

## **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

### **Saturday & Sunday, November 18th & 19th**

Giving Tree Envelopes Distribution—After All Masses  
Sign-out is requested

### **Sunday, November 19th**

Taming Technology Session—9:45 AM (2)  
Topic: “The Modern Time Crunch”  
High School “GIFT” Program—5:45 PM (3)

### **Monday, November 20th**

Eucharistic Adoration—5 to 8 PM

### **Tuesday, November 21st**

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

### **Saturday & Sunday, November 25th & 26th**

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### **Sunday, November 26th**

K of C Breakfast with St. Nicholas—8:30 to 11 AM (2)

### **Legend**

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

## **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.

### **PARISH TREE OF LIFE**

The Parish Tree of Life will be decorated in the coming weeks with special ornaments in memory of the deceased, buried by the clergy of St. Anthony's in 2017. **Daily Mass on December 16th, 2017 at 9:00 AM** will be offered for these people and all of our family friends who have died throughout the year. We will be happy to also provide ornaments for parishioners who have had parents or siblings who have passed away this year. If you would like an additional ornament, please contact Sister Ann at 443-646-5724 or 5725 by December 11th.

## **FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

### **November Convocation**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

I write today, on this magnificently crisp Autumn morning to first tell you of the great admiration I have for all of you. As I was walking to the office I couldn't help but notice the folks piling into the commuter bus that parks in front of the ice cream place that sits across the street from our church. I thought to myself: “What goodness”, and whispered a little prayer for each of them. These men and women, some being our parishioners I would suspect, work hard to raise their families and most of the time nobody pays them any attention. That's life!!!

The good news is that the God who created the heavens and the earth; the sea and all it contains, pays attention to what is happening in your life. It is good to be reminded of this simple yet profound fact.

I had the very same experience last week at the priest's convocation in Cambridge, MD. Every two years the Cardinal likes to gather us priests for some time of fellowship and reflection. I enjoy this convocation very much. It reminds me of many things, especially about the fraternity of priests and our call to serve God's people. I had a beautiful reflection of this while I was gathered with the brothers waiting for our Mass to begin. I looked around and saw all the priests. There they were, old guys and young guys; some conservative and others somewhat progressive, but we are all priests of Jesus Christ. Each priest has his unique vocation story of how God called him into ministry and it is always a delight to hear them. Pray for your priests!!! I cannot emphasize this enough. The priesthood is a beautiful calling and one of the things I have always tried to do is encourage vocations. We here at St. Anthony's need to pray for religious vocations. From what I can tell, and I could be wrong (I hope I am) there has never been a vocation from our parish. This will change because of our prayers and the centrality of the Eucharist. In parishes where the Eucharist is central to all the other activity of parish life, vocations seem to sprout up.

The month of November has always been a time when Holy Mother Church remembers its deceased. At our parish the envelopes of all the souls sit on the altar so that at each Mass we remember those who have gone before us. I would ask you in a special way to remember in your prayers the priests who have served at St. Anthony's.

The other day my house keeper brought in an article about Fr. Patrick Kemp. Fr. Kemp served the remaining years of his life, as a retired priest, here at St. Anthony's. He was friends with Fr. Grace. Fr. Kemp was a great priest in our archdiocese. He served well and was always humble. I first met him when I was a young assistant priest at Sacred Heart in Bowie, he was the neighboring pastor. What I didn't know (and he never alluded to) was that he was in the D-Day invasion and was one of the first guys to land on Omaha Beach. In that article that was in the Catholic Standard years ago, he spoke about that experience. He sat (paraphrase); “Just before we landed, we were given general absolution and were told that some of us would not be coming back.”

We remember all these souls who fought for our freedom and to whom we are now indebted to.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

## **FAITH FORMATION AND "GIFT"**

**There will be no Faith Formation classes on November 26th.**

### **PRAYER SERVICE**

All parents and parishioners are invited to join us for our Faith Formation Advent Prayer service next Sunday, December 3rd at 10:15 AM in the church. Children will take part in the readings, prayers and songs.

### **"GIFT"**

The high school "GIFT" program will be meeting this Sunday, November 19th, at 5:45 in the Religious Education Building. Snacks and drinks to share are welcome.

## **LADIES OF CHARITY**

**On Monday, November 20th, Plaza Mexico** will donate a portion of all eat in or take out dinners to the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry. This is a good way to take a break from Thanksgiving dinner preparations! Flyers are available in the foyer of the church. Thanks for your continued support!

**The Fall Bake Sale of the weekend of November 4th & 5th generated proceeds of \$864!** Thanks to all who baked, sold, purchased, and consumed baked goods. This amount provides purchasing power for nearly two weeks distribution of perishable and non-perishable food to our Pantry clients. We are fortunate to have such a generous Parish!

## **ST. BERNARDINE'S**

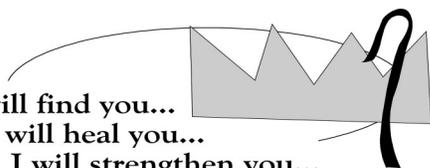
On the fourth Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine Parish (in Suitland) for their parish food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the Church.

**Designated dates this month: November 25th & 26th.**

## **HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

**Featuring all handmade items. December 2nd from 9 am to 2 pm.** Sponsored by Jesus the Divine Word Church Run for Vocations team. 885 Cox Road, Huntingtown, MD. Breakfast goodies and lunch available for sale. Proceeds benefit the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington.

I will find you...  
I will heal you...  
I will strengthen you...



## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene 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, Kayla, Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCauley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, William Owens, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Joseph Tayman, Betty Theurer, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton.

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—NOVEMBER 26TH**

### **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and "pasture" all.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ's resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ's rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and "God will be all in all."

### **Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to "one of my least brothers" they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his "least" they fail to do to him.

## **GOSPEL QUESTION**

In what ways have you used your gifts for the building of God's Kingdom?

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

**November 12th — \$6,945.50**

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