

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Saturday-Sunday, April 21st and 22nd
First Communion—During all Weekend Masses

Monday, April 23rd
Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Tuesday, April 24th
Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)
Confirmation Rehearsal—6:30 PM (1,2)

Friday, April 27th
Confirmation—7:00 PM

Sunday, April 29th
Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass (2)
Final Faith Formation Classes
Prayer Service—10:15 AM
Parents Are Invited

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23RD—29TH

Monday: **Susan Brown**
 r/b Jimmy & Gail Carroll

Tuesday: **Leonard Clinton Fleming**
 r/b Marie Darza

Wednesday: **Nancy Brady (birthday)**
 The Family

Thursday: **Jose Carioso**
 r/b Emiliano Carioso

Friday: **Ann Garner**
 r/b Waters Family

Saturday: **Pope Leo XIII Institute**
 r/b Deacon Ed Baker

Sunday: **Parishioners**
 Dave Gormley Sr. (anniversary)
 Zvonimir Grguric

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Barry Schmidt,
Barbara Yocubik 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.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

St. Anthony's is in the process of seeking a Youth Minister
to coordinate our high school “GIFT” Program
(grades 9-12). Please contact Father Stack if
you are interested or have questions at:
443-646-5722 or email fr.jamesstack@gmail.com

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

The Transforming Power of the Holy Spirit

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As we continue to journey through the Easter season the Church has us preparing for something. This is a legitimate question and one that demands a full explanation. Jesus calls us to be a people of new life and of resurrection. What does this look like and how do we live such a life?

One of the things that I like about the Easter season is that the Church reads from the Acts of the Apostles throughout the entire season of Easter. Someone asked me the other day at the back of the church after Mass; “What happened to Old Testament readings during the Mass?” This is a legitimate question. Obviously, this person has been paying attention. I told him that we will return to the Old Testament readings when the Easter season is concluded but that during the Easter season the first reading at all Masses comes from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Acts of the Apostles recounts the life of the early Church. In many ways I think we are entering a time in this modern culture of ours where we might find ourselves reliving the life of this infant Church. Obviously the culture is not very friendly towards the faith like it was decades before. But I see this as a great time in the Church, to stand up and witness. I have seen the battle lines draw closer, as in the whole “Pro-Life” movement. Years ago, when I would attend the March for Life you would always see a few pro-choice people hanging around, but in the last few marches I have attended, their voices are becoming more boisterous and angry. Modern medical science has proven that the pre-born baby is not a “blob of tissue” but are human beings with a distinct DNA type from it's mother and a unique personality. The whole concept of “Spiritual Warfare” is something we as Catholic Christians better get used to in the days to come.

In chapter 3 of the Acts, we witness the cripple man given his ability to walk again by the invocation of the “Holy Name of Jesus.” Peter and John say to Him: “Silver and gold I have not, but what I have I give to You; in the name of Jesus the Nazorean, WALK.” This is the power that I am talking about. It is at our disposal and comes from the Baptismal graces that we received. Many times, we think that only the people who were close to Jesus could do that; but we can't. This is far from the truth. We are disciples of Jesus just as they were. Jesus, through the power of His resurrection has given to the Church the same power he gave to the early Church.

Today, may we draw our strength from the mighty hand of God and be His witnesses to all the world. The power of a witness is awesome. Just ask any trial lawyer and they can tell you the power that an eye witness lends to any court case.

May God bless us to be his witnesses in our own right and to stand firm on the day of the Lord.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation & "GIFT" Registration

Re-registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year were sent home with the oldest child in your family on April 8th. It would be helpful to re-register by the due date for planning purposes. 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 a cookout this Sunday, April 22nd at 6:00 PM.

All high school youth and 8th graders are invited!

CONFIRMATION

Our Parish congratulates the following young people who will be confirmed by Bishop Richard Higgins on Friday, April 27th at 7 PM.

Alex Argeles
Camryn Baker
Seraphina Barberio
Sydney Brooke
Jack Carver
Matthew Crigler
Jacob D'Leon
Sean Flynn

Abigail Foltz
Samuel Foltz
Joel Galarza
Jasmine Heminger
Leonard Johnson
Dane Roper
Brady Sharp
Cheyenne Wilson

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 24th** at **1:00 PM** in the Religious Education Building. We invite all to join us as we create shawls made with love. These are given to parishioners who are anointed for surgery and at the annual Anointing Mass. For questions, please call Marty Beyer at 301-855-4042.

ST. BERNARDINE'S

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring non-perishable foods to any Mass for St. Bernardine Parish (in Suitland) for their parish food pantry. You may leave your donations in the large white baskets in the foyer of the Church.

Designated dates this month: April 28th and 29th

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 Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton, Sue White.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **APRIL 29TH, 2018**

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

GOSPEL QUESTION

Whom are you shepherding in your life right now, and who shepherds you?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.
Offertory April 15th— \$8,141.95

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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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