

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday & Sunday, October 28th-29th

Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower

Sunday, October 29th

Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass (2)
High School “GIFT” Program—5:45 PM (3)

Wednesday, November 1st

All Saints Day—Holy Day of Obligation
Masses at 6 & 8 AM & 7:30 PM

Thursday, November 2nd

Ladies of Charity Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

Sunday, November 5th

K of C Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM
Children’s Liturgy of the Word—8:15 Mass
Healing Mass—3 PM

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 1**

Monday Don Exner
r/b Pat Waak

Tuesday Paul Edwin Weinand
r/b Weilmuenster Family

Wednesday Florence Foulk
r/b Karen Miller
Thomas A. Rymer
r/b Gracie Rymer
Cosmo Quattrone
r/b Weilmuenster Family

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS **WILL BE FOR THE SOULS OF** **THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

“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.

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

The Growing Darkness

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

Well, it’s that time of year again. I noticed it after the
5:30 Mass last Saturday night. It was dark!!!

Yes, we are losing minutes of sunlight day by day
and the solstice is not very far off. Ever since I was a child I
have always had an interest in nature as well as the move-
ment of the celestial bodies. Interestingly enough, the
Church pays rather close attention to nature also. What very
much highlights our liturgical seasons is exactly what is
happening in nature. One example of this is the date of
Christmas and the fact that Jesus called himself, and was
indeed, the “Light of the World.”

As we move towards the traditional month of Novem-
ber we are reminded of the darker side of human life, namely
death. Now, I don’t want to be morbid in any sense of the
word, and the Church doesn’t seek that either, but it is reality.
Our modern world doesn’t really have a sufficient answer to
death and its ramifications. As I drive about the country side
bringing communion to people on my sick list, I am struck
more and more by the various make-shift road signs that
mark the death of various people. This is a way to remember
the dead; but Christ gave us a much better way. We,
through the Church, are given the example of Jesus Christ
and especially his blessed Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows, to
imitate when death knocks on our door. When death comes,
as it does to us all, we are called to pray. I think of the
tradition of St. Joseph, the patron of happy death, as to how
one deals with death. Yes, prayer is the one word of love
that is not thwarted by the separation of death. The Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass is the prayer that destroys death
forever. Nothing any of us does, and nothing that our
beloved dead did can win them eternal life in heaven. Only
the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross accomplished that.

One of the meditations that I have shared many
times is the one that has Jesus hanging on the cross. Jesus,
because his mind and thoughts are born of eternity was able
to think into time and space and see the various things that
would take place in our world. As Jesus hung upon that
cross he could see all those who would experience death
and sacrifice himself so that you and I could survive the blow
of death and live into life eternal.

Christ is our Hope, as Pope Benedict reminded us
when he came to National’s Park years ago. I end this
bulletin reflection with a reading by Thomas Merton on St.
Malachy, an ancient Irish Saint:

“In November, in the days to remember the dead
When the air smells cold as earth,
St. Malachy, who is very old, gets up,
Parts the thin curtains of trees and dawns upon our land....

And the Melchisedec of our year’s end
Who came without a parent, leaves without a trace,
And rain comes rattling down upon our forest
Like the doors of a country jail.”

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

As you leave Mass today 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"

The high school "GIFT" program will be meeting this Sunday, October 29th, at 5:45 in the Religious Education Building. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

During the 8:15 Mass on November 5th (First Sunday) the children in grades pre-K through 2nd are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Readings and the Homily. This will take place in the Religious Education Center. They are dismissed after the Opening Prayer and return after the Intercessions.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The November newsletter is being distributed to the children this weekend.

LADIES OF CHARITY

The Ladies of Charity will hold a bake sale after all Masses on the weekend of November 4th and 5th. Please stop by to select from an array of delicious baked goods. The proceeds will go to the support of the Food Pantry operations. Our food purchases have increased to provide sufficient groceries for the total client population and frequency of visits.

ST. ANTHONY'S IS SEEKING A PARISH VOCATION REPRESENTATIVE

In recent years the Archdiocese of Washington has witnessed an increase in vocation awareness and many activities have been initiated or promoted through the work of a Vocation Representative working with the Office of Priest Vocations to help communicate information and events to parishioners. If you are interested in helping with this effort please contact **Father Stack at 443-646-5722**.

ANNUAL CARDINAL HICKEY ACADEMY GALA

Saturday, November 11th, 6:30 pm. Enjoy a formal dinner and drinks as well as excitement of a silent and live auction benefiting the Academy. Tickets are available through Eventbrite.com, call 410-286-0404 or go to:

www.cardinalhickeyacademy.org

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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—NOVEMBER 5TH

First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

This passage from Malachi denounces the laxity and unfaithfulness of the people and especially of the priests, who failed in their duties to God and their neighbors.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul reminisces about his extremely happy and successful visit with the Thessalonians. He praises them once again for their immediate and open acceptance of his message as truly the word of God.

Gospel: 23:1-12

In a strongly worded message, Jesus again rebukes the Pharisees for the hypocritical ostentation and love of honor and position. He reminds the people and the disciples that the truly greatest one is the one who serves others. He ends with the words, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled, but whoever humbles himself shall be exalted."

GOSPEL QUESTION

What would change in your life if you loved your neighbor as yourself?

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

October 22nd — \$6,562.20

SECOND COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Next weekend, November 4th and 5th, there will be a second collection for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Washington. There is currently a shortfall in funding for priests' retirement, and the Archdiocese is working diligently to address this shortfall. Envelopes will be placed in the pews for your contributions.