

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT — A

DECEMBER 14, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00a Mario Percio *by Emilia & Alessandro Percio & Family*

5:30p Frances & Michael Ingino *by Marino Family*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00a Doris Gomez *by Adriana Rivera*

10:30a Sara Gene Bunk-Quinn *by Toni Lyn*

12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00a Isidro Huerta *by Mimi Lambon*

8:00a Mario Della Fera *by Family*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00a Mario & Elizabeth Castellano *by Daughter*

8:00a Frances Sgobbo *by Anita*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00a Flora Ferraro *by Family*

8:00a Tillie & Henry Catenacci *by Catenacci Family*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00a Romeo & Teresita Montas *by Jay Montas*

8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro *by Leonora*

7:00p People of the Parish **(Simbang Gabi)**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00a Mercedes Fernandez *by Wilma Torrocha*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00a Dante Pantalone *by Sisters*

5:30p Genevieve "Jean" Giordano *by Family*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00a John Del Guercio *by Vicki*

10:30a People of the Parish

12:15p Leopoldo Torrocha (Birthday) *by Wilma*

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 14 - December 21, 2025

The Altar Candles will be offered for intentions of

People of the Parish

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for intentions of

Jean Giordano

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for intentions of

Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Feliciano Lima, 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

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 4,034.00

(December 6 & 7, 2025 excluding online)

Immaculate Conception - \$ 1,087.00

(December 8, 2025 excluding online)

Monthly Assessment - \$ 560.00

***THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!***

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Luke 6:38

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

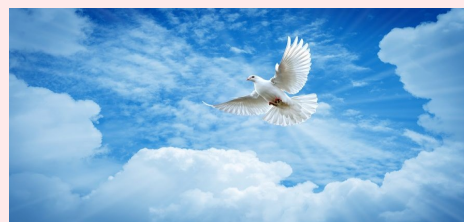
Karen Notare
Music Director

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez
Board of Trustees

Joseph Zarra
Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuzzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



LINDA JONES

PASTOR'S CORNER

My dear parishioners and friends,

On this Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, we light the rose candle—the candle that announces that what we have been waiting for is drawing near. *Gaudete* means “Rejoice,” and today the Church invites us, even during challenges, worries, and uncertainties, to pause and rediscover that deep, quiet joy that only Christ can give.

We rejoice because the Lord is near. Not far, not distant, not unreachable—but near. Near to our families and their concerns, near to our parish and its mission, near to each one of us who may be carrying burdens silently. Advent joy is not the loud excitement of the season; it is the steady assurance that God has not forgotten His people.

Saint Paul reminds us, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” He does not say rejoice only when life goes well, when prayers are answered immediately, or when everything becomes clear. He says always—because our joy is rooted not in circumstances but in Christ Himself.

One way of expressing this joyful anticipation is by participating in our upcoming parish celebrations, which strengthen us as a community united in faith and hope:

- This Thursday, December 18 – *Simbang Gabi*:

A beloved Filipino tradition of evening Masses leading us toward Christmas. It is a beautiful opportunity for our parish to experience the warmth, spirituality, and festivity of Filipino Christmas devotion.

- Next Sunday, December 21 – CCD Christmas Pageant:

Our CCD children will bring the beauty of the Christmas story to life through costumes, music, and heartfelt performances—followed by their Christmas party at the school.

- Tuesday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve Mass & Party:

As we close this year and welcome a new one, we gather first for Holy Mass and then for our New Year’s Eve Party—a joyful way to begin another year with gratitude and hope.

Another way to celebrate with joy this Third Week of Advent is by supporting our 2026 Calendar Raffle, an important fundraising effort for our parish. And yes—the final draw for Calendar Raffle 2025 will take place next Sunday, December 21. Who knows? It might just bring unexpected joy to one of you!

While these activities are outward expressions of celebration, we pray that they may also lead us to inner joy—especially for those who may be walking through tears, questions, or quiet struggles. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas and continue the year-long celebration of our 125th Foundation Anniversary, may we trust that God is at work—quietly, patiently, and faithfully—in our parish and in each of us.

May this *Gaudete* Sunday remind us that Christ is coming to bring joy into every corner of our lives. Let us welcome Him with hearts that are open, grateful, and ready to rejoice.

A blessed and joyful *Gaudete* Sunday to all!

FrNol



TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 **FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS'** **MEETING**

9:15am

Ferraro Hall

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

1:30pm

Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SOCIETY** **GATHERING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 **SIMBANG GABI**

7:00pm

Church

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOLLOWS

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 **CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

10:00am

Church

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY

12:00noon

School

12th & FINAL DRAW **CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025**

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

The second collection next week, December 20 & 21, will be for *Christmas Gifts*. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, let's also remember the needs of our parish. Your extra donation this Christmas will make a lasting impact, supporting St. Anthony's in its mission. Thank you for your continued generosity, and may God bless you and your family this Christmas season and beyond!

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

December 25—Christmas Day
 December 27-28—none (catch-up)
 2026
 January 3 & 4—Monthly
 January 10 & 11—none (catch-up)
 January 17 & 18—Snow Removal

TRAVELING CHALICE

The Traveling Chalice continues as the **LOPEZ FAMILY** receives it at the 10:30am Mass today. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **SAQUIPULLA 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 14, 2025

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Clarie Anya
Lucas Tiankee

December 21, 2025

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Clarie Anya
Lucas Tiankee



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 _____

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.

WANTED: PART-TIME PARISH SECRETARY

St. Anthony's Parish 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rectory Address: 750 N. 7th Street, Newark, NJ 07107

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