# 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

Office Admin.: Mary Stefanile

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#### **SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

February 19, 2023

#### 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 beloved children. 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. The idea is that we would share in the huge, generous and undiscriminating love that the Father has for all the children of his creation.

#### VII DOMENICA DEL TEMPO ORDINARIO

L'"occhio per occhio, dente per dente"; l'antico detto "Amerai il tuo prossimo e odierai il tuo nemico" è trasformato in "Amate i vostri nemici e pregate per quelli che vi perseguitano". 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. Questa è la sapienza di Dio. Un messaggio, quello di questa domenica, di fronte al quale noi cristiani dobbiamo continuamente interrogarci e convertirci, perché questo è lo scopo ultimo della vocazione cristiana. La perfezione consiste nell'amore.



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.

Baptism: 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



### Since God loves us ...

Jesus Christ, God-with-us and new humanity teach his disciples the commandment of love, the new law of the Gospel that replaces forever the pagan law of the old man: "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." Our



spirit trembles as we hear the demands of this new commandment. This is why the love of charity is an unusual precept, opening ancient civilizations and every possible human civilization to a new anthropological horizon. Seen from this horizon, man, every man, appears created in the image and likeness of God and no longer formed according to an unequal and arbitrary nature, as the pagans believed. Freed from his sins through the redemptive action of Christ and renewed by the action of the Spirit, man, every man, is the temple in which the Spirit of God shines. Since God loves us in this way and has made us sharers in his love, we also are called to love in the same way.

**ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**: Because of D & P's presence in Afghanistan, girls and boys in rural areas have access to sustainable and equitable primary education through community schools.

### **ITALIAN SOCIETY OF P.A.:**

**SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** Sunday, February 26 from 12pm-5pm

**BRISCOLLA CARD TOURNAMENT**: Feb. 21, cost \$10 per player

ICE FISHING DERBY: will take place on March 3rd, 4th and 5th. Tickets are \$40.and include fishing and a dinner to be held on March 19th at the Italian Cultural Center. Tickets can be purchased from Sports Committee Members

**2023 DUES** can be made through the office. Contact the office at 345-5511 to make payment

COLUMBUS CENTRE: TAKEOUT THURSDAY: Pick up 2-5:30pm call 623-3252 for more info.

MSGR. P. STILLA'S BIBLE STUDIES: "Understanding Our Faith—The Miracle of Jesus in the Bible" on March 9, 16, & 23 at 7:00pm at the Diocese Pastoral Office. Space is limited so please arrive early.

**FAMILY DAY**: Monday, February 20. The office will be closed. Have a safe & relaxing Family Day!

**ASH WEDNESDAY**: Wed., Feb. 22 at 7:00pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**: every Friday during Lent after Mass (Eng. & Ital.)

MINI LENTEN RETREAT: beginning March 1, here at St. Anthony's Parish, every Wednesday after our 7:00pm Mass. Video presentation "How To Pray For Your Sons, Daughters & Loved Ones" with Vernon Robertson. Everyone Welcome!

<u>FIRST COMMUNION:</u> Sunday, June 11, 2023 <u>Preparation for children</u>: April 16th, 23rd and 30th for in-person classes.. Please remember to attend Mass every Sunday as this is the best preparation for your child's Sacrament.

**CONFIRMATION:** Retreat will be Saturday, April 29th starting at 1:00pm

Confirmation will be Sat., May 6, 2023

<u>C.W.L NEWS</u>: <u>We are collecting NEW warm articles for ladies, men and children</u>. A collection box is located in our church lobby for hats, mitts, neck warmers, scarves and socks. New, small, medium and large size articles will be appreciated.

**2023 C.W.L. MEMBERSHIPS** may be paid at the office or to any executive member. (**\$35.00**) You may also use CWL envelopes available in our lobby for your 2023 Dues payment and deposit in our collection box at entrance of church.

**C.W.L. MEETING**: Tues. March 7 after 7:00pm Mass.

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISER FOR CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN: Thank you to all who purchased chocolates for this special fundraiser. Total funds raised over the two weekends was \$2,341.75. Special thank you to Mama Chocolate for donating all of the chocolates and to Carly Colistro and all the Best Youth on Hills for their participation in making this well organized fundraiser.

**2022 TAX RECEIPTS:** can be picked up at the Rectory during office hours.

**NEW CHAIRS**: We have purchased new chairs for our church hall and they will be arriving shortly. The old chairs will be sold for \$10 each. Minimum purchase of 5 chairs. Please contact the office to make arrangements. First come first served.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 3,475.00

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

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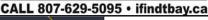
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### MASS INTENTIONS February 20 - 26, 2023

9:00am English

7:00pm Italian

daughter Frances

7:00pm English

M. Agostino

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7:00pm Italian

S. & I. Vetere

L. Nucci & Family

Fam.

Family

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sorella Maria Agostino

Pastor

Family

Argentina

#### Monday, February 20

All Parishioners Giulio Scocchia

Rocco, Leta & Elena D'Angelo

#### Tuesday, February 21

Ernesto Bruno-Bossio

#### Wednesday, February 22

Luigi Fragale Antonietta Stranges Emilia Arella

Grazia & Angelo Nardi Maria & Fiorindo DeProphetis

Mario Amendola

#### Thursday, February 23

Pina Ferrari Marietta Larizza

Friday, February 24

7:00pm English Marcello, Domenico & Franca Donato & Deceased Family Carina Nelli E. Sacchetti & Fam.

Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Bruzzese & Romeo Family

Costanza, Domenico & Eva Sacchetti E. Sanzo Augusta Bizjak S. Bizjak S. Bizjak

Special Intention for Linda DeCal

#### Saturday, February 25

Liisa Zanandrea

Dino & Family Bobby Carvalho, Jose & Anna Rodriguez

Dina Natalina Quinn & Deceased Sacchetti & D'Angelo

Paul Kassa JoJo

Giuseppe & Giulia Roccatani & Chris & Debbie Hacio S.& F Roccatani

Special Intentions for Silvana & Franco Roccatani

on their 63 Wedding Anniversary

Family

5:00pm English

# Sunday, February 26, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 9:00am Mass

Angelo Nardari

Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia

Mario Amendola Maria Rosa Tassone Anna Chiavattare

Gianni Minnose Sacchetti

Livia & Family P. & F. Bloskie & Mario D.

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#### 11:00am Mass

Ettore Izzo

Gabriele Menei Immacolata Belluso Umberto & Peter Pascuzzo

Megan Byland

C. Marino

A. Menei & family Daughters

Maria

M. & W. Kolinski

Our 11:00am Mass

can be viewed by live stream

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Eliana Grace Raposo was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.

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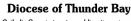
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