

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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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
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Music Ministry	Laura Daniele	Children's Liturgy	Sandi Krasowski
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Holy Name Society	Tom Mihaljevic	R.C.I.A.	Deacon Dave & Suzanne Cattani
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



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18/16

*The virgin is with child and shall bear a son,
and she will call him Emmanuel*



In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord. In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now "the beloved of God." All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age.

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: **Kindly return gifts to the church this weekend,** remembering to attach the ornament to your gift. A heartfelt thank you to the generosity in our parish for providing gifts for less fortunate children.

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!

CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON: Come & enjoy an evening of spiritual awakening on Wednesday Dec. 21 in our parish hall, after the 7:00pm Mass. Join us in watching & discussing this enlightening spiritual movie to celebrate the Advent Season. Movie: ***The Young Messiah***.



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.**



Samuel Herbert Logozzo was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations to the family.

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 CWL are reminding parishioners to save 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: Office will be closed Fri., Dec. 23, Mon., Dec. 26 & Mon., Jan. 2. On Fri., Dec. 30 the office will be open from 9:00am - noon.

THANK YOU to our Catholic Women's League for their donation of \$3,000.00 that has been designated for our furnace repairs in the church.

CWL BAZAAR TICKET SALES & RAFFLE: Thank you to all who bought tickets for our Bazaar. Our total income from raffle & ticket sales was \$4,300.00 .

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO / A



Emmanuele è uno dei nomi di Gesù; egli stesso se lo riconosce e in certo senso lo riempie di significato, riassumendo con esso la sua missione terrena; le sue ultime parole ai discepoli prima di congedarsi da loro sono state: "Ecco, io sono-con-voi sino alla fine dei secoli". La presenza di Gesù in mezzo agli uomini è cominciata a Betlemme e non finirà mai: ecco la novità cristiana. Dio non se ne sta nei cieli per i fatti suoi, indifferente a quel che ci accade. Egli è venuto tra noi, per noi; addirittura si è fatto uno di noi, ha abbracciato e condivide la nostra condizione umana. Da allora nessuno ha più motivo di rattristarsi perché si sente incompreso, abbandonato, solo: ciascuno può dire "Il mio Signore è con me". Spesso siamo troppo distratti per percepirlo; ma l'Emmanuele, il Dio-con-noi, è presente tuttora, là dove lui stesso ci ha detto di cercarlo: e questo è il vero motivo per cui ogni anno si celebra il Natale.

***** 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 information call Debbie 345-7323.

Let us pray for Peter Arella who has recently passed away.



MASS INTENTIONS December 19 - 25, 2016

Monday, December 19
All Parishioners
Carmine & Elvira Pascuzzo
9:00am English
Pastor
Frank & Anna

Tuesday, December 20
Raffaele & Sergio Iachetta & Orlando & Lidia Maio
Pasquale, Giuseppina & Maria DiMarco
Lino Tempesta
Lidia Berardi
Gregorio Bava
Francis DeAmicis
Battista, Rosario & Rosina Filice
Giuseppe Primosig
Onelia & Luigi Coren
Alessandro Aiello & Defunti Aiello
7:00pm Italian
Family
Bernardi Family
Maria
son M. Berardi
N. & S. Marino
E. DeAmicis & Fam.
E. Mollame
moglie e famiglia
Pasqualina & Fam.
Antonietta & Fam.

Wednesday, December 21
Giuseppe Floreancig
Teresina Serravalle
In honour of the Holy Family
Milvia Santin
Angelo Nardi
Giovanni Arabia
7:00pm English
Wife & Family
Ladies of Ital. Soc. of P.A.
R.G.
Family
Moglie
Wife Rosina

Thursday, December 22
Mario & Loretta Filice
Peter Vasanelli
Agostino, Assunta, Pasquale & Emilia Mauro
Ottorino Farno
Settimio Fata
Carina D'Allessandro & Francesco Nelli
Maria Diletto
7:00pm Italian
Family
Family
A. & F. Ruberto
Family
Wife
Family
L. Nucci & Family

Friday, December 23
Anna Kowalchuk Pucci
Cosmo, Michele & Brunina Ariganello
Marcello Donato
Natalina Quinn
Bobby Carvalho & Ron Percy
Sam Larizza
Salvatore Sanzo
Ernesto, Luigi & Natalina Romito & Famiglia Conforti
Antonio Florido
Ildio DaSilva
Maria Venuto
Rosaria & Bruno Donato
Giuseppe DeLuca
7:00pm English
Mom & Dad
Family
Family
Family
Family
G. Leonetti & Fam.
E. Romito
Family
Family
F. & D. Donato
Family
Mom, Dad & Fam.

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Vigil

Intentions for All Parishioners
5:00pm (English)
8:00pm (English)
11:00pm (English & Italian)



December 25 Nativity of the Lord

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



Christmas 2016: "O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."

*Suddenly
Heaven was filled with light
A new star appeared
Beckoning us
With a brilliant tail,
Looking like an exclamation mark!*

*Then
Heaven opened up,
Angels appeared
Singing the news
People had been waiting for so long:*

*Peace on earth
And
Friendship to all people!
God's glory appeared
Down on earth*



*in our very midst wrapped in
swaddling cloth and lying in a
manger.
A child shining
as a light
that helps us to look at our
world
and at each other
with new eyes.
Amen!*

With the birth of Jesus, in the simplicity and poverty of Bethlehem, God gave again dignity to the life of every human being; He offered everyone the possibility of participating in his divine life. It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry and Holy Christmas.

*God bless you and keep you always in his love.
Happy New Year!
Fr. Luigi*

Christmas Blessings from St. Anthony's Parish Ministries



Love, Peace, & Joy came down on earth on Christmas Day.
Wishing you all a magical Christmas Season filled with hope & blessings from above.
May 2017 bring Love, Happiness & Peace. Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year.
~ **St. Anthony's Lectors**

*May the Grace of Our Mighty Father be with you all during Christmas.
Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.*
-Eucharistic Ministers

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Sending special Christmas blessings to all the children who were baptized in our parish this year and to those who will be baptized in the new year.

-Baptism Preparation Leaders

May the music of Christmas Mass remind you of the innocence and purity of baby Jesus and fill your heart with peace.

- Your Ministers of Music



During this Christmas season, let us not forget those who are less fortunate than we are:

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*"The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.
You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;
It was never between you and them anyway". - Mother Teresa*

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

~ **St. Anthony's Catholic Women's League**

The **altar servers** extend to our parish community their sincerest wishes for joy, hope, peace & light as we celebrate Jesus' birth. Best wishes in the New Year.

-The Altar Servers of St. Anthony's

The **Senior's Group** wish all parishioners *Buon Natale e Buon Principio!*

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! May the joy of the season bring light into your lives.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas touched with the happiness and love of the season.

-Knights of Columbus

May the spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year! **- Ushers of St. Anthony's**

The **Holy Name Society** extends warmest greetings of the season and best wishes for happiness in the new year with Christmas blessings!

◆ Many blessings for the Christmas Season! - **Children's Liturgy Group.**

*Best wishes from the **Best Youth on Hills** to our parish community for peace & blessings during this Christmas season. We encourage all youth in our parish to participate in the youth group. We pray that the light of the newborn Jesus will fill the hearts of children all over the world.*



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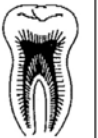
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