

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

LUKE 3:4



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

530PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)

### Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 1215PM

### Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM  
Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 530PM  
Filipino Mass

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturday 430-515pm and by appointment

### Baptism

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 130pm 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:

**St. Anthony Parish Office**  
750 N. 7th Street  
Newark, NJ 07107

**Telephone**  
973-481-1991

**Bingo Hall Telephone**  
973-759-1417

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# Weekly Mass Intentions

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## SATURDAY, December 7

8:00a Nicholas Sessa Jr. by Anna Marie

5:30p Happy, Healthy & Blessed 2025 by Donna Marie Iannia

## SUNDAY, December 8

8:00a Immaculata & Mario Frappalo by Emilia Percio

10:30a Mario & Giovanna Stoppiello by Emilia Percio

12:15p People of the Parish

5:30p Francisco by Marian Higgins (**Vigil Mass**)

## MONDAY, December 9 (Immaculate Conception)

7:00a THX for Sto. Nino & Infant of Prague by Edna Tan

8:00a Frances Ingino by Marino Family

## TUESDAY, December 10

7:00a Flora Ferraro by Family

8:00a Fermina Montas (Healing) by Jay Montas

## WEDNESDAY, December 11

7:00a Dino DiLauro (Healing)

8:00a John Del Guercio by Vicki

## THURSDAY, December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

7:00a Remy Frisina

8:00a Vera Del Vecchio by Vicki Del Guercio

## FRIDAY, December 13

8:00a Ricardo Galvez Sr. by Jun & Tess Galvez

## SATURDAY, December 14

8:00a Nicholas Sessa Sr. by Anna Marie

5:30p Lebro Charles by Rita

## SUNDAY, December 15

8:00a Dante Pantalone by Donna Marie Iannia

10:30a Sara Gene Bunk-Quinn by Bunk Family

12:15p People of the Parish

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 8 -- December 14, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for Birthday Blessings to  
**Bonnie Rafferty**

The Altar Candles will be offered for Birthday Blessings for  
**People of the Parish**

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of  
**People of the Parish**

### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Edward McNulty, Marge Lo Conte, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, James DeFago Sr., Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Empson Venturi, Frank Papaiani, Bobby Collina, Amelia Collina, Zenaida Baltazar, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Judy Batson, Elisa Ortiz, Remedios Uy, Alfreda Surigao, Rita Charles, Andrea Barbier**

Please call the parish office if you need to be kept in next month's bulletin.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Regular Sunday Collections** - \$ 2,804.07

(November 23 & 24, 2024, including online)

**Filipino Mass** - \$ 720.00

**Special: Religious Retirement Fund** - \$ 1,099.00

**Thanksgiving Day Collections** - \$ 893.00

(November 28, excluding online)

**Regular Sunday Collections** - \$ 2,575.00

(November 30 & December 1, excluding online)

**Assessment Collections** - \$ 892.00

**Christmas Flowers (additional)** - \$ 378.00

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, only suffers want." (Proverbs 11:24)

### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo, SSL**  
Pastor

**Rev. Jose Adrian Surigao, MA**  
Parochial Vicar

**Ann Marie Kastner**  
Co-Director of Religious Education

**Mari Ippolito, B.A.**  
Co-Director of Religious Education &  
Youth Director

**Maria Granda**  
Bookkeeper

**Leonora DiLauro-Ragab**  
Parish Secretary

**Emiliano "Bambi" Cabanig**  
Maintenance

**Karen Notare**  
Music Director

**Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez**  
Board of Trustees

**Joseph Zarra**  
Finance Council Chair

**Angela Cuzzo-Zarro**  
Pastoral Council Chair

### PRAYER FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven's wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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Here's  
What's  
Happening!

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

*(A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)*



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**SOCIETY OF ST. ANTHONY  
MEETING**

**6:30pm**

*Church*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

**7:00pm**

*Church*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**CONCERT  
LOBOC CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**7:00pm**

*Church*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**12TH DRAW  
2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE**

**1:30pm**

*Church*



## NEXT SUNDAY'S 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

While there is no second collection on the weekend of December 14 & 15, we kindly remind and encourage those who may have missed previous contributions (envelopes) to consider making a "Catch Up" donation. Your generosity and ongoing support for our parish are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your continued commitment to our parish community!

### ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 8, 2024

Reagan Ocampo  
Lucas Tiankee  
Ethan Venturi  
Taina Venturi

December 15, 2024

Samantha Llaban  
Chloe Llaban  
Joseph Bunk-Grant  
Reagan Ocampo

## CCD CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE HAS BEGUN

The CCD students will meet for practice every Sunday after the 10:30am Mass for a 30 minute rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant on December 15. CCD parents please make a note of this in your calendar.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

**Tomorrow, Monday, December 9 at 7pm**

As we prepare for Christmas, we are called to open ourselves fully to Christ's love and embrace His will in our lives. To be ready for this, let us come together as a faith community for a special celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation (Penance Service).

In this service, we will have the opportunity for private confession and absolution, with several priests available to hear confessions. This is a time to receive the grace of reconciliation and renew our hearts, preparing ourselves to welcome Christ into our lives with peace and joy.

## TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, December 8, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **TONILYN CARSILLO BUNK and FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **YALITZA & LOUIS LOPEZ AND FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these parishioners, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

## 2024 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Wishing the best of luck to everyone as we approach the 12th and final draw of the 2024 Calendar Raffle! Join us on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 130pm in Ferraro or catch the excitement live on our parish FB account.

If 2024 wasn't your lucky year, don't worry—2025 offers 12 brand-new chances to win! Tickets are available now, so don't miss out! Grab yours before they're gone!

## 2025 CALENDAR RAFFLE

### Tickets Now on Sale

**Be sure to order your 2025 Calendar Raffle Tickets. There are only 300 tickets to be sold. One ticket gives the bearer 12 chances to win \$1,000 each month of the year. Your ticket only costs \$100. That's less than \$10 per month.**

**Pick up an order form, fill it out and send it with your payment to the Parish Office.**

## CONCERT

  
**Labac**  
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**December 14, 2024**  
(this Saturday)  
at 7pm in the Church

**\$25 donation per person**

The Loboc Children's Choir has won several international competitions, including:

*Europe and Its Songs Festival*. In 2003, the choir won the grand prize at this festival in Barcelona, Spain. They also won gold medals in the Youth Category. *International Children's Culture and Arts Festival*. In 2000, the choir represented the Philippines at this festival in Tianjin, China. They also performed in Beijing and Hong Kong. *International choir competition in Turin, Italy*. The choir won first prize in the children's choir category for their performance of "Proud to Be Pinoy". *Certamen Coral de Tolosa*. In 2011, the choir placed third in this choral competition in Spain.

They have also performed in many countries, including Austria, Belgium, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States.



Sunday, December 15 at 10:00am  
**Annual Christmas Pageant**

Brought to you by  
 The Children of St. Anthony's CCD



**Sunday, December 15 @ 2:30pm**



**DECORATE**  
 the Church



**Let's Decorate Our Church For Christmas**

**Your Help Is Needed! Join in the Fun with our fellow parishioners!**



Join in the  
 Celebration  
 on  
 Thursday,  
 December 19  
 Mass  
 at 7:00 PM  
 followed by our  
 2024  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 in  
 Ferraro Hall

**ATTENTION!**

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Thursdays, December 12 & 19  
 Monday, December 23  
 7:00-8:30pm

**IN THE CHOIR LOFT**

**GIVING TREE**

*Please take a  
 tag!*

**Submission of Gifts Deadline: December 21, 2024**

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY  
 GRAVE CROSS SALE**

Our handmade Christmas Grave Crosses are still available. An anonymous donor was so kind to make these crosses and donate them to our church. Stop by the vestibule after Mass and choose one or more. You may also make your order by calling the parish office or filling out the order form found in previous bulletins.

**YOUR COST—ONLY \$20 EACH**



*The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important Marian feasts of the liturgical calendar.*

This year, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, which takes liturgical precedence over the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to the importance of this Marian feast, its observance has been moved to Monday, December 9, 2024. In response to an inquiry from the U.S. bishops, the Holy See has also confirmed that the obligation to attend Mass for the Immaculate Conception is transferred to December 9; hence, Monday is a holy day of obligation.

*Here at St. Anthony's, our Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception are as follows:*

**Sunday, December 8—5:30pm (Vigil Mass or anticipated Mass)  
 Monday, December 9—7am & 8am**