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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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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
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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



Third Sunday of Advent December 11/16

*The spirit of the Lord now upon me
has sent me to bring good news to the poor.*



John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours. He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our

God has come to save us. The Liturgy of Advent give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide. John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior. We come to Him again now in the Eucharist.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: Sunday, December 11 after the 9:00am Mass.

GIVING TREE: Kindly return gifts to the church by the date specified on your ornament, remembering to attach the ornament to your gift. A heart-felt thanks to the generosity in our parish.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: will be displayed on the altar during the Christmas season in memory of beloved deceased. The Best Youth thank those that participated in this special project.



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. Next practice is scheduled for Monday, December 12 at 7:00pm. We look forward to making music with you!

C.W.L. EXECUTIVE MEETING: Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00pm in the church hall.

CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON: Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening every Wednesday during Advent: Dec. 14 & 21 in our parish hall, after the 7:00pm Mass. Join us in watching & discussing some enlightening spiritual movies to celebrate the Advent Season. Movies are: ***October Baby*** and ***The Young Messiah***.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00pm at St. Dominic's Church.

CONFIRMATION: We remind our Confirmation Candidates along with Sponsors & Parents to attend Sunday Mass.

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.L. 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.

USED STAMPS: The C.W.L. are reminding all parishioners to save their stamps affixed to envelopes & drop them off in the container on the wall by the meeting room.

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

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: Will be caroling at Bethammi on Wednesday, December 21. Please arrive at St. Joseph's Heritage (63 Carrie St.) at 6:40pm. A rehearsal will be held on December 18 in the church meeting room following the 11:00am Mass.



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 and Hymns, Saints of the month, celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation and much more. Please leave money in the envelope available.

2017 SUNDAY ENVELOPES are available in the church lobby. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE ENVELOPES UNTIL JANUARY 1st.** If you would like to have a box of envelopes, please call the office (during office hours). You must be registered with our parish.

Thank you for your continued
generosity and support.
God Bless!



III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A



Piccola storia di oggi per imparare a riconoscere i segni della presenza di Dio. Un giorno Giulia ricevette un fresco mazzo di fiori in ufficio. Stupita, visto che non ricorreva nessun anniversario in quel giorno, né il suo compleanno, né nessun'altra ricorrenza da

festeggiare, cominciò a chiedersi chi gliel'avesse mandato... ripercorse mentalmente tutte le persone che le volevano bene, o a cui aveva fatto un favore. Nulla. Tutto il giorno scrutò volto per volto, dai suoi genitori ai colleghi d'ufficio, cercando di svelare il mistero, ma non riuscì a trovare una ragione sufficiente per un gesto del genere. Giunta la sera, quand'era rientrata a casa, squillò il telefono. Era Carla, sua amica d'infanzia. Disse "I fiori te li ho mandati io, dopo averti visto così depressa ieri. Senza biglietto, così che tu passassi la giornata a pensare a quante persone ti vogliono bene e avrebbero potuto mandarteli. So per certo che questo ti ha cambiato l'umore!". Impariamo a riconoscere i segni della presenza di Dio, alziamo lo sguardo, apriamoci alla bellezza e alla gioia del bene che il Signore opera attraverso tante persone.

*** COMMUNITY EVENTS ***

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Do you want to have a deeper, richer experience of the Sunday Mass? Join in a study of the Sunday Readings using the Lectio Divina method of prayer at the Kateri Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. For more information, please call Penny at 285-0201 or 631-7467.

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

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST: children ages 8 - 14 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Poster Contest. They are encouraged to develop an original 11 x 17 poster with a slogan designed to discourage peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Prizes are provided for the top three entries in each category for each age group (8-11 & 12-14). The deadline for entries is Fri., Dec. 30, 2016. All entrants are recognized with a certificate of participation. For entry forms & details, contact Denis Gilmore at 345-3964 or dengil@tbaytel.net.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Catholic Family Development Centre is a non-profit family service agency & is looking for volunteers for their bingos every month at various times of the day or evening. For more info, call Debbie 345—7323.

MASS INTENTIONS December 12 - 18, 2016

Monday, December 12

All Parishioners
Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Linda Sargent
Jim Ridley
Tutti Defunti

Tuesday, December 13

In onore di S. Lucia
Giuseppe Marino
Vincenza DiGiacinto
Tony & Saverio Marozzo & Mirella Pellegrino
Giovanni & Erminia Pucci
Sebastiano Augruso
In onore di S. Lucia
Eugenio & Rosina Berardi & Deceased Family
In onore di Santa Lucia
Franco Rizzo
Natacha, Vincenzo & Angelina Ruberto

Wednesday, December 14

Raffaella Marino
Frank Potestio
Deacon Bob Debesys
Alfredo Gama
Larry Ryden

Thursday, December 15

Rachele Costanzo
Francesca & Pasquale Coccimiglio
Giuseppe Tassone
Defunti Maccadanza & Righetti
Bruno Larizza
Luigi, Rosina, Franco & Giuseppe Paladino
Giuseppe, Virgilia & Franco Martino

Friday, December 16

Maria Menei DiPasquale
Maria Frappa
Fernanda Sousa
Lino Tempesta
Vincenzo & Angela Clasadonte
Saverio & Tony Marozzo
Nicola, Giulia & Chiara Sanzo
Antonietta Laudone
Special Intentions for Marcin, Grazyna & Artur

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm

Rosa, Carmela, Maria, Lisa & Bruno Donato
Francesco Tassone
Antonietta & Frank Gallo
Maria Costanzo
Pietro Muraca
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo
Salvatore & Nazzarena Pelaia
Giuseppe DiDomenicis
Doris Pomanti
Giuseppe Tassone
Vincenzo Maletta
Anna Marrello in Larizza
Mariannina Turco
Maria Muraca

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am

Gaetano DiGiuseppe
Emilio & Maria Costanzo
Angelo Nardari
Vincenzo & Virginia Tarantino
Paolo Galle
Franco Paladino
Antonietta Fiorito

11:00am

Raffaella, Consolata & Giuseppe Marino
Lucia Sandri & Peter Sandri
Giovanni Malench
Jose Cabral
Deceased of Tozzo Family & Nazzareno Tassone
Henry DaRosa
Domenica Bava
Maria Rosa Consolata Tino
Francesco Garofalo
Antonietta Laudone
Giuseppe Bradizza & Maria & Giuseppe Casali

9:00am English

Pastor
Giuseppe & Fam.
R. & D. Furioso
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J. & L. Tassone

7:00pm Italian

E. Romito
Figli
Family
Marta & Family
Family
Family
E. Rucchetto
Eva
F.C.
Giuseppe & Famiglia
Joanne

7:00pm English

Figli
A. & G. Mauro
D. & S. Cattani
Wife & Family
Lucina

7:00pm Italian

D. & R. Quaresima
O. & N. Coccimiglio
sorella Bruna & Fam.
M. & R. Maccadanza
F. Tassone & Family
G. & D. Paladino
D. & G. Paladino

7:00pm English

G. & T. Leonetti
M. & S. Frattaroli
E. & M. Novo
wife Maria
Son
M. Marozzo & Family
Lucy
George & Family
A. & W. Bradica

F. & D. Donato
Wife
Family
A. & U. Agostino
Family
Family
Family
Charlton & DiBiagio Fam.
T. & D. DiBiagio
N. Larizza & Family
Wife & Children
M. Larizza
M. & R. Stefanile & Fam.
M. & E. Santin

M. & S. Frattaroli
G. & C. Costanzo
Wife & Family
Giuseppina
V. & P. Bossio
Wife Iolanda & Fam.
F. & S. Roccatani

R. Forte & Family
Family
Family
Wife & Family
Family
Wife & Family
E. & E. Sacchetti
Giuseppe & Family
C. & M. Turco
John, Pina & Family
M. Bradizza

† Let us pray for Casimiro DiCasimiro, Doris Guarasci & Helen Griffin who have recently passed away.

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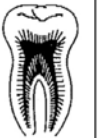
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