

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday-Sunday, April 7th & 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 (3)

Monday, April 9th

Eucharistic Adoration—5 to 8 PM (no confessions)

Tuesday, April 10th

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Spiritual Life Committee Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

Bible Study—7 PM (1)

Friday, April 13th

Confirmation Retreat—6 to 9 PM

Candidates and Parents (1,2)

Saturday-Sunday, April 14th & 15th

First Communion—During all Weekend Masses

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 9TH—15TH

Monday: Veronica Disney
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

Tuesday: Thomas J. Garrett
r/b Gracie Rymer

Wednesday: Teresina McCleery
r/b Marty Beyer

Thursday: Payton Phillips (L)
r/b Jimmy & Gail Carroll

Friday: James Deiso, II
r/b Dorothy Deiso Banya

Saturday: Roy Leverone
r/b Ladies of Charity

John Minor
r/b Marion Arhar

Sunday: John McGuire
r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
Parishioners

“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 Octave

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Happy Easter!!!

As I said at all the Easter Masses on Easter Sunday, the Church prolongs the celebration for fifty days. The events of our Lord's resurrection so baffle the mind that it really is hard to comprehend. It is the miracle of miracles. How useless life would be if it were not for the Lord Jesus, through His resurrection to restore all humanity to its rightful place. We know that through the transgression of Adam, sin and death entered the world; so, through Jesus, life eternal would be bestowed upon all who believe.

Today is the second day of the Octave of Easter, and as I write I am reminded of the power of the Octave celebration. Easter is but a taste of what is to come. The word “taste” has an interesting connotation. We taste something as if to excite our desire for more of what we tasted; this is precisely what is going on in the Church's liturgy. We get an inkling of the Easter joy and it sustains us through life's ups and downs so that one day we will arrive at the full reality.

The sequence for Easter now follows. It is the early Churches song of victory:

“Christians, to the Paschal victim
Offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeems:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciles sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw, wayfaring:
“The Tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’
Resurrection; Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
To Galilee he will go before you.”
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining;
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

My favorite line is the one that says: “to Galilee He goes before you.” The Galilean ministry of Jesus was one filled with joy, love and excitement. In Galilee all things were good. Little wonder why Jesus wanted the first disciple to recapture the beauty of His Galilean ministry.

May the Lord bless you and your family during this Holy time.

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 this Sunday, April 8th at 6:00 PM.

All high school youth are invited.

DAY OF HOPE AND HEALING

For those struggling with infertility or who have suffered a miscarriage, the archdiocesan Office for Family Life is organizing a Day of Hope and Healing. It will be held on **Saturday, April 14 from 10 am—3:30 pm at St. Joseph church in Beltsville, MD. (11007 Montgomery Rd.)**. There will be Mass, a panel with Q&A, and praise and worship during Adoration and Confessions. For more information call **301-853-4499** or email visiblesign@adw.org.

Register at: dayofhopeandhealing2018.eventbrite.com.

GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE

Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic charities, or to register to volunteer, visit:

catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer

CATHOLIC WOMEN: VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE

On **Saturday, May 19**, women are invited to join the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women to visit the Museum of the Bible. For tickets, go to www.museumofthebible.org/tickets. Suggested donation is \$15. Choose the 1:15 pm or nearby entry time. The museum is located at 400 4th St. SW, Washington, DC. Contact **301-651-8190** or archdioceseCCW@gamail.com for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Charles Basiliko, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, 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 McCarley, 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 Rodriquez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Sue White.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 15TH, 2018

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in Him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

GOSPEL QUESTION

How do you react to Thomas? What keeps you from believing, and what helps you to believe?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Offertory April 1st— \$8,016.00

Easter— \$10,608.00

Holy Land—\$1,699.00

March Faith Direct—\$10,547

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St. Anthony's now has electronic fund transfer for your weekly donations. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll, or pick up a form in the back of the church.

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