

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Monday, April 2nd

Office Closed

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on April 9th and 23rd this month.

Tuesday, April 3rd

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 PM (3)
Social Concerns Committee Meeting—6:30 PM (3)
Bible Study: The Book of Revelation —7 PM (1)

Thursday, April 5th

Ladies of Charity Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

Saturday, April 7th

First Eucharist Retreat—9:45 AM to 12 noon (1,2)

Saturday-Sunday, April 7th and 8th

Ladies of Charity Bake Sale—After All Masses

Sunday, April 8th-Divine Mercy Sunday

K of C Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM

Healing Mass—3 PM

High School "GIFT" Program—6 to 8 PM

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 2ND—8TH

Monday: Virginia Mary Saha
r/b Claudia Toone

Tuesday: Conner O'Dell (L)
r/b Lanham Family

Wednesday: Jennifer Molina-Mabe
r/b Marie Heaton

Thursday: Frank Bean
r/b Cassie Booth

Friday: Mike Booth
r/b Cassie Booth

Saturday: Judy Harger
r/b Judith McCarthy

Sunday: Parishioners
Agnes H. Barry
r/b Moira Tressler
Danica O'Dell (L)
r/b Lanham Family

"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

Easter 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter!!!! Today we celebrate the most important event in human history, namely the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Even though the birth of Jesus was the event that changed the course of the history, the resurrection stands "Par Excellence" as the single most important event in human history. Today Jesus deals the decisive blow to Satan and his goal to destroy the human race through death. Death came as a result of sin and the devil, or Satan, took great glee in the destruction of the human person. And he still does. But Jesus came to undo the devil's work as the letter of John states: "It was to destroy the devil's works that the Son of God revealed himself."

The evil one had a grip on humanity due to the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Since disobedience got us into this mess, obedience would get us out of the mess. Obedience is a key virtue for people who want to grow in the spiritual life. When I was ordained a priest, I took the vow of obedience to the Bishop. I will always remember the day when, as part of the ordination ceremony, I placed my hands into the hands of Cardinal Hickey and pledged obedience. The words that he spoke to me were burned into my consciousness. "James, may God who has begun the good work in you bring it to completion." I think about those words almost every day.

Jesus was obedient to the Heavenly Father and a part of that obedience was to die a horrible death. Read sometime the book called, "The Doctor on Calvary" and it will shock you to realize what crucifixion implies. It was the Roman's way of telling people that if you don't follow our rules, this is what will happen to you. Despite all that happened, the Heavenly Father was always in charge. Jesus was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father. St. Paul says it so well in his letter to the Romans in Chapter 6; "Through baptism into his death, we were buried with Him, so that, just as Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life."

And so, it is that we have access to the Lord Jesus and his resurrected life through faith. Faith becomes a new pair of eyes that enable us to see the risen Lord.

Finally, I can never write or speak about the resurrection without mentioning St. Mary Magdalene. Her title is the "Apostle to the Apostles." She was the first witness to the risen Lord as recorded in John 20:18. Her faith more than all the others has always inspired me. She had the eyes of faith to see beyond her first glimpse, and thinking he was the gardener to the full-blown understanding of the Lord who had been raised in glory.

Easter lasts 50 days, so I will have much more to write about in the coming weeks. For now, Happy Easter to you and your family.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Newsletters are being sent home with the children this Sunday.

Faith Formation & "GIFT" Registration

Re-registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year are being sent home with the oldest child in your family this Sunday. Please make sure you read all the information in this packet, especially the due dates for early registration. If you did not receive this information, please contact Sister Ann at 443-646-5724.

New Students

Parents can register **new students** for 2018-2019 school year by contacting Sister Ann at your earliest convenience, 443-646-5724 for an appointment. Children entering Pre-K must be 4 years old by September 1st, 2019. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at St. Anthony's) and tuition fees.

Early Bird Special until June 3rd

- 1 child \$90.00
- 2 children \$150.00
- 3 or more children \$200.00

After June 3rd all fees go up \$30.00

Financial assistance is available for those in need.

"GIFT"

The next High School "GIFT" meeting will be Sunday, April 8th at 6:00 PM. All high school youth are invited.

"ATTENTION GENTLEMEN OF ST. ANTHONY'S"

The Knights of Columbus, Calvert Council #7870 will be hosting a new Member/Recruitment Drive for the weekend of April 7 and 8. Brother Knights will be on hand after all Masses to answer questions and hand out literature explaining more about our Order. For more information on joining our incredible brotherhood and learning about the wonderful charitable activities that our Council is involved in, please contact:

Grand Knight Bryan Rager at 202-907-7377 or gkcouncil7870@comcast.net.

BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

Father Stack will continue Bible study on the Book of Revelation for three more weeks. It will be in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on April 3rd, 10th and 17th. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"SHARING IN THE JOY OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY".

In response to Pope Francis' apostolic document on "The Joy of Love", Cardinal Wuerl has written an Implementation Plan for Parishes in the Archdiocese based on that document. It is entitled "Sharing in the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family". This plan will be implemented in various ways both in the Archdiocese and in parishes. We have received copies for you to read and reflect upon. If you have ideas about something we can do here at St. Anthony's, please contact Father Stack. Copies can be found on the tables in the foyer of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, 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 McCauley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Babies Ace and Troy Remer, 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 8TH, 2018

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

This passage describes the actions of the first community of Christians. They were of "one heart and one mind." They had no rich or poor among them, for they shared all necessary items with one another.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

John explains that we become God's children by believing in Jesus. When we love God and concern ourselves only with pleasing God, our faith is strong enough to conquer the evil in our world.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to the disciples despite locked doors, breathed on them so that they could receive the Holy Spirit, and gave them the power to forgive sins in his name. Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe without seeing Jesus for himself. Jesus appeared again when Thomas was present, and told him, "Blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

GOSPEL QUESTION

How do you recognize the Risen Lord in your life this year?

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