

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Tuesday, November 26th

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day Mass—10:00 am
Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 29th

Mass—8:00 am followed by Holy Hour
No 11:00 am Mass
Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, November 30

Men's Group Meeting—7:30 am (Rectory)

Sunday, December 1st

No Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with St. Nick-
8:30 to 11:00 am

Religious Goods Store—8:30 to 11:00 am

Healing Mass—3:00 pm

Monday, December 2nd

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 pm

Tuesday, December 3rd

Bible Study—10:30 am (Rectory)

Wednesday, December 3rd

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

MASS INTENTIONS **NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1**

11/25	8:00 am	All Souls
11/26	8:00 am	All Souls
11/27	8:00 am	All Souls
11/28	8:00 am	All Souls
11/29	8:00 am	All Souls
11/30	9:00 am	All Souls
	4:30 pm	John & Gloria Hampton (D)
12/01	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	John Sweetman (D) r/b Mary Alys Sweetman

"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.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Beauty of Being Thankful

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

The Month of November is always marked by remembering those who have passed on from this life and are journeying towards their eternal destiny. In the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, otherwise known as the Book of Qoheleth, we read this line: "God has made everything appropriate to its time, but has put the timeless into their hearts so they cannot find out, from beginning to end, the work which God has done." (Eccl. 3:11)

The very fact that we have been created by God himself, and that our bodies have been brought to life and infused with an immortal soul, speak volumes of the love God our creator has for his creatures. From all eternity God has desired to be one with his creation and has established a life without end to be our final resting place.

I recall the word of St. John-Paul, the great, who on his death bed said rather eloquently: "I am going to the Father's house." Those words touched me very deeply. John-Paul wasn't just going into some nebulous type of life after death place. He was going to the Father's house; a place that through a life of prayer and intimate communion with God during his earthly life, he came to understand and yearn for.

November is also the month of giving thanks to God for the many gifts that we have received from His bountiful hand. What always tops my list of things to be thankful for is the gift of FAITH. Faith is so vitally important, that to try to live without it's vision, in reality would be catastrophic. Faith must be prayed for each day. If you are not in the business of building and nurturing faith, the chances are that it will get weak and eventually lost. People who have had faith and lost it could be considered the most pitiful of people. They are dangerous to themselves and others. Unless your faith is very strong, I would advise you to steer clear of those who have lost their faith.

On the other hand, faith opens you up to unlimited possibilities in this world, and of course, the world to come. Faith is the light that gives those on the path guidance to make the journey through this world a beautiful experience. Life, as we all know, has it's good days and bad days, but faith makes the day, whether good or bad, understandable in the light of God's goodness. God is always at work; faith tells us that the good God can be experienced just as profoundly on the bad days as on the good days. And sometimes, the days we accept as bad, are necessary in the light of God's all powerful wisdom. Ecclesiastes says: "When the face is sad the heart grows wise." (Eccl. 7:3)

So, when you gather for your traditional dinner on the day we call "Thanksgiving", behold the beauty of who you are and those that you love. God in his providence has placed you together as a family. He meant you to be one in His family of faith and love.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

There are no Faith Formation Classes next weekend, December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent. Don't forget to get your Advent wreaths out and gather your family for prayer with the specific intention of preparing our hearts for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, at Christmas.

Jump start your children's prayer life this Advent season by bringing them to Children's Adoration on Monday, December 2nd, from 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the church. Let us gather around Christ as they did on that very first "Adoration" night, Christmas Day! Oh, Come let us adore Him!

We will have an **Advent Prayer service on December 15th at 10:15 am in the church.** (This is a change from the original planned date of December 8th). All families and parishioners are welcome to attend!

It is getting to be that time of year! We are beginning to plan for our Christmas Pageant which will be at the beginning of the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass. Please contact Mary Beth @ 443-646-572 if your child is interested in being a part of this wonderful tradition. Practice times will be on Thursday's at 6 pm beginning December 5th.

Life Teen

Life Teen will meet Saturday, December 7th at the 4:30 pm Mass followed by dinner and our session on Advent. During this Life Night, the teens will examine how the hopeful anticipation of the season of Advent compares to their own feelings regarding their hopes and dreams for the future. They will be encouraged not to wish to speed time up or "fast forward" into their future, but to enjoy the time of anticipation as a gift from God that helps prepare for the coming of Christ.

HAVE YOU BEEN ENJOYING THE PARISH SUBSCRIPTION TO FORMED.ORG?

December 1st—First Sunday of Advent

STUDY: Lectio Mary, Episode 1: The New Eve

KIDS: Brother Francis Advent

LISTEN: Prepare the Way of the King

December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier

KIDS: Francis Xavier and the Samurai's Lost Treasure

LISTEN: Holiness is Always in Season

December 6th—Saint Nicholas

WATCH: Saint Nicholas; The Real Story

KIDS: Nicholas; The Boy Who Became Santa

December 7th—Saint Ambrose

WATCH: Restless Heart

LISTEN: The Restless Flame

December 9th—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

STUDY: Why Believe? Season 1, Episode 13-Mary Queen Mother

WATCH: Blessed Duns Scotus; Defender of the Immaculate Conception

Receive a daily reminder during Advent and dive into the depths of God's Word. Opt in to receiving children's reflections with new Brother Francis episodes to include the whole family.

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, 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.

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

Weekly Offerings and Donations

November 16 / 17—\$7,600.25

Christmas Flower envelopes are located in the back of the church if you would like to contribute in honor of a deceased loved one.

Next Weeks Readings: The First Sunday of Advent: December 1st, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



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