

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**  
**JANUARY 15TH—21ST**

**Tuesday, January 16th**

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)  
Spiritual Life Committee Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

**Friday, January 19th**

March for Life

**Saturday-Sunday, January 20th & 21st**

Spiritual Adoption of Unborn Babies Begins—All Masses  
Confirmation Enrollment—5:30 Mass

**Sunday, January 21st**

Taming Technology Session—9:45 AM (2)  
Topic: "Video Games & Social Media"  
High School "GIFT" Program—6:00 PM (3)  
"GIFT" Parent meeting—7:15 PM

**Monday, January 22nd**

Eucharistic Adoration—5 to 8 PM  
Evening Prayer at 7 PM—Benediction at 7:50 PM  
**Come pray for the protection and sanctity of  
Human Life on the 45th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade,  
Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion.**

**Legend**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**JANUARY 15TH—21ST**

**Monday:** John Waak  
r/b Barbara & Gery Glover

**Tuesday:** Dorothy Maurey  
r/b Ladies of Charity

**Wednesday:** Mark Shepherd  
r/b John Drecchio

**Thursday:** Michael & Leah Pennica (L)  
r/b Marie Heaton

**Friday:** Lou Decolator  
r/b Kathy & Anthony Piccirilli

**Saturday:** John Waak  
r/b Deacon Ed & Nora Baker  
Ernie Arhar  
r/b Shirley Kallal

**Sunday:** Parishioners  
Lucille Delloso  
r/b Delloso/Moltz Families

**"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.

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK**

**"Catching Your Breath"**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Once again, I slipped and slid over here to my office this morning to begin to write my article. I hope you enjoy reading these little reflections of mine as much as I like writing them. Even though my secretary is always badgering me to get my article to her so we can get it to the bulletin company, once I get started I really get into them.

Today, we begin the short stretch of what the Church calls "Ordinary Time", as distinct from the other seasons in the Church that have a specific goal or end. Whereas, Advent leads us to Christmas and Lent to Easter, "Ordinary Time" doesn't lead us to any big liturgical celebration. That's one of the big reasons I like ordinary time. I call it the short stretch because Lent will be beginning five weeks from now. The longer stretch of Ordinary Time happens in the summertime. That's really when you can get into the whole thing.

The main reason that I like this time we call "ordinary" is because you get a chance to "walk with Jesus." I remember as a child being fascinated with the life of Jesus of Nazareth. I hardly knew that this grace or blessing would dominate my entire life. But it has!!! From the first moment I heard of a person named Jesus who died on the cross to save us and rose gloriously from the dead, I was hooked. Call it what you want; a boyhood fascination that many thought I would get over or some other obsession that would eventually fade in time. All these certainly happen during any relationship with the Divine but for some reason not with me. I am still enamored by and fascinated with the person of Jesus.

One of the greatest blessings of my life happened years ago when I decided to take my vacation time and make a 30-day retreat. One of the masters of the spiritual life whose name is Ignatius Loyola devised a retreat that would enable the retreatant to delve deeply, as one could, into the life of our dear Lord. Through the gift of the imagination, which is a beautiful cognitive gift, the gospels can come alive in ways that surpass our expectation. Ordinary time in the Church is meant to open us up to the gospel being lived out in our own lives. This is what St. John of the Cross meant by telling the Christian, working towards growing in holiness, that we are called to be "Living Gospels."

St. Francis of Assisi, whom the whole world loves, had this in mind when he set out to rediscover and pray in the places that our dear Lord lived and undertook His ministry. Even now, when you visit the Holy Land, the Franciscans are the custodians of the holy sites. They have been there for years and we certainly thank God for their presence. The Holy Land continues to be a place of intense turmoil and shifting landscape. The Friars are a constant and familiar presence when you visit the holy places.

So, enjoy this brief time we call "ordinary," there is really nothing ordinary about it when you retrace the footsteps of the Man from Nazareth and open yourself to the great power of His Love.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

## **FAITH FORMATION**

**Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, January 13th. Continue to pray for them as they prepare for First Eucharist.**

**Members of our Confirmation class will be enrolled in the final phase of their preparation during the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, January 20th. Please keep these candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament.**

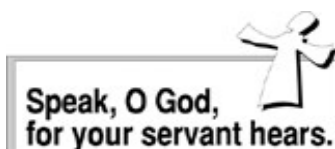
Parents are encouraged to attend the next two **"Taming Technology" sessions on January 21st and 28th.** Come and discover how technology impacts faith and family life.

### **"GIFT"**

The next high school "GIFT" meeting will be next **Saturday, January 21st at 6 PM with a parent meeting at 7:15.** Contact Deacon Eric with questions. [crescent\\_mn82@yahoo.com](mailto:crescent_mn82@yahoo.com) or 410-610-3844  
**All Are Welcome!**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR LENTON PARISH MISSION**

**Tuesday, Feb. 20th through Thursday, Feb. 22nd. Msgr. Charles Pope, pastor at Holy Comforter- St. Cyprian in Washington D.C. Msgr. Pope will celebrate the 8 am Masses Tuesday through Thursday and give talks on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The theme will be "Renewed in Christ." Check out Msgr. Pope @ <http://blog.adw.org/author/cpopel/>.**



## **HOLY FAMILY CELEBRATION**

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Holy Family Celebration on **Saturday, February 17th from 1:30 to 6:30pm at the Saint JP II Shrine.** This half-day celebration will feature an inspiring talk for couples by **nationally recognized writer and speaker Msgr. Charles Pope.** Mass and Consecration to the Holy Family, and fun catechesis for children and teens. The cost of attendance is \$15 per couple and \$30 for families, which includes a meal after Mass. Register at: [www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com](http://www.holyfamilycelebration.eventbrite.com)

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptism class for parents registered in the parish will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 AM in the Religious Education Center. Call the office by Thursday, February 1st if you plan to attend, 443-646-5721.  
Godparents are also welcome

## **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, 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, William Owens, 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, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton.

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **JANUARY 21ST, 2018**

### **First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become "fishers of men." They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

## **GOSPEL QUESTION**

What qualities do you have that would cause others to recognize you as a disciple of Jesus?

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

As always, we are most grateful for your generous contributions to our parish.  
**Christmas Collection—\$32,179.38**  
**Offertory January 7th—\$9,269.22**

## **2018 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick-up outside of Padua Hall.**

Please call the office if you did not receive envelopes and would like to, or sign up for Faith Direct at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) with parish code **MD768**