

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 20th

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mass—10 am
Parish Offices Closed
(No Adoration or Confessions)

Tuesday, January 21st

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

Friday, January 24th

March for Life—Washington DC
No 11 am Mass

Saturday, January 25th

Men's Group—7:30 am (Padua Hall)

Sunday, January 26th

Hospitality Sunday—9:15 to 10:45 (Padua Hall)
The Mystery of the Eucharist showing —9:45 to 10:25 am

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 20-26

1/20	8:00 am	Janet Fournier and Father Lehman Fournier (D) r/b Dorothy Wathen
1/21	8:00 am	Addison Donovan (D) r/b Nana and Papa
1/22	8:00 am	Msgr. Maurice O'Connell (D)
1/23	8:00 am	Sharon Townend (D) r/b Paul Townend
1/24	8:00 am	Claire Stack (D) r/b The Bible Study Group
1/25	9:00 am	Horst Rudolph Mellenburg (D) r/b Jo Tyler
	4:30 pm	Parishioners
1/26	8:15 am	Amelia Sharr (L) r/b Hetmansky Family
	11:15 am	Michael and Leah Pennica (L) r/b Marie Heaton

"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.

"Come and See" Meeting

Do you feel you might have a calling to become a Permanent Deacon? An opportunity to learn more about the vocation of a permanent deacon is scheduled for January 21st at 7 pm at St. John Vianney Parish in Prince Frederick. This is an opportunity to learn more about the permanent diaconate, obtain information about the formation process as well as ask questions you may have about the role of Christ Servant that the permanent deacon assumes after ordination. Come and See will be held in the Vianney Room in the Parish Center from 7 to 9 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Return to Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

It must be the Irish in me, but I love the color green. Green is the liturgical color of "Ordinary Time"; the liturgical season that begins today and will last until we begin the holy season of Lent. The second half of Ordinary Time, and a much longer one, is the part that falls between the end of the Easter Season (Pentecost) and the beginning of Advent. Be that as it may, I enjoy this season the most. The reason why is because it challenges us to find God amid all the ordinary things in life. There are days we do this well and there are days that we allow the day to get away from us and give into it's temptations.

Amongst the various things I received at Christmas was a marvelous book titled "In Sinu" written by a Benedictine monk. The word "In Sinu" in Latin means to lean on or to rest in one's bosom. So, to rest in the bosom of Jesus is what the book calls for. It is drawn from a gospel passage in St. John's Gospel chapter 13:23-26. "One of the disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus' side... ..He leaned back against Jesus' chest and said to Him, who is it master." This passage of scripture is very touching. Only John gives this very beautiful detail about the Last Supper.

This passage of scripture is at the heart of this book. It encourages priests to do reparation for the lack of reverence demonstrated in the lives of priests who have lacked proper reverence for our Lord in the Eucharistic species. Our holy hour on Fridays was started as a response from the Church to pray for those priests and bishops who have not conducted themselves well regarding their state in life. I must admit that when all this damage to the priesthood started to be revealed, I was quite upset and angry. It was hard not to think about what people even thought of me as I walked across the street every morning to say Mass. Thank God those thoughts have subsided from my mind, but I do think about those places in the Church where the Blessed Sacrament is little honored and where sins are committed against the Sacrament of Love.

Years ago, I was a young priest at the parish of the Sacred Heart. It was an assignment that I thank God for being assigned to. I lived with a very solid priest who was the pastor and who guided that parish well during the confusion of the 1960's and 70's. He had studied well the life of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, to whom the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus were revealed (1647-1690). So, in a parish which bears the name of Sacred Heart it would be natural to have devotions to the presence of Jesus who lives in all the tabernacles throughout the world. It is a high priority, indeed the highest priority of mine while at St. Anthony's, to make respect and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament essential.

Ordinary time is a great opportunity to encounter Jesus. Each Monday night from 6 to 8 pm, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and reparation for the sins of the world. Jesus is counting on us to make up for the places where he is little honored, while honoring Him greatly at St. Anthony's.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Congratulations to 2nd grader, Olivia Mooney, who won First Place for the state of Maryland in the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest! Her poster will now be sent to be judged in the national (Supreme Council) poster contest. This is quite an achievement!

MYSG (Middle School Youth Group) will not meet this month due to the March for Life activities. Stay tuned for the Winter/Spring schedule, to be released soon.

LIFE TEEN

There is NO Life Teen on Saturday, January 25th because we will be resting after our day in DC for the March for Life — please see details below:

For those who have a ticket, we will meet at St. Anthony's at 5:15 am on Friday, January 24th, for the **Youth Rally and Mass at the Capital One Arena** in Washington DC! Doors open at 6:15 so our bus will leave St. Anthony's at 5:30 am. After the Mass, we will hit the streets and March for Life along the National Mall to the Capitol Building and will return to St. Anthony's around 5 pm.

Michigan Youth Coming

Even if you are not going to DC for the March for Life, please come to Padua Hall at 5 pm to help welcome our guests, 50 youth from Our Lady of the Lakes and Brother Rice High Schools in Michigan. We will give them a warm Maryland welcome with food, fun and games!

The Hospitality and Spiritual Life Committees

invite you to join them on Sunday, January 26, immediately after the 8:15 Mass for food, drink and a video on **The Mystery of the Eucharist-God is With Us**, a program from Formed. The video, which is 35 minutes long, will begin at 9:45 am. Please join us as we learn more about the Sacrament of the Eucharist while enjoying our usual refreshments and fellowship.

On Monday, January 20th, Plaza Mexico

will donate a portion of all eat in or take out dinners between 4:30 and 10 pm to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. This is a good way to take a break from cooking and help us fill the Pantry shelves! The time window makes it possible to go to Confession and Adoration before or after. Flyers are available in the foyer of the church. Thanks for your continued support.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Marriage Encounter is a weekend where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make. Upcoming weekends are **February 28-March 1** (apply by January 25th) and **September 11-13** (apply by August 8) both in College Park, MD. Weekends fill quickly. For information or to apply online go to:

<http://moments4marriage.org> or call 301-541-7007

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 Di Iorio, 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, Jim Kleinheinz, 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, 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: **January 25 and 26**

Next Weeks Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 19th

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Offertory and Donations

January 11 / 12—\$ 17,598.81

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

MOD PIZZA Fundraiser to support Cardinal Hickey Academy, Thursday, January 23rd. Mention CHA when you dine in and MOD PIZZA in Dunkirk will donate 20% of your bill to support CHA!



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Please Join Us For Our OPEN HOUSE and STEM EXPO on Sunday, January 26, 2020

12:30—2:30 PM

Kindergarten to Grade 8

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