

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, March 11th

Faith Formation Parents—"Holiness....Family Style"
DVE & Discussion—9:45 to 10:45 AM (2)
Everyone is Welcome
High School "GIFT" Program—6 PM

Tuesday, March 13th

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

Wednesday, March 14th

"The Light is On" Adoration & Confession - 6 to 8 PM
Designated Group: Knights of Columbus
Intention: Pray for Our Country & Our World

Friday, March 16th

Stations of the Cross—7:30 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 12TH—18TH

Monday: Ruth Baker
r/b Weilmuenster Family

Tuesday: Frances Francis
r/b Mary Kovac

Wednesday: Roger O'Dell, Jr. (L)
r/b Lanham Family

Thursday: Kevin Kretz
r/b Veith Family

Friday: Charles Taylor
r/b Woodburn Family

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

Mary MacBride
r/b Mary Medlock

Sunday: Parishioners
Lillian, Stephen F. & Suzanne Pettko
r/b Doris Pettko

"AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST"

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shannon Bobick 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

A Sunday to Praise the Most High

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I write to you this morning to thank you once again for providing me with the means necessary to carry out my Ministry in the Lord. It reminds me of St. Paul, (an all time favorite) who drew great encouragement from the backing of the early Christians who supported his missionary activity. Here is the Apostle in his own words: "It was kind of you to want to share in my hardship. You yourselves know, my dear Philippians, that at the start of my evangelizing, when I left Macedonia, not a single congregation except yourselves shared with me by giving me something for what it had received." Thank you Faithful of North Beach. You have been so good to me. Now to another subject.

This Sunday has a special name attached to it. It was somewhat lost in all the liturgical changes that happened back in the 1960's and 70's, but due to the increasing number of what I call, JP11 Catholics, there has been a return to the traditional approach of worship. While I don't have the time to get into the whole thing, I am glad to see that the faithful are holding on to the traditions of the past. One of the parishes that I served years ago which had deep historical roots (1789) had a fitting motto: "Semper Idem, Semper Mutans", which translates "Always the Same, Always Changing". We know from the ancient Philosophers that the truth doesn't change; our perception of the truth does.

This Sunday is called "Laetare Sunday", the fourth Sunday in Lent, which marks the halfway point in our Lenten practices of penance. It is a Sunday when the faithful can relax a bit from the austere practices of the Lenten fast. So, have that piece of candy or watch that golf tournament on TV if you want. But come Monday, it's back to the Lenten practice.

The celebrant will wear the rose-colored vestment, which is only worn twice in the Liturgical year. Rose is the color of festivities. We have a similar celebration on Advent when we light the rose-colored candle on the Advent wreath. All these practices are very important to us as Catholics and we should pass there meaning on to the next generation.

This Sunday has also been called "Mothering Sunday", where the faithful were encouraged to visit their mother or the "Mothering Church" of their souls. "Jerusalem is the Mother to us all", is what the scriptures tell us. Even though Rome considers itself the eternal city, if I had my choice I would opt for Jerusalem. Even though each of these beautiful cities have gorgeous churches, my mothering church of St. Jude's in Rockville, Md. This is the church where I was taken at 30 days old to be baptized and made a child of the Most High.

As you can see, there are many things for us to meditate and ponder as we are fed by Jesus in the Eucharist today.

Hoping that your Lent is progressing steadily and asking God to give us the graces to finish this Holy season well, may we pray for one another!!!

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

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

Parents and parishioners are invited to a session in Padua Hall this Sunday, March 11th at 9:45 AM while children are in class. Come and attend "Holiness...Family Style." DVD and discussion. Hope to see you there!

Families are reminded to come and participate in Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM. Check the sign-up sheet and copy in the Office if your family would like to participate.

How is your family doing with the Lenten Cross challenge?

"GIFT"

High School "GIFT" program will meet this Sunday, March 11th at 6 pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

St. Anthony's is looking for a volunteer to help maintain and manage it's social media needs (Facebook, Website etc.). You can contribute to our parish by making our social media a place where parishioners gather to share information and reflect on parish life, and where other users can find and get to know our community. If you are interested or feel called to serve in the way please email Father Stack at:

fr.jamesstack@gamil.com.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please join the 2018 Public Square Rosary Crusade in support of traditional marriage on March 17th at 12 noon on the North Beach Boardwalk Pavilion. For more information contact Delores Simonds at 410-741-5451.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Committee would like to thank our parishioners for their support to the 2017 Giving Tree Program. Your generosity provided gifts for 320 children from Birthright, the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry, and our sister parish, St. Bernardine's. And a special thank you to our LOC members for their additional support that provided gifts for another 32 children. We are grateful to you all for making this a special Christmas for so many children.

BIRTHRIGHT OF PRINCE FREDERICK

Birthright is in need of volunteers to provide pro-life counseling to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Experience in counseling is not necessary; just a heart for women and a desire to be a compassionate witness to the life of the unborn. If you are interested in donating three hours a week to our clients, please contact Birthright at 410-257-1402 for information. Applications are due by April 16th and a day of training will be held April 21st.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **MARCH 18TH, 2018**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What is difficult for you to believe?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Offertory March 4th—\$9,754.50

Faith Direct February—\$8,880.00

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES **SPRING OYSTER FEST**

St. Francis de Sales in Benedict will be holding their annual oyster fest on March 24th from 12 to 3 pm at the hall, 7209 Benedict Ave. Enjoy all you can eat local fried, scalded and oysters on the half shell at the outdoor raw bar, steamed shrimp, ham and a variety of home-made items. Cake and dessert sale, raffle and game of chance. Make reservations or tickets at the door: Adults \$25, Children \$5. For information call 301-274-3416.