Family
	12:00 pm	Clifton Clarke (D) r/b Hetmansky Family
2/16	9:00 am	John Lynch (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
	4:30 pm	Patricia Marie Minichiello (D)
2/17	8:15 am	John Lynch Jr. (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
	11:15 am	Parishioners



CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

There will be an Archdiocese Child Protection class at **St. John Vianney on February 21st at 7 pm**. All volunteers wanting to work with youth in the parish must take this class if they have not gone through the child protection process before. Call 410-414-9099 for information and to register.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Importance of the Annual Appeal

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

The other day I received a letter from the Archdiocese congratulating me and our parish for reaching our goal for the Annual Appeal 2018. It basically thanks me and all of our parishioners for reaching our goal and for helping those less fortunate in our community with the necessities of life.

In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about the appeal and its importance to the Archdiocese to continue the work of Jesus and His Church. Even though the appeal helps thousands of people, it is sometimes hard to see it manifested in our community. One of the things I always focus on are the three things that I have personally come into contact with that are a direct result of the appeal and those ministries that benefit from the funds generated from the appeal.

First, is my work with seminarians who, God willing, will become our future priests. Years ago, I worked out of the Vocations office as a kind of recruiter. My task was to go to all of our parishes, catholic schools and religious education programs to promote, recruit and speak about my life as a priest, and the wonderful things God has in store for anyone who might think that God is calling them to be a priest. I literally had a blast doing this work. It enabled me to go throughout the entire diocese speaking of the glories and challenges of being an "Ambassador of Christ", to use a term from St. Paul (2Cor. 5:20).

One of my personal goals in coming to St. Anthony's is to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It is important that each priest replicate themselves by encouraging the young to seriously think about a religious vocation.

Secondly, the appeal funds the causes of life. Upholding the dignity and sanctity of all human life is a task that must be close to all Christian hearts. Jesus said; "I came that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn. 10:10). If you truly love your life than you are going to want all individuals to experience the various joys and pleasures of life and all that it holds. Life, however, can have its challenges, but it is in those times that we really come to know ourselves and they are great opportunities to advance in virtue.

Finally, there is "Project Rachel"; this too is funded by the appeal. Being pro-life also means that you do not turn your back on people who have had an abortion, but that you offer them healing. I have been blessed as a priest to receive the gifts of healing. Although, healing is not the greatest gift, but it is one that is sorely needed in our culture. We live in a time where "infanticide" is becoming the law of the land. The Church must offer healing to those people who have been lied to and have been led down the road of despair that leads nowhere.

Brother and sisters of St. Anthony's, let us strive to make our goal this year and give generously to the appeal. Remember that the Cardinal needs our support. He prays for us each day in his daily prayers. Let us pray and support these worthy causes.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Progress Reports will be sent home this weekend for children in grades 3-8th. We are sending them home to communicate how well your child is understanding the concepts being taught, how well your child is participating in class, and to share any concerns we may have. Please check your child's folder and speak to them about the importance of knowing, loving and serving God!

There will be **NO CLASS** next weekend, February 17th, Presidents Day Weekend. Enjoy the extra time with your families!

LIFE TEEN

Permission Forms are due NOW for our West River Weekend February 22nd—24th: TIMELESS: A Retreat on Our Unchanging God. All high school youth are encouraged to attend. All Confirmation students are required to attend. Please go to our website, www.stanthonycal.us under **EDUCATION, HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH** and print the form and return it ASAP with \$125.00 payable to St. Anthony's. Please write "West River" in the memo section of your check.

BE READY FOR A FUN, FAITH-FILLED WEEKEND!

Middle School Youth Group meets this Friday, February 15th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Padua Hall. The theme of our night is "What's Love Got To Do With It". Join us for fun and faith and a St. Valentine's ice cream party! All 6th through 8th graders are welcome.

Effective immediately, Deacon Eric will be on a medical leave of absence from his Deaconate Ministry for up to 6 months while he recovers from consecutive knee replacement surgeries. Please keep him in your prayers during his recovery and if you see him on crutches please do not trip him.

ST. ANTHONY'S NEEDS YOU!

Your Church is looking for parishioners to serve on and/or coordinate several liturgical ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Sacristans. All you need is a willing heart and we will provide the training! Please call the office with any questions or to meet with Father Stack.

Lent begins on March 6th! This year we will be having simple soup suppers and Stations of the Cross every Friday! Please mark your calendars, bring your family and friends as we share a meal and walk the Lord's Passion together.

"You cannot enter fully into the joy of the Resurrection without first entering into Christ's Passion and Death."

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, Anna Halterman, 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, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, 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, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 17TH, 2019**

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah compares a man who seeks strength in flesh but abandons God to a bush in the desert, bereft of nourishment and unable to grow. Yet a man who trusts in God is like a tree beside a river, fed & strengthened by it even during times of drought.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Paul addresses those who believe in Christ's teachings, but are not convinced that he rose from the dead. He calls their faith worthless, because they have not been freed from their sins. Paul then emphatically declares that Jesus did rise up again, as will all those who truly believe in him.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus tells his followers that those who are insulted in this life because of him will be rewarded richly in heaven. Yet those well received by all will despair in heaven, since people had often respected false prophets and mistreated true prophets. Those who hunger, perhaps for spiritual knowledge, shall be filled. Yet those who are full in this life will be hungry.

Contributions

Thank you for your continued generosity!

February 2/3 —\$9,175.81

Faith Direct January—\$11,237.00

To save time and money we will be providing 2018 end of year statements by request. Please contact the office if you would like your statement.

Cardinal Hickey Academy has a position open for an Aftercare Assistant. Candidate must be 18 yrs. old and willing to go through a background check, fingerprinting, CPR and First Aide training. Hours are daily from 2:15pm-5:15pm or 3:00pm- 6:00pm. **Please contact CHA for more information (410-286-0404). Apply online at: schoolspring.com.**