

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, October 22nd

Taming Technology Session—9:45 AM (2)

Monday, October 23rd

Social Concerns Committee Meeting—7 PM (3)

Tuesday, October 24th

Spiritual Life Committee Meeting—6:30 PM

Saturday-Sunday, October 28th & 29th

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass (2)

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 OCTOBER 23RD—29TH

<u>Monday</u>	Paul Edwin Weinand r/b Weilmuenster Family
<u>Tuesday</u>	Laci Jankovich r/b Rita Jankovich
<u>Wednesday</u>	Thomas J. Garrett r/b Gracie Rymer
<u>Thursday</u>	Wayne Krahling r/b David Gormley
<u>Friday</u>	William Carter r/b Weilmuenster Family
<u>Saturday</u>	John Waak r/b Shirley Kallal Donna Ranere r/b Ronnie Ranere
<u>Sunday</u>	Parishioners Lucille Dellosa r/b Dellosa/Moltz Families

“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.

ALTAR SERVERS

Final Call !!! Help! Help!

We are in need of more altar servers. There has been little response to this request. Children in Grades 3-12 can volunteer for this service to our parish. Training will take place soon. If interested call the Parish office at **443-646-5721 or 443-646-5722.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptism class for parents registered in the parish will be held on **Saturday, November 11th at 9:30 AM** in the Religious Ed Center. Call Sr. Ann by Tuesday, **Nov. 7th** if you plan to attend. Godparents are welcome.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Modern Day Martyrs

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

The Divine Office prayers occur five times during the day. All priests, religious and those consecrated to the Lord say these prayers daily for the good of the Church and the salvation of souls. St. Paul said years ago to pray always (Eph. 6,18). Here is a reading that caught my eye that I would like to share with you. It is from St. Ambrose, a fourth century saint and doctor of the Church:

“As there are many kinds of persecution, so there are many kinds of martyrdom. Every day you are a witness to Christ. You were tempted by the spirit of fornication, but feared the coming judgement of Christ and did not want your purity of mind and body to be defiled: you are a martyr for Christ. You were tempted by the spirit of avarice to seize the property of a child and violate the rights of a defenseless widow, but remembered God's law and saw your duty to give help, not act unjustly: you are a witness to Christ. Christ wants witnesses like this to stand ready, as Scripture says: Do justice for the orphan and defend the widow. You were tempted by the spirit of pride but saw the poor and the needy and looked with loving compassion on them, and loved humility rather than arrogance: you are a witness to Christ. What is more, your witness was not in work only but also in deed.

Who can give greater witness than one who acknowledges that the Lord Jesus has come in the flesh and keeps the commandments of the Gospel? One who hears but does not act, denies Christ. Even if he acknowledges him by his words, he denies him by his deeds. How many will say to Christ: Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy and cast out devils and work many miracles, all in your name? On that day he will say to them: Depart from me, all you evildoers. The true witness is one who bears witness to the commandments of the Lord Jesus and supports that witness by deeds.

How many hidden martyrs there are, bearing witness to Christ each day and acknowledging Jesus as the Lord! The Apostle knew this kind of martyrdom, this faithful witness to Christ. This is our boast, he said, the witness of our conscience. How many have borne witness in public but denied it in private! Do not believe every spirit, he said, but know from their fruits whom you should believe. Be faithful and courageous when you are persecuted within, so that you may win approval when you are persecuted in public. Even in those unseen persecutions there are kings and governors, judges with terrible power. You have an example in the temptation endured by the Lord.

In another place we read: Do not let sin be king in your mortal body. You see the kings before whom you are made to stand, those who sit in judgement over sinners, where sin is in control. There are as many kings as there are sins and vices; it is before these kings that we are led and before these we stand. These kings have their thrones in many hearts. But if anyone acknowledges Christ, he immediately makes a prisoner of this kind of king and casts him down from the throne of his own heart. How shall the devil maintain his throne in one who builds a throne for Christ in his heart?”

May God bless you and bring us all into eternal life when our earthly journey is over.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

After all Masses next weekend, please take a name of one of our children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time this year and pray for them during this time of preparation.

"GIFT"

Please stay tuned for the next "GIFT" parent meeting which has not been scheduled yet.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 24th** 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

FALL OYSTER FEST

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 7290 Benedict Ave. Benedict, MD is having their annual oyster fest on **Saturday, November 4th from 12—3 pm**. Enjoy all you can eat local fried, scalded and oysters on the half shell at their outdoor raw bar, shrimp, fresh turkey etc. Crafts, raffle items and game of chance. Tickets are \$25 for adults, children \$5.

Tickets at the door or call 301-274-3416.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE AND VOCATIONS FAIR

If you have students in high school or you just love listening to great Catholic speakers, plan on attending the Catholic College and Vocations Fair on **Nov. 18th** from **11am-2pm** at **St. John's Parish in Hollywood, MD**. Eucharistic Adoration and Mass will precede the fair (9:30-11:00am). A dozen of the top colleges from the *Newman Guide to Catholic Colleges* will be present along with several religious orders. Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, president of Christendom College and Mr. Patrick Reilly, founder of the Cardinal Newman Society, are among the half dozen speakers scheduled. The event is open to all and there is no admission charge. Food will be available for purchase. More information can be found online at:

www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—OCTOBER 29TH

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.

GOSPEL QUESTION

How does your faith influence your citizenship?

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

October 8th—\$8,074.56

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