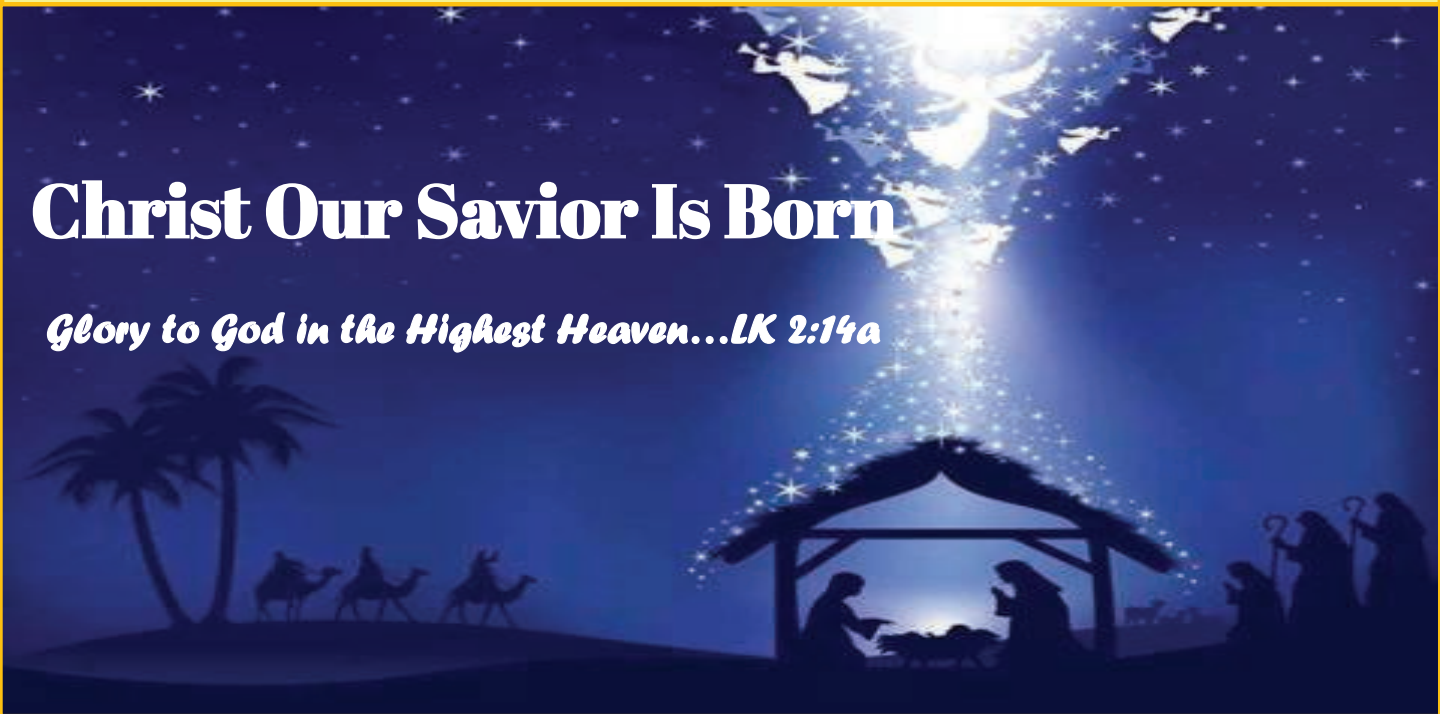


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

## Christ Our Savior Is Born

*Glory to God in the Highest Heaven...LK 2:14a*



### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

*(December 24-26, 2022)*

#### Saturday (December 24)

8:00am

*Christmas Eve Masses*

5:30pm & 10:30pm

#### Sunday (December 25)

*Christmas Day Masses*

8:00am, 10:30am & 12:00nn

#### Monday (December 26)

8:00am

### SACRAMENTS

#### Confession

Saturday 430-515pm  
and by appointment

#### Baptism

**3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime**

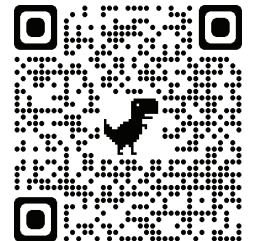
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1:30pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

#### Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.



All mails addressed to:

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750 N. 7th Street  
Newark, NJ 07107

Telephone  
973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone  
973-759-1417

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# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



### SATURDAY, December 24

5:30p Sadie Nanfria & Jerry Petrucci by Joanne Petrucci  
10:30p Morsella & Denichilo Families by Guido

### SUNDAY, December 25

8:00a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera  
10:30a Joseph & Margaret Raimo by Raimo-Sigall Family  
12:00n Eugenio Palileo by Chit de la Rama

### MONDAY, December 26

8:00a Joey Entena (Bday) by Mayet

### TUESDAY, December 27

7:00a Lulu & Oscar Sychua (Healing)  
8:00a Vito Del Vecchio by Family

### WEDNESDAY, December 28

7:00a Rachel Domingo & Family (Good Health)  
by Elsa Barredo  
8:00a John Devone by Helen & Frank Yacullo

### THURSDAY, December 29

7:00a Lulu & Oscar Sychua (Thanksgiving)  
8:00a Phyllis Calzone by Tony

### FRIDAY, December 30

7:00a Noel Vivas by Lorna Mercado  
8:00a Nicomedes Chavez by Rose & Noli Chavez

### SATURDAY, December 31

8:00a Tony & Dolly D'Alessio by Barbara Jean & Family  
5:30p Sebastian Alongi by Angela, Gracie, Angela & Anita

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections	\$ 2,816.36
<i>(December 11, 2022 - including online)</i>	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,129.00
<i>(December 8, 2022 - including online)</i>	
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 614.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 95.00

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE GENEROUS!  
WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT.  
PLEASE INCREASE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

*"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17*

## PARISH STAFF

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## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 25—December 31, 2022

The **Altar Bread & Wine** will be offered for the Intention of  
**Thomas Salzano**

The **Altar Candles** will be offered for the Intention of  
**John DeVone**

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be offered for the Intention of  
**Thomas Salzano**

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Joseph Doria, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Alan Goyoco, Linda H, Pete Sitton, Richard Caridim, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Laurmando Paleracio, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Joyce Risoli**

*Note: This list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you need the name/s to be kept in next week's bulletin.*

## Family Prayer for Christmas Day

"Our hearts are on fire today with love of You, O Lord. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we pray for the strength and courage to share the love that we feel today, tomorrow and each day, with those who need it most, helping to build Your kingdom here on earth. Amen."

## DATE OF JESUS' NATIVITY (CHRISTMAS)

### Is it true that Jesus was born on December 25th?

No one knows the real birthday or birthdate of Jesus! December 25 is not the date mentioned in the Bible as the day of Jesus's birth; the Bible is actually silent on the day or the time of year when Mary was said to have given birth to him in Bethlehem. The earliest Christians did not celebrate his birth.

### Why was December 25th chosen as Christ's birthday?

Why? Nobody exactly knows. The early Christians certainly had many arguments as to when it should be celebrated! As a result, there are many different traditions and theories as to why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th.

The Roman Christian historian Sextus Julius Africanus (180 AD) noted that a very early Christian tradition claimed that the day when Mary was told that she would have a very special baby, Jesus, was on March 25th - and it's still celebrated today on the 25th March. Nine months after the 25th March is the 25th December!

March 25th was also the day some early Christians thought the world had been made, and also the day that Jesus died on when he was an adult and they thought that Jesus was conceived and had died on the same day of the year. The date was chosen as it was near the March/Vernal Equinox (when the date and night are of equal length in March).

Jesus died on Nisan 14 in the Jewish calendar - the date of the Jewish festival of Passover. The Jewish calendar is lunar (based on the moon, rather than fixed dates) and so it moves around with dates on the Gregorian calendar. Saint Ephrem the Syrian (306-373) taught that Jesus was conceived on Nisan 10! So, March 25th became a 'fixed' date on the Gregorian calendar to mark these 'moveable' dates on the Jewish calendar.

The church in Rome began formally celebrating Christmas on December 25 in 336, during the reign of the emperor Constantine. As Constantine had made Christianity the effective religion of the empire, some have speculated that choosing this date had the political motive of weakening the established pagan celebrations. But it was not an official Roman state festival at this time.

### What are other reasons why Christmas falls on December 25?

The Roman Festival of Saturnalia took place between December 17th and 23rd and honored the Roman god Saturn. The Romans also thought that the Solstice took place on December 25th. It's also thought that in 274 the Roman emperor Aurelian created 'Dies Natalis Solis Invicti' (meaning 'birthday of the unconquered sun') also called 'Sol Invictus' and it was held on December 25th.

Because of the dates, some people say that the Christians 'took over' December 25th from these Roman festivals. However, more recent studies have found that the 'Sol Invictus' connection didn't appear until the 12th century and it's from one scribbled note in the margins of a manuscript. There's also evidence that 'Sol Invictus' might also have happened in October and not December anyway!

The Jewish festival of Lights, Hanukkah starts on the eve of the Kislev 25 (the month in the Jewish calendar that occurs at about the same time as December). Hanukkah celebrates when the Jewish people were able to re-dedicate and worship in their Temple, in Jerusalem, again following many years of not being allowed to practice their religion. Jesus was a Jew, so this could be another reason that helped the early Church choose December the 25th for the date of Christmas!

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Here's  
What's  
Happening!

Merry  
Christmas

May You and All Your Families  
Be Blessed with a Very Happy,  
Healthy and Holy Christmas!

### VOCATION PRAYER AND ADORATION

Tuesday, December 27 at 6:00pm

*Little House*

All are encouraged to attend prayer and adoration  
with Benediction.

**WORD CIRCLE**  
after Benediction  
*Ferraro Hall*



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Friday, December 30

**Masses**  
**7am & 8am**  
*Church*

NEW YEAR'S EVE  
**PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**AFTER 7:30PM MASS**

**LET'S WELCOME TOGETHER THE NEW  
YEAR 2023 AS A PARISH FAMILY**  
Remember to complete your reservation  
form and return to Parish Office. Forms are  
available in the vestibule.



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St Augustine of Canterbury was the person who probably started the widespread celebration of Christmas in large parts of England by introducing Christianity to the regions run by the Anglo-Saxons in the 6th century (other Celtic parts of Britain were already Christian but there aren't many documents about if or how they celebrated the birth of Jesus). St Augustine of Canterbury was sent by Pope Gregory the Great in Rome and that church used the Roman Calendar, so western countries celebrate Christmas on the 25th December. Then people from Britain and Western Europe took Christmas on the 25th December all over the world!

Whenever we celebrate Christmas, let us remember that we are celebrating a real event that happened about 2000 years ago, that God sent his Son into the world as a Christmas present for everyone!

As well as Christmas and the solstice, there are some other festivals that are held in late December. Hanukkah is celebrated by Jews; and the festival of Kwanzaa is celebrated by some Africans and African Americans takes place from December 26th to January 1st.

# A BIG THANK YOU

To all who participated in our Christmas Giving Tree. There were so many gifts – cards, clothes, toys and more. What can I say but how wonderful our parishioners are and how blessed many people, children and babies will be this Christmas because of your generosity. Thanks again!! Have a grace-filled Christmas celebration.

**Angela Cuozzo-Zarro**  
Chair, The Giving Tree Committee

# THANK YOU TOO

To all of you who said "YES" to the request from their time and talent in decorating our Church for Christmas 2022. May the newborn child, Jesus, reciprocate your dedication and love for Him. The birthday celebrations in our Parish will surely bring a smile to Him and cause more graces to shower on y'all. HAVE A MERRY AND A GRACE-FILLED CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY!!!



Feast of the Epiphany

Holy Family Church

Kings bring treats for the children!

Come dressed as shepherds or angels as we accompany the Three Kings through Nutley!

**DEC 31ST 2022**  
**@ 10:30AM**  
**3 KINGS VISIT HOLY FAMILY**

**Bring your children! Bring your questions!**  
Why did the kings travel so far and so long to find Jesus? How did they know that this child was special? Why did they follow the star?

Write a letter for the Kings to deliver to the infant Jesus.  
Include your prayers, intentions, and wish for a special gift!

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH**  
28 Brookline Ave.  
Nutley, NJ  
07110

<http://www.holyfamilynutley.org/>

12/31/2022  
10:30am ET

## New Year's Eve Party 2022!!

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

7:30 PM Mass with Party After

Ferraro Hall

**Filipino-Italian Dinner Buffet Style**  
**Dessert-Soda-Water-Coffee-Tea**  
**Champagne Toast at Midnight**  
**Music-Singing-Dancing**  
**(BYOB)**

Please return your reservation form by December 29, 2022.  
Make checks payable to St. Anthony's Church.  
The forms are on the tables at the Church vestibule.  
Complete and tear off form with payment & return to rectory or drop in the collection basket in an envelope marked "New Year's Eve".

**\$30.00/person**

Again, in order to prepare adequately, please

**RESERVE EARLY by 12/29/2021**



I'M SORRY GUY, I KNOW THAT YOU'VE GOT A GOOD HEALTH PLAN AND YOU GIVE OUT FREE GIFTS AND ALL, BUT JESUS REALLY DOES HAVE A MUCH BETTER PLAN



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OUR LADY OF  
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Saturdays  
Within 8:00 AM Mass

**CCD CLASSES**  
Sundays  
School & Church  
9:00 AM

Classes Resume  
**January 8**

# January 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Year's Day 8am Mass 1030am Mass 12nn Mass	2 8am Mass only Office Closed	3	4	5	6 Sto. Nino Mass 7pm Church	7 Pre-Baptism Instruction 130pm Ferraro Hall Sto. Nino Mass 7pm Church
8 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	9 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	10 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	11 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	12 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	13 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church	14 Sto Nino Mass 7pm Church
15 Baptism 130pm Church Santo Nino Feast Mass & Fellowship 3pm Church & School	16 8am Mass only Office Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22 Holy Name Communion Breakfast 9am-10am Ferraro Hall	23 Movie Night "The Chosen" 4th Episode 1st Season 7:00pm Ferraro Hall	24 Vocation Prayer & Adoration at 6pm Little House Word Circle after Benediction Ferraro Hall	25	26 Movie Night "The Chosen" 5th Episode 1st Season 7:00pm Ferraro Hall	27	28
29	30	31				

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