

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 24th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Wednesday, February 26th-Ash Wednesday

Masses—6 and 8 am, 7 pm

Friday, February 28th

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:30 pm (Padua Hall)

Stations of the Cross—7 pm

Saturday, February 29th

Men's Group—7:30 am (Padua Hall)

Sunday, March 1st

Knights of Columbus Breakfast—8:30 to 11 am

Religious Goods Store—8:30 to 11 am

Healing Mass—3:00 pm

Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin for the Lent schedule and additional spiritual opportunities here at St. Anthony's.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 17-23

2/24	8:00 am	Pat Baxter (D) r/b John & Maria Lane
2/25	8:00 am	Terry Tate (L) r/b Ladies of Charity
2/26	6:00 am	John J. Grupp (D) r/b Steve & Annabel DelGiudice
	8:00 am	Nora Brown (D) r/b Woodburn Family
	7:00 pm	Charles Grimes r/b Weilmuenster Family
2/27	8:00 am	Steve Mondorff (L) r/b Danny & Denise Waters
2/28	8:00 am	Nathan Cortes-Peck (D) r/b Tittinger Family
2/29	9:00 am	Maron Conner (D) r/b Beverly & Peter McCarri
	4:30 pm	Jo Finch (D) r/b Judith McCarthy
3/01	8:15 am	Hugh Clower (D) r/b Woodburn Family
	11:15 am	Parishioners

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

The Importance of Unity

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Some of the most important lessons Jesus taught are captured in the last discourse of Jesus in the Gospel of John. In John's gospel, Chapter 17, Jesus says: "I pray not only for them but also all who will believe in me through their words, so that they may all be one as you, Father are in me and I am in you, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that it was you who sent me." Thus, unity was an essential factor in the ministry of Jesus.

As most of you know, a few weeks ago I was on retreat. My retreat was wonderful, and the Good Lord had many things to say to my heart. Unfortunately, I was on retreat when President Trump gave his state of the union speech. I always like to tune into what is on the heart of our leader, but because I was "retreating" I waited until I got home. As soon as I saw the news reports of what happened during the president's speech, I was very upset. I never witnessed anything like this before and I was appalled. The next day when I came over to the church, I found these cards in the pews. The statement on the front of the card read: "Prayer for the Healing of our Nation" with a map of the United States with the stars and stripes in the background. I don't know who put these cards out, but it was just the right thing I needed to see. I think there are some of the prayer cards still in the church so feel free to join me and our parish in praying for our nation. The prayer on the back of the card reads as follows:

"Almighty God, our Rock and our Salvation, we beg you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon our fractured nation. Heal the divisions that separate us and remove all obstacles to authentic unity. May you guide this great country of ours and lead our citizens to embrace one another as neighbors and fellow countrymen, created in your own image and likeness. Give us a fresh opportunity for renewal and true solidarity for the common good of our homeland. May we return to our true identity as a people of faith and charity. Help us to always remain One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. AMEN."

God's hand is always visible when people work together in peace and tranquility. The Almighty always blesses that type of activity whether it be in the Church or in a classroom in our society. God always works in and through united hearts. Consequently, the Evil One works always in the opposite direction as he sows discord, envies and fighting. And it's always right out there for people of good will to see. May God grant us the eyes to see and the ears to hear goodness, truth and beauty. May He, who is one in unity, protect us from being fooled and tricked into thinking that discord and division are things coming from His heart.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Our next Middle School Youth Group will meet on Friday, February 28th. Please come for the first Soup Supper and Stations of the Cross, beginning at 5:30 pm. Then all 6th—8th graders are invited to join us in Padua Hall until 8:30 pm, where we will learn how to have the best Lent ever!

LIFE TEEN

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

Our next Life Night is on Saturday, March 7th titled SOCIAL MEDIA: Disconnect to Reconnect! More and more, media is becoming a bigger part of our everyday lives—how do we use it responsibly and with integrity? We will challenge the teens to NOT lose themselves and their dignity in the cultural norm of endless screen time! Good food (spiritual and physical) is always served!

WE ARE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT SUMMER?!! All high school youth are welcome to join us at Life Teen's Camp CoveCrest in Tiger, Georgia where we will gather with youth from all over the country to grow in love and knowledge of our beautiful Catholic Faith. Our days are filled with team building activities, warm afternoon hikes to the waterfall and we have an adventurous afternoon of white water rafting! Last year, we almost lost Fr. Stack in the Chattooga River! Dynamic, energetic priests and religious lead us with daily Mass and Confessions, inspiring talks and are available for spiritual direction. Sign up now! We will be leaving Sunday, August 2nd and traveling by Keller Coach Bus to Georgia, returning on Saturday, August 8th. Reserve your spot NOW by sending in a deposit of \$100. The remaining balance of \$500 is due by March 21st. Check out St. Anthony's website at stanthonycal.us to see a video of the fun we had last year and do not miss CoveCrest 2020! Financial help is available—please ask Mary Beth Woodburn if you need assistance! We want YOU to be with us as we experience the #bestcampever!

FORMED Recommendations for Lent

February 26—Ash Wednesday

Watch: Ready Reasons: What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?

Read: Meditations for Lent

March 1 — First Sunday of Lent

Study: Forgiven: Session 1—Where are you?

Read: Meditations for Lent

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

New Pamphlets: There are several new pamphlets which have been placed in the racks in the back of the church, **for everyone's use.** Father Stack and the Spiritual Life Committee hope the information contained in the pamphlets will be beneficial for you as you face the challenges of daily life. There are various subjects, but please note, at this time there are several titles which may be helpful to you during your Lenten Journey.

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, Mark Mann, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Kylie Murphy, Sarah Olsen, 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, Theresa Tate, David Thacker, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink.

Do you have a heart for the unborn and their mothers?

Do you want a significant opportunity for participating in the life movement? Birthright of Prince Frederick is hiring an Executive Director to manage their center in Prince Frederick. Professional, part-time, and salaried position. For an information packet/application, call the center at 410-257-1402. For questions, call Joe Tiralla at 410-535-2109 or Jeanette Reinecker, LCSWC at 301-233-2582.

Offertory and Donations

February 15 / 16 — \$6,967.50

If you need a 2019 statement please email or call the parish secretary.

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Cardinal Hickey Academy has entered into a Trex Recycling Program that runs through April 15th, 2020. It is a school challenge and the winner receives a free Trex Bench for the most pounds of plastic bags and packaging collected. There is information and a collection box outside of Padua Hall. Thank you for your support!



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