

# St. Anthony Church

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**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**

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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



**First Sunday of Advent                      December 3, 2017**

*Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.*



The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year. Amidst the excitement of preparing for the Christmas festivities, the season of Advent reminds us that we have to make preparations for the deeper meaning of what Christmas is all about God's presence among his people in the person of

Jesus Christ. His coming on Christmas Day fills us with hope, and gives us encouragement that amidst all life's troubles our future is secure because it is in God's hands. May this Advent Season find us eager to prepare the way for the Lord in our heart and in our families

**CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT CEREMONY:**  
Sunday, December 3 at 11am Mass. All Candidates & Sponsors are to meet in the church hall by 10:30am.

**BEST YOUTH ON HILLS:**  
**NEXT MEETING:** Sunday, December 10 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Youth gr. 7 and older, including Confirmation Candidates, are welcome.

**GIVING TREE:** *The Best Youth On Hills are proud to organize this special Advent project, sponsoring students in need at St. Vincent's School. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament and purchase for the child specified. Kindly return the gifts to the Giving Tree in the church with the ornaments attached by December 17, 2017. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

**MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS:** *The Best Youth On Hills will be taking orders for Memorial Poinsettias which will be displayed in our church during the Christmas season. Parishioners are invited to order poinsettias in memory of their deceased beloved on the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd. Poinsettias will sell for \$12 each.*

**CW.L. MEETING:** Tuesday, December 5 beginning with Mass at 7:00pm and gathering to follow. Reminder of Membership renewal.

**CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON:** Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening on Wednesdays at St. Anthony's Parish during Advent: December 6, 13, & 20 in our parish hall after the 7:00pm Mass. Join us in watching and discussing some enlightening spiritual movies to celebrate the Advent Season. Movies include: The Small Miracle, The 13th Day & Joseph of Nazareth. **Free Admittance. Bring a friend.**

**FUNERAL CHOIR:** Anyone interested in singing in our funeral choir is welcome to join us. Please call MaryAnn for more information -767-7470.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Join us in our music ministry at 11:00am Mass. We need voices & musicians to fill our church with song. Practices will be on Mondays at 7:00pm: December 4, 11 & December 18.

**FIRST COMMUNION MEETING** for Parents & Children: **Thurs., Dec. 7 at 7:30pm in church hall.**

**ST. ANTHONY'S SENIORS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Saturday, December 9 at St. Anthony's Church Hall. Dinner for 6:30. tickets \$20 each.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES:**  
Our Lady of Loretto Church, Mon., Dec. 11 at 7pm  
St. Casimir Church, Thurs., Dec. 14 at 7:00pm

**HOLY FAMILY ICON** will be touring our diocese for the next few months. The Holy Family Icon will be displayed Sat., Dec. 16 & Sun., Dec. 17 in our parish. Prayers hosted by the Knights of Columbus for the Unity of a Christian Family will be on Tues., Dec. 19th at 6:00pm in our church.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2017 – 2018**



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
9:00am (English & Italian)  
11:00am (English)

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:**  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
5:00pm Mass (English)  
8:00pm Mass (English)  
11:00pm Mass (Italian & English)

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:**  
Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
9:00am Mass (Italian & English)  
11:00am Mass (English)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASSES:**  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
9:00am (English & Italian)  
11:00am (English)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES:**  
Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
9:00am (Italian & English) 11:00am (English)

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**                      \$ 3,440.00  
Thank you to all our parishioners and visiting friends for your continued generosity and support.

## I DOMENICA DI AVVENTO



La Chiesa, oggi, dedica questo tempo, l'Avvento, perché tutti possiamo preparare la nostra grotta, per ricevere Dio che viene a noi nell'umiltà del presepio e nella semplicità del nostro vivere di ogni giorno, come è la natura dell'Amore. Avvento: un tempo 'per preparare la via al Signore',

come disse Giovanni Battista. Anche noi vogliamo essere pronti a vivere degnamente questo tempo particolare di 'attesa di Dio'. Che cosa possiamo fare? L'Avvento è il tempo di metterci alla prova, per vedere se davvero in noi c'è il sincero desiderio di accogliere il Signore che viene. Lui è l'Emmanuele, il Dio con noi che ci chiama a condividere la gioia di essere nella Famiglia di Dio. Il nostro compito è di accettare la presenza e l'invito di Gesù che di nuovo ci chiama anche in questo Avvento a rinascere nell'amore della famiglia di Dio.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**C.W.L. CLOTHING DRIVE:** St. Dominic's C.W.L. is holding a winter clothing drive for the needy. If you have any gently used clean winter clothing, Jackets, Hats, mittens, boots, sweaters, etc. **or new** socks or underwear, please drop them off on Sunday, December 3 from 8:30am-2:00pm. For more info call Kathy DePaulo at 626-6975

**LADIES OF ITAL. SOC. OF P.A.: CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Monday, December 11. Symposium 6:00pm. Dinner starting at 6:30pm at the Italian Cultural Centre.

**A CANDY KANE CHRISTMAS:** presented by **St. Ignatius Senior Drama Class** on Tuesday, December 19 & Wednesday, December 20 at 7:00pm in the school auditorium. Tickets \$8/person available at the school main office. A portion of the proceeds go to support The Salvation Army Thunder Bay.

**EXPLORING YOUR FAITH:** An evening with Deacon Andre Nicol. Sessions will be every Monday at 7:30pm in Baxter hall. Bishop Robert Barron will bring us different topics to inspire conversation and a better involvement in our faith. Come and find ways to deepen your personal faith.

Eliana Mary Rizzo was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations to the family.



## MASS INTENTIONS December 4- 10, 2017

### Monday, December 4

All Parishioners  
Francisco Pacheco  
Domenico Donato

### 9:00am English

Pastor  
Wife & Family  
Family

### Tuesday, December 5

Mario Nucci  
Caterina Voci  
Fr. Bortignon  
Mirko Mihaljevic  
Serafina Niccoli  
Bruno Bitonte  
Maria & Angelo Barfi & Carlo Iorio  
Giuseppe Tassone

### 7:00pm Italian

G. & V. Coltellaro  
sorella Franca  
C.W.L.  
Family  
B. Larizza & Fam.  
M. Bitonte  
S. & F. Roccatani  
Wife & Children

### Wednesday, December 6

Antonio Calleri  
Mike Ferrari  
Nicola, Francesco, Giuseppe & Vito Magisano  
Pasquale Miniaci  
Maria & Manuel Arruda  
Peter Arella  
Fausto Vocaturo

### 7:00pm English

Teresa & Family  
Seniors Club  
Family  
E. & B. Coccimiglio  
I. DaCosta  
Arella Family  
Vittoria & Family

### Thursday, December 7

Guerino DeFlavis  
Vincenza Talarico  
Maria Dias  
Maria Perrier, Giuseppina & Pasquale DiMarco  
Livia & Vincenzo DeLuca  
Rosina Bruno

### 7:00pm Italian

B. & E. Melchiorre  
S. & M. Frattaroli  
P. Rizzi  
Bernardi Fam.  
G. Chiarelli  
G. Niccoli & Family

### Friday, December 8

Filippo & Giovanni Arella  
Battista, Rosina & Rosario Filice  
Giuseppe Arella  
Noreen McGeagh  
Deceased of Pacheco Family

### 7:00pm English

Emilia & Family  
F. & L. Mollame  
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McGeagh Family  
A.M. Lehto

### Saturday, December 9

#### 5:00pm

Luigi, Teresa & Pietro Fabiano  
In honour of St. Pio  
Maria Muraca  
Pasquale Casoria  
Paolo DaCosta  
Johnny Gazzola  
Luigi Succo  
Angelo, Teresa, Giorgio, Filomena & Raffaella  
Maria Fontana in Fiume  
Monika Bon  
Carla Coccimiglio  
Maria Muto  
Carmine Coccimiglio & Carmela Bruni  
Leta D'Angelo  
Teolinda Grillo

G. Fabiano & Fam.  
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M. & S. Nucci  
Brizzi Family  
Gilda  
Alpini Choir  
Fr. Victor DeGagne  
Tucci Family  
Vanda & Family  
L. Zussino  
husband & Family  
A. Coccimiglio  
A. Coccimiglio  
Mom  
G. Grillo & Family

### Sunday, December 10 II SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### 9:00am

Pasquale Vercillo  
Franco Paladino  
Santino & Venicio Scocchia  
Antonietta Carpino  
Paolo & Antonietta Coccimiglio & Rosario & Emilia Fadelbene  
Carmine DeVuono  
Giovanni Buonocore  
Ernesto Paladino  
Donato D'Angelo  
Giuseppe Arella  
Giuseppe Coppola

Family  
Wife Iolanda  
I. Scocchia  
Michele & Family  
F. & L. Coccimiglio  
Wife & Children  
R. & S. Tassone  
V. & P. Bossio  
Italia & Family  
Ianni & Mollame  
Holy Name Society

#### 11:00am

Donna Valente  
Maria do Carmo & Manuel Pimentel  
Manuel Jose  
Deceased of Zanandrea Family  
Ildio DaSilva  
Primo DeCal  
Raffaele Rino  
Maria DiCasmirro

Bruno & children  
I. Freitas  
Family  
Dino & Family  
Family  
Olinda & Family  
figlia Mirella & Fam.  
Family

*Let us pray for Maria Giuseppina Valente & Antonella Felice who passed away recently.*



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