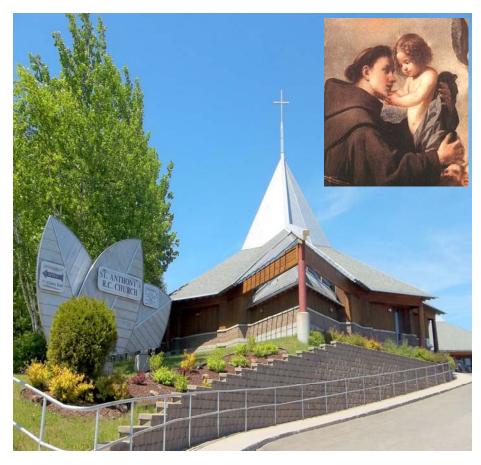
# St. Anthony Church

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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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Deacon Rev. Dave Cattani
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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 **Music Ministry** Laura Daniele Children's Liturgy Sandi Krasowski Ministers of the Word **Louis Romito Pastoral Council** Rory Cava **Knights of Columbus** Vic Augruso **Eucharistic Ministers** Helen Iorianni Catholic Women's League Virginia Butorac **Finance Council** Tom Mihaljevic

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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.

<u>Baptism:</u> 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

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.



We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as his be-

loved children. As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good. In God's kingdom upon earth, love is a powerful decision to push forward the cause of goodness and beauty without letting oneself be infected with the poison of whatever evil or hatred may be encountered. This decision draws its strength from the prayerful remembrance of God, who always loves the sinner even while despising the sin. The ideal is that we would share in the huge, generous and undiscriminating love that the Father has for all the children of his creation. Sunrise and raindrops come the same for all.

<u>C.W.L.</u> will be collecting <u>membership fees</u> at all Saturday and Sunday Masses. You may also pay for your membership at the office during office hours. Membership fee is \$25.

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN: This weekend the Children's Liturgy group along with our Youth

Group will still be selling chocolates. All proceeds go to **Children** Helping Children.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS: meeting - Sun-

day, February 19, 7:00-8:30, in the meeting room. Youth gr.7 and up, including Confirmation candidates, are invited to attend.

**FAMILY DAY**: is Monday, February 20th. Have an enjoyable & safe holiday with your families! The office will be closed Monday, February 20th. Regular Monday morning Mass at 9:00am.

<u>CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR CANDI-DATES</u>: is held on Sundays at 10:00am in our parish hall following with Mass at 11:00am. Next preparation date is Sunday, February 26. Remember to attend Mass regularly. The next meeting for Confirmation Candidates, Parents & Sponsors will be on Thursday, March 23 with Mass at 7:00pm followed by meeting in the church hall.

**C.W.L. EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Tuesday, February 28 at 7:00pm 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.

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

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 Thurs., March 2nd at 7:30pm in the church.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**: Ashes will be distributed Wednesday, March 1st at our 7:00pm Mass.

JOURNEY TO EASTER: Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening every Wednesday during Lent, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 & 12. All parishioners & visitors are welcome to watch & discuss enlightening spiritual movies, celebrating the Lent season as a joyful journey! Movies shown will include: Saint Anthony, The Cure, Nine Days That Changed the World (John Paul II), White Squall, St. Therese of Lisieux, Shadrach, & Risen.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: During Lent, all parishioners are invited to meditate on the Stations of the Cross every Friday following the 7:00pm Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be bilingual so that we may be united as a parish community.

<u>UPDATING OUR CENSUS:</u> If you are new to our parish or have moved, please contact the office during office hours to update your information.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**: Please pick up your tax receipt at the office during office hours. Thank you.

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY: Everyone is invited to join in this celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy here at St. Anthony's Parish on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00pm. Veneration of the relic of St. Faustina will also take place.

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

#### VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO (ANNO A)



L'"occhio per occhio, dente per dente" dell'antica legge, nella legge nuova di Gesù è superato dal "se uno ti dà uno schiaffo sulla guancia destra, tu porgigli l'altra guancia"; l'antico "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odi-

erai il tuo nemico" è trasformato in "Amate i vostri nemici e pregate per quelli che vi perseguitano". Il motivo di questo allargamento dell'orizzonte dell'amore è in quell'"affinché": lo scopo sta nella vocazione a essere "figli del Padre vostro"; come l'amore del Padre raggiunge tutti gli uomini su cui sorge il sole, tale deve essere l'amore dei cristiani: con lo stesso orizzonte infinito. Il cristiano non può accontentarsi di amare con la stessa misura dei pubblicani o dei pagani, perché la misura del suo amore è la stessa che connota l'amore del Padre celeste. Questa è la sapienza di Dio, ben diversa dalla sapienza di questo mondo, una sapienza che il mondo considera stoltezza. Un messaggio, quello della Messa di questa domenica, di fronte al quale noi cristiani dobbiamo continuamente interrogarci e convertirci, perché questo è lo scopo ultimo della vocazione cristiana: essere perfetti "come" è perfetto il Padre celeste. La perfezione consiste nell'amore

# **COMMUNITY**

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS: St. Patrick & St. Ignatius High Schools information night has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th at 7:00pm.

ST. DOMINIC'S VALENTINE'S TEA: Sun., Feb. 19, 12:30pm—3:30pm in Church Hall. Adults: \$5, children (ages 5-10) \$3, children ages 4 & under enter Free.

ST. ANDREW'S CWL SPAGHETTI DINNER: Sun., Feb. 26 at the Italian Cultural Centre. For more info call Barbara 345-5457. Only tickets sold in advance will be credited to St. Andrew's CWL.

**DEAR GARDENER**: In solidarity with Pope Francis' call to protect planet earth & in solidarity with those who rely on seeds for their survival & livelihood, St. Agnes is hosting a <u>Vegetable Seed Exchange</u> after the 11:00am Mass on Sun., Feb. 26. Bring extra seeds (labelled), a marker & small bags or envelopes. If you have no extra seeds, come anyway! Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Patrick at holydoodles54@gmail.com



Lukas Andrew Bogensberger & Livio Francesco Iorianni were baptized in the Lord. Congratulations to their families.

#### MASS INTENTIONS Feb. 20 - 26, 2017

Monday, February 20 9:00am English

All Parishioners Pastor Gregorio Bava G. & M. Scocchia

Tuesday, February 21 7:00pm Italian Louie Benincasa G. Chiarelli Ernesto Bruno-Bossio Family

Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia Maio Family Giulia & Giuseppe Roccatani F. & S. Roccatani

Wednesday, February 22

7:00pm English Robert DiGiuseppe M. Castelli Sacchetti Teresina Serravalle J. Greco & Family Vittoria Longo F. & D. Donato

Thursday, February 23 7:00pm Italian Harbourview Funeral Centre Antonietta Laudone Raffaele Spina M. & M. Turco Rosa Potestio Family

Frank Potestio M. Pascuzzo Frank Barca Emma & Family

Friday, February 24 7:00pm English

Marcello & Lisa Donato Family Vincenzo Romeo & Defunti Bruzzese & Romeo Family E. Sanzo & Family Domenico & Costanza Sacchetti Rita Arno Teresa & Deb Peter Arella A. Crough Settimio Fata Wife

Saturday, February 25 5:00pm

Sam Larizza R. Frattaroli & Fam. Bobby Carvalho, Megan Balen & Ron Percy Family G. Fabiano Franco Daniele Umberto & Peter Paul Pascuzzo Maria Natalina Quinn Family C. & P. Gallo Mariannina Turco Maria Muraca T. & M. Berti Tony Marozzo Marta & Family Janet Goodman Lorne & Luisa Maria, Manuel & Fernando Neves Family Maria Carmela Gallo Family

## Sunday, February 26 VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Angelo Nardari Wife & Family Rita & Quinto Bordignon Family Angelina, Antonio & Giuseppina Conforti & Ernesto Romito Esterina Ettore Benincasa Gina & Family Giovanni, Serafina, Francesca Costanzo Simone & Family Ghina Iacuzzi M. Menis Defunti Maccadanza & Righetti R. & M. Maccadanza Jorge DeSousa

S. Miranda

11:00am

Jose Cabral Maria & Family Doris Pomanti M. DiCasmirro Henry DaRosa Wife & Family Maria Frappa Salatino Family Deceased of Zanandrea Family Dino & Family Virgilio & Lucrezia Paola & Natalina & Joseph Baratta A. DeGrazia Tarcisio Guidolin Wife & Family

† Let us pray for Mike Ferrari, Johnny Gazzola & Mario Margarit who recently passed away.

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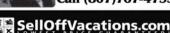
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