

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 9th

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Tuesday, March 10th

Bible Study—10:30 am (Rectory)

Wednesday, March 11th

Mass – 6 am and 8 am

Women's Lenten Study—10 am (REC)

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

Thursday, March 12th

Women's Lenten Study—7 pm (REC)

Friday, March 13th

Mass—11 am (chapel)

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

Stations of the Cross—7 pm

Saturday, March 14th

Men's Group—7:30 am (Padua Hall)

Day of Reflection-Talks at 11 am and 1 pm

Speaker: Fr. Bork, St. Rita's in Alexandria, VA

Luncheon at 12 pm (RSVP to parish office for lunch)

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 9-15

3/09	8:00 am	Leonard Brady (D) r/b The Family
3/10	8:00 am	David S. Kallal and Family (D) r/b Shirley Kallal
3/11	8:00 am	John Flynn (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
3/12	8:00 am	Marjorie Fitzgibbon (D) r/b Ladies of Charity
3/13	8:00 am	Doris Pettko (D) r/b Gail Carroll
3/14	9:00 am	Deceased members of Pettko And Heron Families (D) r/b Doris Pettko
	4:30 pm	Charles and Mercedes Basiliko (L) r/b Shirley Kallal
3/15	8:15 am	Parishioners
	11:15 am	Emilie Murphy (D) r/b Fulginiti Family



Join your fellow parishioners and bring your family and friends to share a meal together and walk the Lord's Passion every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm with a simple soup supper and Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. **Everyone is invited to help out.** To sign up to help serve, provide a soup or help clean up, go to:

www.signupgenius.com, search for a sign-up and enter email: stanthonycal@gmail.com or call the office.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Gates of Heaven

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I am hoping that your Lenten journey is off to a good start. We had record crowds at the Ash Wednesday Masses and I was very pleased with the response to the graces that were being showered down from Heaven. The Irish say that many a soul is released from purgatory on this day of repentance.

I have just returned from a funeral, that I had at my former parish, of two beautiful souls (husband and wife) that were very dear to me and who supported not only my priesthood but the priesthood in general. They were interned at the Catholic cemetery of Gate of Heaven in Aspen Hill, MD. I am very familiar with this cemetery because both my grandparents and my father have been laid to rest in these sacred grounds. There are also a good number of our priests from the Archdiocese of Washington who have been laid to rest there also. As is my custom, when I go there to do an interment, I always stop and pray at the graves of my grandparents, my father and the priests that inspired me to be a priest, as well as the priests that I ministered with in the various parishes that I have served. It is a blessing to go there from time to time and pray for these souls who were responsible for bringing me to life.

One of the truths that I communicate to the people who are gathered for the prayers of interment, is the truth regarding the Guardian Angels. These are those spirits that God has given to us to guard us and minister to us on our journey through this world. God knows that during our earthly journey many things can sidetrack us of our final destination and the Angels are there to help us stay focused on our ultimate goal in life, that is to get to heaven.

When a person dies, the guardian angel who has been with the soul from the moment it was conceived, escorts the soul to the heavenly kingdom for its particular judgement. That same angel then goes back to the earthly grave to watch over the grave until the moment of the resurrection of the body. This is a beautiful point in our theology.

The next time you go to a funeral, make an effort to go to the cemetery for the interment. I know that it is not always possible, but if you can it will mean much to the family of the deceased. And if you go, you can catch a glimpse of what I am talking about. Those beautiful angels are all over the place in the graveyard. You just need to be able to see the invisible. Faith affords you that ability. And what a beautiful sight it is to behold the presence of angels.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



FAITH FORMATION

We are asking all of our families to donate to our Lenten Almsgiving project with Cross Catholic Outreach.

CCO feeds and educates orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya and other poor communities. Purple donation boxes went home with every child and as they fill them, they can bring them to the main entrance of the Religious Education Center and pour the money into our large Charity Jug. All parishioners are welcome to join this outreach by picking up your very own "Lenten Offering" box in the back of the church. As you pray, fast, and give alms please help us bring Christ's compassion and mercy to these children who are so desperate for love and hope. Together, at St. Anthony's, we can *carry the cross* of Kenya's needy children.

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 21st, for our Family Game Night to celebrate Laetare Sunday! We have made it halfway through our Lenten journey, and as it says in the Entrance Antiphon for the 4th Sunday of Lent, we "Rejoice, O Jerusalem!" (Isaiah 66:10) All parishioners are welcome to come to this night of food, fun and fellowship! We will begin following the 4:30 Vigil Mass, have dinner, play games and fire up our new popcorn machine! Our Teens will be there to lead the little ones in games and help serve. See you there!

LIFE TEEN

Our Next Life Night is one where we serve our parish!

On March 21st, our youth will come together to celebrate Laetare Sunday and spread the joy of anticipation of Easter with our families. Confirmation students have the opportunity to earn service hours so if you are interested, please contact Ms. Mary Beth to let her know you will be there to help.

PARENTS: If you are looking for more insights into teen culture, please visit our online site specific for parents - ltparentlife.com You can find resources for you and your teens, blogs on social media trends, and monthly updates on what's new in teen culture.

Our trip to Life Teen's Camp CoveCrest in Tiger, Georgia is all planned! The bus is ordered and we are almost full! The only thing missing is YOU! 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 \$100.00. The remaining balance of \$500.00 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! If you have already given your \$100.00 deposit, you need to go online to paperwork.lifeteen.com/ login to register. 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!**

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Is available to all parishioners for quiet prayer and Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Call the office for more information and to obtain access.

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, Richard Horwitt, 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.

FORMED Recommendations for Lent

March 13 – Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis

WATCH: Francis: Pope of the Renewal

LISTEN: The Pope: by Dr. Scott Hahn

March 15—The Third Sunday of Lent

WATCH: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?

LISTEN: The Passion of the Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin

March 17—St. Patrick

WATCH: In the Footsteps of St. Patrick

LISTEN: The Trials of St. Patrick

Sign in at FORMED.ORG at "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.

Offertory and Donations

February 22 / 23 — \$9,777.00

Ash Wednesday—\$1,486.72

Faith Direct February—\$10,972.00

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