

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH

### **Monday, March 18th**

Adoration & Confessions—5 to 8 pm

### **Tuesday, March 19th**

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)  
Healing Mass—7 pm

### **Wednesday, March 20th**

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

### **Friday, March 22nd**

Holy Hour—8:30 to 9:30 am

Mass—11:00 am (note time change)

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 pm (2)  
Stations of the Cross—7 pm (1)

### **Saturday, March 23rd**

Life Teen—5:30 to 7:30 pm

### **Sunday, March 24th**

Hospitality Sunday—9:15 to 11:00 am (2)

### **Tuesday, March 26th**

Bible Study—10:30 (rectory)

### **Legend**

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

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 18—24

3/18	8:00 am	<b>George Gernon (D)</b> r/b Beth Donohue
3/19	8:00 am	<b>Gloria Hampton (D)</b> r/b Mary Alys Sweetman
	7:00 pm	<b>Timms Family (L)</b> r/b Woodburn Family
3/20	8:00 am	<b>Frances Lease (D)</b> r/b Julie O'Keefe
3/21	8:00 am	<b>Souls in Purgatory</b>
3/22	8:00 am	<b>Jenny Curtin (D)</b>
	11:00 am	<b>Deacon Eric Mueller (L)</b>
3/23	9:00 am	<b>Christina Pearman (L)</b> r/b Ladies of Charity
	4:30 pm	<b>Parishioners</b>
3/24	8:15 am	<b>Marie Iadarola (D)</b> r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin
	11:15 am	<b>Veronica Marie Disney (D)</b> r/b Mr. & Mrs. Scott Curtin

### **Are you interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion?**

There will be training for **Lectors on March 23rd** and training for **Eucharistic Ministers on March 30th** in the church immediately following the 9 am Mass. If you are interested call Father Stack for an appointment and to attend the training at 443-646-5722.

## FROM THE PASTORS DESK

### **St. Patrick's Breastplate**

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

Being that you are reading this on Sunday or the evening before I want to wish you a "Happy St. Paddy's Day." Now, even though the name "Stack" doesn't look very Irish to most people; it is. But knowing a bit about Irish history, the name "Stack" is not pure-bred Irish, that is to say not an original ancestral family name. The name does belong to a long history of being in Ireland's county Kerry. In fact, the last time I went to Ireland I made it a point to go to the town of Duagh just east of the town of Tralee. There I met a Fr. Willy Stack who showed me many tomb stones bearing the name Stack. I prayed over each of them reflecting upon the fact that perhaps some of these were blood relatives of mine.

As I reflect upon the history of Catholicism in Ireland and how things went from great to good to mediocre to downright awful, I am reminded that faith is truly a gift which is precious but must be constantly nourished. It is a gift that can be lost at the blink of an eye. I have been saddened by the recent events that have taken place on the Emerald Isle. From the abuse of children by the clergy to the recent vote to allow a constitutional right for a mother to abort her child. Things have taken a gigantic swing in the wrong direction for the faith and for humanity at large in the land St. Patrick would call home.

I feel an ever pressing need to go back to Ireland to make reparation for the sins against humanity. And there is one place I would go. It's called "Croagh Patrick" or the mountain of St. Patrick. It was here, on the summit of the mountain, that Patrick fasted for forty days in 441AD. The traditions of pilgrims to this holy mountain stretches back some 5,000 years from the stone age to the present day without interruption. Its religious significance dates to the time of the pagans, where people gathered to celebrate the beginning of the harvest.

Our Saint is venerated for bringing the faith to the Irish people who were at the time Pagans. They practiced witchcraft and the like. So, the prayer; "Breastplate of Patrick" is really an exorcism prayer for protection.

I will end this article with some of the prayer's contents:

"I bind unto myself today,  
The strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The three in One and one in Three...  
Against the demon snares of sin...  
Against all Satan's spells and wiles...  
Against the wizard's evil craft...  
Protect me, Christ, till thy return.  
Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort me and restore me,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord."

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



## **FAITH FORMATION**

We had our Lenten Kick-off Rally last weekend and all of the kids enjoyed doing “the wave” while chanting the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Fr. Stack shared his favorite acronym for Lent: Let’s Eliminate Negative Thinking! And then talked about what a special and holy time this is for us in the Church. We need to take seriously God’s call to draw closer to Him as we “throw off” the things of this world and embrace His peace.

### **HELP PLEASE!!**

**We need volunteers to keep our children safe at the crosswalk! If you can give 15 minutes on Sunday at dismissal time please come speak to Mary Beth.**

### **LIFE TEEN**

**Our next Life Night is next Saturday, March 23rd. SAME WAVELENGTH: Jesus, the Living Sacrament.**

All high school youth are welcome as we will begin with dinner in Padua Hall following the 4:30 pm Mass. The goal of this Life Night is to introduce Jesus as the Living Sacrament, who we can encounter concretely in the Mass, and provide the teens an opportunity to deepen their relationship with Him. We will also reflect on the following question as we end with Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament: How does our sacrificing during Lent prepare us for heaven?

**There are still a few spots left for our Summer Camp trip to CoveCrest in Georgia, August 4th—10th!** All teens entering 9th grade through exiting 12th grade are invited to attend! Please go to [Lifeteen.com](http://Lifeteen.com) and look under “CAMPS” for more information. **#BESTCAMPEVER**

**All Parishioners** are welcome to join our Faith Formation Families in helping to feed and educate orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya. Lenten offering boxes are available in the back of the church for anyone who would like to give alms and help the people of Kenya carry their cross.



**Join your fellow parishioners** and bring your family and friends to share a meal together and walk the Lord’s Passion every Friday evening during Lent beginning at 5:30 pm with a simple soup supper and Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to help out. To sign up go to:

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com), search for a sign-up and enter email: [stanthonycal@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonycal@gmail.com) or call the office.

**The Spiritual Life Committee** has placed two baskets with purple ribbons on either side of the main entry doors into Church. The baskets contain suggestions on how we can make our Lenten experience a more meaningful one simply by praying more often, doing small acts of kindness, and sharing what we have with the poor. Please pick a suggestion each week through Lent.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Chrissy Baxter, Vicki Baxter, JB, John Bell, Sam “Bo” Bradley, Florence, Dominic Brady, Jack Bragger, Jeff Carr, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Jimmy Carroll, Thomas Combs, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Elaine Cunnane, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Gavin DiBitetto, Jo Finch, Linda Foresta, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Aaron Fortney, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Anna Halterman, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Carolyn Humerick, Roza Ivanac, Lindsey Jay, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, JoAnn Kery, Richard Knupp, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Anne Marie Mako, Maude Mangels, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Josephine McWhorter, Jennifer Melanab, 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, Richard Swann, Bunny Tate, Betty Theurer, Marc Timms, Carolyn Vargas, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Chelsea Whittington, Shannon Wink, Sue White, Tina.

### **LADIES OF CHARITY**

**An Archdiocesan-wide tradition since 2008 is the Annual Lenten Food Drive** where parishioners across the region make a tangible difference in the lives of those facing hunger. The parishioners at St. Anthony’s offer generous on-going support of our Food Pantry; but if you would like to participate in this special effort, the Ladies of Charity will be handing out grocery bags after every weekend Mass on **March 23rd and 24th**. All items collected will benefit our Pantry for distribution to local families in need. Please drop off your donated groceries in the foyer of Padua Hall on **March 30th and 31st**.

**Mother Teresa Vocation Society** will be having an evening of recollection on **Wednesday, March 20th** at Jesus the Divine Word in Huntingtown. The evening begins at 7 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Reflection by Father Dan Carson, followed by the Litany of Prayers for Priests, Benediction and Final Blessing at 8 pm (confessions will be available). All are welcome to attend.

**2019 Annual Jubilarian Mass** honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday June 23rd, at 2 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of the church to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Friday, April 26th.

### **Weekly Offerings and Donations**

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

March 9th and 10th — \$8,658.25

### **Next Weeks Readings: Third Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**