



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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MASSES

5th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Second Collection for the St. Philip Neri House

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

OUR LADY OF LOURDES (MISSA CANTATA)

7 HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

FERIA

ST. VALENTINE, MARTYR (MISSA CANTATA)

ANTICIPATED 6th SUN AFTER EPIPHANY (MISSA CATATA)

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Second Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Assistance to Poland

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INTENTIONS

7:15 AM
† Paolo Tofani
by Anthony Basile

9:15 AM
† Catherine Lorenzo
by Michelle & Mitch Staskiewicz

11:15 AM
(1) † Dr. Francesco Giacobbe by Rosella Cavo (2) In Honor of St. Anthony by Teresa Russo (3) † Nina Foderaro by Teresa & Tony Marcello

† Tony Stam
by Mary Williams

George McGuire (Living)
by Mom & Dad

Linda Murphy (Living)
by O'Brien Children

Children Of The Latin Mass Community by McMicken Family

† Kathleen Wright
by Sexton Family

Tiffany Scroggins (Living) by Richard May

7:15 AM
† Eva Blum
by Maria Wright

9:15 AM
† Harry Lorenzo by Michelle & Mitch Staskiewicz

11:15 AM
(1) † Dr. Francesco Giacobbe by Deceased Men of Bonanno & Lapi Family

(2) † Giuseppe Muso by Anna & Enzo DiSalvo Gragia & Silvio Maggioto (Living)
by Helen Booth & Family

CHURCH OFFICE

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Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 9 AM - 1 PM
Closed on civic and religious holidays

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY
7:15 AM Low | 9:15 AM Sung
11:15 AM Italian
WEEKDAYS: 6 PM Low
SATURDAY: 9 AM Low
Confessions 30 min. before each Mass

CANONICAL PASTOR & DEACONS

Fr. Raymond G. Corbin
Dcn. Carmelo Gaudio
Dcn. Tom LaBelle

FATHER & BROTHERS OF THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE

Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector
Br. Paul-Pierre Maturin - Sacristan
Br. René LeMaire - Admin-Asst
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COLLECTION NOTICE

Sunday February 2: \$3,381.00

ONLINE: \$231.00

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Valentine (b. 226- d. 269)

St. Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

One common story about St. Valentine is that in one point of his life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, he was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test.

St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

Judge Asterius was humbled and obeyed Valentine's requests. Asterius broke all the idols around his house, fasted for three days and became baptized, along with his family and entire 44 member household. The now faithful judge then freed all of his Christian inmates.



“LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”
JOHN 13:34

St. Valentine was later arrested again for continuing to try to convert people to Christianity. He was sent to Rome under the emperor Claudius Gothicus. According to the popular hagiographical identity, and what is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine, the Nuremberg Chronicle, St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Pope Julius I is said to have built a church near Ponte Mole in his memory, which for a long time gave name to the gate now called Porta del Popolo, formerly, Porta Valetini.

The romantic nature of Valentine's Day may have derived during the Middle Ages, when it was believed that birds paired couples in mid-February. According to English 18th-century antiquarians Alban Butler and Francis Douce, Valentine's Day was most likely created to overpower the pagan holiday, Lupercalia. Although the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine. In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

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...



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
MISSA CANTATA 2/11/25

Tuesday 2/11/25 6 PM Sung Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes.
Novena will be prayed after Mass from February 2nd to February 10th.



ANTICIPATED SUNDAY
MISSA CANTATA 2/15/25

The Church ran out of Sundays this year! So we are saving the 6th Sunday of Epiphany and doing a Missa Cantata for it on Saturday at 9 AM!

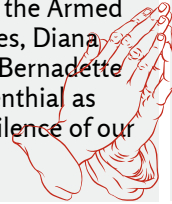
WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Contact the office at contact@stanthonybuffalo.org



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Stacy Donahue, Christine Balistreri (Deceased), Ellen Leszeuski, Ryan Cavaretta, Ellen Schreier, Pat Miller, the Pierro-Gioeli-Montagna Families, Tina Licata, G.C. Barbara Gangi, Kira Ciupek, Lori Biddle, Helen Schwendler, Judy Tasca, Helen Booth, Alan Schadel, Dan Minnick, Vita Milkie, Deanna and John Vitrano, Ralph Perfetto, John & Karen Hogan, Geraldine Huebbers, Philip Huebbers, Mary Whalen, Msgr. Vincent Becker, Cody Beuice, Msgr. Fred Voorhes, all those in the Armed Services, Harrison Carriker, Bernadette Hughes, Diana Wright, for the Hurley Family, Sal Lombardo, Bernadette Hughes, Nancy Zimny, Patty Stunmetz., L.Lilential as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

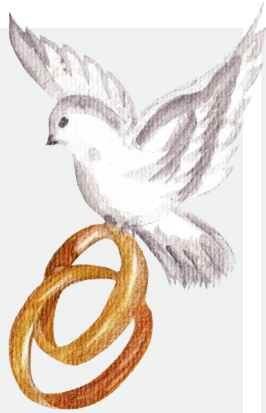
In February, the sanctuary candle is lit for Mary & Albert Millanti, Mary & Frank Amato, Silvio & Grazie Maggiotto

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



MARRIAGE BANNS!

The marriage of Rachel Perry to Michael Fudoli (both of this parish) will take place on February 15th, 2025 (third asking).



The purpose of banns is to enable anyone to raise any canonical or civil legal impediments to the marriage, so as to prevent invalid marriages.

ALTAR FLOWER OFFERINGS NOW AVAILABLE

Altar Flowers can be purchased in Honor of a Living or Deceased Loved One. This sort of offering is similar to the Sanctuary Candle Offering. If you would like to make this donation in honor of someone, please contact the office or see the website. This Offering is \$100/week and will cover the expense of fresh flowers for our Main Altar.



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.



Special NOTICE regarding homeless...



HOMELESS NEEDS

Right now we are NOT TAKING anything because Brothers will be away for Seminary and we have no one to manage donations. In the future, donations will be made and managed at the front office.

Special Notice Regarding Homeless: We recently had to BAN FROM THE PROPERTY both Chrissy and Brooklyn/Noel.

Please do not engage with them and report them to us. This is because of various repeated offenses and not listening to Br. René/Staff.

Panhandling at our church is NOT ALLOWED. All homeless must register/meet with Br. René to receive curated support.



Enter to Win

BASKET RAFFLE LAETARE SUNDAY

The boys and girls of Una Voce Buffalo had such an amazing time at camp last year, that many of them (and more) wish to return again this year! We will once again be having a basket raffle and pancake breakfast to raise money to send any child that wants to attend.

This year, Una Voce Buffalo has obtained an autographed football of Harrison Butker, kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs! If you would like to sponsor a child to go to camp, the cost is around \$350 per child, you can donate the amount directly to unavocebuffalo.com. Please earmark it "boys/girls camp".

We ask items to be raffled off to be donated before the Lenten Retreat (date to be determined). The drawing will be Laetare Sunday, March 30th after the 9:15am Mass. The children will once again cook a pancake breakfast. More information to come.



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

Can you sing better than Br. René? Do you want to sing for God? If so, please Join our schola or choir!

Email jkraft@stanthonybuffalo.org to declare your interest.



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

DONATE ❤️



DONATE TO THE FATHER & BROTHERS...



YOU CAN HELP US OUT DIRECTLY

The Father & Brothers 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. Thank you for your generosity thus far, the last FIVE months were covered IN FULL. Scan the QR code or go to www.spnhouse.org.