

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

(December 31, 2021—January 2, 2022)

### Friday (December 31)

7:00am

8:00am

*New Year's Eve Mass*

7:30pm

### Saturday (January 1)

*New Year's Day Masses*

10:30am & 12:00nn

*Epiphany Vigil Mass*

5:30pm

### Sunday (January 2)

*Feast of the Epiphany Masses*

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

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm  
and by appointment

### Baptism

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:30pm** starting June 2021.

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:

St. Anthony Parish Office

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# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>

5:30p No Vigil Mass

## SUNDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00a Crispina Galvez by Jun & Tess Galvez  
10:30a Jimmy Sobrera by Flocer Sobrera  
12:00n Neco, Daisy & Gumersindo Alvarez by Family

## MONDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00a Sirlene Anata by Miriam Lima  
8:00a Vito Del Vecchio by Family

## TUESDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00a Tereza Silva by Miriam Lima  
8:00a Florenda Cui by Hedda Hernandez & Fr. Wilson

## WEDNESDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00a All Souls in Purgatory by Miriam Lima  
8:00a Phyllis Calzone (Bday) by Tony

## THURSDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00a Monico Baltazar by Rose & Noli Chavez  
8:00a Nicomedes Chavez by Rose & Noli Chavez

## FRIDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>

7:00a Fidel Legaspi (Bday) by Linda  
8:00a Vivieno Manulat Sr. & Teofilo Enriquez by Emmie  
7:30p People of the Parish

## SATURDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:30a Jane Burdalski by Helen & Frank Yacullo Jr.  
12:00n People of the Parish  
5:30p Holy Name Society

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 26, 2021—January 1, 2022

The **Altar Bread & Wine** will be offered for the Intention of  
**People of the Parish**

The **Altar Candles** will be offered for the Special Intention of  
**People of the Parish**

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

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jerry Petrucci, Marie Catanacci, Sr. Patricia, MPF, Tammy Orthman, Louis Muhaw, Lito Jimenez, Bernardino Cadavez, Joseph Doria, Jeanette Omara, Lito Jimenez, Imee Vineza, Jaxson Rivera, Jennie Masucci

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.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**REPORTS ON PREVIOUS SUNDAY  
(December 19) COLLECTIONS WILL  
BE PUBLISHED IN NEXT WEEK'S  
BULLETIN.**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS GIFTS & OFFERINGS!!**

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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**

## PARISH STAFF

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*Administrator*

**Rev. Wilson A. Paculan**  
*Parochial Vicar*

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*Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth Director*

**Prof. Guido Morsella**  
*Director of Music Ministries*

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*Organist/Cantor*

**Cristian Esguerra**  
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*Parish Secretary*

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## Christmas is a Feast of J-O-Y

You will meet with joy and gladness; sorrow and mourning will flee.  
(cf. Is 35:10)

We associate "joy" with Christmas. Do we know what joy is? Have we experienced it lately?

In his autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, the English writer C. S. Lewis speaks of joy as something very different from pleasure or even happiness. Joy is something deeper, richer and more elusive. It takes us by surprise and affects us profoundly. Joy is the satisfaction of our deepest desires. It is intimately connected to the longing for God that St. Augustine referred to when he wrote that our hearts are restless until they find their ultimate rest in God. Pope Francis has a similar definition of joy: "To be full of joy is the experience of the highest consolation, when the Lord makes us understand that this is something different from being cheerful, positive, bright...No, it is another thing; it is an overflowing joy that really hits us. Receiving the joy of the Spirit is a grace." When I was a boy in elementary school, the sisters gave us a very simple—but profound—tool for learning what joy is. They told us that when you spell j-o-y, the "j" stands for Jesus, who should always come first in our lives. The "o" stands for others who come second. And the "y" stands for yourself. Place Jesus first, others second, and yourself last of all, and you will know joy. Isn't it amazing how these simple teaching devices cut right to the heart of the matter? Volumes of philosophy, theology and spirituality have been written on the concepts of joy and happiness. The nuances they contain are important, I know, for the fullness or accuracy of our understanding, but what the sisters taught is no less profound. If we place Jesus first in our lives, if we think of others before we think of ourselves, we will be surprised by joy! Jesus Christ is the greatest Christmas gift, the source of all real joy.

He is the gift of God the Father, who became one of us in all things but sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. This amazing gift was first given to Mary and then to all of us to save us from the destructive power of sin and death. This is the joy, the fulfillment, of all human desiring. This is what we celebrate at Christmas time—on earth as, I hope, in heaven. This is the time of year when we call to mind most vividly the mystery of the Incarnation and the joy of Christ's birth.

All other Christmas gifts pale in comparison to this one: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:16-17). On Christmas Day, and throughout this joyous season, we are invited to join with Mary, and all the angels and saints, in a joy-filled festival of happiness and peace. In heaven, there are no tears, no sorrow and no worries about tomorrow. Because heaven is not really a place—a geographic location—but is an experience of loving closeness (communion) with the God who is our hearts' desire, it's hard to imagine what this grand celebration of joy looks like. We use images of music and dancing and sumptuous food because that's what our earthly celebrations are like. The joy in heaven on Christmas Day cannot be accurately described in earthly words or images, but we believe with all our hearts that those who have gone before us to our heavenly home rejoice on this day. And, as I say above, we hope and pray that this joy will spill over and bring peace on earth—today and always. Jesus is our j-o-y. When we place Him first, others second and ourselves third, everything falls into proper perspective. Thank you, Heavenly Father, for this marvelous gift of your love. Help us be good stewards of this abundant joy by sharing it generously with others this Christmas season.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

**Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.**  
*Archbishop of Newark*

Here's  
What's  
Happening!

**FILIPINO MASS**  
Today, December 26 at 5:00pm

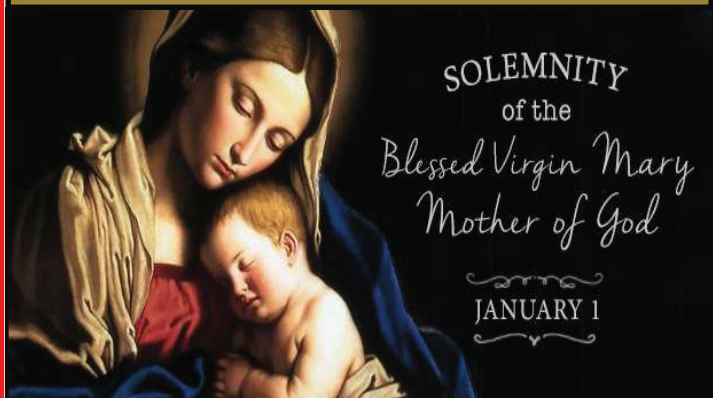
**Christmas  
Party**  
*after the Mass at  
the Ferraro Hall.*

**COME & JOIN US!**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
PARTY**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31  
AFTER  
THE 7:30PM MASS**

**LET'S WELCOME TOGETHER  
THE NEW YEAR 2022 AS A  
PARISH FAMILY**



# A Kernel of History

(Part 9)

Father Menegus continued in his quest of improving the Parish physical needs. Once the school was running smoothly his focus was on the church building. The church bells in those days were rung by someone pulling the ropes to mark time for Mass on Sundays and weekday mornings. In order to be sure the bells were rung on time, Father Menegus had chime recordings installed in the bell tower. Another improvement which necessitated a special collection from the people of the parish was the installation of air conditioning in the church. Continuing to make improvements, he purchased lots across the street from the church since more and more parishioners were now using cars to get to Mass. With the school fully operating, Father Menegus instituted the Parent-Teachers Guild (PTG). The very first president was Mr. Ralph Stefanelli. The purpose of this organization was to help with any financial needs of the school and with the communication between parents and faculty.

More to come in future bulletins.

## New Year's Eve Party 2022!!

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
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, 2021.

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**

LET'S CELEBRATE

# HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2022

Wishing you a year filled with joy,  
peace, and happiness.

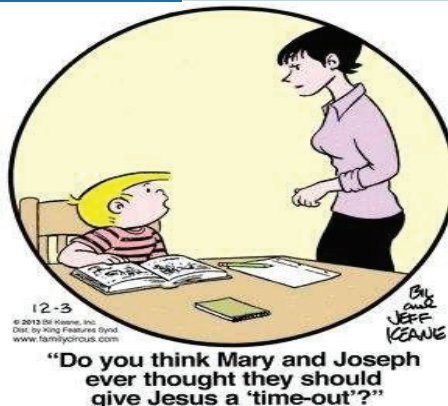
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## A BIG THANK YOU

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



Jesus' Childhood





# January 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA 63 Franklin Street Belleville, NJ 07109							<b>1</b> New Year's Day 1030am Mass 12nn Mass 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Mondays 7:00 PM Ferraro Hall							
<b>NOVENA</b> ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA Tuesdays Within 8:00 AM Mass	<b>2</b> Feast of the Lord's Epiphany 8am Mass 1030am Mass 12nn Mass	<b>3</b> 8am Mass only <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>8</b> Pre-Baptism Instruction 130pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>
<b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b> Tuesdays 8:30 AM – 7:30 PM	<b>9</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>10</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>13</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>14</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>	<b>15</b> Sto Nino Mass 7pm <i>Church</i>
<b>NOVENA</b> OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP Wednesdays Within 8:00 AM Mass	<b>16</b> Baptism 130pm <i>Church</i> Santo Nino Feast Mass & Fellowship 3pm <i>Church &amp; School</i>	<b>17</b> 8am Mass only <i>Office Closed</i> Finance Council Meeting 7:30pm <i>School</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Deanery Synodal Listening Session 7pm <i>Immaculate Conception Church in Montclair</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>NOVENA</b> OUR LADY OF MIRACULOUS MEDAL Saturdays Within 8:00 AM Mass	<b>23/30</b>	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>CCD CLASSES</b> Sundays School & Church 9:00 AM <i>Classes Resume</i> <b>January 9</b>							

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