

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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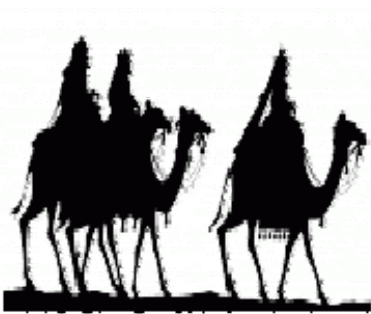
For Daily & Weekend Mass Intentions see inside

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



The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Dec.25



The Church's liturgy rings in Christmas with a joyful noise. We hear today of uplifted voices, trumpets and horns, and melodies of praise. The new song in today's Psalm is a victory

hymn to the marvelous deeds done by our God and King. In Jesus, all nations to the ends of the earth will see the victory of God over the forces of sin and death. Jesus is the new King. He is the royal firstborn son and Son of God promised to David, as we hear in today's Epistle. Jesus is the Word of God, the Son of God, the one through whom the universe was created. In speaking to us through His Son, God has unveiled a new age. The new age is a new creation. In the beginning, God spoke His Word and light shone in the darkness. Now, in this new age, He sends us the true light to scatter the darkness of a world that has gone astray far from God. So we sing a new song on Christmas. It is the song of those who have believed in the Christ child and been born again – by grace given the power to become children of God.

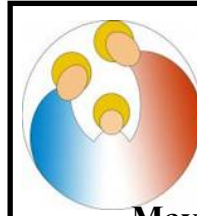
A HEARTFELT THANK YOU: to all of our parish groups who have volunteered and supported our parish in their many activities & donations. God Bless.

GIVING TREE: A heartfelt thank you to the generosity in our parish for providing gifts for our community's children this Christmas.

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!



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Dec.30



Sending many blessings of peace, joy, and good health to all our parishioners and their families.

**May you shine the light of Christ in the New Year.
God Bless you all.**

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: Office will be closed Monday, December 26th & Monday, January 2nd. On Friday, December 30th, the office will be open from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

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.



C.W.L. 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 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Thank you to all of our parishioners and visitors for their continued generosity and support throughout the year.

NATALE DEL SIGNORE / A



Natale con gli auguri, viene anche la voglia di vivere questo incredibile evento di Dio, che si fa 'Emmanuele', Dio-con-noi, 'lontano dalla città', ossia lontano anche solo dalle voci di mercato, che è il nostro mondo dentro e fuori di noi, dove il silenzio non ha paura della solitudine, ma diventa luogo ideale per cantare con il cuore: 'Vieni, Signore Gesù!'. Quindi e' il nostro cuore un luogo unico per ascoltare in tutta la sua purezza la Voce di Gesù, che si fa vicino a noi, tanto vicino da non aver paura, per poter assaporare

fino in fondo la gioia di essere amati da Dio: una gioia che poi si faccia sorriso, accoglienza, perdono offerto a quanti ci sono vicini, fino a riempire di bellezza tutto l'universo. Credo sia necessario che Gesù, presentatosi povero tra noi, ritrovi tra noi 'gli angeli' che annunziano a chi soffre che Lui è venuto anche per loro. Dobbiamo davvero riscoprire il dono del Natale come una rivelazione dell'amore di Dio per tutti e per ciascuno e 'pieni di stupore' diventare così ambasciatori di giustizia, di solidarietà, perché nessuno sia escluso dalla gioia di Dio. Pace, gioia e vita a tutti coloro che vicini o lontani accolgono il natale del Signore.

Buon Anno e buon principio a tutti!

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

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 & 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 information call Debbie 345-7323.

MASS INTENTIONS Dec. 26/16 - Jan. 1/17

Monday, December 26

All Parishioners
Defunti Marino & Tenuta
Massimo Stocco
Catherine Hanson

9:00am English
Pastor
E. Rucchetto
M. & S. Cicchitano & Fam.
Parishioner

Tuesday, December 27

Achille & Ettera D'Angelo
Tarcisio Guidolin
Giuseppe Marino
Gina, Francesca & Pasquale Coccimiglio
Bruno Larizza
Peter Tucci & Deceased Family
Antonietta Tropea
Helen Griffin

7:00pm Italian
Italia & Family
Wife & Family
E. Rucchetto
O. & N. Coccimiglio
M. & P. Ferrari
Eva
Family
daughter Michelle

Wednesday, December 28

Assunta, Santa, Nicola Ferruccia
Frank Potestio
Frank Massaro
Dennis Menean

7:00pm English
F. Donato
Harbourview Funeral Centre
R. & D. Furioso
Wife Christine

Thursday, December 29

Michele Costanzo
Mario Arella
Fernando Barilari
In onore di S. Lucia

7:00pm Italian
Rita & Family
Wife & Family
Galle, Marino & Papa Families
G. Milano

Friday, December 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1:00 Wedding Kaylie Mauro & Jeremy Cole

7:00pm English

Angelina & Luigi Valente
Albina & Giuseppe Veneruz
Theresa Chochla
Frank & Emma Iachetta

Family
A. & M. Veneruz & Fam.
Mike
Family

Saturday, December 31

New Years Eve

Intentions for All Parishioners
5:00pm (English)



Sunday, January 1 Mary, Holy Mother of God

Intentions for All Parishioners
9:00am (English & Italian)
11:00am (English)



**May God be with you through
the New Year and fill your life
with comfort, love, and cheer.
May this day and the days ahead
hold many blessings for you and
your family.
Happy New Year!**

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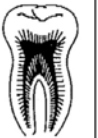


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