

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

### **Monday, March 2nd**

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm  
Children's Adoration—6 to 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, March 4th**

**Mass – 6 am and 8 am**  
Women's Lenten Study—10 am (REC)  
Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

### **Thursday, March 5th**

Women's Lenten Study—7 pm (REC)

### **Friday, March 6th**

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:30 pm (Padua Hall)  
Stations of the Cross—7 pm

### **Saturday, March 7th**

Men's Group—7:30 am (Padua Hall)  
Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 (Padua Hall)

**Soup Supper and Stations every Friday in Lent!**  
**Please sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) then search for sign up using [stanthonycal@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonycal@gmail.com)**

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2—8

3/02	8:00 am	<b>Nathan Cortes-Peck (D)</b> r/b Weilmuenster Family
3/03	8:00 am	<b>Ernie Bernhardt (D)</b> r/b Kristin Krotz
3/04	8:00 am	<b>John Flynn (D)</b> r/b Peggy Veith
3/05	8:00 am	<b>David Jerome Kallal (D)</b> r/b Shirley Kallal
3/06	8:00 am	<b>Jim Hardy (D)</b> r/b Weilmuenster Family
3/07	9:00 am	<b>Addison Rose Donovan (D)</b> r/b Jimmy & Gail Carroll
	4:30 pm	<b>Peggy McKelly (L)</b> r/b Chet & Mickey Lord
3/08	8:15 am	<b>Parishioners</b>
	11:15 am	<b>Christina Pearman (L)</b> r/b Marie Heaton



## **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

### **Running the Race of Lent**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Now that Ash Wednesday has come and gone, it is time to dig into the Lenten season. Years ago, when I was in junior high school, I ran in cross-country competition. I was never really good at it, so I stuck with contact sports where hitting someone was a key element. I was pretty good at that. But one of the things I remember from my cross country days was that when the gun fired and the race began, everyone started with an initial burst of energy that was necessary, but as the race continued, you would lag off to preserve your energy for the next three or so miles. Then at the end of the race you would pour it on as you viewed the finish line.

The point of sharing my cross-country race experience is that it is similar to our Lenten journey. Everybody and their brother (or sister) will be here to get their ashes on Ash Wednesday and then you will not see them until Easter. Now I know that some of you reading this article will say to me: "well, you should be grateful that they are coming for the ashes." Believe me, I am very grateful that they are here, which suggests that there is still some semblance of belief in God and the saving works of Jesus. However, my prayer is that as we receive the ashes, which is called to remind us of death, they will take into account the reason and purpose of this life.

The Church's formula as we receive our ashes takes two forms. In the old Rite, which is the one I prefer, the priest says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." And then there is the newer rite in which the priest says: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Either form is fine since the Church approves of them, but the whole purpose of Lent is to remind us that our life one day will come to an end and that if we were wise we would have used this time on earth to form a relationship with Jesus. Unfortunately, there are many who get so engrossed in this world that Jesus and His teachings are not all that important to them. I hope and pray that when they begin to realize that their life is coming to an end they will reach out to Jesus, like the thief on the cross in Luke's Gospel and be saved. But, to each his own!!

There is something about Ash Wednesday that I have always enjoyed, and it isn't the fact that we must fast. What I like about this solemn day is the fact that Jesus is very close to me during this time. And this truth is something that I want to persist during the next forty days. The traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving help to drive these points home. Especially prayer. Prayer is that power that keeps you in the race once the starting line has vanished in the rear-view mirror and before you can see the finish line. Prayer sustains you along the middle of the race when you must simply run on your internal energy. So, when we reach week three and four of Lent, let prayer sustain us until we see that finish line which is life on High, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Children's Adoration is this Monday, March 2nd from 6 to 6:30 pm** during our regularly scheduled Adoration time from 6 to 8 pm. Bring your children to sit at the feet of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and be led in beautiful prayers and songs! "You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus you brought heaven down..." (Hillsong Worship) Mother Teresa said it is "the best time you will spend on earth!"

**Soup and Stations of the Cross every Friday night during Lent!** Soup supper at 5:30 pm and Stations at 7 pm—**Make Stations of the Cross your Family's weekly tradition!**

**Children of all ages are invited** to a Lenten Choir practice on Thursday, March 5th from 7 to 7:45 pm. Our children will help lead us in the Stabat Mater during our Friday night Stations of the Cross. This 13th-century Christian hymn to Mary portrays her suffering as Jesus Christ's mother during his crucifixion.

## **LIFE TEEN**

**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**

### **March 7—Feast of Saints Perpetua and Felicity**

**Watch:** The Passion of Saint Perpetua

**Kids:** The Story of Saint Perpetua

### **March 8—Second Sunday of Lent**

**Watch:** Ready Reasons: Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?

**Listen:** My Beloved Son

**Sign in at FORMED.ORG**, click "sign-up" and then "belong to a Parish or Organization." Put in zip code, 20714 and then click on St. Anthony's with your email.

## **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, 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.

**The Knights of Columbus/Calvert Council** wishes to thank all parishioners and those in the community who participated in our 3rd annual Super Seminarian Bowl Pool. You may not have won a square, but your chance did allow our Council to raise \$560 towards supporting our two Archdiocese's of Washington, Seminarians. Congrats to all winners.

## **January stats for the Ladies of Charity Food**

**Pantry:** 6 openings, including 1 visit to take groceries to the Senior Apartments in North Beach; 267 Family pickups; 709 People served; 8,431.8 pounds of food distributed. **The Ladies of Charity were also** the recipients of the funds collected from the North Beach Annual Polar Bear Plunge. Mayor Mike Benton presented them with a check in the amount of \$7,249. What an honor, surprise and a blessing. Needless to say, it will benefit many.

## **Offertory and Donations**

*February 22 / 23 — \$7,196.04*

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



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