

ROMAN CATHOLIC ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



The Mother Church of Western New York & Southern Ontario's Italian & Latin Communities

	MASSSES	INTENTIONS	ORATORY OFFICE
T O D A Y	<p>1/11</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</p>  <p>Second Collection for Fuel/Church Maintenance</p> <p>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</p>	<p>7:15 AM † William C. Heitz by Kevin C. Heitz</p> <p>9:15 AM † Gerald Leahy by Dan and Joan Blum</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † Marianna LoDuca by Family (2) † Salvatore Sciortino by Lia and Calogero Montagna (3) † Lawrence LoTempio by Jay Sexton</p>	<p>160 Court St. Buffalo, NY 14202 PHONE: 716-854-2563</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday: Closed Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 9 AM - 1 PM Closed on civic and religious holidays</p> <p>Pat Perfetto - Bookkeeper Mary Balistreri - Admin-Asst contact@stanthonybuffalo.org</p>
	<p>1/12</p> <p>WITHIN EPIPHANY OCTAVE</p>	<p>Gregory O'Brien by Mom and Dad</p>	
M O N T U E	<p>1/13</p> <p>OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY</p>	<p>† Michael Moran by O'Brien Family</p>	<p>LITURGICAL SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAY 7:15 AM Latin Low 9:15 AM Latin Sung 11:15 AM Italian/English WEEKDAYS: 6 PM Latin Low SATURDAY: 9 AM Latin Low Confessions 40 min. before each Mass</p>
W E D	<p>1/14</p> <p>ST. HILARY OF POITIERS</p>	<p>Marian Felicity Simon by Margaret Mombrea</p>	
T H U	<p>1/15</p> <p>ST. PAUL THE FIRST HERMIT</p>	<p>Sebastian Joseph Mombrea by Margaret Mombrea</p>	<p>THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE</p> <p>Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org</p>
F R I	<p>1/16</p> <p>ST. JOSEPH VAZ (MISSA CANTATA)</p>	<p>† Matthew Stock by Jay Sexton</p>	
S A T	<p>1/17</p> <p>ST. ANTHONY THE HERMIT</p>	<p>Francis Smith by Margaret Mombrea</p>	<p>DEACONS</p> <p>Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso Dcn. Tom LaBelle</p>
S U N D A Y	<p>1/18</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>7:15 AM † Mona R Heitz by Kevin C. Heitz</p> <p>9:15 AM Therese Over by Laura Over</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † Gaetano Falcone by Lina and Rosario Falcone (2) † Antonio Cardarelli by Ciminelli and Eagan Families (3) † Carrie Fisher by Ellen, Mike and Abbie</p>	

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH VAZ, C.O.

The third of six children, Vaz was born in 1651 at Benaulim, his mother's village in Goa, then known as Portuguese India.^[2] His parents, Cristóvão Vaz and Maria de Miranda, were devout Catholics.

In 1675, Vaz was ordained a deacon for the Archdiocese of Goa by Custódio de Pinho, the Vicar Apostolic of Bijapur and Golconda. In 1676, he was ordained a priest by the Archbishop of Goa, António Brandão, S.O.Cist. Soon after his ordination, he started going barefoot to live like the poor and acquired a reputation as a popular preacher and confessor. He opened a Latin school in Sancoale for prospective seminarians. In 1677 he consecrated himself as a "slave of Mary", sealing it with a document known as the "Deed of Bondage."

Vaz arrived in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) during the Dutch



“And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.”

occupation, a time when the Dutch had banned Catholicism in Ceylon and imposed Calvinism as the official religion after taking control from the Portuguese Empire. He travelled throughout the island bringing the Eucharist and the Sacraments to clandestine groups of crypto-Catholics. Later in his mission, he found shelter in the Kingdom of Kandy where he was able to work freely. By the time of his death, Vaz had managed to rebuild the Catholic Church on the island.

In Goa, he joined a group of priests of the archdiocese who had decided to live together in a religious community. The group was formally erected as a community of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri on 25 September 1685, the first native religious community in the diocese. Vaz was elected first provost of the community.

In the late 1690s, several priests, including three Oratorians from Goa, arrived to assist Fr. Joseph, and he was appointed Vicar General of Ceylon. Their missionary work was enormously successful, resulting in conversions by the thousands. During this period, some fifteen churches, 400 chapels, as well as schools and hospitals, were built. The missionaries constantly defended the rights of Catholics under the Dutch Protestant government.

As a result of his labors, Vaz is known as the Apostle of Ceylon. On 21 January 1995, he was beatified by Pope John Paul II in Colombo. He was canonized on 14 January 2015 by Pope Francis in an open-air Mass ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo.

EMERGENCY LINE

716-202-2627

We now have an emergency line for people to call for SACRAMENTAL emergencies, i.e., they need a priest for Anointing or Last Rites. Save the above number in your phone!



Events Coming Up...



ST. JOSEPH VAZ

MISSA CANTATA 1/16/26

There will be a Sung Mass for the feast of the St. Joseph Vaz, C.O. on Friday, January 16 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

POSTPONED!

The children's Christmas concert originally scheduled for on Tuesday, December 30 has been postponed to a later date in January. More details to follow.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

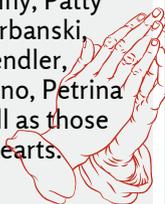
Contact Fr. Augustine at atran@stanthonybuffalo.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

If you would like prayers for anyone in the hospital, end of life care, or in special need of prayers please call the rectory. When this time passes please call and request the name to be removed.

Stacy Donahue, Ellen Liszewski, Ryan Cavaretta, Ellen Schreier, Tina Licata, G.C. Barbara Gangi, Kira Ciupek, Lori Biddle, Judy Tasca, Helen Booth, Dan Minnick, Vita Milkie Mary Whalen, Cody Beuce, Diana Wright, the Hurley Family, Bernadette Hughes, Nancy Zimny, Patty Stunmetz., L. Lilenthial, Patrick Hughes, Alli Urbanski, Eileen T., Russell Cirino, Mary K., Helen Schwendler, Karen Laurent, Christian Vinci, Giuseppe Carlino, Petrina Roberts, Bill Booth, Sam Russo, All Life, as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In January, the sanctuary candle is lit for † Albert Booth by Helen Booth.

\$25 Monthly Sanctuary Candle are available. Please contact the OFFICE to reserve.



EUCHARIST Q&A

The Acutis Initiative will be hosting a Eucharistic instruction and Q&A on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 pm at the St. Michael Church hall located at the back of the church through the parking lot.

There will be a viewing of Bishop Barron's "The Eucharist" starting at 7 pm followed by a Q&A session hosted by Fr. Ben Fiore, SJ. See the cork board in the vestibule for more information.



All are welcome!

PALM RETURNING

The church will be collecting any old palms that you may have. Normally these are collected every year before Ash Wednesday so they can be burned and the ashes used for the imposition of ashes.

There will be a bin in the vestibule in front of the statue of St. Anthony.

Thank you!



2025 TAX STATEMENT

It's tax time! If you wish to receive a tax statement of your donations to St. Anthony's for 2025 please call the rectory at 716-854-2563 and give your name, address, and church envelope number. You can also email a request to bookkeeper@stanthonybuffalo.org. A statement will then be mailed to you.



EMAIL & SMS SIGN UP FORM

To receive regular emails AND occasional texts regarding Mass Cancellations, Holiday Schedule, Sung Masses, Funerals, and other special events please go to stanthonybuffalo.org/subscribe or scan the QR Code.



NEW RELIQUARIES

New reliquaries were debuted at our Christmas midnight Mass. They're larger than our previous ones and they can hold multiple relics. Currently there are two in each.

On the High Altar: (*Epistle Side*) St. Philip Neri, St. John Newman, St. Peter & Paul, the Four Latin Doctors, the Four Greek/Eastern Doctors, St. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, St. John Vianney; (*Gospel side*) St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis Xavier, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Maria Goretti, St. Gemma Galgani, St. John Neuman, and the Four Evangelists.

On the Rosary Altar: St. John Bosco, St. Louis Guanella, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Thérèse of Lisieux.



THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION?

Interested in discerning with the St. Philip Neri House? One can discern to be a priest or lay brother. Declare your interest to the Father and Brother either verbally or written so we can schedule a dinner visit. After the dinner visit, there is a week visit, then a month visit to determine if you fit in with the community.

“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased.” Actually, each one of us is chosen by God... but chosen for what? The answer is different for everyone. Could it be religious life or priesthood? The Vocation Office is here to help you discover the answer! Visit buffalovocations.org



PAPAL INTENTION

Papal intention for January: for Prayer with the Word of God...

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

A great way to be a part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is by preparing the linens and taking care of the church used to hold Our Lord. Please scan the QR code below to join the Signal Group.



SCHOLA & CHOIR

Do you want to sing for God? If so, please join our schola or choir!

To join the choir, please contact Sharbel Simon: ssimon@stanthonybuffalo.org

To join the schola, please contact Jake Kraft: jkraft@stanthonybuffalo.org



YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Please join our Signal Group using the QR Code below to receive relevant events and updates for the Young Adult Ministry.



SPN HOUSE QR CODE

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YOU CAN HELP US OUT DIRECTLY

The members of the St. Philip Neri House do not receive direct financial support from the Diocese of Buffalo. We rely on the salaries given for our work in the diocese and the generosity of monthly donors to help pay for seminary and supplemental living costs. Sadly, our house in Texas is having trouble selling and we have approximately \$2.5k a month that has to go to that until it sells (mortgage and upkeep). With the move, we lost the majority of our Tyler monthly donors, which covered this expense, along with seminary costs, and miscellaneous living expenses. Please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly donor. Scan the QR code or go to www.spnhouse.org.

