

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 4th

Children's Liturgy of the Word—8:15 Mass
K of C Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM (2)
Healing Mass—3 PM

Monday, March 5th

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession—5 to 8 PM
Benediction—7:50 PM

Tuesday, March 6th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 PM (3)
Bible Study—7 PM (1)
Fr. Stack—The Book of Revelation

Wednesday, March 7th

"The Light is On" Adoration & Confession - 6 to 8 PM
Designated Group: Faith Formation Families
Intention: Pray for Families

Friday, March 9th

Stations of the Cross—7:30 PM

Sunday, March 11th

Faith Formation Parents
"Holiness...Family Style" DVD & Discussion
9:45 to 10:45 (2) All are Welcome!
High School "GIFT" Program—6 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 5TH—11TH

Monday: Christina Pearman (L)
r/b Marie Heaton

Tuesday: John Christ (L)
r/b Ladies of Charity

Wednesday: Dolores Marinaccio (L)
r/b Ladies of Charity

Thursday: Mike Lanham (L)
r/b Mary Lanham

Friday: Fred Burns
r/b Woodburn Family

Saturday: Steve & Karen Mondorff (L)
r/b Weilmuenster Family

Sunday: Parishioners
PPGK Donnie Schuessler & Family (L)
r/b Calvert Council K of C
Lucille Dellosa
r/b Dellosa/Moltz Families

"AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST"

Please pray for the repose of the souls and 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.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Road Less Traveled

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

It seems like a lot of parishioners took advantage of the days and evenings of recollection given to us by Msgr. Charles Pope. Monsignor did a wonderful job enlightening us in regard to a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Church.

I was reflecting on my time in the seminary with Fr. Pope one afternoon while we were having a little lunch and recalling the beautiful opportunity we both had to go to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. It was a great time of learning, opportunity and of deepening our relationship with Jesus as His priests. I will never forget those wonderful times.

Reflecting upon all this I was going through some papers the other day and ran across my program for my first solemn Mass as a priest. I was ordained on May 17, 1986 and had my first Mass at St. Michael's Church in Silver Spring, Md. I remember the day. It was sunny and bright, and it seemed as if time were standing still. It was the feast of Pentecost and the Holy Spirit was truly active. I have always been a bit of a Pentecostal, even though I would not have thought so myself.

On the back of my program for my first Mass was a poem by Robert Frost. Not really being much into poetry, this poem spoke to me profoundly today as it did when I was first ordained. Her is the poem for your perusal:

"Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, and sorry I could not travel both and be one traveler,
long I stood and looked down one as far as I could to where it bent in the undergrowth.

Then took the other, as just as fair, and having perhaps the better claim, because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay in leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on the way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

As I look back, I am so grateful to God to call me into the priesthood. My calling came very young (6 or 7 yrs. old). I was attracted to the Eucharist from the very first instance I understood what it was. This belief, I have never doubted. Even though I doubted much growing up regarding certain things about our faith. For some reason, call it a grace if you will, I never for one minute ever doubted our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

The Fourth grade students will be participating in their class retreat next Sunday, March 11th.

Parents are invited to a session in Padua Hall on March 11th while children are in class. Come and attend "Holiness...Family Style." DVD and discussion. Refer to flyer sent home last week for more information. Hope to see you there!

"GIFT"

Thank you to Deacon Eric, the "GIFT" team and especially to Susan Mueller for all of her hard work resulting in a very successful "GIFT" retreat at West River last weekend. It was a great turnout!

The next "GIFT" session will be next Sunday, March 11th at 6 pm.

LADIES OF CHARITY UPDATE

Food Drive

An Archdiocesan-wide tradition since 2008 is the Annual Lenten Food Drive where parishioners across the region make a tangible difference in the lives of those facing hunger. If you would like to participate in this special effort, the Ladies of Charity will be collecting food items and donations after all Masses March 10th & 11th. All items collected will benefit our Pantry. Bags for this collection will be distributed this weekend, March 3rd & 4th and are available in the church foyer.

Restaurant night

On Monday, March 12th, Plaza Mexico will donate a portion of all eat in or take out dinners between 4:30 and 10 pm to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. This is a good way to take a break from cooking and see fellow St. Anthony's parishioners! Flyers are available in the church foyer. Thank you for your continued support.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALVERT COUNCIL CLOTHING SHED

The Knights now have a Clothing Shed located in the church parking lot to benefit our sponsored Seminarians. Please bring any used clothing, shoes, coats, or linens to the shed in bags. The shed will be emptied periodically, and the Knights will be compensated based on the amount of donated items.

ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

Cardinal Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years on Sunday, June 17th at 2 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 16th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, 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, Richard Walton, Sue White, Fred Wprostek.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 11TH, 2018

First Reading: Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them, until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What kinds of anger are justified for a follower of Jesus?

CONTRIBUTIONS

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