

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, March 26th

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

Wednesday, March 27th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Friday, March 29th

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am

Mass—11:00 am

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 pm (2)

Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

Monday, April 1st

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm

Children's Adoration—6 pm

Tuesday, April 2nd

No Bible Study

Wednesday, April 3rd

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Friday, April 5th

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 (2)

Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 25—31

3/25	8:00 am	Nancy Brady (D) r/b The Family
3/26	8:00 am	Denny Warner (D) r/b Julie & Jim Farrell
3/27	8:00 am	Fred Schendorf (D) r/b Shirley Kallal
3/28	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
3/29	8:00 am	Naegele Family (L) r/b Julie & Jim Farrell
	11:00 am	Chris & Elizabeth Seuffert (L) r/b Vanessa Hetmansk
3/30	9:00 am	Janet Gray (Brooks) (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
	4:30 pm	Marge McManus (D) r/b Beverly & Peter Maccari
3/31	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Sam Bradley Sr. (D) r/b The Family

If you have thought about becoming a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion

there will be training on **March 30th** in the church immediately following the 9 am Mass. If you are interested call Father Stack for an appointment and to attend the training at 443-646-5722.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Two Ways

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As we continue our journey through Lent, we continue to ask God for the grace to persevere in our Lenten penances or other various works that we have undertaken to form ourselves into better people of God.

Down through history societies and people in general have come to realize what are factors that bring about goodness, beauty and truth for the human person and what factors bring about the opposite. In other words; "What works and what doesn't work?"

In the seminary we studied the Gospel of St. John. The evangelist uses this "Two Ways" technique in the formation of his gospel. It is the way of Light and the ways of Darkness. In the gospel wherever Jesus is absent, an evil darkness seems to envelope the surroundings. All through the gospel these forces seem to battle against each other. This theme of light and darkness cannot be missed by the observant reader of the gospel.

Years ago, I had a unique opportunity to make a thirty-day retreat devised by one of the spiritual giants in the Catholic Church. St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the society of Jesus, otherwise known as the Jesuits, took it upon himself to devise a retreat experience that would be so all-encompassing and deep that one would need a vacation to recover from it. In this remarkable experience, St. Ignatius taps into the philosophy of the "Two Ways."

Towards the end of the second week of the retreat, Ignatius has his retreatants consider the "Two Ways." The first way is the way of Jesus. In this way there are three points. (Now you know where I get my three points from.) These points are **Poverty**, which leads to **Insults and Contempt**, which produce **Humility** in the soul. This, for Ignatius, leads to a genuine life of grace. The second way is the way of Satan. (Or as Ignatius would call him, "The enemy of our human nature.") Satan's three points are: **Riches**, which lead to **Titles and Honors**, which produce **Pride** in the soul. This is a good lesson as we continue our Lenten journey. These two ways call us to be honest with ourselves. We would be lying to ourselves if we didn't admit to ourselves that we are attracted by the ways of Satan. There is a big side of me that really wants the riches, titles and honors. I really don't want to be poor or have people look with contempt and disgust at my being. And as far as humility goes, who wants that in today's world? The humble seem to get the short end of the stick every time.

And yet, these are the ways of the Cross, the ways of Jesus. As his disciples, we are called to that way. We need to ask for the grace to see these teachings with the eyes of faith. It is only through faith that they come alive and make sense. It is good also to remember that the devil is a master deceiver and liar. When hunters bait traps they usually put some goodies that the soon to be victim would want. Fish will bite on a hook with a juicy worm on it. Satan knows how to take us down. But the Good Lord is even better in knowing how to rescue the soul from these attempts.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Father Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Please bring in your **Cross Catholic Outreach “Lenten Offering Boxes”** each week and add to the big container located in the front hall of the Religious Education Center. Our goal is to raise \$1,000 by Easter Sunday using the money we have saved through our sacrificing in our greater devotion of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent.

All Parishioners are welcome to join in this outreach that will help feed and educate orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya.

Our next Children’s Adoration is on Monday, April 1st from 6 to 6:30 pm during regularly scheduled Adoration time. Please bring your whole family to be led with songs and prayers as we sit at the feet of Our Lord and contemplate His great love for us!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is Saturday, April 6th—DARKNESS: The Passion and Death of Christ. We will begin directly following the 4:30 Mass with dinner and social time. This Life Night will challenge the teenagers to recognize the physical, emotional, and spiritual realities of the crucifixion. It will help them to understand the necessity for Christ’s Passion and death in order for us to have salvation.

SUMMER CAMP @ COVECREST in the beautiful Georgia mountains is August 4th—10th. All camp money is due by April 1st payable to St. Anthony’s, write Life Teen Summer Camp in memo. There are a few spots left-if you are a high school teen entering the 9th grade through exiting the 12th grade, **THIS CAMP IS FOR YOU!** Please contact Mary Beth and go to Lifeteen.com for more information. **#BESTCAMPEVER**



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. To sign up go to:

www.signupgenius.com, search for a sign-up and enter email: stanthonycal@gmail.com or call the office.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at 1:00 PM in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love. For questions, please call Marty Beyer at 301-855-4042.

Cardinal Hickey Drama Club presents a spring musical. All are welcome to attend this year’s production of **Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.** Performances are Friday, April 12th at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 13th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or in the school office. For more information contact the office at office@cardinalhickeyacademy.org or call 410-286-0404.

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, Thomas Combs, 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, Carolyn Humerick, 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, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY:

“Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians”

Join the Calvert Council Knights of Columbus on the evening of **Tuesday, April 2nd at 7 pm**. There will be a prayer service in recognition of the icon of **“Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians.”** The icon illustrates an inspiring example of fellow Christians who so bravely and faithfully died for love of Christ. We will pray to Mary to assist our persecuted brothers and sisters. Please join us on **April 2nd** in prayer that we may yet live in a world of peace and harmony, together with all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

The Monsignor Thomas Wells Society

will be hosting a Lenten Fish Fry at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie on Friday, March 29th, from 5 to 8:30 pm. Proceeds will be directed to the Sacred Heart Youth Group and the Msgr. Wells Society, which for 18 years has financially and prayerfully supported seminarians. Please join us up on the hill for mouth-watering fish, fries and coleslaw. If you have any questions please call Kevin Wells at 240-381-3533 or Kari Flynn at 301-448-8618.

Weekly Offerings and Donations

Thank you for your continued generosity!

March 16th and 17th — \$7,677.45

2nd Collection—\$1,396.00

Next Weeks Readings: Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32