

St. Anthony Church

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St. Anthony's Parish is a Catholic Faith community rich in cultural diversity with a strong flavor of identity.

Our mission is to foster a strong spiritual growth of life and faith in our families, community and society by sharing the gift of our time, treasures and talents.

We hope to do this with a Spirit of Christian generosity that brings us closer to the blessing of unity, peace and reconciliation.

Like St. Anthony called to love and to serve - we try our best in following Christ on the road of this world using God-given gifts for his glory and for the good of our brothers and sisters.

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Call office 768-1878

St. Anthony Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:00pm

Church Groups & Ministries - Contact the office at 768-1878

Funerals	Contact the office	Altar Servers	Sandra Coccimiglio
Hospitality Ministry	Jerry Sottile	Communion to the Sick	Contact the office
Music Ministry	Laura Daniele	Children's Liturgy	Sandi Krasowski
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Seniors	Maria Floreancig	Youth Ministry	Pasquale & Sandra Coccimiglio

For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM (English) SUNDAY: 9:00 AM (Italian - English) & 11:00 AM (English)

Registration:

Parish Census Forms at Church entrance or call the Office.

Baptism:

Parish Membership & Baptism class required. Please contact the Office.

Marriage:

Parish Membership & Preparation required. Contact Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession:

Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each Daily Mass or on request.

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

Church & Hall at one level:

Wheelchair Access & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God **January 1, 2017**



Today we give thanks to Mary, the Mother of God. Her response to the angel, born of a humble heart, brought us life and salvation in the Child conceived in her womb. From before all ages, God had destined her for this decisive role in salvation history. She was to be the woman who in the fullness of time would bear God's only Son. In the Infant lying in the manger, God has shone

His face upon us. Jesus is made a child of Israel, an heir of God's covenant with Abraham. As children of God, Paul says today, we are heirs of the Father's blessings, which He promised to bestow on all peoples through the descendants of Abraham. This is the blessing which Aaron imparted to Israel, the people descended from Abraham. And this blessing comes to us through Mary and the Child. This is the good news of great joy that the shepherds make known in Bethlehem today. Like the shepherds, we too should make haste today to find Jesus with Mary and Joseph, and to glorify God for His blessings. And like Mary, we should keep His word and reflect upon it, letting it dwell richly in our hearts .

OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Monday, January 2 and reopen on Tuesday, January 3.

SENIORS CLUB: activities resume Tuesday, January 3, 2017. There will be a General Meeting with Election of Executive on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30pm in the Church Hall.

C.W.I. EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00pm in the church meeting room.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY: Mass, Saturday, January 7 followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone welcome.

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR CHILDREN: Will take place at every Mass on Sunday, January 8th, Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CANDIDATES: will be held on Sundays at 10:00am in our parish hall following with Mass at 11:00am. Dates of preparation are as follows: January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 12, & 26. Remember to attend Mass regularly. Attendance for the preparation classes is also important in order to prepare for your Confirmation.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30pm in the church meeting room.

FIRST COMMUNION: We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday Mass. Participation in the Sunday Liturgy is the best preparation for the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

C.W.I. HATS & MITTS PROJECT: hats & mitts for children ages JK—Gr. 6. Please place new items in the basket in the lobby (no scarves please). Thank you.



C.W.I. MEMBERSHIPS for 2017 can be paid for at the office during office hours. Membership fee is \$25.

SUNDAY MISSALS: are available in the church lobby. Cost is \$5.00. The Sunday Missal will help you follow the Sunday Mass. It also includes Prayers, Hymns, Saints of the month and much more. Please leave money in the envelope available.

2017 SUNDAY ENVELOPES: please pick up your box of envelopes. If you do not have a box and are interested in obtaining one, please call the office.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Join us in our music ministry at 11:00am Mass. We are looking for more voices and musicians to fill our beautiful church with song. We look forward to making music with you!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES will be March 17th & 18th. If you are getting married in our parish this year, please contact the office for more information.

Thank you to all our Parishioners and visitors for their continued generosity and support.



MEMORIAL POINSETTIA PLANTS: After January 8th, anyone who purchased a Memorial Poinsettia may take their plant. Please remember to leave the bottom plastic tray as we will reuse them next year.



Congratulations to Kaylie Amanda Justine Mauro & Jeremy Ryan William Cole in their marriage. May God continue to bless them in their journey of family life.

Maria Santissima, Madre di Dio



La maternità di Maria non resta affatto un tesoro geloso che la Vergine custodisce per sé o limita al proprio Figlio. Come deliberatamente affermò Paolo VI in una certa occasione del Concilio Vaticano II, Maria essendo Madre di Cristo (Dio - Uomo) è anche Madre della Chiesa, poiché noi tutti, battezzati, formiamo con lui un unico Corpo. Madre quindi della Chiesa in quanto Madre del Capo (Cristo) che è sempre unito alla sue membra (i battezzati cristiani). Di conseguenza Maria estende la sua maternità anche a ciascuno di noi, che ci sentiamo ulteriormente sospinti a progredire in forza di una speciale protezione e di un invito che ci sprona a fare di meglio. La presenza di una Madre celeste non può che offrire coraggio e non può che animarci e guidarci verso i sentieri di vita, fiduciosi nell'avvenire.

In questa ottica di gioia e di speranza, auguro a tutti un FELICE E PROSPEROSO ANNO 2017

***** COMMUNITY EVENTS *****

HELP! IT'S GETTING COLDER. . . The Catholic Action Centre is looking for men's winter jackets, towels & sheet sets (double & queen size). Donations can be dropped off at 129 Miles St. E. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10:00am -4:00pm.

MEN FOR SPIRITUAL FITNESS: All men 18 and over are invited to meet twice a month for prayer, Bible study, faith-sharing and faith discussion. Exercise and build up your spiritual muscles. The meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month (next one is January 14) at Corpus Christi Church small meeting room from 8:00am to 9:30am. Bring a friend! For more info please call Deacon Dennis at 767-7420.

ST. PATRICK CATHEDRAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: St. Patrick Cathedral will be offering a 6 week grief support program beginning the evening of Sunday, January 15. If you are an adult who has lost a loved one in the last two years, and are interested in participating in this support group led by trained facilitators, please call the parish office 622-5389. The planning team will contact you to answer any questions and confirm registration.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Catholic Family Development Centre is looking for volunteers for their bingos every month at various times of the day or evening. For more information call Debbie 345-7323.

MASS INTENTIONS January 2—8 , 2017

Monday, January 2

All Parishioners
Francesco DiGiacinto

9:00am English

Pastor
Family

Tuesday, January 3

Frank Iachetta
Giuseppe, Pasquale & Maria Arella
Matilda Humar

7:00pm Italian

J. & L. Hagdu
M. Arella
M. & G. Scocchia

Wednesday, January 4

Theresa Chochla
Antonia Greci

7:00pm English

Mike
M. Servello

Thursday, January 5

Mario Nucci
Alfredo, Sisina & Assunta
Giuseppe Tassone
Maria & Emilio Costanzo
Carmela Santelli
Marcello Piccinin

7:00pm Italian

M. & F. McLean
L. Nucci
N. Larizza & Fam.
M. Costanzo
Family
Luigina & son

Friday, January 6

Doris Pomanti
Rosario & Luisa Larizza
Special Intention
Francesco DiGiacinto
Tito Castellani
Peter Arella

7:00pm English

A. & C. DiCasmirro
Figli
E. Romito
Family
A. & D. Castellani & Fam.
Family

Saturday, January 7

5:00pm
Giovanni Eleuterio Chiarelli
Buddy & Alf Cava & Luigi DeRose
Bruno & Maria Mauro
John MacKay
Ernesto Augruso
Rocco Vita
Beniamina Tesolin
Francesco Bruno
Helen Griffin
Natacha Martinie Ruberto

L. Pilato
B. Cava
Family
M. & A. Veneruz & Fam.
Family
R. & D. Furioso
Victor, Laura & Families
G. Fabiano
daughter Michelle
Maman

Sunday, January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am

Danny, Enzo, Giacinto, Luigi & Giuseppina Berardi
Antonio Fiorito
Paulo DaCosta
Emilio, Maria & Clotilde Costanzo
Franco Paladino
Virginia & Vincenzo Tarantino

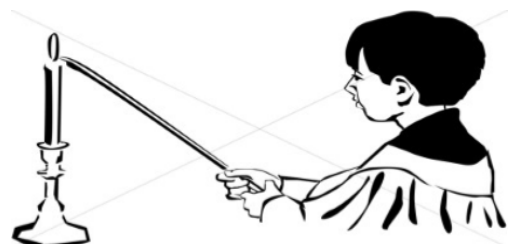
J. & C. Berardi
E. & T. Izzo
wife Ilda
Simone & Family
wife Iolanda
Giuseppina

11:00am

Jose Cabral
Defunti Tozzo & Nazzareno Tassone
Paolo Galle
Maria Teves
Nicola, Giulia & Antonio Sanzo
Fernanda Sousa
Rosa Stella
Maria Perri
Vincenza Talarico

Maria & Family
Family
Nicolina, Adrian & Fam.
N. & J. Furtado
E. Sanzo & Fam.
E. & M. Novo
L. & M. Nigro
sister
L. DeAmicis & Fam.

Emma Grace Romito Matheson was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations to the family.



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