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.

Pastor: Rev. Luigi Filippini

Deacons: Rev. Dave Cattani & Rev. Pasquale Coccimiglio
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THIRD SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019



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

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.

III DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

In questa gioiosa domenica di Avvento Gesù domanda ai discepoli di Giovanni che cosa di fatto sono venuti a vedere. Poiché di persone vestite bene se ne trovano dappertutto. Ma se è un profeta che volevano vedere, l'hanno visto! Hanno avuto ragione di andare a trovare Giovanni Battista, poiché la legge e i profeti lo avevano designato. Eppure la gente lo ha seguito ma senza sapere veramente chi lui era. Il Vangelo dà una risposta che ci illumina: di fatto anche noi molte volte non sappiamo quello che vogliono. Spesso corriamo dietro a chiunque ci promette del sensazionale. Colui che celebriamo nel Santo Natale e' la risposta a tutte le nostre domande.



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

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. Call Office 6 months in advance.

Reconciliation - Confession: Saturday 4:00pm & 30 min. before each 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 & Washroom Facilities available. Hall: 768-9368



BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN

It's time to close our campaign and we have reached our goal of \$29,000.00. Thank you for your generosity & continued support. Any monies received over our goal will come back to our parish for Special Projects.

BEST YOUTH ON HILLS NEWS:

GIVING TREE: Thank you to all that have purchased gifts for the children of St. Jude's School. All gifts are due December 15th to ensure that each student will receive a gift. Your generosity & thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated.

CAROLING: The Best Youth On Hills will be caroling at Bethammi Long-Term Care in St. Joseph's Heritage on Dec. 17 at 6:30pm. Those attending are asked to arrive at 6:10pm. Caroling practice will be on Dec. 15 during the meeting time, 7:00pm-8:30pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the **St. Andrew's Dew Drop Inn**. Join one of the St. Anthony's teams that prepare food for this soup kitchen. Your commitment will only be three Saturdays per year. Please contact Rita at 344-0236 if interested.

PLEASE HELP: During these cold winter days, the CWL ask everyone to remember both adults & children who will suffer from the extreme cold. Please donate warm hats, gloves, scarves or socks. A box will be in the lobby for donations. Thank you for your continued generosity.

C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DUES: may be submitted through the Sunday Collection or paid for at the rectory office. Please print name & address clearly. Membership receipts may be picked up from the CWL bulletin board in the church lobby. Thank you.

<u>C.W.L.</u> thank everyone who participated in their recent bake sale, all the bakers, helpers and those who purchased the wonderful baking. In total, the CWL presented \$4,000.00 as proceeds from the bake sale.

2020 SUNDAY ENVELOPES in the church lobby. **Please do not use these envelopes until January 1, 2020.** If you would like a box of envelopes, please call the office during office hours. Thank you.

WHAT IS APOSTOLIC TRADITION?

Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of



Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship and inspired writings. The apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2019-2020

Individual Confessions will be 1 hour before every Mass.



Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019 5:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil 8:00pm Mass (English) - Vigil 11:00pm Mass (Ital. & Eng.)

Christmas Day Masses Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019 9:00am Mass (Italian & English) 11:00am Mass (English)



New

Year's Eve Masses Tuesday, December 31, 2019 9:00am Mass (Italian & English) 5:00pm Mass (English)

New Year's Day Masses Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 9:00am Mass (Italian & English) 11:00am Mass (English)

<u>CONFIRMATION DATE:</u> Saturday, May 2nd, 2020. Please see our website: *www.stanthonysparish.ca*

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT INFORMATION MEETING: Thurs., January 23 at 7:30pm in the church hall. Please see our website for 2020 Program.

<u>USED STAMPS</u>: Please save stamps affixed to envelopes & drop them off in the container by the St. Francis door. Stamps require some paper around the edges for them to be valuable to the stamp collector. The CWL sends stamps to Development and Peace Office in Montreal (who sell them to collectors) to fund their charitable organizations. Thank you.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD! Come & enjoy our last movie for this Advent Season. December 18 movie is "BELLA". One moment can change your life forever. Best movie of the year. A film that will stay with you forever! Start time is 7:30pm. All welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR: Join our youth choir. Ages 7yrs & older are welcome. Next choir practice is Dec. 19 at 7:30pm. Contact alanavalente@gmail.com

Electronic donations can be made online. One-time or automatic monthly donations by credit card at: www.stanthonysparish.ca

THANK YOU to our Holy Name Society for their generous donation of \$5,000.00 supporting our Special Projects (furnace motors).

Thank you to all Parishioners & visiting friends for your continued generosity & support.

God Bless!

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL TAKE OUT: Thurs., Dec. 19 from 3 -6pm \$11.50 at the Columbus Centre on 301 May St. S. Call to confirm 623-3252

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: at the Columbus Centre: Sat., Dec. 21, 10am-noon. Adults \$10, Children 5-9 yrs \$5 & 4yrs and under Free. Non perishable food items being collected for Emergency Food Cupboard for Our Kids Count. For more info call 623-3252

THUNDER BAY STREET GOSPEL This multimedia project for evangelization is important, in that it brings the Gospel and its' lessons to everyone. Each weekly production features individuals from within our diocese reflecting on Sunday readings. Thunder Bay Street Gospel is found on YouTube, google "Thunder Bay Street Gospel



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MASS INTENTIONS December 16—22, 2019

Monday, December 16

All Parishioners Deceased of Pascuzzo Fam., Mario Filice & Mario Margarit Frank & Anna Tony & Saverio Marozzo

Franco Paladino

Tuesday, December 17

Giacinto & Lidia Berardi Giuseppe Magisano Concetta Costanzo Rizzo

Giovanni Niccoli

Filomena Bernardo

Wednesday, December 18

Santo & Angelina Ferrise, Vincenzo & Livia DeLuca, Adelina Ceci F. & G. Ceci Nicola, Giulia & Salvatore Sanzo Argentina DiCasmirro

Giuseppe DeLuca Pietro Marasco Giuseppe & Adelina DeLuca

Thursday, December 19 Santo & Bruno Bitonte

Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Lidia & Orlando Maio Chris Hacio Angelo Nardari Carmine Caruso

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Friday, December 20

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7:00pm English

Lucy J. & L. Tassone

Mom, Dad & Fam

F. & A. DeLuca & Fam. F. & A. DeLuca & Fam.

7:00pm Italian

M. Bitonte Family

Silvana, Franco & Fam. cognati Cosmo & Raffaela

Family

7:00pm English

Family

E. Pucci & Fam. E. DeAmicis & Fam.

E. Romito

Family

Family

T. & R. Carina

Saturday, December 21

5:00pm

Maria Nardi C. & R. Marino Ernesto, Luigi & Natalina Romito & Conforti Family Irma Buffone Family

husband & Family Eva Sacchetti

Erik & Peter Sereda & Elsie Legros M. Sereda & Fam Family

Nicola Tucci Francesco Tassone

Pasquale Casoria & Defunti Casoria & Gallo Family Giuseppe Floreancig Wife & Family

Milvia Santin E. Santin & Fam. Maria Cava A. & R. Summers

Sunday, December 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 9:00am

Francesca DiSimone

Vincenzo, Angelina & Ciccio Rosso Rita & Quinto Bordignon

Maria, Angelina & Raffaele Tassone Gaetano, Concetta & Luigino Mollame

Raffaela DeLuca

Family G. Tassone & Fam.

Rosaria Filice M. Menis

C. & M. Zulyan

daughter & sister

11:00am

Eva Sacchetti N. & A. Frattaroli Mario & Lauretta Filice Family A. Carina Pina Valente Valeriano Valente J. & T. Masotti

Virgilio, Lucrezia & Tony Paola & Natalina & Joseph Baratta A. DeGrazia Clementina Tavares Carlos & Maureen

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