

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

(December 24-26, 2023)

Sunday (December 24)

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

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

10:30pm

Monday (December 25)

Christmas Day Masses

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

Tuesday (December 26)

7:00am & 8:00am

SACRAMENTS

Confession

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

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime

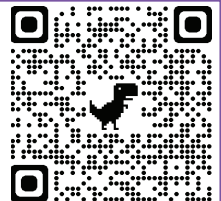
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, December 23

5:30p Cesar Viado by Jun & Tess Galvez

SUNDAY, December 24

8:00a Sadie Nanfria by Joanne Petrucci & Family
10:30a Doris Gomez by Adrian Rivera
12:15p Nicolina Di Pasquale by Marie Di Pasquale
10:30p People of the Parish (*Christmas Eve Mass*)

MONDAY, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00a Assunta Gencarelli by Rosina Coppola & Family
10:30a Happy Birthday Jesus by Barbara Jean & Family
12:15p Tony & Dolly D'Alessio by Barbara Jean & Family

TUESDAY, December 26

7:00a Flora Ferraro by Family
8:00a David & Carla Gates (Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, December 27

7:00a Sal Gencarelli & Jimmy Coppola by Rosina & Son
8:00a Vito Del Vecchio by Vicki Del Guercio

THURSDAY, December 28

7:00a THX to Sto. Nino & Infant of Prague by Edna Tan
8:00a Angelo & Giuseppe Toscano by Family

FRIDAY, December 29

8:00a Phyllis Calzone by Tony Calzone

SATURDAY, December 30

8:00a Nicomedes Chavez by Noli & Rose Chavez
5:30p Jerry Petrucci by Joanne Petrucci & Family

SUNDAY, December 31

8:00a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Anthony Camuso by Marge Lo Conte
7:30p Sebastian Alongi by Angela, Grace, Angela & Anita
(*New Year's Eve Mass*)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS SUNDAY
(December 17) COLLECTIONS WILL BE
PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
IT IS ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

PARISH STAFF

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MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 24—December 30, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the ISoul of

John Devone

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Intention of

People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of

People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lydia Salzano, Edward McNulty, Nida Andre, Patricia Chideo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Jonel Francisco, Theoprolia Parras, Thomas Moore, Jackie & Chris Hosford, John Buglione, Jimmy Ragab, Marge Lo Conte, Adrian Llave Macaraeg, Ann Marie Jones, Louise Mauriello

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

Family Prayer for Christmas Day

Our hearts are on fire today with love of You, O Lord. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for the strength and courage to share the love that we feel today, tomorrow and each day, with those who need it most, helping to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT! *Rejoice in the Lord!*

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

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Here's What's Happening!

Merry Christmas

**May You and All Your Families
Be Blessed with a Very Happy,
Healthy and Holy Christmas!**

**VOCATION PRAYER AND ADORATION WITH
BENEDICTION**

Tuesday, December 26 at 830-11am

Little House

**Everyone is invited to attend prayer and
adoration with Benediction.**

New Year's Eve Party 2023!!

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

7:30 PM Mass with Party After
Ferraro Hall

**Filipino-Italian Dinner Buffet
Style**

**Dessert-Soda-Water-Coffee-
Tea**

**Champagne Toast at Midnight
Music-Singing-Dancing
(BYOB & Appetizers)**

*Please return your reservation form by December 28, 2023.
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".*

30.00/person

Again, in order to prepare adequately, please

RESERVE EARLY by 12/28/2023



Rejoice With the Choir

Let us all join in singing and praising the Lord this Christmas season as we thank God for all His blessings. We are especially thankful for St. Anthony's new choir under the direction of our Music Minister, Karen Notare.

As we know, 2023 Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Do we have to go to church twice: Christmas Day and Sunday (Christmas Eve)?

Yes, there are two Mass obligations, the Sunday obligation and the Christmas obligation. A person cannot fulfill both obligations with one Mass. In order to fulfill a Mass obligation, we must attend either on the day of the feast or on the evening preceding.



DECEMBER 30, 2023 @ 3:00 PM

3 KINGS VISIT HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN NUTLEY

Bring your children. Why did the Kings travel so far to find the Infant Jesus? How did they know that this child was special? Why did they follow the star?

Come dressed as angels and shepherds as we accompany the Three Kings through Nutley.

Holy Family Church 28 Brookline Avenue Nutley NJ

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, *December 30 & 31*, there will be no second collection. But, please remember your Christmas collections on Christmas Day and your Christmas Gifts 2023. As always, thank you so much for your support to our parish needs.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **ANONUEVO FAMILY** at the 5:30Pm Mass on Saturday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **JOE GARNIER** next Sunday at the 8:00am Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

2024 Calendar Raffle

Tickets for our 2024 Calendar Raffle are still available. We need your help! We are at the finish line but we still have a few more tickets left. This is your chance to win more than once! And, at the same time, help the financial needs of our parish. Kindly share this information with your friends, relatives, and co-workers. Give them a chance to win as well by passing along the order forms found in the vestibule.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 24, 2023

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

December 31, 2023

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Samantha Llaban

Chloe Llaban

A BIG THANK YOU

To all who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree. There were so many gifts – cards, clothes, toys and more. What can I say but how wonderful our parishioners are and how blessed many people, children and babies will be this Christmas because of your generosity. Thanks again!! Have a grace-filled Christmas celebration.

Angela Cuzzo-Zarro

Chair, The Giving Tree Committee

April is just around the corner.

**Sight & Sound Millenium Theatre
Lancaster PA**

**"DANIEL" – April 4, 2024
(Thursday)**

Your bus fare, lunch and light snacks are included with your Premium Seats in the amount of \$200 only per person. Pick up an order form after Mass. We only have 25 seats available.

DEADLINE TO RESERVE: FEBRUARY 29, 2024

A Very Special Thank You

The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank the anonymous donor of the beautiful handmade grave crosses. We were able to raise \$795 in funds which will be used to cover the cost of linens for the altar.

Again — thank you!

THANK YOU TOO

To all of you who said "YES" to the request for their time and talent in decorating our Church for Christmas 2023. May the newborn child, Jesus, reciprocate your dedication and love for Him. The birthday celebrations in our Parish will surely bring a smile to Him and cause more graces to shower on y'all. HAVE A MERRY AND A GRACE-FILLED CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!!!

The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love.

All four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

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