



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>1/25</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</p> <p>Second Collection for the Catholic Relief Services</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>7:15 AM Michael Blackley by Joan and Dan Blum</p> <p>9:15 AM † Andrew Bove by Mr. & Mrs. Jared Evers</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † In Memory of William M. Kicinski by Family and Friends (2) † Marianna LoDuca by Rosella Cavo (3) † Albert Booth by Helen Booth and Family (4) † Samuel P. LoVullo by Wife, Daughter, and Grandchildren</p>	<p>ORATORY OFFICE</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>1/26</p> <p>ST. POLYCARP</p>	<p>Kassandra Montesante by Amy McGuire</p>	<p>LITURGICAL SCHEDULE</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>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>
	<p>1/27</p> <p>ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</p>	<p>Thomas Ryan by Ellen, Mike and Abbie</p>	
	<p>1/28</p> <p>ST. PETER NOLASCO</p>	<p>Catherine Over by John and Lisa Jaskolka</p>	
	<p>1/29</p> <p>ST. FRANCIS DE SALES (MISSA CANTATA)</p>	<p>† V. James Speciale by Sexton Family</p>	
	<p>1/30</p> <p>ST. MARTINA</p>	<p>Carl Wiedemann by Lisa and Eric Wiedemann</p>	
	<p>1/31</p> <p>ANTICIPATED FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</p>	<p>Roberta Kopacz by Family</p>	
<p>2/1</p> <p>SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY</p> <p>Second Collection for the St. Philip Neri House</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>7:15 AM † Michael Moran by O'Brien Family</p> <p>9:15 AM † Rosa Porto by Mr. & Mrs. Jared Evers</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † Joan M. Kenney by Deborah and Robert Sweeney (2) † Msgr. Joseph Sicari by Joan and Dan Blum (3) † George C. Enders, Jr. by Luciana Galante (4) † Marianna LoDuca by Connie and Joe Genco</p>		
S U N D A Y			<p>THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE</p> <p>Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org</p> <p>DEACONS</p> <p>Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso Dcn. Tom LaBelle</p> <p>COLLECTION NOTICE</p> <p>Sunday, January 18: ONLINE: *Please see next bulletin*</p>

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Saint Francis de Sales was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood.

His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Saint Francis de Sales set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: “It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.”

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

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. FRANCIS DE SALES

MISSA CANTATA 1/29/26

There will be a Sung Mass w/o incense for the Feast of St. Francis de Sales on Thursday, January 29 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.



OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 26 due to inclement weather reports. Mass will still be at the regular 6:00 pm time.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

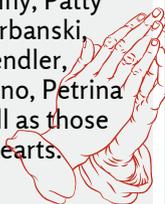
Contact Fr. Augustine at atran@stanthonybuffalo.org



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. Lilenthal, 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!

LOURDES NOVENA

We will begin a novena in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes starting February 2, the feast of the Purification, and ending on February 10.

May she grant intercession to our requests and special protection to the St. Anthony community!



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.

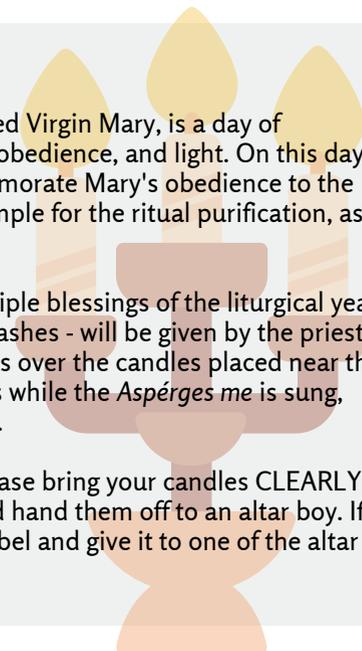


CANDLEMAS FEAST DAY

Candlemas, or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a day of purification, renewal, hope, an honoring of obedience, and light. On this day, exactly 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's obedience to the Mosaic law by submitting herself to the Temple for the ritual purification, as commanded in Leviticus (12:2-8).

The candle blessing - one of the three principle blessings of the liturgical year, the others being the blessing of palms and ashes - will be given by the priest wearing a purple cope. He will pray 5 prayers over the candles placed near the Altar. The candles are sprinkled three times while the *Aspérge me* is sung, and then they are incensed and distributed.

If you will not be present at Candlemas, please bring your candles CLEARLY labeled with your NAME by Sunday 1/31 and hand them off to an altar boy. If you will be present at Candlemas, please label and give it to one of the altar boys to place on a table near the altar.



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.

The Chosen streaming series has shown us powerful human stories of ordinary people being called to follow Jesus. He's still calling people today to be "fishers of men." Respond to the call, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or 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.

