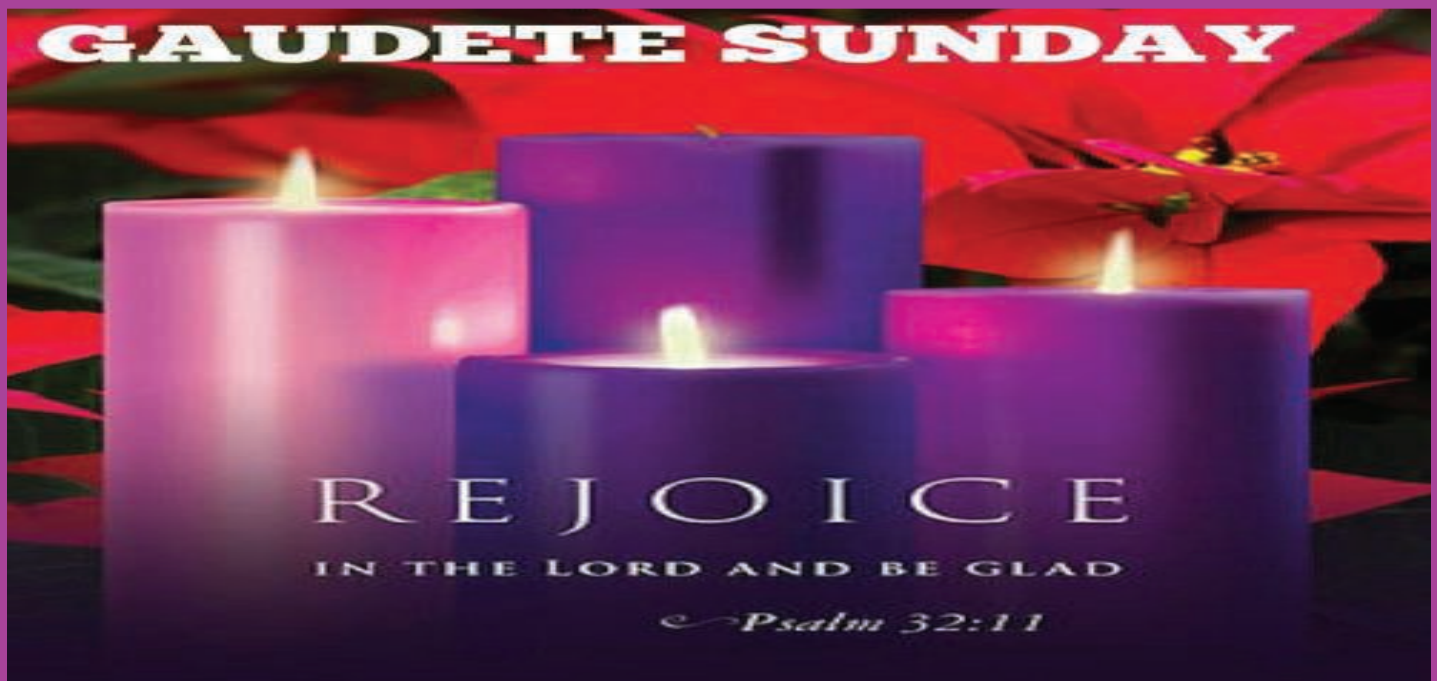


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

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

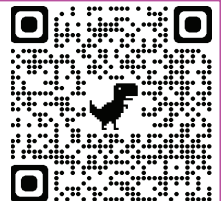
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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:

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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 16

5:30p Edeza Llave (Thanksgiving)

SUNDAY, December 17

8:00a People of the Parish

10:30a Romeo & Teresita Montas by Jay Montas

12:15p Nelia Yang by Vega Family

MONDAY, December 18

7:00a Gerry & Imelda Austria (Thanksgiving)

8:00a Cecille Fabe (Birthday)

TUESDAY, December 19

7:00a Crispina Galvez by Jun & Tess Galvez

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

WEDNESDAY, December 20

7:00a Cesar Viado by Jun & Tess Galvez

8:00a Dante Pantalone by Sisters

THURSDAY, December 21

7:00a Katrina, Pia, Lucia & Laura Austria (Thanksgiving)

8:00a John Del Guercio by Bingo Friends

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

FRIDAY, December 22

8:00a Dante Pantalone by Donna Marie Iannia

SATURDAY, December 23

8:00a Deceased Members Huerta/Jalos Fam by Mimi

5:30p Cesar Viado by Jun & Tess Galvez

SUNDAY, December 24

8:00a Sadie Nanfria by Joanne Petrucci

10:30a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera

12:15p Nicolina Di Pasquale by Marie Di Pasquale

10:30p People of the Parish (**Christmas Eve Mass**)

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 17—December 23, 2023

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

People of the Parish

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

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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Immaculate Conception - \$ 1,106.34

December 8 (including online)

Regular Sunday Collections

December 3 (including online) - \$ 3,923.00

December 10 (excluding online) - \$ 3,324.00

Assessment

December 3 (including online) - \$ 1,310.23

Second Collections - \$ 946.00

(for Religious Retirement Fund—excluding online)

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)

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Family Prayer for Third Sunday in Advent (Joy)

(This prayer may be repeated each day during the third week. After the prayer, the family's oldest child lights the third rose candle.)

**Lord, would You restore the Joy of our salvation?
Help us to be willing to follow you with all we have.
As we read the scriptures that remind us of Who
You are and the ways you love us, ignite in us a
sense of Joy that overflows out of our hearts.**

(The third (rose) candle may be lit and left burning during the evening meals on each day of the third week in Advent)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

Rejoice in the Lord!

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

December 17—23, 2023

December 17 (Sunday) 10:30am Mass

CCD Christmas Pageant

Church

December 17 (Sunday) 3:00pm

Decorate the Church for Christmas

Church

December 17 (Sunday) 5:00pm—7:00pm

CCD Christmas Party

School

December 20 (Wednesday) 7:00pm

Final Choir Practice

Church

December 21 (Thursday) 7:00pm

Simbang Gabi & Christmas Party

Church & Ferraro Hall

ACTIVITIES for the REST of DECEMBER 2023

December 24 (Sunday) 10:30pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

Church

December 25 (Christmas Day)

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

Church

December 26 (Tuesday) 8:30am - 12:00pm

Adoration & Vocation Prayer with Benediction

Little House

December 29 (Friday) 7:00pm

Line Dancing

Ferraro Hall

December 31 (Sunday) 7:30pm

New Year's Eve Mass & Party

Church & Ferraro Hall

NOVEMBER 2023
Monthly Financial Report
(Operational Fund)

Deficit Forwarded **(8,121.25)**

RECEIPTS

Collections/Offerings	
Regular: Sundays & Holy Days	19,489.47
Regular Fund Raising	15,222.30
Perquisites	225.00
Candles & Gift Shop	843.00
Assessment Collections	1,046.34
Donations	55.00
TOTAL	36,881.11

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries (Priests, Full & Part Time Workers)	16,966.56
Food & Provisions	751.49
Gas & Electric	
Church & Lake Street House	1,243.98
Office & Rectory	1,175.15
School	2,666.56
Water	
Church & Lake Street House	62.40
Office & Rectory	74.00
School	649.71
Telephone & Internet	
Church	134.33
Office & Rectory	356.47
School	266.68
Supplies	
Church	2,023.49
Office & Rectory	202.99
Religious Education	30.00
Equipment Rentals	1,185.45
Health Insurance & Pension	3,050.05
Transportation & Insurance	191.56
Repair & Maintenance	
Church	157.92
Rectory	57.18
School	235.74
Representations	729.61
Property Insurance	5,411.83
Archdiocesan Assessment	* 2,000.00
TOTAL	39,623.15
DEFICIT	(2,742.04)
DEFICIT (to be forwarded)	(10,863.29)

*less than what we are supposed to remit, i.e., \$2,955.33.



Saint Anthony of Padua
New Year's Party 2024!!

Sunday, December 31st, 2023

7:30 PM Mass with Party After

at 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

Children under 14 Free

Again, in order to prepare adequately, please

RESERVE EARLY by 12/28/2023

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, *December 23 & 24*, there will be no second collection. But, please remember our 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 **ENTERO FAMILY** at the 12:15am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **ANONUEVO FAMILY** next Saturday at the 5:30Pm Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

Today, Sunday, December 17 @ 3pm



Your Help Is Needed!

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 17, 2023

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Ryan Paurom

December 24, 2023

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

2024 Calendar Raffle

Tickets for our 2024 Calendar Raffle are still available. We need your help! There are still around 70 tickets to be sold. Take your chance to win more than once! And, at the same time, help the financial needs of our parish. Kindly share this information to your friends, relatives, and co-workers. Give them a chance to win as well by passing along the order forms found in the vestibule.

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.

SIMBANG GABI SCHEDULE 2023 ESSEX COUNTY

December 15 (Friday) 7:00pm

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
60 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield

December 16 (Saturday) 7:00pm

St. Catherine of Sienna Church
339 Pompton Ave, Cedar Grove

December 16 (Saturday) 5:00pm

St. Philomena Church
388 S. Livingston Ave, Livingston

December 17 (Sunday) 7:00pm

St. Valentine's Church
125 N. Spring Street, Bloomfield

December 18 (Monday) 5:00pm

Sacred Heart Church
76 Broad St, Bloomfield

December 19 (Tuesday) 5:00am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
120 Prospect Street, Nutley

December 20 (Wednesday) 7:00pm

St. Raphael Church
346 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave, Livingston

December 21 (Thursday) 7:00pm

St. Anthony of Padua Church
63 Franklin Street, Belleville



December 22 (Friday) 6:00pm

Holy Name of Jesus Church
200 Midland Ave, East Orange

December 23 (Saturday) 7:30pm

St. Peter's Church
155 William St, Belleville

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