

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, October 15th

First Penance Parent Meeting—9:45 AM (2)
High School “GIFT” Program—5:45 PM (3)
Parent Session—7:15 PM

Monday, October 16th

K of C Blood Drive—1 to 7 PM (2)
Eucharistic Adoration—5 to 8 PM

Friday, October 20th

Mass & Anointing of the Sick & Lunch—11 AM
Sign-Up Requested by October 16th

Sunday, October 22nd

Taming Technology Session—9:45 AM (2)

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **OCTOBER 16TH—22ND**

Monday Thomas J. Garrett
r/b Gracie Rymer

Tuesday Michael Horstkamp
r/b Josephine Martin

Wednesday Thomas A. Rymer
r/b Gracie Rymer

Thursday Theodore Johnson
r/b Weilmuenster Family

Friday Clara Mae Buckmaster
r/b Ann Klein

Saturday Michael Horstkamp
r/b Deacon Ed and Nora Baker
Anna Minor r/b Marion Arhar

Sunday James Kennedy
Parishioners

“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

Rejoicing In The Lord Must Be Your Strength

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

I write to you today about a basic Christian attitude that is extremely important. That is the virtue of Christian Joy. It is good to remember that joy is very different than being happy. Sometimes they correspond to each other but in many instances, they do not. Happiness is not a virtue; it is a condition in life that when things go well it is a byproduct of this well-being or happiness. Joy on the other hand is a virtue. Remember from your old catechism lessons that a virtue is a habit that renders one Good..

The other day we were reading at daily Mass from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah. Recall the works of this prophet along with the scribe Ezra and Baruch, their help in rebuilding of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. They manifested a beautiful spirit of joy in their work to rebuild after the terrible destruction. It seems that the Church is always rebuilding and renewing itself.

While I was at prayer the other day I was reminded of the great importance of rejoicing in the Lord and allowing the joy to emanate from our personhood. We have heard the Pope and Bishops talk about the new evangelization. Well, this is the best type of evangelizing that we as a Christian community can do. When people see our joy it is infectious. The Lord Jesus came to give us a joy that the world cannot give us. The Gospel of John makes this very clear.
(Jn. 15,11)

The world can be a very dark place. That is why Jesus called his disciples to be the light of the world. St. Paul sums it up in his letter to the Philippians rather succinctly:

“Rejoice in the Lord, always! I say it again, Rejoice! Everyone should see how unselfish you are. The Lord is near. Dismiss all anxiety from your hearts and minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petition full of gratitude. Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding will **stand guard** over your minds and hearts, in Christ Jesus.” The Greek word for “standing guard” is pronounced “Stragen” which suggests a type of century guard like at the tomb of the unknown soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

May the Lord help us to always rejoice in our faith. Even in difficult times and times of great persecution in the Church the saints tarried on faithfully. One of my favorite acts to witness is the beautiful example given by St. Lawrence, who was burned to death. While in the troughs of his pain he makes the request to be turned over because he was feeling a little done on one side.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

FIRST PENANCE PARENT MEETING

Parents of children preparing for First Penance (2nd Grade) will have a meeting next Sunday, October 15th in Padua Hall at 9:45. Attendance is expected.

ANOINTING MASS

The annual parish Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will take place on **Friday, October 20th at 11 AM**, followed by lunch. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyers of the church and Padua Hall. The deadline for sign-up is Oct. 16th. You may also call the office @ 443-646-5721.

ALTAR SERVERS

Recruiting! If anyone in grades 3-12 is interested in being an Altar Server, please fill out a paper located in the foyer of the church and return it to Sr. Ann by October 15th.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

On the first Sunday of the month during the 8:15 Mass, children in Pre-K to 2nd grade are invited to come forth after the Opening Prayer of the Mass to participate in the Liturgy of the Word in the Religious Education Center. They return to the Mass before the Offertory. Parents are asked to encourage their children to participate.

Request: We are in need of volunteers to assist in this ministry.

Contact Sister Ann at 443-646-5724 if you are willing.

ST. BERNARDINE'S

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine Parish (in Suitland) for their parish food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the Church. **Designated dates this month: October 21st and 22nd.**

BIRTHRIGHT SPIRITUAL ADOPTION BABY SHOWER

On the weekend of **October 28/29** the Social Concerns Committee will be hosting the annual baby shower to benefit Birthright of Prince Frederick. Check the flyer in the October 22nd bulletin for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: CARDINAL HICKEY ANNUAL AUCTION GALA

Cardinal Hickey presents "**Shining Our Light for 20 Years**". Enjoy a formal dinner as well as the excitement of a silent and live auction benefiting the Academy. **Saturday, November 11th, 2017.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mercedes Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marllene 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, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Claudia Toone, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Richard Walton.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 22ND

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax on the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

GOSPEL QUESTION

How do you handle dilemmas between Church values and teachings and civil values and teachings?

CONTRIBUTIONS

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