

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – C

DECEMBER 15, 2024

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



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

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 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

Website:
www.saintanthonybelleville.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

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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

MONDAY, December 16

7:00a Louis & Christina Perry *by Rosina Coppola*

8:00a Soledad Intal *by Masagana Staff*

TUESDAY, December 17

7:00a Rosario & Natalia Perry *by Rosina & Family*

8:00a Maria Cecilia Fabe (Birthday) *by Cedile Fabe*

WEDNESDAY, December 18

7:00a Sal & Luise Coppola *by Rosina & Family*

8:00a Lydia Salzano *by Bingo Volunteers*

THURSDAY, December 19

7:00a Pasqualre & Rose Gencarelli *by Rosina Coppola & Family*

8:00a Frances & Michael Ingino *by Marino Family*

7:00p People of the Parish (*Simbang Gabi*)

FRIDAY, December 20

8:00a Dante Pantalone *by Sisters*

SATURDAY, December 21

8:00a John Del Guercio *by Vicki*

5:30p Tillie & Henry Catenacci *by Marie & Family*

SUNDAY, December 22

8:00a Doris Gomez *by Adriana Rivera*

10:30a Isidro Huerta *by Mimi Lambon*

12:15p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 15 -- December 21, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for Birthday Blessings to
Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro

The Altar Candles will be offered for Birthday Blessings for
Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of
Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro

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

**REPORTS ON PREVIOUS SUNDAY
COLLECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING!

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

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

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Joseph Zarra
Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuzzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great
might come among us; and, because we are
sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful
grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with
you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory,
now and for ever. Amen.*

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:00am

Church

**12TH & LAST DRAW
CALENDAR RAFFLE 2024**

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

CCD CHRISTMAS PARTY

2:00pm

Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

**PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

**SIMBANG GABI
and Christmas Party**

7:00pm

Church / Ferraro Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

EL SHADDAI FELLOWSHIP

1:00pm

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 21 & 22, the second collection will be for your *Christmas Gift* to the Parish.

It's an annual tradition for parishioners at St. Anthony's to offer a special Christmas gift to the parish, a gesture that helps ensure the continued work and upkeep of our spiritual home. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, let's also remember the needs of our church community. Your extra donation this Christmas will make a lasting impact, supporting St. Anthony's in its mission. Thank you for your continued generosity, and may God bless you and your family this Christmas season and beyond!

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

December 15, 2024

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Joseph Bunk-Grant
Reagan Ocampo

December 22, 2024

Ryan Paurom
Clarie Anya
Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, December 15, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **YALITZA & LOUIS LOPEZ & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **MARIA & HUBERT ESPIRITU & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these parishioners, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

NO BINGO FOR TWO WEDNESDAYS

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Wednesday. Hence, we will be unable to run our regular Bingo for two Wednesdays. Please try to give a little extra to help offset our losses. Thank you for your consideration and your generosity!



GIVING TREE

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE A TAG FROM OUR GIVING TREE! THIS WEEK IS THE LAST CHANCE TO GET ONE. OUR DEADLINE FOR THIS YEAR'S DRIVE IS DECEMBER 21. HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS BLESSED THIS YEAR!

LAST WEEK TO GET YOUR CHRISTMAS GRAVE CROSS

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

Thank You

A very special Thank You to *Julie Palma* for having her team of landscapers clean up the fallen leaves on our church properties. We ask the Lord to bless you Julie for your endless generosity, thoughtfulness and devotion.

2025 CALENDAR RAFFLE

Don't Delay - Get Your Tickets Now

Be sure to order your 2025 Calendar Raffle Tickets. There are only 300 tickets to be sold. Don't wait until the last minute and miss out. One ticket gives the bearer 12 chances to win \$1,000 each month of the year. The price of one ticket is only \$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.



St. Anthony's New Year's Eve 2025

Beginning with Holy Mass Sunday December 31 @ 7:30pm

Party after in Ferraro Hall

What's on the Menu??

Filipino-Italian Dinner Buffet Style

Dessert-Soda-Water-Coffee-Tea

BYO Appetizers

Champagne Toast at Midnight

Music-Singing-Dancing (BYOB)

\$30.00 pp (children under 14 FREE)



Please return your reservation form by December 27, 2024

Make checks payable to St. Anthony's Church

COMPLETE THIS FORM & SUBMIT IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____