

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Wednesday, August 14th

Vigil Mass—7 pm
(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Thursday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation—Mass: 6 and 8 am, 7 pm
Parish Offices Closed

Monday, August 19th

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm
Knights of Columbus Blood Drive—1 to 7 pm

Tuesday, August 20th

Healing Mass—7 pm

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 12-18

8/12	8:00 am	Luca Chegai (L) r/b Mary Ullrich
8/13	8:00 am	Jessie Hock (D) r/b Woodburn Family
8/14	8:00 am	David Gormley, Sr. (D) r/b Gormley Family
	7:00 pm	Robert Harris (D) r/b Terry Tolentino
8/15	6:00 am	Bonnie Harris (L) r/b Terry Tolentino
	8:00 am	June Kretzing (L)
	7:00 pm	Viola Smith (D) r/b Woodburn Family
8/16	8:00 am	Rita Cahill (D) r/b Nina Teti
8/17	9:00 am	Charles Brown (D) r/b Stacy Ciampo
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
8/18	8:15 am	Janet Barberio (D) r/b Barberio Family
	11:15 am	Alan Curtin (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

Becoming Catholic-

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a gradual process of conversion and initiation into the Catholic Christian community. The program provides individuals the space to encounter God and respond to His invitation to a new way of life in the Catholic faith. Grounded in a respect for the personal faith journey of each individual, the RCIA provides an extended period of prayer, study, and fellowship in which each individual has the opportunity to grow in relationship with God and the parish community. In the RCIA, individuals reflect and learn about what it means to be a part of the Catholic Christian community—who we are, what we believe, how we celebrate and pray, how we relate with one another and with God. Based on the gradual transformation of each individual, the RCIA accompanies and celebrates the journey of faith of each individual. RCIA will meet every Sunday (Sept.-April) at St. Anthony's after the 8:15 Mass — so it's convenient! Those curious about RCIA are encouraged to begin exploring this process by contacting **Fr. Stack through the parish office at 443-646-5721, Wes Bryant at wesleyeb@comcast.net or Paula Bryant at paulajbryant13@yahoo.com.**

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Finding the Light in the Culture of Death

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Years ago, I stopped getting the Washington Post newspaper for a variety of reasons, but the other day a good friend brought me the Sunday issue. I was happy about that because I enjoy doing the "Find the Differences" in the back of the Post Magazine. Basically, there are two identical pictures but there are 12 differences between picture #1 and picture #2. If you have seen it, you know what I'm taking about. Since I usually eat by myself, these little games help me to slow down eating, which helps in the digestive process. At any rate, it's fun trying to find the various things, it sharpens my detective skills. If I had not become a priest, I would have liked to have been a detective. Both the priesthood and detective work deal in the realm of mystery to some extent, so as a child I was attracted to both.

Along with the Sunday Post Magazine came the rest of the paper on that Sunday morning. As I was glancing through the rest of the paper my eye was drawn to the headline about the recent shootings. Ever since 1968 with the Roe V Wade decision, our country has dwelt in the shadows of darkness. Human life has been changed. We are reminded by the prophet Moses to choose life. The news of the horrific killing of innocent people in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH has once again reminded us that we now live, sadly, in what St. John Paul II once describes as a "culture of death". On a daily basis, the human person is the target of some form of violence, whether it's abortion, murder, acts of terrorism, or assaults. The less violent, but still horrifying opioid crisis has taken many of our young people and left their families to grieve. I have celebrated far too many funeral Masses and sat with parents who lost their precious children to this plague. It can tempt us to feel that there is nothing we can do and to fall into a sort of despair.

But, we must not lose our sense of hope! First, we need to recognize that this is really not new. I came across an article in the Catholic Herald called "Like the Romans, Americans Have Become Fratricidal" by Chad Pecknold. The article retells the violence that plagued the ancient city and recalls that St. Augustine took sharp aim at the culture that had developed in Rome. Pecknold tells us that "he criticized Roman fertility cults which emasculated men, prostituted and debased women, and generally cut people off from the source of life itself". He decried the murders and the fact that Rome's loss of faith led to the inability of the people to see each other as children of God.

I'm sure that there are policies and laws that might help us prevent these terrible crimes going forward, and I certainly pray that our government leaders will work together to make this happen. But underneath it all, this violence is the terrible fruit of what happens when faith is lost. Even our founding fathers worried that a day might come to pass when we no longer honor our Creator. John Adams once said: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

In the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we find our source of hope. He is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. We must work to draw ever closer to Him and pray that our fellow Americans return to God.

God bless America and keep her safe.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes resume Sunday, September 8th! If you still have not registered, please do so immediately so we can form classes and be sure we have enough books for every student. We are still in need of a few more catechists — please reach out to Mary Beth Woodburn if you would like to share the love of Christ with the children of St. Anthony's parish. It is truly a blessing to have the opportunity to grow in love and knowledge of Our beautiful Faith with the children! May God bless us in our efforts to serve Him!

The Catholic Parishes of Calvert Present:

ABIDE WITH ME: GROWING IN OUR GIFTS TO ACCOMPANY YOUNG PEOPLE:

A training day for Catechists, Aides, and Youth Ministry Volunteers at **St. John Vianney in Prince Frederick on Saturday, August 24th.** The day begins with Mass at 8 am followed by a continental breakfast and workshops at 9:30 (Classroom management and identifying and accompanying children with special needs), and 10:20 (Teaching to the ADW curriculum standards-for catechists, and Facilitating small group discussions & sharing your faith story-for youth ministry) followed by parish breakout sessions. RSVP to:

CALVERTCATECHIST.WEBLY.COM

CALVERT COUNTY EVANGELIZATION AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The five parishes of Calvert county will be hosting an "Evangelization" booth again this year at the county fair which is from Wednesday, September 25-Sunday, September 29. Please consider volunteering at the booth sometime during the fair to help spread the good news about the faith and the parishes in the county. Training will be provided on September 17th at 7 pm at St. John Vianney in Prince Frederick. Please sign up at **<https://tinyurl.com/CalvertFair>**. For more information contact Sue Stavely at: **accounting.stanthony.md@adw.org**.



24 HOUR MEN'S CATHOLIC RETREAT

Introduction to the Rules of Discernment and the Examen Prayer: Sunday, September 1st (check-in at 3:30pm) through Monday, September 2nd (ends 3:00pm) at Loyola on the Potomac in Faulkner, MD. Retreat cost is \$110 and includes a private room, Spiritual talks, Monday Mass, opportunities for Confession, Adoration, three meals beginning with dinner on Sunday night and spacious grounds for walking and mediation. The Retreat Master will be Father Daniel Leary, Pastor at St. Andrew Apostle in Silver Spring. For more information email: **admin@AnimaChristiRetreats.org**. To register go to **www.AnimaChristiRetreats.org** (Upcoming Events).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Bill Carroll, Mary Chin, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Dominic Dilorio, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, John P. Flynn, Cathy Giancoli, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Carolyn Humerick, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Richard Knupp, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Josephine Martin, Mark Mann, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Barbara (Amon) Powell, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Infant Brandon Simonds, Jr., Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

Healing prayers, preaching the Word of God and Holy Mass to be celebrated at **Our Lacy Star of the Sea Solomons, MD** on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 pm and at **Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lexington Park** on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm. Flyers available in vestibule of church. All are welcome.

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Next Weeks Readings: 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time — August 18th, 2019

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Weekly Offerings and Donations **August 3/4**

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offertory and Donations —\$7,790.82

Faith Direct July—\$11,032.00

Project Rachel: If you or a loved one are suffering from the emotional effects of an abortion, there is **HELP, HOPE and HEALING.** This ministry offers emotional and spiritual healing for women and men. All inquiries regarding this ministry are kept in strict confidence. Email **STAnthony0119@gmail.com**