

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 16th

Blood Drive—1 to 7 pm (Padua Hall)
Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, December 17th

Bible Study—10:30 am (Rectory)
Healing Mass—7 pm

Wednesday, December 18th

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

Sunday, December 22nd

No Faith Formation Classes
Hospitality — 9:15 to 11:00 am (Padua Hall)

Monday, December 23rd

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

Confessions—10 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 2 pm
Mass—4:30 pm, 6:30 pm and 12 midnight
Parish Offices Closed

Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas Day

Mass—10 am

Thursday, December 26th

Parish Offices Closed

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 16-22

12/16	8:00 am	Gerald Markey (D) r/b Tom & JoAnne Drewry
12/17	8:00 am	Timothy Flynn (D) r/b Mike Flynn
	7:00 pm	Nathan Cortes-Peck (D) r/b Danny & Denise Waters
12/18	8:00 am	Christopher Basiliko (D) r/b Mercedes & Charles Basiliko
12/19	8:00 am	Angela Byrd (L) r/b Tom & JoAnne Drewry
12/20	8:00 am	Eugene Drewry (L) r/b Tom & JoAnne Drewry
	11:00 am	Rosella, Howard & Martha Nerl (D) r/b Doris Pettko
12/21	9:00 am	John Waak (D) r/b Pat Waak
	4:30 pm	Terry McAndrews (D) r/b Marilyn McAndrews
12/22	8:15 am	Geary Insley (D) r/b Knights of Columbus
	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.

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FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Continuing In Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

The Church, as most of you know, has different liturgical seasons. Like the seasons of the year, they have their different characteristics. The season of Advent tries, in its own unique way, to re-create the almost two thousand year old preparation for the coming of Jesus. Jesus would only come upon the scene of human history once the time of preparation had been complete. This time of preparations is relived in our season of Advent.

Advent has a two-fold purpose. First, it reminds us of the preparation in the Old Testament regarding the Messiah. Secondly, it prepares us for the coming of Jesus Christ, the son of God, at Christmas. The scripture scholar, Fr. Raymond Brown, wrote a classic book on what the church calls the “Infancy Narratives.” These narratives are contained in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke exclusively. Here is a bit of what Fr. Brown says regarding these passages: “The liturgical preparations relive, in a microcosmic way, the long historical preparations for the coming of Christ in the history of Israel. It is not an accident that the first chapters of the Gospels of both Matthew and Luke turn to that history and begin their narrative with the story of Abraham and Sarah conceiving Isaac. To the evangelists, that was already the beginning of the story of Jesus Christ. As narrated in the law and the prophets, the God who acted in Israel, often with surprising graciousness in the lives of the patriarchs, the judges and the kings, is the same God who is acting again with surprising graciousness in the lives of Joseph and Mary as he reveals what he is going to accomplish.”

My brothers and sisters of St. Anthony's, as your pastor, I strongly encourage you, during the rest of this Advent season, to reflect on your relationship with Christ. The lights are already up in North Beach. While we enjoy the town's enthusiasm regarding this holiday time of year, these lights that we see will be taken down and stored away. We Christians are called to put on the true light, who is Jesus Christ. Jesus said: “I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

Some of the children in our program will be participating in a short Christmas Pageant at the beginning of the 4:30 Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Our Children's Choir will accompany them with beautiful songs. We hope to see you there!

No Faith Formation Classes December 22nd and 29th.

Classes will resume on January 5th, the Feast of the Epiphany. We will be having our Christmas sing-along and Epiphany party in Padua Hall at 10:15 am. This is the same morning as the Knights of Columbus breakfast—all are welcome to attend!

LIFE TEEN

Life Teen will meet next weekend on Saturday, December 21st at the 4:30 Mass followed by a Christmas Feast. Along with good food and fun, we will be having a baby shower for Our Blessed Mother so please bring a small baby gift for Baby Jesus. (We will donate these gifts to our local pro-life crisis pregnancy center, Birthright of Prince Frederick). We will then go spread Christ's love through music and song as we bring the Christmas message of hope, peace and joy to the town of North Beach! Please **DRESS WARM**, as we will be outside for a good part of the night.

Looking for a place to donate this Christmas? How about helping to send one of our youth to Summer Camp? Cost for one youth is \$600/week and Life Teen's Camp CoveCrest gives our teens an incredible opportunity to experience our Catholic Faith in a fun and powerful way. It is led by young, dynamic Catholic Missionaries, Priests, and Religious. They offer high adventure rope courses, white water rafting, as well as daily Mass, Confessions and Adoration. Contact Mary Beth Woodburn at 443-646-5724 or go to LifeTeen.com if you have questions. Thank you in advance for investing in our youth and for your generosity!

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

December 22—The Fourth Sunday of Advent

STUDY: YDisciple: Advent Session 4-The Gift

LISTEN: Come, Lord Jesus

December 25-The Nativity of the Lord

WATCH: The Story of the Nativity

LISTEN: The School of Nazareth, Blessings of Christmas, The Story of Christmas.

KIDS: Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree, Brother Francis: O' Holy Night

December 27—St. John the Apostle

LISTEN: The Treasure of Our Soul-Apostles Creed

LISTEN: The Gospel of John

December 29—Feast Day of The Holy Family

STUDY: Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage

WATCH: Marriage-God's Design for Life and Love

WATCH: Mary of Nazareth, Joseph of Nazareth

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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, Jace 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, 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.

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: **December 21st and 22nd**

Weekly Offerings and Donations

December 7 / 8 — \$8,578.07

Retirement for Religious—\$2,435.86

Offertory envelopes for 2020 are available outside of Padua Hall for those who receive them.

If you would like envelopes please contact the parish office.

Next Weeks Readings: The Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22nd, 2019

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



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