

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – C**

**DECEMBER 22, 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**

**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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[www.saintanthonybelleville.org](http://www.saintanthonybelleville.org)

# Weekly Mass Intentions

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## 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

## MONDAY, December 23

7:00a Sal & Assunta Gencarelli by Rosina & Family

8:00a Cesar Viado by Jun & Tess Galvez

## TUESDAY, December 24

7:00a Thanksgiving by Leonora

8:00a Lillie De Pasquale by Marie

10:30p Sadie Nanfria & Jerry Petrucci by Joanne Petrucci

## WEDNESDAY, December 25

8:00a People of the Parish

10:30a Dolly & Tony D'Alessioo by Barbara Jean & Family

12:15p Louis Buglione Sr. by John

## THURSDAY, December 26

7:00a Ida Maradola by Rosina Coppola

8:00a David & Carla Gates (Anniversary)

## FRIDAY, December 27

8:00a Vito Del Vecchio by Vicki Del Guercio

## SATURDAY, December 28

8:00a Rolando & Natividad Policarpio by Robert Policarpio

5:30p Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera

## SUNDAY, December 29

8:00a Leonard Iannia by Beloved Children

10:30a People of the Parish

12:15p Phyllis Calzone by Tony

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 22 -- December 29, 2024

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

The Altar Candles will be offered for Birthday Blessings for  
**Doris Gomez**

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, James De Fago III**

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

<b>Regular Sunday Collections</b>	- \$ 4,690.65
<i>(December 7 &amp; 8, 2024, including online)</i>	
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	- \$ 1,758.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b> <i>(additional)</i>	- \$ 273.00

**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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Amen.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:39-45

On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation.

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Here's  
What's  
Happening!



**DECEMBER 23, 24, 25**

**OFFICE CLOSED  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

*Re-open Thursday, December 26*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**10:30pm Vigil Mass**

*Church*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

***Holy Day of Obligation***



**Mass Times: 8:00a, 10:30a & 12:15p**

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

Next weekend, December 28 & 29, there will be no second collection. Please take this opportunity to give a little extra if possible. We want to keep our bottom line in the black as we begin a brand New Year. May God bless you and yours this Christmas Season and continue to bless you in health and wealth throughout the coming New Year 2025.

## TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, December 22, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **MARIA & HUBERT ESPIRITU & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **CLAUDIA & HERNAN VILLA & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these parishioners, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

## ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

### December 22, 2024

*Ryan Paurom  
Clarie Anya  
Ethan Venturi  
Taina Venturi*

### December 29, 2024

*Samantha Llaban  
Chloe Llaban  
Lucas Tiankee  
Ryan Paurom*

## 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!



## 2025 CALENDAR RAFFLE

**Don't Miss Out  
Tickets Are Still Available**

**Be sure to order your 2025 Calendar Raffle Tickets. There are only 300 tickets to be sold. We still have some left but 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.**



A very special THANK YOU to our generous parishioners, Lito and Cheryl De La Cruz, for their thoughtful donation of the new two television sets. Your kindness is deeply appreciated by all.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to the first five parishioners who have generously contributed \$4,300 toward the cost of our new boiler. Your support is truly a blessing to our parish.

We remind everyone that we are still in need of additional donations to fully cover the cost, and any further contributions would greatly be appreciated.



## St. Anthony's New Year's Eve 2025

Beginning with Holy Mass Tuesday 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

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".

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_