

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH **JANUARY 29TH—FEBRUARY 4TH**

Sunday, January 28th

Hospitality—after 8:15 Mass
Taming Technology Session —9:45 AM (2)
Topic: “Setting Healthy Limits”

Tuesday, January 30th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Saturday, February 3rd

Baptism Preparation Class—9:30 AM (3)

Sunday, February 4th

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

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF **JANUARY 29TH—FEBRUARY 4TH**

Monday: John Waak
r/b Ladies of Charity

Tuesday: Lou Decolator
r/b Jim & Ellen Kleinheinz

Wednesday: John Waak
r/b Deacon Ed & Nora Baker

Thursday: Marlene Cole
r/b Kathy & Frank King

Friday: Michael Anthony Salek
r/b Victor & Veronica Salek

Saturday: Jennifer Molina-Mabe (L)
r/b Marie Heaton
Paul Reeves
r/b Doris Reeves

Sunday: Parishioners
Gregory Still
r/b Deacon Ed

“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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

End of year statements will be available after February 5th, **ONLY UPON REQUEST**. Statements will not be automatically printed or mailed. Please contact the office at **443-646-5721** or email office@stanthonycal.us to request your statement. It can be mailed or picked up.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

What is a Priest?

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony’s,

I hope you have been enjoying this time that we call “Ordinary” in the Church. I certainly have. In the Divine Office, which are the prayers that a priest promises to pray the rest of his life, for the good of the Church, we have been reading the book of Deuteronomy. Deuteronomy is one of the five books of the Law that is in the Old Testament. It was presumed that Moses wrote them, but modern scholarship has another theory which I can’t go into now; nor would you be interested. We will leave that to the biblical scholars.

In the section I am reading it talks about the ancient roots of what we today now call the “Priesthood.” Back in those days, the main function of the priest was to offer sacrifice. A sacrificial offering was offered to God for a variety of reasons. Sometimes for honoring the God-Head, sometimes in a spirit of thanksgiving for gifts received from the goodness of God. However, most of the time sacrifices were offered for atonement. In fact, the most sacred and holy day on the Jewish calendar still remains Yom Kippur, or the day atonement. This day was always a holiday for public school kids like me.

Of the twelve tribes of Israel, the tribe of Levi was designated the priestly tribe. From that tribe all the Old Testament priests were derived. They were afforded certain privileges and were set apart. The groundwork for the priesthood of Jesus Christ was being laid years before Jesus appeared on the scene.

Today, there is only one Priest, namely Jesus Christ. The letter to the Hebrews make this clear (Hebrews 8:1-3). This means that any concept of Priest must be derived from Jesus. I, as Fr. Stack, derive my priesthood from Jesus. He is “THE PRIEST”, and I simply share in Jesus’ priestly office according to my limited abilities.

All this is recounted very well in the Second Vatican councils document of the Sacred Liturgy. Here I quote Sacrosanctum Concilium # 7-8.

“Christ is always present to his Church, especially in the actions of the liturgy. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass in the person of the minister. It is the same Christ who formerly offered himself on the cross that now offers by the ministry of priests and most of all under the Eucharistic species. He is present in the sacrament by his power, on such a way that when someone baptizes, Christ himself baptizes. He is present in the Word, for it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in Church. Finally, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he himself promised: where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.”

In conclusion, pray for your priests. They are the Ambassadors of Christ; it is as if God were appealing to his people through the priest. The priest is another Christ. I know that priests come in a variety of talents, gifts, abilities and personalities, but the fact remains, in the end **THEY ARE PRIESTS.**

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Taming Technology

Parents are encouraged to attend the final “**Taming Technology**” session on **January 28th at 9:45 AM**.

Come and discover how technology impacts faith and family life.

“GIFT”

Please remember to get your paperwork for the **February 23-25 retreat at West River** to Deacon Eric as soon as possible.

Teens will be collecting for the **Souper Bowl next weekend, Feb 3 and 4**. They will be collecting money and nonperishable food items which will be given to the Ladies of Charity for distribution.

LENTEN 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 be giving talks after the 8 AM Masses Tuesday through Thursday and give talks on **Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm**. The theme will be “**Joyful Witnesses-Becoming Better Evangelizers to our Families and Culture**”. Msgr. Pope is a superb writer, speaker and homilist. Everyone is welcome! You can read more about him @ <http://blog.adw.org/author/cpope/>.

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

CAMP VERITAS REGISTRATION

Registration for Camp Veritas, August 12-18 at Camp Lakota in Wurtsboro, NY is open. This camp is open to teens entering 9th through exiting 12th grade. This camp will fill up by mid February. Call Fr. Stack at **443-646-5721** if your teen is interested in going. Once we have an idea of how many teens are registered we will work on transportation to and from camp. Flyers are available in the back of the church or you can visit their website at: <https://www.campveritas.org/>.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, 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, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Fred Wyrostek.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 4TH, 2018**

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew’s mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved.

GOSPEL QUESTION

What can you tell others about Jesus with the most assurance?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.
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