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Our Mission is

*to foster spiritual growth in our community
by actively living our Faith throughout our daily lives.*

*We do this through
celebrating the Liturgy
and following the example of Christ by
serving others*

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Rev. Luigi Filippini

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

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, and are called now "the beloved of God." All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter the House of David and the Kingdom of God, the Church. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, and the Advent promise of a virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age.

IV DOMENICA DI AVVENTO

Emmanuele è uno dei nomi di Gesù; egli stesso se lo riconosce e in certo senso lo riempie di significato. 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. Egli è venuto tra noi, per noi e ha abbracciato la nostra condizione umana. 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.



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:

Only Saturday 4:15pm & 30 min. before each Mass during the week or on request

Anointing of the sick:

Every First Friday of the Month during the Mass & on request.

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Divine and human history

The story that God began with Abraham has now reached its goal in Jesus Christ. The goal is not the end of history, for history continues, but in a new way. It shows us how new this story is with the “birth of Jesus Christ.” The Gospel of Matthew says: “Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born.” But who is the real father of Jesus? And the answer is absolutely clear: it is “by the Holy Spirit” that Mary is expecting a child. But the text undoubtedly expresses something more. It is not because he was conceived in this extraordinary way that Jesus is the goal of the history of Israel and the foundation of a new community; rather, it is a matter of understanding that in Jesus, God has united himself with us humans, as a final and eternal remedy. That is why Mary's son must bear the name Jesus, meaning “The Lord saves,” and that is why we can also call Jesus Emmanuel, which translates as “God is with us.” This is the message with which Matthew begins his Gospel.

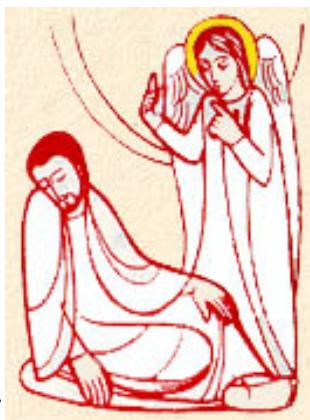
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COLUMBUS CENTRE CHRISTMAS LUNCH BUFFET: Friday, December 19th from 11:30am—1:30pm. \$25 per person. For group reservations call 807-623-3252

BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN:

We have reached our goal! Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy campaign!

9:00am MASS-MUSIC IN ITALIAN: The hymns for next Sunday's Mass - Sunday, December 28th will be sung in Italian. Benvenuti a tutti.



GIVING TREE: is set up with donation envelopes in support of ***Children Helping Children***. Donations can be enclosed in the envelopes and put in the collection box in the foyer. To date we have raised \$2,730.00

ST. ANTHONY'S YOUTH CHRISTMAS NIGHT:

Join us Mon., Dec. 22 from 6-8:30pm for an evening of faith, fun & fellowship as we prepare for the birth of our Saviour this advent season. We will enjoy a Christmas movie, tasty snacks, make tree ornaments and spend time in prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. **ALL CHILDREN WELCOME.** Come celebrate, connect and make memories! Parents & grandparents: you may drop off children, or stay with us. We welcome donations of Christmas baking for the kids to enjoy. Please bring baking to the church on the 22nd. Call or text Rocky & Jenessa for more info at 807-621-2200

ST. ANTHONY'S C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP: is \$35 & can be purchased at CWL Luncheon in January or by putting funds in the envelopes labelled **“CWL Membership”** and placed in collection box.

LUNCHEON: Sun., Jan. 18, 2026 at the Italian Cultural Centre, Buffet Lunch. Tickets \$35. Open to C.W.L. members & friends. Tickets available at our office, Seniors gathering on Tuesdays & after weekend Masses. Baking is appreciated. Donations of new socks, mitts & hats for those in need are also graciously accepted.

MARRIAGE PREP. PROGRAM: for couples who have registered for the Sacrament of Marriage will be held on Fri., Jan. 23rd from 7:00pm-10:00pm and Sat., Jan. 24th from 9:00am-6:00pm. Registered couples will be contacted by email to register for the course. Any other couples wishing to participate should contact our office. This is the only course offered at St. Anthony's this year.

CONFIRMATION DATE: has been set for Saturday, May 30th, 2026

FIRST COMMUNION: has been set for Saturday, June 6th, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$ 2,880.00

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MASS INTENTIONS December 22—28, 2025

Monday, December 22

All Parishioners

9:00am

Pastor

Tuesday, December 23

Pina Ferrari

7:00pm

Children

Natalina Quinn & Deceased Sacchetti & D'Angelo Family
Nino Bucciarelli
Joe Primosig
Julie Tavares
Silvino Matani
Giuseppe DeLuca
Giovanni & Antonio Scalzo
Adelina & Giuseppe DeLuca
Pietro Marasco & Peppina Volpe
Riccardo Colosimo, John Mauracher & Edoardo Rucchin F & A DeLuca & Fam
Silvio Carina
Maria Teresa Iachetta



Wednesday, December 24, 2025

5:00pm & 11:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
For All Parishioners



Thursday, December 25

9:00am & 11:00am

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

For all Parishioners

Friday, December 26

All Souls

7:00pm

Parishioner

Saturday, December 27

5:00pm

Angelo & Livia Nardari & Kerry Murphy Family
Vincenzo Romeo & Deceased Buzzese & Romeo Family
Piero Tucci E. Tucci
Frank & Angelo Miceli Family
Maria & Vittorio Chiabai Romilda
Gaspare Nicastro Ivana & Family

Sunday, December 28

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH

9:00am

Carmine & Antonietta DeGrazia P. & F. Bloskie & M. DeGrazia
Bruno Larizza Family
Joao & Fatima Borba Friend

11:00am

Angelina Figliuzzi M. & F. Romeo
Maria E. & Francisco Tavares M. & W. Kolinski
Vittorio Caciatore Maria & Family

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

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Isla Rose Elizabeth Falkowski was baptized in the Lord. Congratulations & blessings to the family.

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