

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 3rd

Adoration (no confessions) —6 to 8 pm

Wednesday, February 5th

Young Families Bible Study—5:30 pm (REC)

Saturday, February 8th

Men's Group—7:30 am

Monday, February 9th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

MASS INTENTIONS **FEBRUARY 3—9**

2/03	8:00 am	Jennifer Molina Mabe (L) r/b Marie Heaton
2/04	8:00 am	David Brewster (D) r/b Meghan Waters
2/05	8:00 am	Audrey Downing (D) r/b Hanko Family
2/06	8:00 am	Cecilia Cortes-Peck (L) r/b Annie Blackwell
2/07	8:00 am	Phillip Weeks (D) r/b Danny & Denise Waters
2/08	9:00 am	Darlene Rios (L) r/b Mary Ann Ullrich
	4:30 pm	Raymond Kozlowski (D) r/b Judith McCarthy
2/09	8:15 am	Bill Exner (D) r/b Pat Waak
	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.



ST. ANTHONY'S IS SEEKING AN ORGANIST

The position would accompany three Masses per weekend (one Saturday evening and two on Sunday morning) and one choir rehearsal (Thursday evening) per week. In addition, the organist will accompany for Holy Day Masses and Special Masses as assigned. Requirements and qualifications are:

- Proficiency in organ and piano
- Must have basic knowledge of Roman Catholic Liturgy
- Must have (or be willing to complete) VIRTUS training and submit to a background check and fingerprinting.

Those interested should contact Liesl Schiavone, Director of Music, at 607-206-0314.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Writing Bulletin Articles

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Well, It's Monday night and that means "Bulletin Article." My secretary begins to hound me right after morning Mass: "Need an article Father." Now, I do enjoy writing the articles but for some reason, I am having trouble thinking of a topic. The evening news tonight is reporting about the recent losses in the basketball community. Kobe Bryant, who I found out was a devout Catholic, and of course Morgan Wooten, who I personally knew. Being the pastor at St. Jerome's, Morgan and his wife came to our Mass frequently.

Both of these men were devoted disciples of Jesus and that is the real reason I write bulletin articles in the first place. There is never enough time in the Sunday sermon to touch on other important matters of faith, family and Church so I use the bulletin articles to touch on other aspects of the faith that I think are important. So, speaking of these two individuals who have been in the news gives me reason to write about the beautiful fact that at the core of their person was a living relationship with the man from Nazareth.

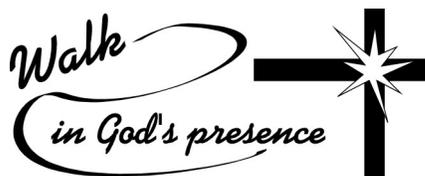
This past Sunday the Gospel reading was from the first chapter of St. John. It was the call of the first disciples. Like all those Jesus has called, these two men heard that voice of Jesus and it moved their hearts. It was such a powerful movement that it changed them inwardly so that they could live their lives not for themselves but for Christ.

In the old Eucharistic prayer IV, there was a beautiful line which went like this: "In fulfillment of your will, he gave himself up to death; and by rising from the dead he destroyed death and restored life. And that we might live no longer for ourselves but for Him, he sent the Holy Spirit from you Father, as his first gift to those who believe."

To live for God and not for oneself is the big difference between a person who lives a "worldly kind of existence" and one who lives a life centered on Jesus Christ. To come to a knowledge of who you truly are and why you are given life at this moment in time is all wrapped up in knowing and understanding God. These are the deepest questions that arise in any human heart who is seeking meaning in life. The great tragedy in today's society is that people no longer ask these essential questions.

We must pray for ourselves and for our young people that we don't just meander down the boulevard of life with no purpose and direction. We, like Jesus, must understand that we have been sent into this world with a divine purpose and mission. This is what gives meaning to life and this is what makes one comfortable in their own skin. I love being me because this is the person God made me to be, and no one else.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

Next Saturday, February 8th, our 2nd graders will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers:

Elizabeth Bishop	Miguel Lambo
Alaya Brandts	Olivia Mooney
Richard Buzzella	Meredith Neidert
Tyler Dolan	Kennedy O'Connor
Nathan Dolina	Aviendha Pagan
Ava Farnsworth	Sophia Sanders
Lucy Hayden	Waverly Stone
Nina Jacobs	Abigail Thompson
Clara Kozlowski	Nicholas Wilharm

Our next Children's Adoration is tomorrow, Monday, February 3rd, from 6:00 to 6:30 pm. What a wonderful opportunity to bring your children, and worship together, placing all of your joys and sufferings at the feet of Our Lord. Our Adoration leader always provides powerful prayers and beautiful songs to strengthen our intimacy with God.

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Night is on Saturday, February 8th titled "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For".... We will meet after 4:30 Mass, have dinner, play a fun icebreaker, and explore the desires of our hearts! We will end with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the King of all our hearts!

PARENTS: Please be sure to go to our Sign-Up Genius to help provide food and pray in Adoration! Thank You!

HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT: Find Your Fire! The Holy Spirit Wants You! All High School Teens are encouraged to attend our overnight retreat from Friday, February 21st through Saturday, February 22nd, ending with the 4:30 Vigil Mass. Please dress for the weather as we are hoping to have some outside activities, as well as "church clothes" since we will be attending Mass. Also, please bring sleeping bag, pillow and whatever you need to be comfortable throughout the night. (Boys will stay in the Religious Ed Center and girls will stay in the Convent/Retreat House.) Our Life Teen Core Team is planning an awe-inspiring, fun retreat! Please complete the Archdiocese of Washington Permission Form (found at stanthonycal.us under EDUCATION, then LIFE TEEN) and return it with \$40 cash or check (made payable to St. Anthony's with "Retreat" in the memo) by Friday, February 14th. Thank you!

St. Anthony's has teams of parishioners that provide meals for Project Echo, the homeless shelter in Prince Frederick. We are in need of team members to help provide these meals. Your commitment would only be a few times a year and they are in great need of help. If you are able to volunteer or have questions please contact **Patty Hanko** at **410-535-0135** or email **phanko76@hotmail.com**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Jane Carrello, Bill Carroll, Gail Carroll, Mary Chin, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Dominic Di Iorio, Anthony Fowler, Jace Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, Cathy Giancoli, Anna Gorski, 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, Kylie Murphy, 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., Matthew Skube, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, David Thacker, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White.

Birthright of Prince Frederick is in great need of volunteers

to provide life counseling to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Experience in counseling is not necessary; just a heart for women and a desire to be a compassionate witness to the life of the unborn. If you are interested in donating three hours a week to counseling our clients, please contact **Birthright at 410-257-1402** for an information/application packet. Your application and two references need to be received by Feb. 5. **A full day of training will be held on February 15, 2020.**

We also have non counseling positions available with a 1-2 hour weekly commitment (folding clothes etc.) Thank you for considering!

Next Weeks Readings

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time—February 9th

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Offertory and Donations

January 24 / 26—\$7,724.50

Little Sisters of the Poor—\$4,670.00

If you would like your 2019 statement please email or call the parish office.



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