

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 25th

Breakfast with St. Nicholas—8:30 to 11 AM (2)
Religious Goods Store—After all Masses (2)

Tuesday, November 27th

Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (rectory)
All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, December 2nd

Knights of Columbus Breakfast—8:30 to 11 AM (2)
Religious Goods Store—After Masses (2)
Healing Mass—3 PM

Monday, December 3rd

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Tuesday, December 4th

Mass—6 AM and 8 AM

Bible Study—10:30 to 12 PM (rectory)

Wednesday, December 5th

Adoration and Confessions—5 to 8 PM

Thursday, December 6th

Mass—6 AM and 8 AM

Friday, December 7th

Adoration 8:30 to 11:45 AM

Mass—12 Noon

Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation —7 PM

Saturday, December 8th

Masses at 9 AM and 12 Noon—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Life Teen—6:30 to 8:30 PM

December 9th through 11th

Advent Parish Mission—7 PM (1)

Legend

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

Mass Intentions

December 1st, 9 am Fr. Larry Swink (L)
r/b Weilmuenster Family
5:30 pm John Sweetman (D)
r/b Mary Alys Sweetman
December 2nd, 8:15 am Glenn Miller (D)
r/b Deacon Ed and Nora Baker
11:15 am Parishioners

All other Masses this week will be offered for the souls of the deceased.

Please note that the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass time will be changing to 4:30 pm beginning December 1st.

FROM THE PASTORS DESK

Fr. Al

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

After last week some people who read my bulletin article about "Dealing with Discouragement" came to me telling me of another wonderful Saint of our time that didn't give into that powerful emotion. They were relating to me the story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Josephine is truly a hero not only because she did not give into discouragement, but also in the fact that she did not resent the people who were maliciously cruel to her. She prayed for them. A good reading of Romans 12 would describe Josephine. "Never repay injury with injury....do not conquer by evil but conquer evil with good." While we can not go into her whole life now, it would suffice to say that she did well in putting the teaching of Jesus into practice.

Years ago, while at another assignment I had the happy fortune of meeting a lady whose name I will not mention. She told me that I reminded her of her brother who was a priest. He grew up in Holy Name parish in Northeast, Washington and was sent to do mission work in Vietnam. While I know most of our priests in the Archdiocese, this is one priest that I had not had the fortune of meeting. His name was Fr. Aloysius Schwartz. By the time I was ordained a priest (1986), Fr. Al had a thriving ministry in Vietnam. I never met Fr. Al, but in chatting with his sister I felt that I had known him all my life. Recently I ran into that same sister and she told me that his cause is up for Beatification and Canonization in Rome. She gave me a prayer card with Father's picture on it with a prayer on the back that I pray every morning as I sit in my prayer room in the rectory.

As far as I know the Archdiocese of Washington has no canonized saints in her history. While there are many saintly people in our midst, it would be a great honor and privilege to have a man like Fr. Al receive the honor of sainthood. We are all called to be saints. May someone like Fr. Al inspire you as he has inspired me. I would encourage you to pray this intercessory prayer daily for the cause of his sainthood:

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of all good gifts, You have filled Venerable Al with an ardent love for you and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and the poor especially the youth, with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization. For your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Venerable Al be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. Bestow on us, through his intercession... (mention the favor you ask for). We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor. Amen.

After this pray one "Our Father" one "Hail Mary" and one "Glory Be".

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack

FAITH FORMATION

No classes this weekend.

All are welcome to attend our Advent Prayer Service on Sunday, December 2nd from 10:15 to 10:45 am in the church. Come and join all our children as we sing and give glory to God to kick off the beautiful Advent season.

Children's Adoration

Our next Children's Adoration is on Monday, December 3rd, from 6 to 6:30 pm during the regularly scheduled Adoration. Bring your children to this holy devotion to increase their awareness of Christ's Presence in the Eucharist. It is so beautiful to see them draw close to Our Lord and love Him with their minds, bodies, and souls! No better way to begin the season of Advent!

High School Youth

If you are a high school youth and want to get involved in one of our church ministries (lector, greeter, gift bearer, music ministry etc.) please reach out to Kevin McAndrews @ 301-502-3517 or email kevin_mcandrews@msn.com
We Need You!!

LIFE TEEN

Our next Life Teen is on Saturday, December 8th, titled "Mama Says." As usual we will begin with dinner after the 4:30 pm Mass and have social time. The goal of this night is to draw the teens closer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and understand why the Church places such importance on our Blessed Mother as the new Eve and bringer of life and grace. They will leave knowing they have a very powerful advocate in heaven!

'TIS (almost) THE SEASON

What would it take for you to have the best Christmas ever? Experience Advent in a whole new way, leading to the best Christmas ever. This free program will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy season. There are short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life and real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey. To sign up, visit:

BestAdventEver.com/Christmas

Come join the Conversation that could save a life!

The Community Life Center and Health Ministry invite you to get information and ask the experts about domestic violence and intimate partner abuse. Are you able to help someone identify what an unhealthy relationship may look like? Would you know how to encourage someone to speak up or take action for themselves or a friend? December 2nd from 2 to 4 pm at the Middleham and St. Peter's Hall—10210 HG Trueman Rd. Lusby, MD. For more information call 410-326-4948. Teens are also welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Florence, Marlene Bradshaw, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Wlaine Cunnane, 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, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Maude Mangels, Margie Edwards Morgan, Sarah Olsen, 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, Sue White.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 2ND, 2018**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The Lord tells of fulfilling the promise he had made to Israel. He will send a replacement for David, someone who "shall do what is right and just in the land," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to be ready for the coming of the Lord. He explains that although they are conducting themselves in a way that would please God, they should always strive to do even better.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus warns his followers to be prepared for the end of the world. He reminds them not to be preoccupied with unimportant events, or they will be caught unaware rather than being on watch as they should.

Contributions and Donations

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Weekly offering not available last week due to holiday.

Faith Direct October—\$10,523.00

BIBLE STUDY

All are welcome to attend Bible Study at the Rectory, led by Father Stack on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 unit 12 noon. He is teaching on St. Paul and the Acts of the Apostles.

"GIVING TREE"

The Social Concerns Committee is asking for your generosity to help those in need by participating in their annual "Giving Tree" event to benefit St. Bernardine's in Suitland, Birthright, and those served by the Ladies of Charity. Envelopes with information are located in Padua Hall. Gift may be brought back the weekends of Dec. 8th and 9th, or 15th and 16th. Your generous gift will help brighten someone's Christmas.