

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, April 29th

Hospitality—After 8:15 Mass (2)
Final Faith Formation Classes
Prayer Service—10:15 AM
Parents are Invited

Tuesday, May 1st

Gospel Faith Sharing—11:30 AM (3)

Thursday, May 3rd

Ladies of Charity Meeting—6:30 PM (3)

Sunday, May 6th

Healing Mass—3:00 PM

Legend

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30TH—MAY 6TH

Monday: Thomas J. Garrett
r/b Gracie Rymer

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Wednesday: Channez Schmidt
The James & Diana Johnson

Thursday: Lucille Delloso
r/b Delloso/Moltz Families

Friday: Virginia Mary Saha
r/b Claudia Toone

Saturday: Jose Cariaso
r/b Emiliana Cariaso

Sunday: Charlie Taylor
Parishioners
William & Sally Ann Peet
r/b Susan Eastwood

“AND I WILL GIVE THEM REST”

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gracie Rymer 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 Imitation of Christ

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

During life, we all read a book or two. Some of us are avid readers and others are only readers of the comic strips on Sunday mornings. Well, to each his own. Some books that we read are known to the world as “Classics”, and others are not. In the course of my seminary education (for which I will always be eternally grateful to Mother Church for), we read certain classic works: *Interior Castles*, by Teresa of Avila; *The Spiritual Exercises*, by Ignatius Loyola, just to name a few. These were classics, that is, once you read them, you would keep these books on your library shelf for future references.

The other day Deacon Ed gave me a print out of a section of *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis, another classic that I was blessed to read in the seminary. It's a series of meditations on the life of Christ and the spiritual life. It's been in print for over 500 years, a testament to the truth, goodness, and beauty it contains. I would like to share with you some of the spiritual writer's thoughts:

“Do not care much who is with you and who is against you; but make it your greatest care that God is with you in everything you do. Have a good conscience, and God will defend you securely; no one can hurt you if God wishes to help you. If you suffer in silence you will surely receive God's help, since he knows best the time and the way to set you free, resting yourself to him, for God helps you and frees you from all confusion. It is often good for us, and helps us to remain humble, if others know our weaknesses and confront us with them.

When a man humbles himself for his faults, he more easily pleases others and mollifies those he has angered. God protects and frees a humble man; he loves and consoles a humble man; he favors a humble man; and showers him with graces; then, after his suffering, God raises him up to glory.

He reveals his secrets to a humble man and in his kindness invitingly draws that man to himself. When a humble man is brought to confusion, he experiences peace, because he stands firm in God and not this world. Do not think that you have made any progress unless you feel that you are the lowest of all men.

Above all things, keep peace within yourself, then you will be able to create peace among others. It is better to be peaceful than learned....a good and peaceful man turns all things to good. A man who lives at peace suspects no one. But a man who is tense and agitated by evil is troubled with all kinds of suspicions; he is never at peace with himself, nor does he permit others to be at peace....

So be zealous first with yourself, and then you will be more justified in expressing zeal for your neighbor. You are good at excusing and justifying your own deeds, and yet you will not listen to the excuses of others. It would be more just to accuse yourself and excuse your brother.

If you wish others to put up with you, first put up with them.”

Thus, ends the reading.

May the Lord continue to bless you during this holy season of Easter.

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.

LADIES OF CHARITY UPDATE

For the first quarter of 2018 (January-March 2018) the LOC Pantry served a total of 677 households which represented 1,771 individual family members. Additionally, 178 Easter holiday meals were distributed thru the combined efforts of LOC and K of C members as well as numerous parish and community volunteers. Altogether, a total of over 27,000 lbs of food was distributed! St. Anthony's Lenten food drive brought in just under 2,700 lbs of non-perishable food. The Ladies of Charity thanks our home parish for such strong support of our Food Pantry mission.

DC PADRES ARE BACK

The DC Padres, a baseball team consisting entirely of Catholic priests and seminarians, will play their first game of the 2018 season **this weekend, Sunday, April 29th starting about 2:05 pm.** Tickets are \$4 each with the printed coupon or at the door or the DC Padres website www.dcpadres.com. Help fill the stadium and support our priests and seminarians!

DOMESTIC CHURCH DAY **Parenting in the Modern World**

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, May 5, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at the St. John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries." The retreat will also include fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food. The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER **MAY 6TH, 2018**

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to "Love one another as I have loved you." He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in His name.

GOSPEL QUESTION

When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.
Offertory April 22nd — \$7,201.75

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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.

Our parish code is MD768.