

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 18th

Adoration & Confessions—5 to 8 pm

Tuesday, November 19th

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

Healing Mass—7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20th

Young Family Bible Study—5:30 pm (Rel. Ed. Center)

Saturday, November 23

Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 24th

Hospitality Sunday—9:15 to 10:45

Tuesday, November 26th

Prayer Shawl Meeting—1:00 pm (Rel. Ed Center)

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day Mass—10:00 am

Friday, November 29th

No 11:00 am Mass

Parish Office Closed

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 18-24

11/18	8:00 am	All Souls
11/19	8:00 am	All Souls
11/20	8:00 am	All Souls
11/21	8:00 am	All Souls
11/22	8:00 am	All Souls
	11:00 am	All Souls
11/23	9:00 am	June Kretzing (L)
	4:30 pm	All Souls
11/24	8:15 am	All Souls
	11:15 am	Parishioners

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish community serving our country both here and overseas.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH!!

Father Stack would like to get the men of the parish together to discuss the formation of a men's prayer group here at St. Anthony's that would focus on Christian Spirituality and growing in holiness. If you are interested please plan to attend a meeting to discuss possibilities on **Saturday, November 30th beginning at 7:30 am at the rectory and attending 9 am Mass together.** Please contact Father Stack with any questions.

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

St. Malachy

As November moves along, we continue to remember the dead. We recall many things that cause us to pause a moment and think about the meaning of life and whether we are making the most of each opportunity. We need this!! All of this brings me back to a poem that I always read this time of the year. There is something very stirring about it's context that tinged on the “mystical.” It was written by Thomas Merton, which I am sure many of you remember. I was fortunate to go to the monastery in Gethsemane, Kentucky where Merton lived most of his religious life. St. Malachy was an Irish saint, and the Archbishop of Armagh, to whom several miracles are attributed. The following is that poem:

“In November, in the days to remember the dead
When air smells cold as earth,
St. Malachy, who is very old, gets up,
Parts the thin curtains of trees and dawns upon our land.
His coat is filled with drops of rain, and he is bearded
With all the seas of Poseidon.
(Is it a crozier, or a trident in his hand?)
He weeps against the gothic window, and the empty cloister.
Mourns like an ocean shell.
Two bells in the steeple
Talk faintly to the old stranger
And the tower considers his waters.
“I have been sent to see my festival,” (his cavern speaks!)
“For I am the saint of the day.
Shall I shake the drops from my locks and stand in your

transept,
Or, leaving you, rest in the silence of my history?”
So the bells rang and we opened the antiphoners
And the wrens and larks flew up out of the pages.
Our thoughts became lambs. Our hearts swam like seas.
One monk believed that we should sing to him
Some Stone-age hymn
Or something in the giant language.
So we played to him in the plainsong of the giant Gregory:
Oceans of Scripture sang upon bony Eire.

Then the last salvage of flowers
(Fostered under glass after the gardens foundered)
Held up their little lamps on Malachy's altar
To peer into his wooden eyes before Mass began.
Rain sighed down the sides of the stone church.
Storms sailed by all day in battle fleets.
At five o'clock, when we tried to see the sun, the
speechless visitor
Sighed and arose and shook the humus from his feet
And with his trident stirred our trees
And left down-wood, shaking some drops upon the ground.

Thus copper flames fall, tongues of fire fall
The leaves in hundreds fall upon his passing
While night sends down her dreadnought darkness
Upon this spurious Pentecost.

And the Melchisedec of our year's end
Who came without a parent, leaves without a trace,
And rain comes rattling down upon our forest
Like the doors of a country jail.

Thomas Merton

So, my dear parishioners of St. Anthony's, we need to think about our own personal end and our hope of resurrection. This is why we follow this time in the Church with the Holy season of Advent and the birth of Jesus who came to die so we could live in eternal life.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Service Opportunity

The Ladies of Charity will be providing Thanksgiving Food Baskets to the needy in our community on Saturday morning, November 23rd from 9 am to noon. All students needing Service Hours, as well as all those in our faith formation program and their families, are welcome to come and help. Thank you!

Life Teen

Our next Life Night is on November 23rd, beginning with dinner after the 4:30 pm Mass. All high school youth are encouraged to come and engage in activities that foster an “attitude of gratitude” and discover ways to be a grateful teenager in an ungrateful world. We are hoping some families will use the sign-up genius link to provide dinner for our hungry youth on November 23rd. Please sign up or call Mary Beth at 443-646-5724 if you can help! Thank you so much for considering!

Believe it or not, we are already taking registrations for our Camp CoveCrest Summer trip to Dahlenega, Georgia! If you will be an upcoming 9th grader, through an exiting 12th grader, in the summer of 2020, you are invited to come to the #BESTCAMPEVER! We will leave Sunday, August 2nd and return Saturday, August 8th—just BEFORE school sports tryouts begin. The mountains are calling! Contact Mary Beth in the parish office for more

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Have you logged into FORMED.ORG lately?

Please check out their recommendations for the month of November:

11/1: All Saints Day—For children, check out Brother Francis—The Saints/Hermano Zerferino.

11/13: Feast Day of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini—listen to St. Frances Cabrini.

11/18: Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul—watch “Altar Gang-What’s what in the Church”.

11/21: The Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—watch “Mary of Nazareth”.

11/24: Solemnity of Christ the King—Study Lectio: Philippians—All Things in Christ...Study YDisciple: Session 3—Is Jesus Really Divine? And read—“Who Do you Say That I Am?”.

Sign up for free at formed.org/signup

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 the weekend of: **November 23rd and 24th**

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, Josephine Martin, Mark Mann, Catherine Mathiesen, 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.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ladies of Charity Bake Sale: the bakers, those who sold bakery goods and of course, the buyers! With your help we raised \$1,161 in support of our Food Pantry. God Bless the parishioners of St. Anthony’s!

Project Echo Meals: St. Anthony’s has teams of parishioners that provide meals for the homeless shelter in Prince Frederick 5 times a month. As a member of a team, you would help provide a portion of the meal. Our days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. We are always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help with this ministry, or have any questions, please contact Patty Hanko at:

410-535-0135 or email phanko76@hotmail.com

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

This year, the First Sunday of Advent falls on December 8. Because the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9. Because of this, **the Solemnity is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.**

Weekly Offerings and Donations

November 9 / 10— \$7,376.00

If you have recently requested offertory envelopes you may pick them up in the foyer of the church.

Next Weeks Readings: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — November 24th, 2019

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43