

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH**

### **Sunday, March 3rd**

Ladies of Charity Bake Sale—After both Masses (2)  
Knights of Columbus Breakfast—8:30 to 11 am (2)  
Religious Goods Store—9:15 to 11:00 (2)  
**Healing Mass—3 pm**

### **Monday, March 4th**

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm  
Children's Adoration—6 to 6:30 pm

### **Tuesday, March 5th**

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

### **Wednesday, March 6th—Ash Wednesday**

Masses—6 am, 8 am, and 7 pm

### **Friday, March 8th**

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am  
**Mass—11:00 am (note time change)**  
Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 pm (2)  
Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

### **Saturday & Sunday, March 9th and 10th**

FLOCKNOTE Sign-Up Weekend  
Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm

#### **Legend**

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



### **Mass Intentions March 4th—10th**

3/4	8:00 am	<b>Richard Douglas O'Dell (D)</b> r/b Woodburn Family
3/5	8:00 am	<b>James Deiso Jr. (D)</b> r/b Dorothy Benya
3/6	6:00 am	<b>Schmitz Family (L)</b>
	8:00 am	<b>Josephine McWhorter (L)</b> r/b Josephine Massab
	7:00 pm	<b>Mary Grimes (L)</b> r/b Weilmuenster Family
3/7	8:00 am	<b>Patricia Castillo (D)</b> r/b Hetmansky Family
3/8	8:00 am	<b>Loretta Favret (D)</b> r/b Veith Family
	11:00 am	<b>John O'Grady (D)</b> r/b Mary Alys Sweetman
3/9	9:00 am	<b>Martin Riordan (D)</b> r/b Steven & Molly Heisler
	4:30 pm	<b>Leonard Brady (D)</b> r/b The Family
3/10	8:15 am	<b>Parishioners</b>
	11:15 am	<b>Eugene Karg (D)</b> r/b Cholovich Family

## **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

### **Ash Wednesday And Enjoying The Shrove**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As I write to you today, I was reminded that next week Lent begins. My how time flies!! In a way I always look forward to the start of a new liturgical season but Lent always strikes me a little different. Don't get me wrong, I like Ash Wednesday with all the ashes and a packed church. The initial grace that comes from the Holy Spirit that helps us get out of the starting gate like you're a thoroughbred running the Kentucky Derby. But when it comes to the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, I am not all that amused. Thursday, as most of you know, is Father's day off. I refer to it as a holy day of obligation. On Ash Wednesday it seems easy to fast, pray and give alms. God's grace on that given day is beautiful, but when it comes to the day in and day out of the forty days of Lent, well that's another story.

It hits me the very next day. It happens usually on the 19th hole. As usual on my day off, I play 18 holes of golf. Traditionally, the 19th hole is a custom for golfers to have a beverage or two and talk about how you played that day. This is when Lent hits me. The things I have decided to forgo in my Lenten disciplines start calling out to me: "Drink Me, Eat me, watch Me, pay attention to Me." With all this going on, I skip the 19th hole until Easter.

It can be said that the season of Lent is very necessary for the salvation of your soul. Human beings are creatures of habit. We like certain things to go our way and when they don't it gives us a certain discomfort that my Italian neighbors call: "Agita." This major discomfort and general malaise usually disappear on the First Sunday of Lent when in the Gospel we read of Jesus' forty days in the desert. Here, Jesus prepares himself for his mission and confronts the Devil head on. This is not one of those "Feel Good" Gospels; rather it is a hard-hitting account of Jesus demonstrating his authority as the Son of God. The Devil's main temptation is to try to get Jesus to doubt himself; to question his identity so as to make him stumble and fall. (Luke 4:3) Jesus heroically resists the temptation, thus showing us how all temptation can be overcome.

In overcoming the temptations in our own lives, it is good to remember that we too are children of God. The devil always tries to make us less than who we are. He tries to reduce us to his level. Ultimately the devil hates us because we have become something that he rightly had, that is kinship with God. As an angelic being, the devil was created by God, but through pride he rejected God and His Love. So, it is in keeping with his nature to try to ruin anybody that is loved and willed into existence by God. As the devil tried to call Jesus' identity into question, he gives us the same treatment. May we never forget who we are as children of God and beloved by God Himself. Never fall prey to the devil's trap. No matter how much we sin and how terrible that sin might be, it can never cut us off from the love of God that is shown to us in the confessional.

Before we begin the sacrifices and contemplation of Lent, we have one last celebration—Shrove Tuesday, or "Mardi Gras." See you at I-HOP!!!

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

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## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Our next Children's Adoration is this Monday, March 4th from 6 to 6:30 pm**, during our regularly scheduled Adoration from 5 to 8 pm. Please bring your children (ALL ages are welcome!) and teach them the power of placing your prayers, works, joys, and sufferings at the Feet of Our Lord. Bring them to get bathed in the "SON" Light of God's Infinite Love!

**Next Sunday, March 10th we will have a Lenten Kick-Off Rally** for all of our Faith Formation children and their parents. Please come and get "FIRED UP" as we explore the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving! We will remind the children that Lent is NOT about me and the hard things I can do to myself. It's about forgetting myself and serving the other. We don't fast to bulk up our spiritual biceps; we fast to reveal to our soul our utter poverty before God. This is the spiritual goal we should all long for this Lent. Come and be inspired to live your best Lent ever!

## **LIFE TEEN**

**All high school youth are invited to join us next Saturday, March 9th**, "Top of the Mornin'" - A Life Night on St. Patrick. The goal of this Life Night is to break open the life of St. Patrick and help the teens better understand their journey to sainthood. Let this Life Night be a part of your motivation to deepen your prayer life this Lent. This will be a fun reunion after our TIMELESS retreat last weekend!

**The Maryland March For Life is on Monday, March 4th!** Join the family-friendly, peaceful, prayerful witness in Annapolis! We will march through Annapolis and Rally at Lawyers' Mall to be the voice of pro-life Maryland! The Rally will serve as a visible witness in support of defending vulnerable life, and it will feature keynote speaker Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation, Kelly Stauffer from Silent No More, and our guest performer, Jonny Brenns, American Idol Contestant.

**4:30 Youth Rally followed by Mass and March.  
7:00 Rally on Lawyer's Mass  
8:00 Free Chick-fil-A**

**All ages are welcome to carpool to this event.**

Please contact Mary Beth at 443-646-5724 or [dre@stanthonycal.us](mailto:dre@stanthonycal.us) if you are interested in going to this event.

**JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS** and bring your family and friends to share a meal together and walk the Lord's Passion every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm with a simple soup supper and Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to help out. See the flyer in this bulletin, go online, [www.stanthonycal.com](http://www.stanthonycal.com) or call the parish office for more information on how to sign up and what is planned for Lent here at St. Anthony's! Keep this guide on hand as we journey together during this time of renewal.

## **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, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, 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.

**From the McWhorter and Massab Families: We want to thank so many of at St. Anthony's for the outpouring of concern and prayers for Josie McWhorter. We express our appreciation for all of these blessings and prayers, we believe your prayers are being heard.**

## **BRING YOUR CELPHONES TO MASS!**

**FLOCKNOTE sign-up weekend March 9th and 10th!** We have a wonderful church family and want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and stay connected. We are implementing a new and improved way of communicating that will make it much simpler for you to get the information you want from us! It's powered by a service called FLOCKNOTE. Like sending a "note" to your "flock". FLOCKNOTE. It is free, your information is secure, and you can still participate even if you don't text. As long as you have an email address, you can sign up! **SIGN-UP SUNDAY is the weekend of March 9th and 10th — so bring your phones to church.**

## **A CATHOLIC RETREAT FOR MEN**

Father Dan Leary (St. Andrew Apostle, Silver Spring) and Father Larry Swink (Sacred Heart, LaPlata), invite you to join in the **first-ever Men's Weekend Retreat at the Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA, April 5-7, 2019.** The theme for the retreat is *The Five Loves of the Saints*. The cost is \$220 and includes room and all meals, partial scholarships are available. For more information go to [www.AnimaChristiRetreats.org](http://www.AnimaChristiRetreats.org) or contact Bill Wannall at [wwannall@sacredheartlaplata.org](mailto:wwannall@sacredheartlaplata.org).

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