

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — A

DECEMBER 21, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

Love



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 10:30AM & 12:15PM

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM
Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **Last Sunday** at 5:30PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm, except Eastertime

Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1:30pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.



All mails addressed to:

St. Anthony Parish Office
750 N. 7th Street
Newark, NJ 07107

Telephone
973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

Website:
www.saintanthonybelleville.org

Mass Intentions For The Week

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00a Dante Pantalone by Sisters

5:30p Genevieve "Jean" Giordano by Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00a John DelGuercio by Vicki

10:30a People of the Parish

12:15p Leopold Torrocha (Birthday) by Wilma

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00a Soledad Intal by Masagana Staff

8:00a Rosita Go by Evangeline

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00a Salvatore & Luisa Coppola by Rosina & Family

8:00a Joseph & Margaret Raimo by Sigall Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)

7:00a Jimmy & Joe Coppola by Rosina & Family

8:00a Sadie Nanfria by Joanne Petrucci

10:30p Dolly, Tony & Joann D'Alessio by Barbara Jean

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Leonora

10:30a Fermina Montas (Healing) by Jay Montas

12:15p People of the Parish

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00a Salvatore & Assunta Gencarelli by Rosina Coppola

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00a Vito DelVecchio by Vicki DelGuercio

5:30p Christina Cabanig (Birthday) by Emiliano

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:00a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera

10:30a Leonard Iannia by Beloved Children

12:15p Lebro Charles by Rita Charles

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 21 - December 27, 2025

The Altar Candles will be offered in memory of

Flora Ferraro

Altar Bread & Wine will be offered in memory of

Doris Gomez

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered in memory of

Flora Ferraro

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Zenaida Baltazar, Alfreda Surigao, John Buglione, Amelia Collina, Bobby Collina, Nick Perna, Phil Bruno, Michael Profenno, Tom Klapatch, Anna Granja, Samantha Kinsley, Tommy Farese, Marie Jean-Pierre, Jeanne Grieg, Tami Novak, Valentin Colon, Billy Juliano, Nicholas Castellano, Irma Wilson, Diana Friedman, Jonel Francisco, Feliciano Lima

Please call the parish office if you need to be kept in next month's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo, SSL
Pastor

Rev. Pablo P. Omamalin
Parochial Vicar

Ann Marie Kastner
Co-Director of Religious Education

Mari Ippolito, B.A.
Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth Director

Leonora DiLauro-Ragab & Rose Pantalone
Parish Secretaries

Emiliano Cabanig
Maintenance

Karen Notare
Music Director

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez
Board of Trustees

Joseph Zarra
Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuozzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

WANTED PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

Our Parish of St. Anthony of Padua is seeking a part-time Parish Secretary to join our office team. We are looking for someone who is skillful with computers and familiar with Microsoft programs such as Publisher, Word, and PowerPoint. The position involves filing, writing, and general office duties. Additional training will be provided as needed. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the Parish Office for more information or to apply.

PASTOR'S CORNER

My dear parishioners and friends,

As we celebrate this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth candle, symbolizing LOVE—the love that is perfectly revealed and incarnated in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas is only four days away. On this holy day, we commemorate the birth of Jesus, who is Emmanuel—God with us. His birth not only brings hope, peace, and joy; most of all, it brings God, who is Love, into our world and into our lives.

When Love entered the world through God's only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, it marked the beginning of our redemption. Having been separated from paradise by sin, it was God who took the first step toward us. In the humility of the Incarnation, He chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the vessel of His coming—a young woman whose faithful “yes” opened the door for salvation to unfold.

To complete our redemption, Jesus obediently embraced His mission—offering His life on the cross and rising from the dead. While Easter completes the redemptive act and reveals His divinity, Christmas initiates this saving love and manifests His humanity. The child in the manger is the same Lord who would one day heal the sick, forgive sinners, carry the cross, and conquer death—all out of love.

As we enter these final days of Advent, may we prepare not only our homes and celebrations with food and decorations, but more importantly, our hearts with kindness and generosity. Let us allow the love of Christ—gentle, humble, and self-giving—to be born anew in us. May this love move us to forgive where there is hurt, to reach out where there is need, and to welcome Christ in one another.

May the love of Emmanuel dwell with you and your families, within our parish community of St. Anthony, and beyond, as we joyfully await His birth.

A blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent, and an advanced Merry Christmas to all!

FrNol



TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:00am

Church

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY

12:00nn

School

12th & FINAL DRAW
CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

7:00am, 8:00am

10:30pm Christmas Vigil

Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25



CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00am, 10:30am & 12:15pm

Church

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

There will be no second collection next weekend, December 27 & 28. However, those who missed giving their Christmas Gifts last weekend may place their gifts and/or Catch-Up Envelopes together with the regular Sunday collection. Please also be reminded that, as part of our Christmas Masses—both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day—regular collections will be taken. This is in addition to your Christmas Gift offering. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and support. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness!

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

January 3 & 4—Monthly
January 10 & 11—*none* (catch-up)
January 17 & 18—Snow Removal
January 24 & 25—Communicating God's Word
January 31 & February 1—Monthly Assessment
February 7 & 8—*none* (catch-up)
February 14 & 15—Central & Eastern Europe

TRAVELING CHALICE

The Traveling Chalice continues as the **SAQUIPULLA FAMILY** receives it at the 10:30am Mass today. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **BATAC FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. With these parishioners, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 21, 2025

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Clarie Anya
Lucas Tiankee

December 28, 2025

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Clarie Anya
Lucas Tiankee

NO BINGO FOR TWO WEDNESDAYS

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Thursday. Hence, we will be unable to run our regular Bingo for two Wednesdays, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Please try to give a little extra to help offset our losses. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity!

WITH SINCEREST GRATITUDE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to **JULIE PALMA** for generously sponsoring the cleanup of our rectory grounds as we prepare for the winter season.

Julie, your continued support and kindness are truly appreciated. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.

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NJ LGCCC ID: #28-1-161 RL #: 3372

ANNOUNCING THE 2026 CALENDAR RAFFLE \$12,000 IN CASH PRIZES ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

1 TICKET = 12 ENTRIES
(1 per month)

**EACH MONTH A WINNER IS
DRAWN – EACH MONTHLY PRIZE
IS \$1,000**

You can win more than once –
winning ticket numbers are put
back in for the next drawing

Donation: \$100

**Dates/Time of Drawing: Third
Sunday* of each month in 2026,
1:30 PM (* 4th Sunday in October 2026)**

**Location of Drawing: St. Anthony
of Padua Church,
Ferraro Hall (& livestream via
Facebook)**

WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT

No substitution of the offered prize may be made

Net proceeds to benefit parish expenses of St. Anthony's Church

**Complete the form below (photocopies acceptable) and mail it in with your check
(payable to St. Anthony of Padua RC Church) or drop it in the collection basket.
You will receive your ticket via US Mail. Maximum 300 tickets will be sold.**

Please print legibly

Number of tickets requested _____ at \$100 each

Name(s) to appear on ticket(s) _____

☐ This is a gift. Please mail ticket to name/address on reverse.

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If gambling is a problem for you or someone in your family, dial 1-800-GAMBLER

Update Corner



**WE ARE HIS
WITNESSES**

<https://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/>



Your Voice Matters! We have conducted more than 420 Listening Sessions throughout the Archdiocese. And we are still gathering insights. We want to ensure your input is included to help shape our future!

Scan the QR-code and click **"Model Feedback Form."**
Please share your comments by **Dec. 31st.**

A Few Feedback Snapshots

"We are used to our intimate community."

"How do we prevent 'us verses them' mentality?"

"We should be willing to help/share with our neighbors."

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY



Would you like to look sharp, make your parents proud, and be more involved at Mass? Be an **Altar Server!**

Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to grow in faith while helping our parish community. As an altar server, you not only look sharp wearing the robe of baptism—you also bring pride to your family by taking an active role in the celebration of the Mass. In this ministry, you serve not only the priest at the altar, but also our whole parish family by helping everyone worship with reverence and joy. Most of all, you serve God through prayer and liturgy.

At the moment, we have 5 adult altar servers and about 8 active young servers who faithfully assist at our weekend Masses. They are dedicated, joyful, and proud of the ministry they perform. We urgently need more young altar servers, and we are inviting boys and girls ages 10 and older who have already received First Communion to join this meaningful ministry.

Schedule of Meetings and Practices

- **January 11, 2026** (Sunday) at 11:30 AM – Meeting with parents in the Church
- **January 18, 2026** (Sunday) at 9:30 AM – Practice in the Church
- **January 25, 2026** (Sunday) at 10:30 AM – Installation Rite within the Mass

If you are interested, please pick up a registration form from the Parish Office, fill it out, and submit it to Fr. Nol, Fr. Pablo, or Lito de la Cruz on or before January 11, 2026.



St. Anthony's New Year's Eve 2026

Beginning with Holy Mass Wednesday December 31 @ 7:30pm

Party after in Ferraro Hall

What's on the Menu??

Filipino-Italian Dinner Buffet Style

Dessert-Soda-Water-Coffee-Tea

BYO Appetizer

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Music-Singing-Dancing (BYOB)

\$30.00 pp (children under 14 FREE)

Please return your reservation form by December 28, 2025

Make checks payable to St. Anthony's Church

The forms are on the tables at the Church vestibule.

Complete and tear off form with payment & return to rectory or drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked "New Year's Eve".

COMPLETE THIS FORM & SUBMIT IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ NUMBER ATTENDEES _____