

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 7th

Adoration & Confessions—5:00 to 8:00 pm
Children's Adoration—6:00 to 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8th

Bible Study—10:30 am (rectory)

Wednesday, October 9th

Young Adult Bible Study—5:30 pm (Religious Ed Center)

Friday, October 11th

Middle School Youth Group—6:30 to 8:30 pm (Padua Hall)

Saturday, October 12th

Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 7— 13

10/7	8:00 am	Sam Bradley, Sr. (D) r/b The Family
10/8	8:00 am	Bob Harris (D) r/b Kathy & Dave Temple
10/9	8:00 am	Barbara McKinley (L) r/b Mary Ullrich
10/10	8:00 am	All Souls r/b Hon Wimbush
10/11	8:00 am	Gene Anderson (D) r/b Mary Ullrich
	11:00 am	Ed O'Brien (D) r/b Pat Friel
10/12	9:00 am	Linda Lightle (L) r/b Hanko & Woodburn Family
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
10/13	8:15 am	Geary Insley (D) r/b Knights of Columbus
	11:15 am	June Bradley (D) r/b The Family

Public Square Rosary Crusade: October 12th at 12 noon at the North Beach Boardwalk Pavilion. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Dolores Simonds at 410-741-5451.

CALVERT COUNTY WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join your sister's in Christ from the other Catholic parishes of Calvert County for the annual fall retreat weekend October 18—20 at the Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Rd. Washington D.C. The cost is \$225 (limited scholarships available). For information contact Carol Harford at 443-529-8307 or Sharon Coulson at 410-257-9319.

The Order of Secular Franciscans invite those interested in joining the Order to attend the Canonical Establishment Ceremony of Our Fraternity on October 19 at 10:30 am at Holy Family Catholic Church, 826 West Central Ave. Davidsonville, MD. Secular Franciscans are called to live the Gospel in the world. If you love God, love your Catholic Faith and wish to grow in that faith in Fraternity with other like-minded Catholics, this might be for you. For information and to RSVP (by October 13th) contact Nina Teti at 443-964-5385.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Calling on the Angels

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

In late September and early October, the Church celebrates some very beautiful feast days. Two saints that everybody loved, and loves, are St. Theresa of the Little flower and St. Francis of Assisi. But we also celebrate some Saints that belong to the Angelic world. The human qualities of St. Francis and St. Theresa allow us to understand them a bit better than the angelic saints. Being human ourselves, there is a better understanding of those mortal human beings that overcame sinful patterns in their lives and strove for heroic virtue. The angelic world is a whole other story. Tradition asserts that the angels were given one opportunity to serve God or decline to serve. Those who chose to serve God were indeed blessed while those who said "Non Servium" (I will not serve) were cast to the nether world.

Last Sunday, September 29, was the feast of the Archangels. However, since it fell on a Sunday, we celebrated the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Many times, I use my bulletin articles to keep us up to date regarding important feast days that, because of the preeminence of Sunday, we tend to miss. Also, on October 2nd, we celebrated the feast of the Guardian Angels which is where my life with the angels began.

As a little boy, I remember the panel on the light switch to our bedroom in our house in Rockville. It was a panel that had a Guardian Angel guiding two small children over a bridge. The light switch panel was based on the traditional painting that we see often when the guardian angels are depicted. At the time I didn't think much of it, although we prayed the Guardian Angel prayer every night before going to bed. And of course, years later when we moved from our house, we didn't think to take it with us. But the other morning when I got up to go say Sunday Mass, I vividly remembered it because it was the Feast of the Angels. This is where my fascination with the angels started.

Why are some angels given the title "Arch" angels? The answer to that question comes from a brilliant homily from St. Gregory the Great. I will conclude my article with a few lines from a homily he gave on the feast day many years ago. Gregory says:

"you are aware that the word "Angel" denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. ...Angels who deliver messages of supreme importance are called Archangels. And so, it was not merely an angel, but the Archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages. ...Thus, Michael means "Who is like God"; and Raphael is "God's Remedy".

We can take comfort in the fact that we have angels helping us and guiding us. It is good to pray when you start your day, to the angels. Any simple prayer will be received by these angelic beings. They are more eager to help us than we ever imagined.

Peace, In Chris Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Our Family Fun Run For Vocations on Sunday, October 27th is shaping up to be a great time for the whole parish! Flyers were sent home today with all children to participate **with their parents** as we will be running, walking, or skipping down the boardwalk to bring awareness and support to our seminarians and priests. We are asking for a \$25.00 donation per family to participate, and all funds raised directly benefit vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL EVENT!** Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus who are providing snacks and water! We are looking for sponsors who might be willing to donate money to offset the cost of the t-shirts and the entertainment. Please contact Mary Beth Woodburn if you are able to support the Run For Vocations in this way. Thank you for considering!

Middle School Youth Group

All Middle School children (grades 6-8) are invited to the first MSYG of the year on **Friday**, October 11th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in Padua Hall. Ms. Jenn Matthews, our MSYG Coordinator, always has a great evening planned....come, step into Fall, step into Fun, step into Faith!

Life Teen

Our next Life Night is Saturday, October 12th, after the 4:30 Mass, and is titled, "Toward the Broken: Causes of Injustice." We will encourage the teens to move from passive indifference to active engagement in the suffering of others. This is in response to Fr. Stack's homily message from last week to "get out of your complacency" into action.

All parents should have received a link to Sign-up Genius so that you can help feed our youth and pray for us during our Life Nights. Please contact Mary Beth at 301-646-5724 if you need help signing up, and thank you in advance for your support!

On Friday, October 18th, we will be joining some neighboring parishes and their youth to travel to the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg for the "Back From The Dead Cemetery Walk." We will leave around 3:15 and return about 10 pm. Cost will be \$20 to cover ticket and transportation expense. Please go to the link below for more information.

<https://setonshrine.org/back-from-the-dead-cemetery-walks/>

Does your child like to sing? If so, please bring them to our first Children's Choir practice on **Thursday, October 10th from 7:00 to 8:00 pm** in the church. This group is for all Kindergarten through 8th grade children and will meet each Thursday to prepare to sing at one Mass in Advent and one Mass at Christmas.

Monday, October 7th is our first Children's Adoration for this school year. This is the Feast Day of the Holy Rosary! No better time for our children to give their "FIAT"! Please bring your children to the church from 6:00 to 6:30 pm for a holy half hour of directed prayer time. Celebrate this special Feast Day with your children, Our Blessed Mother and Our Lord!

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, Maude Mangels, Ruth Marks, Josephine Martin, Mark Mann, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, 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, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER

Please join us the weekend of **October 26-27** after all Masses in Padua Hall for the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower as we commemorate another nine month commitment of praying for an unborn baby. Refreshments will be served. All donations will benefit the clients of Birthright of Prince Frederick, the crisis pregnancy center serving our community. Birthright is in need of infant clothing, diapers up to size 5, wipes, crib sheets, formula and baby bottles.

The Ladies of Charity would like to invite all women of the parish to join us at St. Anthony's Church for our Annual Retreat scheduled for Saturday, October 19th beginning with Mass at 9 am and ending at 1:30 pm. The theme is "**The Joy of Giving.**" Retreat Facilitator: Deacon John White. There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of snacks and lunch. Please register with Marty Beyer at martybyr@comcast.net or **301-855-4042**. Make check payable to the Ladies of Charity, P.O. Box 334, North Beach, MD 20714. Please join us for prayer and fellowship.

40 Days for Life Rosary: We are inviting you to support the 40 Days for Life Campaign by praying the Rosary after the 11:15 Mass every Sunday through November 3rd.

Weekly Offerings and Donations **September 28 / 29**

Offertory and donations—\$7,117.65



Cardinal Hickey Academy will be holding open houses for prospective families on **October 15 and November 5 from 9 to 11 am**. Come and see the Montessori Preschool (3 & 4 year olds) and Kindergarten to 8th grade opportunities. 1601 W. Mt. Harmony Rd. Owings, MD 410-286-0404.