

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday-Sunday, September 2nd & 3rd

Bake Sale to Benefit Parish Picnic—After all Masses

Sunday, September 3rd

K of C Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM (2)

Healing Mass—3 PM

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day—Mass 9 AM

Eucharistic Adoration—5 to 8 PM

Tuesday, September 5th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Thursday, September 7th

Ladies of Charity Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

Friday, September 8th

Confirmation Retreat—6 to 9 PM (2)

Saturday, September 9th

Baptism Preparation Class—9:30 AM (3)

Sunday, September 10th

Faith Formation Classes Begin

RCIA Begins

Legend

Church (1) Padua Hall (2)
Religious Education (3) Ewald Center (4)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **SEPTEMBER 4TH—10TH**

<u>Monday</u>	Barbara Tucker r/b Jean & Bruce Elliott
<u>Tuesday</u>	Eileen Santos r/b Nina Teti
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sister Matthew James (L) r/b Thomas & Rochelle Gay
<u>Thursday</u>	Fr. John Dakes (L) r/b Weilmuenster Family
<u>Friday</u>	Margaret Wheeler r/b Nina Teti
<u>Saturday</u>	Kathy Sorrell r/b Gail Carroll Parishioners
<u>Sunday</u>	Barbara Tucker r/b Nina Teti John & Karen Miles (L)

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lou Decolator and all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish serving our country both here and overseas.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH, THE SACRAMENTS AND CONVERSION

It is not too late and please join us.

RCIA begins Sunday, September 10th, 2017 after the 8:15 Mass. We are meeting in the basement of the Ewald building. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, converting to the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to complete the sacraments should come to the sessions or call **Deacon Ed or Nora Baker at 410-257-0347.**

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Our Fellow Christians

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

This morning as I walked over to the parish offices, it was pouring down rain. I immediately thought of our brother and sister Christians in Texas and Louisiana. I am watching news feeds that are coming into our office and I am sure there will be an opportunity for all of us to help our fellow citizens who are experiencing much suffering and trauma. I was caught up in the tragedy myself when the other day there was a woman on the television walking through her neighborhood assessing the damage calling out the name of her lost brother. My heart was crushed and I was emotional, moved to tears as I heard her cry out: “Tom, Oh Tom, where are you?” It is of most importance that we remember these fellow Americans in our prayers, not just because they are our fellow Americans, but even more importantly they are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Years ago, when I was just a young priest, I remember a sermon that the late Cardinal James Hickey gave to us priests at the Chrism Mass that year. The year was 1989; the year that the Berlin wall was knocked down. The Cardinal had just returned from Rome where he was attending meetings with the Holy Father and other Bishops from around the world. Many of the Bishops who had been behind the “Iron Curtin” were able to attend this meeting for the first time in years. They had been prevented from traveling anywhere due to the communist regime. Cardinal Hickey related to us what they had told him. This statement has stuck with me for years. They said to Cardinal Hickey: “We, your fellow Christians in Christ, wondered if you REMEMBERED US. We often thought about being remembered by our fellow Christians in other parts of the world, or were we forgotten!! Did you forget us?”

It is important to remember that we belong to a Church that is a big family. I often feel that sense of community when I meet fellow priests from around the world. I know that St. Anthony's parish got a sense of that last weekend when Fr. Lawrence from Ghana came to give his mission talk. I thank you for making him feel welcome and for the hospitality that you afforded him. He called me the other day and really enjoyed his stay at the parish that sits on the Chesapeake Bay (his very words). These are our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we move forward into a new school year and as we enjoy being dry, we need to be attentive to our fellow Christians. We have gotten some directives regarding a special collection for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We will certainly be there to help in whatever way we can, and we will also pray for those whose lives have become a living hell.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities would like to thank the parish of St. Anthony's for their donations for financial support for parishioners and neighbors referred by the parish to the Parish Partners Program. These donations will be used to increase the financial assistance available to help families facing eviction, utility disconnections, domestic violence and other emergency situations referred by your parish.

FAITH FORMATION AND "GIFT"

Faith Formation Classes

Classes begin next week, Sunday, September 10th for students in grades Pre-k to 8th grade. Please check your packets for more information.

Confirmation Retreat for 9th Grade

Confirmation students and their parents are reminded of the retreat on Friday, September 8th from 6—9 PM in Padua Hall. A light dinner will be served. Attendance is expected by the student and at least one parent. Please check your information packet for more details.

"GIFT"

Our high school program "GIFT" will begin Sunday, September 17th, 5:45-8 PM in the Religious Education Center. All high school teens of the parish are invited to attend. Snacks to share and/or 12 pack sodas are always welcome.

New Students for Faith Formation and "GIFT" High School Program

Parents can register *new students* for the 2017-2018 school year by calling Debbie Wheeler at 443-646-9724 for an appointment. Children entering Pre-k must be 4 years old by September 1st. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate and tuition fees.

- 1 child \$120.00
- 2 children \$180.00
- 3 or more children \$230.00

Financial aid is available for those in need.

Please make every effort to register before classes begin.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children

Classes will be forming in the fall for children, grades 3-12, who have not yet received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance or Eucharist. Please call Debbie Wheeler at 443-646-9724 for more information.

PARISH PICNIC

Bingo Donations: The hospitality committee is asking for donations such as filled gift baskets or bags, gift cards, vouchers for any age to be given as bingo prizes at the parish picnic on September 24th. Bring to Padua Hall on September 2nd & 3rd before and after Masses.

Sign-Up & Volunteers: Sign-Up sheets to attend and assist with the annual parish picnic scheduled for September 24th can be found in the foyer of the church. Please sign up today!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism class for parents registered in the parish will be held on **Saturday, September 9th at 9:30 AM** in the Religious Education Center. Call Sr. Ann by Thursday, September 7th if you plan to attend. Godparents are welcome to attend.

GOSPEL FAITH SHARING

On September 5th, we will resume our weekly gathering of interested parishioners to reflect and share insights about the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Gatherings are held from 11:30 to 12:00 on Tuesdays in the Religious Education Center. Enter the door by the Blessed Mother Statue. **All are welcome.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mercedes Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Lou Decolator, Sig Degitz, Al Engel, Bill Exner, Don Exner, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Louise Floren, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Kayla, Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, William Owens, Doris Pettko, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Kristy Salek, Kathy Sorrell, Janet Stanley, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Claudia Toone, Susan Vilcheck, John Waak, Pat Waak, Richard Walton.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—SEPTEMBER 10TH

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

God has appointed the prophet as a watchman over his people. If he fails to give them warning against sin, he will be held responsible.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

In this beautiful letter, Paul says that all commandments are contained in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus explains to his disciples how to respond to those who wrong them-with gentleness and practical wisdom. He promises that whenever "two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

GOSPEL QUESTION

In what concrete ways do you take up your cross and follow Jesus?

CONTRIBUTIONS

As always, we are most grateful for your generous contributions to our parish.

August 27th—\$7,624.60

PARISH THEME: CALLED TO RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Extra copies of the flyer distributed August 27th can be found in the holders in the back of the church. As a parish family, we hope you will refer to the monthly theme cards (distributed this weekend) frequently as you strive to grow in your relationship with Jesus. Extra cards and magnets will be available in the back of the church.

WELCOME RECEPTION FOR DEACON ERIC MUELLER

There will be a reception on **September 17th after the 11:15 Mass** to welcome our new Deacon. Please come and introduce yourself to Deacon Eric and his family.