

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

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 19-25

8/19	8:00 am	John F. Hartman (D) r/b Bob Hartman
8/20	8:00 am	John Spivey (D) r/b Woodburn Family
	7:00 pm	Brandon Simonds, Jr. (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
8/21	8:00 am	Dorothy Krall (D) r/b Marie & Ed Van Haute
8/22	8:00 am	Gloria & John Hampton (D)
8/23	8:00 am	Jenn Matthews (L) r/b Woodburn Family
8/24	9:00 am	Kenneth Byrne (D) r/b The Family
	4:30 pm	Anthony Swann (D) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
8/25	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Diana Lee Shane (D) r/b Cherie Loubert

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.**

EMHC AND LECTOR WORKSHOPS

The Office of Worship of the Archdiocese of Washington is offering workshops to instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and proclaimers of the Word in a liturgical setting. Workshops are being offered September, October and November. If you are interested call the Worship Office at 301-853-4594 or email liturgy@adw.org. Flyers are available in the back of the church.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

A Share in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Of all the mysteries of our faith, the mystery of the Incarnation is, for me, the most fascinating. At a moment in time, the "Word became flesh" in the womb of the Blessed Mother, and would eventually be born into the world. You will recall that we use the word "Mystery" in a qualified sense. In the realm of faith, a mystery is the midway point between outright contradiction and absolute truth; and in the middle stands the mystery. The mysteries of faith are not meant to be so much solved, as in a Sherlock Holmes movie, but to be entered into and lived out in our ordinary lives.

Years ago, the mystery of God's beautiful grace wrapped around my soul in my priestly ordination. This enabled me to partake in the very priesthood of Jesus Christ. There is and will always be only **ONE** priest, and that person is Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of the Father. In my ordination I was grafted onto and into Jesus' priesthood so that I could act in the very person of Jesus Christ while administering the sacraments as well as teaching and governing. The Second Vatican Council call this the three-fold office of the priest: to Sanctify, Teach, and Pastor the mystical body of Christ. It is a great honor to be called into the priesthood of Jesus as well as a great responsibility. Being aware of this I must always take heed of how I speak and act while amongst the people of God as well as the general population.

The mystery of the Incarnation is prolonged in time and space through our baptism in Christ Jesus which means that everything we do can be incarnational. The prayer of St. Teresa of Avila sums this up very beautifully:

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

People of St. Anthony's, we are the Body of Christ. Jesus seeks to extend his very self through us. Yes, it's humbling, but it's very powerful at the same time. I was reminded of this during the youth conference that I attended in Tiger, Georgia a few days ago. Earlier that week we sent 22 teens from our parish to the Life-Teen conference in Georgia. I flew down to meet them mid-week. I had a wonderful time being with our young people. Even though the teens were happy to have their priest along the way, I think they were even more grateful that their pastor could engage in the things that they were about. This was made evident when it came to the day-long excursion on the Chattooga River. This would be the scene of my second baptism. We were doing just fine in the rubber raft until we hit a big rock in a rapid and over the raft I went. Having had this experience before (some 35 years ago on the Youghiogheny River) I wasn't at all alarmed. But I think the teens enjoyed seeing their pastor swim for his life.

Be that as it may, I think it's another example of how I/we are called to allow Jesus to Incarnate Himself in us. Jesus did the ordinary things people do each day, and although I don't think He "white-water rafted" down the Jordan River, He would have if it meant being with the people.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes resume Sunday, September 8th! We will meet from 9:30 to 10:45 every Sunday—please make sure your registration form is turned in as we are already forming classes!

All Confirmation Students! (9th Grade) Our first meeting is Wednesday, September 11, from 6:45 to 8:15 pm. Parents and Confirmation students are required to attend.

The 2019-2020 calendar for all classes will be posted to the website soon and sent home with the children on the first day of class.

Faith Formation and Life Teen-Teachers and Core Team Leaders Needed!

Looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and your relationship with Christ? Please consider giving your time and talent to our young people who need your love, support and guidance on their way to heaven! Specifically, our program is still in need of a **kindergarten and 3rd grade teacher**, and we are always looking for young adults to help lead our teens closer to Christ using our Life Teen program. All of our catechists receive full tuition credit! If you are interested in being a catechist, assistant, or teen aide, contact Mary Beth Woodburn at dre@stanthonycal.us.

CALVERT COUNTY EVANGELIZATION AT THE COUNTY FAIR

The 5 parishes of Calvert County will host a Catholic Fair Booth again this year from 4 pm Wed. Sept. 25 to 6 pm Sun. Sept. 29. The booth must be staffed every hour the fair is open, requiring many volunteers. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/CalvertFair> for a 2 hour (or more) slot to spread the good news about our faith and local parishes. Training will be provided on Sept. 17 at 7 pm in the church basement at St. John Vianney in Prince Frederick. For more information contact Sue Stavely at: accounting.stanthony.md@adw.org. Thank You!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES

Looking for a community of young families to grow in faith with? St. Anthony's is hoping to start a weekly Young Families Bible Study for Dads and Moms with children, newborn thru PreK. We plan to meet in one of the parish classrooms for one hour weekly to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings to prepare for Mass. There would be ample space for kids to play while parents discuss the readings. This would be a perfect opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship!

If interested contact R.J. and Lauren Santucci at: rsantucci1205@gmail.com

St. Bernardine's Food Pantry: On the fourth Sunday of each month we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine's Parish (in Suitland) for their food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the church. The designated dates this month are:
August 24th and 25th

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Jane Carrello, 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, 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.

LADIES OF CHARITY ANNUAL CRAB RAFFLE

The Ladies of Charity are having the annual raffle for a bushel of Tylers crabs. Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the church parking lot after all Masses on the weekend of **August 24-25**. The crabs are donated by Tyler's Tackle shop and all proceeds go to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous support of our ministry!

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Text: *beach* to 84576 or

sign up online at:

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Next Weeks Readings: 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time — August 25th, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Weekly Offerings and Donations August 10/11, 2019

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offertory and Donations —\$7,846.37

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.
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