

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH
FEBRUARY 3RD—11TH

Saturday-Sunday, February 3rd & 4th

“GIFT” Program Souperbowl Collection-
After All Masses

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

Monday, February 5th

Eucharistic Adoration & Confession—6 to 8 PM
Benediction—7:50 PM

Tuesday, February 6th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)
Social Concerns Committee Meeting—6:30 PM

Sunday, February 11th

First Eucharist Parent Meeting—9:45 AM (2)
High School “GIFT” Program—6 PM (3)

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 5TH—11TH

Monday: John Waak
r/b Ray & Debbie Wheeler

Tuesday: Anna Bean
r/b Cassie Booth

Wednesday: Deacon Michael Hoffman

Thursday: Bernard Haas
r/b Hanko & Woodburn Fam.

Friday: Pat Nahas (L)
r/b Weilmuenster Family

Saturday: Mike Aunchman
Eppie Deproza
r/b Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sunday: Jennifer Anne Santiago
r/b Deacon Ed & Nora Baker
Parishioners

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of William Owens
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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2017 Contribution statements are in the back of the
church for you to pick up. If you need 2018 offertory
envelopes please contact the office.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Catholic Bennies

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As Catholics we belong to the Church of Jesus. It is the one Church that Jesus Himself started. He is our founder and our constant guide down through the ages. We were not started by John Calvin, John Wesley or King Henry VIII, or any other man or woman that started their own religious traditions. We can go into that some other time; today I want to concentrate on the various things that as Catholics we have been accustomed to.

One aspect of our Catholic tradition is the use of things called “sacramentals.” These are items that we use for holy purposes, such as relics, holy water, blessed salt, ashes, candles, crucifixes, statues of the saints.... the list goes on and on.

Of course, we remember that it is the Sacraments themselves that bring us into an encounter with the Living Christ. As you have heard me say before, the Eucharist stands at the center of this and for that reason, is the most important element here at St. Anthony's.

On this Sunday, which is the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we are offering to the people one of those time tested Catholic Benefits which is the blessing of throats. Just yesterday, we celebrated the feast of St. Blaise or Blasius. Blasius was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. He was martyred under Licinius during his reign. He is said to have miraculously saved the life of a boy who was choking to death because of a fish bone that was lodged in his throat. So, the tradition began that through the intercession of Blasius, sick and infirmed people would receive miraculous healings. Those who were inflicted with diseases of the throat would especially be cured. The Church has preserved this blessing for the people of all time and it is one of those Catholic benefits that we receive throughout the year. Now, we must remind ourselves of what St. Thomas Aquinas taught about the Holy Eucharist. He says: “There is no greater healing power than Jesus in the Eucharist.” The Body and Blood of Jesus is the most important source of healing. I am often amazed by people who come for the blessing of throats and leave the church without receiving Holy Eucharist.

However, I must remind myself that we are all on a journey to the Lord. At least they come for the blessing. Maybe the blessing will impart the holy desire to get more involved in their relationship with the Lord and hence, more involved in the parish. There are some things that we must leave to the Lord to figure out.

So, the blessing of the throats will always be here at St. Anthony's for our people, those afflicted with various disease or just those who want to maintain the proper use of the mouth, tongue and throat for the praise and glory of God. God knows that we all have used our gift of speech in ways that are not becoming of the Lord. For the times we spoke lies or ill of one another, we ask St. Blaise to help us.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Monthly Newsletter and Family Lenten Booklet are being sent home today. Please note: Information on page about—**"Connect With The Cross."** Come and claim your crosses on Sunday, February 11th.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11th at 9:45 AM in Padua Hall. Attendance by at least one parent is expected.

"GIFT"

The next "GIFT" meeting will be **February 11th at 6 pm** in the religious education center.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH INVITED

Saturday, February 10th at 6:30 pm. Come and join the local Life Teen group, other Catholic youth from neighboring parishes, for the 8th session of JP II's Theology of the Body-on Marriage. Dinner fun and great Catholic theology is being served!!

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"**.

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/>.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Fr. Rick Kramer from the Office of Family Life in Washington, DC will lead 2 retreats for married couples who need to be spiritually refreshed and enlightened. The retreats will be held at Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV on March 16-18 or March 23-25. For more information call Elaine Galeone at 410-252-5355

K OF C FREE-THROW COMPETITION

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, Jo-Ann 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, Fred Wprostek.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018**

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

GOSPEL QUESTION

When have you felt the sadness of Job? When have you felt the joy of those who witnessed the healing works of Jesus?

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