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

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—Christmas

December 25, 2022

The Church's liturgy rings at Christmas with a joyful noise. 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.

NATALE DEL SIGNORE

Natale con gli auguri, viene anche la voglia di vivere questo incredibile evento di Dio, che si fa 'Emmanuele', Dio-con-noi. 'Vieni, Signore Gesù!'. È 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.



Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am-12 noon 1:00pm- 4:30pm

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.

<u>Marriage:</u> 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



Babe of Bethlehem

On Christmas night, we are enraptured by the so-human description of the birth of Mary's son; our contemplation lingers on the One who lies in the man-



ger, and the echo of the angels' song acts as a background to our lingering before the manger. On Christmas Day we are invited, as we listen to the solemn Prologue of the Gospel according to John, to realize the absolute uniqueness of the Babe of Bethlehem. He is the One who "revealed" to us God whose only Son he is. Today's liturgy emphasizes especially the mandate given to Him.

JOIN ST. JOSEPH'S CARE GROUP VOLUNTEER TEAM: This is a Catholic organization that identifies and responds to the unmet needs of the people of Northwestern Ontario. They are currently seeking volunteers to spend time with our residents and clients or to help bring them to recreation activities and church services within our facilities. If you are interested in sharing your time with our clients, call 625-1117 or volunteers@tbh.net www.sjcg.net/careers/volunteers

ST. PAT'S NEEDS A HAT: St. Patrick's Cathedral is in need of extensive roof repairs. You may either donate to the project or partake in the 50/50 Raffle. All donations are tax deductible and any significant donations will be acknowledged on a Donor Recognition Wall. Please visit www.stpatshat.ca



BISHOP'S ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN:

Our goal this year is \$28,000.00

We have reached & surpassed our goal.

Having raised \$33,668.39

The annual campaign for 2022 has come to a close. We thank everyone who donated and helped us reach & surpass our goal. God Bless!

2023 SUNDAY ENVELOPES: are ready for pick up. Please use starting January 1, 2023. Your numbered box of envelopes changes. Please do not use your old envelopes in the new year.

<u>UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS:</u> if you have moved, please call the office to update your new address.

FIRST COMMUNION: the first meeting for Parents & Children will be Monday, January 9th at 7:00pm.

Please be at the church by 6:45pm.

First Communion will be Sun., June 11, 2023

<u>CONFIRMATION:</u> the <u>first meeting</u> for Parents, Children & Sponsors will be <u>Monday, January 23rd</u> <u>at 7:00pm. Please be at the church by 6:45pm</u>.

Confirmation will be Sat., May 6, 2023

R.C.I.A. Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? If you are interested in joining this group, please contact our office or Deacon Pasquale.

THE ALPINI CHOIR OF THUNDER BAY: is looking for singing members, male & female, to keep the traditions of the Alpini alive! If you are interested in joining, please call John Marchese 767-2802.

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$5,450.00

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MASS INTENTIONS December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023

Monday, December 26

All Parishioners Pastor

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo Family Tarcisio Guidolin Linda & Family

Tuesday, December 27

Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia Family
Bruno Larizza Family
Salvatore Larizza M. Larizza

Wednesday, December 28

Manuel Covas

Thursday, December 29

Michele Costanzo

Friday, December 30

Angelina & Luigi Valente Domenico Buragina Giuseppe Quaresima

Joao Neves

7:00pm Italian

D. & T. Uvanile

7:00pm English

9:00am English

7:00pm Italian

Family

7:00pm English

Family

Peter & Maria

S. & N. Marino & Fam.

H. & M. Neves

Saturday, December 31, 2022

1:00pm WEDDING Kristen Fragale & Jose Campos Martinez

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2022 5:00pm English

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased of Bruzzese & Romeo Family
Adrian Barca M. Szekely
Noemi & Giovanni Marson N. Shaw

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00am Mass

Carmine & Antonetta DeGrazia P. & F. Bloskie & Mario D.

Giuseppe Arella

<u>11:00am Mass</u>

Giulio Scocchia Primo DeCal E. Sanzo Family

M. Arella



Our 11:00am Mass can be viewed by live stream With the link being found on the church website: www.stanthonysparish.ca

† Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Adelina Pereira who recently passed away.

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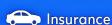
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