

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, September 24th

Parish Picnic - 12:30 to 3:30 PM

Monday, September 25th

Plaza Mexico Night—Ladies of Charity
(Flyers in Church Foyer)

Sunday, October 1st

Ok C Breakfast—8:30 to 11:00 AM

Healing Mass—3:00 PM

High School "GIFT" Program—5:45 PM (3)

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 25TH—OCTOBER 1ST

<u>Monday</u>	Michael Horstkamp r/b Dave Gormley
<u>Tuesday</u>	Thomas A. Rymer r/b Gracie Rymer
<u>Wednesday</u>	Charlie Rohan (anniversary) r/b Bradley Family
<u>Thursday</u>	JoAnn Price and Joseph Stora r/b James & Diane Johnson
<u>Friday</u>	Alaina DiGuseppe (L)
<u>Saturday</u>	Deacon Bil Carter (L) r/b Weilmuenster Family Paul Joseph Mark Entwistle r/b Shirley Kallal & Family
<u>Sunday</u>	Parishioners Frank Rugentta (birthday) r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

"AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST"

Please 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 serving our country both here and overseas.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHOIR SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

**"Sing to the Lord a new song, Sing to the Lord,
all the earth!"** Psalm 96:1

St. Anthony's choir is seeking new voices to join us at the 8:15 Mass on Sundays. No formal training necessary. Rehearsals are 7:30-9:00 pm at St. Anthony's on Thursday evenings. Come and meet us then or contact **Liesl Schiavone at 607-206-0314 or lieslvanhaute@gmail.com for more details!**

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Being a Hermit for a Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Today I write in haste because I can hear the call of the wilderness. What am I talking about? Each year the priest is called to make his annual retreat. Most of the time I go on the diocesan retreat with the priests of the archdiocese to Loyola retreat house in Faulkner, Maryland. This is always a wonderful experience. This year, however, I am going to live as a hermit for a few days.

Years ago my spiritual director at Mount Saint Mary's introduced me to the experience of the Hermitage retreat. Here is a little bit of information regarding this experience.

God speaks to us: "I will allure you, I will lead you into the desert and speak to your heart..." (Hosea 2:16). In the Biblical sense "desert" is a term used to designate a place of solitude where God leads a person when he/she wishes to enter into a closer relationship with Him.

The hermitage is designed to provide an experience of this desert-like solitude. With a minimum of distractions, in the silence and beauty of the woodland area, the heart can be free to meet the Lord in a deeper way.

In keeping with the spirit of the Hermitage, they ask you to abide by the following guidelines:

1. The reading of Scripture is strongly recommended. You may also bring some classical Catholic spiritual books. (No music, computers, digital devices, TV, musical instruments, etc.)

2. The core of the hermitage experience IS the participation in **Eucharistic Sacrifice and Adoration**, nourished on the Scriptures—"Bread of the Word." Guests are welcome to attend **Lauds, daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration daily and Solemn Vespers.**

3. God is encountered in silence, and the hermitage provides this atmosphere. Guests are asked to respect this solitude and silence at all times. Visiting of the hermitage is not permitted.

4. No correspondence by mail or phone. (Emergency calls can be handled by one of the hermits.)

5. Meals are simple, meatless meals are served frequently. All meals are taken in the solitude of the hermitage. No eating or drinking is permitted outside.

6. Wednesday is a day of reclusion—a day of prayer and fasting (bread and water, or tea or coffee) in complete solitude.

7. Confession & Spiritual Direction are available.

The hermitage experience is a selective environment of silence and solitude where one is invited to a deep conversion. It is a time to encounter self; a time for deepening one's faith and hope and love in prayerful listening and reflecting on Sacred Scripture which speaks when one is open in a prayerful disposition.

"Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for You, my God..." Psalm 42:1

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION AND "GIFT"

Faith Formation Classes

Children in grades Pre-K—8th have begun classes. We still have openings for all the young people of our parish to be part of these programs. Please contact Sr. Ann in the Religious Ed Office at your earliest convenience. For more information and/or an appt. call 443-646-5724.

"GIFT"

Our high school program "GIFT" will meet Sunday, October 1st, 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.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The next fundraising dinner at Plaza Mexico is this **Monday, September 25th**. A portion of take out or eat in dinner receipts will be donated to the Ladies of Charity for the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your participation in this event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights will be selling raffle tickets in the church parking lot after all Masses this weekend for a new 2018 Mustang. All money raised by this will go directly to our charitable programs, such as support their many scholarship programs and our Seminarians. The drawing will be October 7th at their Columbus Day Ball.

The Knights of Columbus/Calvert Council 7870 are pleased to announce that for the month of August 2017, the Knight of the Month has been awarded to **Dave Wilson, Sr.** and the Family of the Month is the **Wheeler Family**. Congrats to all winners and thank you for your leadership and service to St. Anthony's.

ST MARY'S RYKEN

Parents and 8th grade students are invited to an information session to learn about the St. Mary's Ryken application process. Learn about the admission process and timeline, scholarship application process, high school placement test and financial aid.

Catholic School Families: Tuesday, September 26th from 6:30-7:30 PM in Romuald Hall

Public/Non-Private School Families: Wednesday, September 27th from 6:30-7:30 pm in Romuald Hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 PM in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love. These are given to parishioners who are anointed for surgery and at the annual Anointing Mass. For questions, please call **Marty Beyer** at **301-855-4042**.

GREETERS NEEDED

If you would like to serve our parish as a Volunteer Greeter to welcome parishioners to weekend Masses, please contact **Karen Macken** at **410-449-9160** or **karenmacken@yahoo.com**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mercedes Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Sig Degitz, 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, Mark Mann, 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, Janet Stanley, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Claudia Toone, Susan Vilcheck, John Waak, Pat Waak, Richard Walton.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 1ST

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Ezekiel reminds the people that if a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals, avoiding rivalry and dissension. He ends with the beautiful hymn extolling the humility and sacrifice of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests and the elders because they are not believing the teachings of John the Baptist. He warns them that tax collectors and prostitutes, who do believe John, will enter the Kingdom of God before them.

GOSPEL QUESTION

In what ways have you witnessed God's generosity in your life?

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

September 17th—\$8,555.83

Faith Direct for August—\$9,395.82



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