

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

FEBRUARY 11TH—18TH

Sunday, February 11th

First Eucharist parent Meeting—9:45 AM (2)
High School “GIFT” Program—6 PM (3)

Tuesday, February 13th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)
Pancake Supper (K of C) - 5 to 8 PM (2)

Wednesday, February 14th (Ash Wednesday)

Masses & Distribution of Ashes—
6 & 8 AM, 7:30 PM

Friday, February 16th

Stations of the Cross—7:30 PM

Sunday, February 18th

No Faith Formation Classes

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF

FEBRUARY 12TH—18TH

Monday: **Mirella Grasso**
 r/b Nina Teti

Tuesday: **John Waak**
 r/b Nina Teti

Wednesday: **6 am—Roy Leverone**
 8 am—Deacon Hoffman
 r/b Hanco & Woodburn Families
 7:30 pm— Jose Cariaso

Thursday: **Dorothy Maurey**
 r/b Hanco & Woodburn Families

Friday: **Bernard Haas**
 r/b Hanco & Woodburn Families

Saturday: **John Waak**
 r/b Jim & Eileen Kleinheinz
 Parishioners

Sunday: **Millie Snead**
 r/b Gerry & Al Size
 Lucille Dellosa
 r/b Dellosa/Moltz Family

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jose Cariaso, Roy Leverone, Michael Martin, Larry Patton and all deceased members and their families.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all members of our parish serving

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Light Through the Cracks

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I hope this message finds you well. Recently we have had a run on funerals here at the parish. Part of our Christian calling is to always pray for the dead. One of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. We offer prayers and Masses for the deceased. In fact, one of the traditions of the Church is to have a Novena (9) of Masses said for our loved ones who have passed on to the Kingdom.

The other day I was recalling a poem that I heard years ago by a renowned Jewish poet named Leonard Cohen. He wrote profoundly about many things but the poem I recall went like this:

“Ring the bells that still can ring;

Forget the perfect offering:

There is a crack in everything;

That is how the light gets in....”

I guess each of us can interpret it the way he or she wants to; that's the gift of poetry. Here is my simple interpretation.

“Ring the bells that still can ring....” Means that whatever good thing you are capable of, big or small, significant, or insignificant (according to what people think) do it. Ring the bells that God gave you to ring so that others and you, yourself, realize that your life has a profound meaning. Life is a tremendous gift from the Almighty and is never a waste. Even the small and insignificant have their story as the poem the *Desiderata* tells us.

“Forget the perfect offering....” means that we bring our personhood and talents to bear on the world and it's never going to be so perfect that people will not find some fault with it. But who cares. As Mother Teresa said in her poem “Anyway,” if the people criticize you for doing a good work with less than perfect motives... Do it anyway. One reason many things never get accomplished in our world is due to fear. We are afraid to do something because of what people might think. Mother says: “Do it anyway.”

“There is a crack in everything...” this simply reminds us that we are a broken people. Original sin has done its work on us and we are in desperate need of a Savior.

“That is how the light gets in....” this is the light of Our Savior, who comes to us *because* of our brokenness. It enlightens our way through this fallen world and enables us to do what we could not do if we did not have this Divine assistance.

St. Paul puts it this way: “I will willingly boast in my weaknesses, because when I am weak then am I strong.” Paul was strong only in and through Jesus Christ. The same is true of all of us.

FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Crosses will be distributed to families on Sunday, February 11th during dismissal in front of the Religious Education Center.

Progress Reports are being sent home today. Please sign and return the envelopes. God bless our catechists, children and parents for teaching, learning and practicing the faith.

No Faith Formation on Wednesday, February 13th or Sunday February 18th.

"GIFT"

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Shrove Tuesday Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday dinner this **Tuesday, February 13th, from 5-8 pm** in Padua Hall. Please consider coming out for a hearty meal of pancakes, eggs, sausage and bacon before you begin your Lenten Journey.

K of C Free Throw competition

Sunday, February 11th from 1 to 3 PM at Cardinal Hickey Academy Gym, 1601, W. Mount Harmony Rd., Owings. All participating kids receive a certificate with winners in each age group to move on to Southern MD District Competition at 3 PM. Open to all boys and girls ages 9-14.

Blood drive

Set aside an hour! The Knights will be sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, February 19th from 1 pm to 7 pm in Padua Hall.

MEALS FOR PROJECT ECHO

Help serve the homeless! St. Anthony's' provides dinners to Projects Echo, the homeless shelter in Prince Frederick. Looking for members to join a team to prepare and deliver meals one evening every other month. For more information call Patty Hanko @ 410-535-0135.

Body and Soul Group Fitness Classes

Body & Soul Fitness offers classes that will strengthen you physically, touch you spiritually, and lift you emotion-

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marllene Bradshaw, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Louise Floren, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink,

ally! There's prayer, support, friendship and music that will lift your spirit! Locations are First Lutheran in Huntingtown, and Northeast Community Center in Chesapeake Beach. Contact Kelly Favret for more information at 410-610-1119 or:

BodyandSoulFitnessByKelly@gmail.com.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2018

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah that he would never again devastate the entire planet with a flood. He also told Noah that the symbol of this promise would be a rainbow in the clouds.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

This letter from Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us so that we might be led to God. We have been saved by our baptism; not a physical cleansing, but a promise to continually strive to obey God.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Mark briefly tells of Jesus' stay in the desert, where he was tested by Satan. He did not give in to temptation, but reappeared in Galilee to proclaim the good news.

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QUESTION

Would you have the courage to tell others to do as you do in order to be a Christian? Why or why not?