

# ROMAN CATHOLIC ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA



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

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## MASSES

12/14

### THIRD (GAUDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Collection for the Retirement Appeal



12/15

### OCTAVE DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

12/16

### ST. EUSEBIUS

12/17

### EMBER WEDNESDAY

12/18

### ADVENT FERIA

12/19

### EMBER FRIDAY

12/20

### EMBER SATURDAY

12/21

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers & Fuel / Church Maintenance



## INTENTIONS

7:15 AM

† Gregory Olma  
by Joan and Dan Blum

9:15 AM

† Elaine Mc Pherson  
by Bonnie & Leonard DeFazio

11:15 AM

(1) † Deceased Members of the  
Marinaccio Famiy & Michael DiLeo  
by Esther and Michele  
(2) † Mario & Onofria Campanella  
by Gaetana & Carmelina  
Campanella  
(3) † Angela and Salvatore Milioto  
by Enza and Tony Milioto

† Louise Scibetta  
by Bonnie Huntz

† NYS Trooper Joseph Gallagher  
by Rev. Martin Gallagher

† Patricia Florea  
by Rev. Martin Gallagher

Grace Huntz  
by Amy McGuire

† Rev. Secondo Casarotti and Suora  
Maria Teresa Casarotto by Friends

† Gregory DeMarie  
by Lynda Mostowy

7:15 AM

† Phyllis Zinobile  
by Louis Huebbers

9:15 AM

† Joseph Gallagher  
by Rev. Martin Gallagher

11:15 AM

(1) † Gaetano & Maria Alfano  
by Gaetana & Carmelina  
Campanella  
(2) † Marie J. Sweeney  
by Deborah and Robert Sweeney  
(3) † Vincenzo La Gambina  
by Wife Eleanor

## ORATORY 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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Mary Balistreri - Admin-Asst  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### 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

## THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE

Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector  
Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan  
clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org

## DEACONS

Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso  
Dcn. Tom LaBelle

## COLLECTION NOTICE

Sunday, December 7: \$4,483.00  
Immaculate Conception: \$1,708.00

ONLINE: \$775.00

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### ST. EUSEBIUS

Saint Eusebius of Vercelli was born on the island of Sardinia, located in the Mediterranean Sea, west of modern-day Italy. His birthdate remains uncertain. Some accounts suggest it was around 283, but more reliable sources propose a date after the year 300. At the time of Eusebius' birth, Sardinia was a province of the Roman Empire. Though Christianity had endured various persecutions in the Roman Empire up to the time of Eusebius' birth, there was relative peace until 303 when Emperor Diocletian issued a series of edicts ordering the arrest and execution of Christians. Some accounts of Eusebius' early life state that his Christian father was martyred when Eusebius was young, leading him and his mother to move to Rome. There, Eusebius practiced his faith diligently, becoming a lector and a respected figure within the Catholic community.



“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

Saint Eusebius was sent by Pope Liberius to persuade the emperor to call a council to settle Catholic-Arian troubles. When it was called at Milan, Eusebius went reluctantly, sensing that the Arian block would have its way, although the Catholics were more numerous. He refused to go along with the condemnation of Saint Athanasius; instead, he laid the Nicene Creed on the table and insisted that all sign it before taking up any other matter.

The emperor put pressure on him, but Saint Eusebius insisted on Athanasius' innocence and reminded the emperor that secular force should not be used to influence Church decisions. At first the emperor threatened to kill him, but later sent him into exile in Palestine. There the Arians dragged him through the streets and shut him up in a little room, releasing him only after his four-day hunger strike. They resumed their harassment shortly after.

His exile continued in Asia Minor and Egypt, until the new emperor permitted him to be welcomed back to his see in Vercelli. Eusebius attended the Council of Alexandria with Athanasius and approved the leniency shown to bishops who had wavered. He also worked with Saint Hilary of Poitiers against the Arians.

Saint Eusebius died peacefully in his own diocese at what was then considered an advanced age.

## 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...



### EMBER DAYS OF ADVENT

Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) are known as "Advent Embertide," and they come near the beginning of the Season of Winter. They are days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

There will be a children's Christmas Concert on Tuesday, December 30 after the 6:00 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in.

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

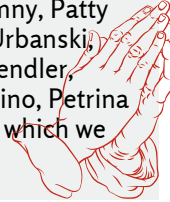
Contact Fr. Augustine at  
atran@stanthonybuffalo.  
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## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

*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 Beuice, 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, as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

In December, the sanctuary candle is lit for † Mary & Albert Millanti, Mary & Frank Amato and Deceased Family Members by Noreen Filipetti

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



## ADVENT MISSION

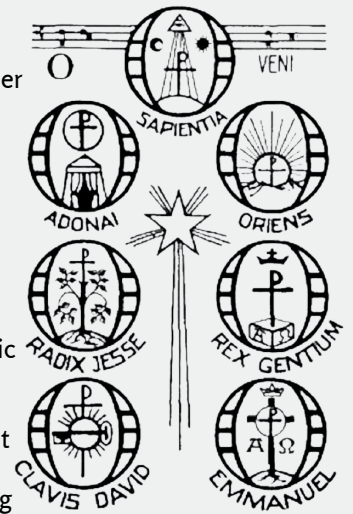
The annual Advent Mission will begin at **5 pm** on **Sunday, December 15** given by Fr. Augustine on the Four Temperaments. The Mission will continue Monday and Tuesday after the 6 pm Masses. We will have soups and salads each night before the talks.



## "O" ANTIPHONS

The Schola will once again sing the "O" Antiphons after each Mass beginning December 17 and concluding on December 23.

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Vespers (Evening Prayer). They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



## 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](http://stanthonybuffalo.org/subscribe) or scan the QR Code.



## GAUDETE SUNDAY PARTY

Our Advent Mission begins Gaudete Sunday, December 14. We ask all men and boys of our community to encircle St. Anthony's at **5:00 pm** and pray the Rosary for protection of our community.

We will have sliced roast beef, gravy, and rolls, and ask everyone to make and bring a festive appetizer, side or dessert to share. If your LAST NAME begins with **A-L**, please bring an appetizer or dessert. If it begins with **M-Z**, please bring a side dish. Festive beverages are allowed, so feel free to bring some holiday cheer. We will have coffee and soft drinks available.

After dinner, Fr. Augustine will begin the Mission with a talk on the Four Temperaments. The Mission will continue on Monday, December 15 and Tuesday, December 16 after the 6:00 pm Masses. We will have soups and salads each night before the talks.



## 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.

“Be strong, fear not!” the prophet Isaiah encourages us. God will come with vindication! It’s also good advice for following God’s call. Fear not! Whatever Jesus calls you might be difficult, but it must be a good thing for your life. Consider the priesthood. Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or [visitbuffalovocations.org](mailto:visitbuffalovocations.org)



## PAPAL INTENTION

Papal intention for December: for Christians in areas of conflict...

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



## 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](mailto:ssimon@stanthonybuffalo.org)

To join the schola, please contact Jake Kraft: [jkraft@stanthonybuffalo.org](mailto: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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## DONATE TO THE SPN HOUSE

### 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](http://www.spnhouse.org).

