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First Sunday of Lent  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY VIGIL

4:30 pm

### SUNDAY

8:15 & 11:15 am

### DAILY

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am

Friday: 11:00 am in the  
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Saturday: 9:00 am

### HOLY DAYS

6:00 & 8:00 am & 7:00 pm

### HOLIDAYS

See bulletin

### HEALING MASS

1st Sunday of the  
month: 3:00 pm

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
or by appointment

Mondays during Eucharistic  
Adoration: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

**OCIA:** The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is for those interested in becoming Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Communion and Confirmation) or for those wanting to learn more about the faith. Contact Deacon Wes Bryant or Fr. Stack.

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements should be made three months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Father Stack.

**HOLY MATRIMONY:** Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance with the Pastor to allow for necessary preparations required by the Archdiocese. At least one of the engaged must be a registered, practicing parishioner of St. Anthony's. Call the office for an appointment.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** This Sacrament is offered to the seriously ill, someone going into surgery, the elderly and those suffering from chronic illness. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit with the priest.

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:** If you cannot get to church to attend Mass contact the Parish Office to arrange a home visit.

**FUNERALS:** Funerals are arranged through your funeral home and/or the Parish Office. Call the office for more information.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are interested in a religious vocation please contact Fr. Stack.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**Monday, February 23rd**

Adoration and Confessions—6 to 8 pm

**Tuesday, February 24th**

Bible Study—10:30 am

**Wednesday, February 25th**

Adoration and Confessions—6:30 to 7:30 pm

**Friday, February 27th**

Soup Supper—5:30 to 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross—7 pm

**Sunday, March 1st**

Knights Breakfast—8:30 to 11 am

Healing Mass—3 pm

High School Youth Group—5:30 to 7 pm

Jr. Ladies of Charity—7 to 8 pm

**February 28th and March 1st—The Religious Goods store will be open and the Ladies of Charity Bakesale will follow all Masses.**

**THE CALL FOR MEALS MINISTRY** provides meals for parishioners who have recently been hospitalized, recovering, new mothers or other unforeseen circumstances. If you are in need of meals to be delivered contact Denise Waters at 410-474-9393 or [dd\\_waters@comcast.net](mailto:dd_waters@comcast.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS— FEB 23 TO MARCH 1**

- 8:00 am 2/23—Rev. Brian Cook (D)
- 8:00 am 2/24—Allan Curtin (D)
- 8:00 am 2/25—Dolores Colosi (D)
- 8:00 am 2/26—Thomas Quinn (D)
- 8:00 am 2/27—Herbert Frymark (D)
- 9:00 am 2/28—Grguric Family (L)
- 4:30 pm 2/28—Charles Sullivan (D)
- 8:15 am 3/01—Parishioners
- 11:15 am 3/01—Jim Kleinheinz (D)

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Jordan Mungul    | Sam "Bo" Bradley       | Patty Falls      |
| Marie Heaton     | Susan Pennini Watkins  | Bill Leonard     |
| Greg Misorek     | Brandon Simonds, Jr.   | Judy Leonard     |
| Eileen Baca      | Anthony Fowler         | Mickey Lord      |
| Melissa Sandy    | Sister Kiera Agnes, MC | Kathleen Francis |
| Jack DeGrange    | Christopher Rothstein  | Allan Curtin     |
| Richard Curtin   | Katherine Stevenson    | Frank King       |
| Nina Teti        | Christina Nicholson    | Cory Honaker     |
| Nina Reese       | Kimberly Hutchison     | Emory Reese      |
| Jace Fowler      | Elijah Fowler          | Taylan Fowler    |
| Stephen Pettko   | Krystal Pettko         | Randall Pettko   |
| Dana Pettko      | Nancy Alexander        | Michelle Leduc   |
| Mike Conto       | Donald Good            | Judy Green       |
| Nancy Stillwell  | John Callaghan         | Jean Marko       |
| Lou Creasia      | Daniel Rheingrover     | Michael Law      |
| Bernard Hastings | Tina Durrell           | David Belcher    |
| Mark Mann        | Patty Fields           | Margaret Stack   |
| Korry Gough      | LaWann Sweetenberg     | Paul McBride     |

**Come and See 2026 Permanent Diaconate:** Catholic men interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church are welcome to join a meeting about the diaconate. Check out the website: <https://adw.org/vocations/deacons/formation-program> for more details and requirements.

**Upcoming meetings**

**Monday, February 23rd, 7 to 9 pm**—St. Martin of Tours, Gaithersburg, MD

**Saturday, February 28th, 5 pm**—Sacred Heart, La Plata

**SOUP SUPPER AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays during Lent: Soup Supper at 5:30 pm in Padua Hall followed by Stations of the Cross.**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. You can sign up to help on any night that works for you. Go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)—click on the “more” button at the top of the page, go to “search” and enter the email [stanthonycalvert@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonycalvert@gmail.com) under “find a sign up”. Sign up sheets can also be found in the church foyers or call the parish office.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### "I THIRST" and Lent

My Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Anthony's,

As is promised in last week's bulletin article, I will continue the reflections on the statement made by Mother Teresa based on the Gospel of St. John. As Jesus was hanging on the cross, he spoke seven words, and one of those seven are captured in the Gospel of John, chapter 19, verse 28, which reads: "After that, Jesus realizing that everything was now finished, sat to fulfill the scripture, "I thirst".

Before we get into the article, I just want to thank those who have commented on my articles. I am happy that you enjoy reading them. I want to give thanks to Monsignor John Hogan who was the pastor of Sacred Heart in Bowie, for getting me started on writing bulletin articles. When I was a young curate stationed at Sacred Heart, Monsignor was a very good teacher, although though in many ways, he was a very solid and truth-oriented pastor. I thank God for his guidance and encouragement while I was a young priest.

Now for some more of Mother Teresa. Mother says, quoting the Book of Revelation 3:20:

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." "It is true, I stand at the door of your heart, day and night. Even when you are not listening, even when you doubt it could be me, I am there. I await even the smallest sign of your response, even the least whispered invitation that will allow me to enter.*

*I want you to know that whenever you invite me, I do come-always, without fail. Silent and unseen I come, but with infinite power and love, and bringing the many gifts of my Spirit. I come with my mercy, with my desire to forgive and heal you, and with a love for you beyond comprehension-a love every bit as great as the love I have received from the Father. 'As much as the Father has loved Me, I have loved you'...(John 15:9)"*

Now on to the Liturgical Season of Lent. The word "Lent" comes from the Gaelic word "Lecten" or springtime. The ancients looked forward to the time when the days would get longer, and the sunlight would allow the farmers to spend more time in the fields to tend to their crops. Since the winter solstice (December 22), we have gained about an hour of sunlight. Lent was a recognition of the length of days and to how important it was to the ancient civilizations.

When I was in Ireland, I remember going to a place called New Grange. It was an ancient burial plot that the sunlight would shine through a shaft in the rock only on the day of the winter solstice. To the ancient people, that was some hope of a resurrection. Of course, at the time, they had not the news of Jesus, but there was something inherent to the human person of the desire to live forever.

Well, it looks like I have run out of space and time, so I will continue this next week as we journey together in the beautiful season of Lent.

Peace, In Christ Jesus, Fr. Stack



For our Lenten Outreach project this year, the Faith Formation program will be supporting our local Missionaries of Charity in DC again! The sisters have children from the neighborhood that they take care of by teaching Faith Formation and supplying support for the children and families. The sisters will be gathering Easter goodies for the kids, and it's a great opportunity for our children to help out. **Coloring books, crayons, markers, stickers, candy, or even monetary donations are all greatly appreciated!** If you would like to support our Missionaries of Charity sisters, you can drop your donations off in the Faith Formation office Sunday mornings or the parish office during the week. **Please turn your donations in my March 22nd. Thank you!**

**Trivia Question**— True or False? In today's Gospel, Jesus was being tempted by the devil.

### High School Youth Group

All high school youth are invited!

**Matt Schiavone: 410-474-7845 or [ym@stanthonycal.us](mailto:ym@stanthonycal.us)**

**Meetings are held in the Religious Education Building every Sunday, unless noted, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.**

**This past Sunday we discussed the Biblical story from Satan's Perspective and learned more about Nephilim.**

**Youth Group will meet this Sunday, February 22nd In the Religious Ed Building.**

### St. Bernardine's Food Pantry donations

are next weekend, February 28 / March 1.

Most needed items are: peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables soup, cereal, flour and dried beans.



Mark your calendars now! St. Anthony's Vacation Bible School will be June 22nd-26th.

More information and registration coming in the springtime.

If you are in need of your 2025 contribution statement, please email or call the parish office: 443-646-5721 / [office@stanthonycal.us](mailto:office@stanthonycal.us).

We do not include Faith Direct or Parish Soft giving.

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Trivia Answer: True

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