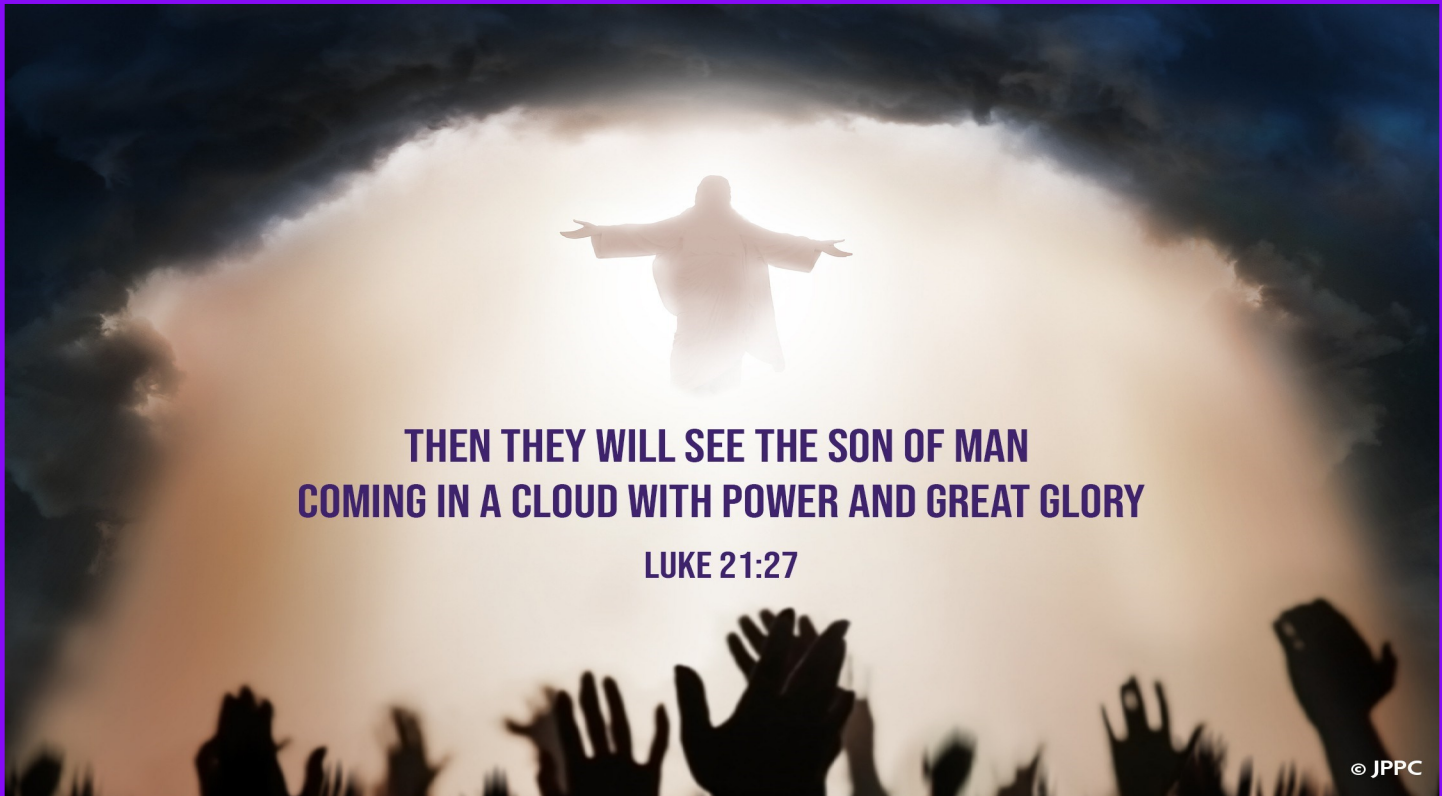


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- C

DECEMBER 1, 2024

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



**THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN
COMING IN A CLOUD WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY**

LUKE 21:27

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 1215PM

Weekday

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

Every **4th Sunday** at 530PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 430-515pm 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, November 30

8:00a Patricia D'Ambola *by Carmen & Kathy*

5:30p Frank Palma *by Julie*

SUNDAY, December 1

8:00a Dante Pantalone *by Sisters*

10:30a Romeo & Teresita Montas *by Jay Montas*

12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, December 2

7:00a Hilda Jobbins *by Miriam Lima*

8:00a Gilda Yacullo *by Helen Yacullo*

TUESDAY, December 3

7:00a All Souls in Purgatory *by Miriam Lima*

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

WEDNESDAY, December 4

7:00a Thanksgiving *by Edeza Llave*

8:00a Nicolina Marino *by Marino Family*

THURSDAY, December 5

7:00a Edeza Llave (Birthday) *by Rose & Noli*

8:00a Noli Chavez (Birthday) *by Rose*

FRIDAY, December 6

8:00a Nicomedes Llave *by Rose & Noli*

SATURDAY, December 7

8:00a Nicholas Sessa Jr. *by Anna Marie*

5:30p Happy Healthy & Blessed 2025 *by Donna Marie Iannia*

SUNDAY, December 8

8:00a Immaculata & Mario Frappalo *by Emilia Percio*

10:30a Mario & Giovanna Stoppiello *by Emilia Percio*

12:15p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 1 -- December 7, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for Birthday Blessings to
Ken & Rocco Constantino

The Altar Candles will be offered for Birthday Blessings for
Noli Chavez

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Marge Lo Conte, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, James DeFago Sr., Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Empson Venturi, Frank Papaiani, Bobby Collina, Amelia Collina, Zenaida Baltazar, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Judy Batson, Elisa Ortiz, Remedios Uy, Alfreda Surigao, Rita Charles, Andrea Barbier

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. Jose Adrian Surigao, MA
Parochial Vicar

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*Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth
Director*

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Bookkeeper

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Parish Secretary

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Maintenance

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Music Director

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez
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Pastoral Council Chair

PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father, let your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that you alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year.

May we pause to remember that we have hope in you. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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Here's
What's
Happening!



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

**ADORATION,
MID-DAY PRAYER
and BENECTION**

8:30am—1230pm

Little House

NEXT WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

SOCIETY OF ST. ANTHONY MEETING

6:30pm

Church

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

7:00pm

Church

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 7 & December 8, the second collection will be for *Feast of Immaculate Conception*. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 1, 2024

Lucas Tiankee

Ryan Paurom

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Clarie Anya

December 8, 2024

Reagan Ocampo

Lucas Tiankee

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

CCD CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE HAS BEGUN

The CCD students will meet for practice every Sunday after the 10:30am Mass for a 30 minute rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant on December 15. CCD parents please make a note of this in your calendar.

ATTENTION!

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19

7:00—8:30pm

Monday, December 23

7:00-8:30pm

IN THE CHOIR LOFT

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, December 1, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **SISSY & MARCO ALLENDE and FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **ToniLyn Carsillo Bunk and Family** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these parishioners, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY GRAVE CROSS SALE

Our handmade Christmas Grave Crosses are available after Mass today. We have a limited amount of crosses for sale this year and we will not be able to order more. An anonymous donor was so kind to make these crosses and donate them to our church. Stop by the vestibule after Mass and choose one or more. Or use the order form below and pick up at church next week.

YOUR COST—ONLY \$20 EACH

Sunday, December 15 @ 2:30pm



for Christmas

Your Help Is Needed!

ORDER FORM FOR THE CHRISTMAS GRAVE CROSS SALE

Please Print Legibly

Number of Crosses to Purchase _____ at \$20 each check or cash

Amount Enclosed _____

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

(Make checks payable to St. Anthony Church)

CONCERT

Loboc

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH



A concert of religious, contemporary and Filipino classics by the internationally acclaimed LOBOC CHILDREN'S CHOIR. A donation of \$25 to restore the 200-year old magnificent Loboc Pipe Organ, to support the scholarship and programs of the Loboc Children's Choir and to promote Bohol as the first UNESCO geopark in the Philippines.



Join in the
Celebration
on
Thursday,
December 19
Mass
at 7:00 PM
followed by our
2024
CHRISTMAS
PARTY
in
Ferraro Hall

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Monday, December 9, 2024 (7PM)

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas, we are called to open ourselves fully to His love and embrace His will in our lives. To be ready for this, let us come together as a faith community for a special celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation (Penance Service).

Before the service begins, a member of the Society of St. Anthony will offer a short reflection on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, helping us deepen our understanding of this sacred gift of God's mercy.

In this sacred liturgy, we will listen to the Word of God, lift our voices in prayer and song, and reflect on our individual sinfulness and its impact on the community. As we acknowledge our need for God's mercy, we also pray for one another, seeking healing and forgiveness together.

Following the communal service, we will have the opportunity for private confession and absolution, with several priests available to hear confessions. This is a time to receive the grace of reconciliation and renew our hearts, preparing ourselves to welcome Christ into our lives with peace and joy.

GIVING TREE

Please take a

tag!

Deadline: December 21, 2024

Sunday, December 15 at 10:00am



Annual Christmas Pageant

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