



ROMAN CATHOLIC ORATORY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

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

	MASSES	INTENTIONS	ORATORY OFFICE
TODAY	<p>12/28</p> <p>HOLY INNOCENTS</p> <p>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</p>	<p>7:15 AM Madeline Annunziata by Mom and Dad</p> <p>9:15 AM † Phyllis Zinobile by Jo Saia and Family</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † Salvatore Milazzo by Wife & Children (2) † Gaetano Falcone by Lina and Rosario Falcone (3) † Joan M. Kenney by Deborah and Robert Sweeney</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>
MON	<p>12/29</p> <p>ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY</p>	<p>† Mark and Rachael Duhon by Grandson Calvin LeMaire</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>
TUE	<p>12/30</p> <p>TRANSFERRED SUNDAY WITHIN THE NATIVITY OCTAVE</p>	<p>Birthday Intentions of Bonnie Huntz by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pietras</p>	
WED	<p>12/31</p> <p>ST. SYLVESTER</p>	<p>9:00 am (Low) Bonnie Huntz by Amy McGuire</p>	
THU	<p>1/1</p> <p>CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD Holy Day / Special Collection</p>	<p>9:15 am (Low) † Michael DeMarie by Lynda Mostowy 11:15 am (Sung) † Theodore Kopacz by Family</p>	
FRI	<p>1/2</p> <p>OCTAVE DAY OF ST. STEPHEN (MISSA CANTATA)</p>	<p>Christian Vinci by Patrick Krey</p>	<p>THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE</p> <p>Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org</p>
SAT	<p>1/3</p> <p>OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN</p>	<p>James O'Rourke by Joseph and Gail Russo</p>	
SUNDAY	<p>1/4</p> <p>HOLY NAME OF JESUS</p> <p>Second Collection for the St. Philip Neri House</p> <p>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</p>	<p>7:15 AM † Kevin B. Long by The Tomani Family</p> <p>9:15 AM Alice Kish by Jennifer Krey</p> <p>11:15 AM (1) † Pasquale & Iole Ciminelli by Ciminelli and Eagan Families (2) † Anna and Pietro DiSalvo by Lia and Calogero Montagna</p>	<p>DEACONS</p> <p>Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso Dcn. Tom LaBelle</p> <p>COLLECTION NOTICE</p> <p>Sunday, December 21: \$3,696.00 Flowers: \$732.00 Maintenance/Fuel: \$1,836.00</p> <p>ONLINE: \$2,325.00</p>

FEAST DAY

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

Christ wished to fulfil the law and to show His descent according to the flesh from Abraham. He, though not bound by the law, was circumcised on the eighth day (Luke 2:21), and received the sublime name expressive of His office, Jesus, i.e. Saviour. He was, as St. Paul says, "made under the law." He submitted to the Mosaic Dispensation, "that he might redeem them who were under the law: that we might receive the adoption of sons."

The circumcision took place, not in the Temple, though painters sometimes so represent it, but in some private house, where the Holy Family had found a rather late hospitality. The public ceremony in the synagogue, which is now the usage, was introduced later.

Saint Chrysostom credits the West with the tradition, and St. Augustine speaks of it as well and long established.



“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.”

Consequently the Circumcision fell on the first of January. In the ages of paganism, however, the solemnization of the feast was almost impossible, on account of the illicit activities connected with the Saturnalian festivities, which were celebrated at the same time. Even in our own day the secular features of the opening of the New Year interfere with the religious observance of the Circumcision, and tend to make a mere holiday of that which should have the sacred character of a Holy Day.

The Feast of the Circumcision was kept at an early date in the Gallican Rite, as is clearly indicated in a Council of Tours (567), in which the Mass of the Circumcision is prescribed. The feast celebrated at Rome in the seventh century was not the Circumcision as such, but the octave of Christmas.

It is to be noted also that the Blessed Virgin Mary was not forgotten in the festivities of the holy season, and the Mass in her honour was sometimes said on this day. Today, also, while in both Missal and Breviary the feast bears the title "In Circumcisione Domini et Octav Nativitatis", the prayers have special reference to the Blessed Virgin, and in the Office, the responses and antiphons set forth her privileges and extol her wonderful prerogatives.

In the revised calendar, January 1 is celebrated as the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

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...



CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

MISSA CANTATA 1/1/26

There will be two Masses for the feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord: 9:15 am Low Mass, 11:15 am Sung Mass. It is a holy day of obligation. **Rectory offices are closed** Dec. 31 and Jan 1.



OCTAVE DAY OF ST. STEPHEN

MISSA CANTATA 1/2/26

There will be a Sung Mass for the feast of the Octave Day of St. Stephen on Friday, January 2 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass 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 Beuice, 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 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.



HAPPY RETIREMENT!

The entire St. Anthony rectory staff and Faith community would like to give a huge thank you to Pat Perfetto! Pat was hired in 1990 and has offered her services to the administration of the parish for 35 years! This year, however, she decided to retire.

Please say a prayer for Pat as she begins a new journey in life. May the Lord provide and support her along the way.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

POSTPONED!

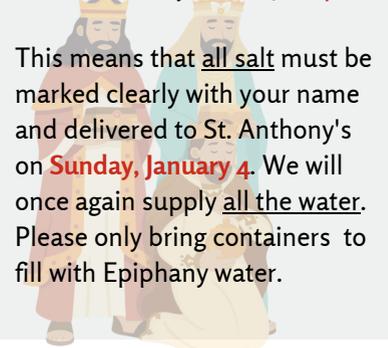
The children's Christmas concert originally scheduled for on Tuesday, December 30 has been postponed to a later date in January. More details to follow.



EPIPHANY VIGIL

January 5 is the Vigil of the Epiphany. The customary blessing of water and salt will be take place before Confession and Mass this year, at 4:00 pm.

This means that all salt must be marked clearly with your name and delivered to St. Anthony's on **Sunday, January 4**. We will once again supply all the water. Please only bring containers to fill with Epiphany water.



EMAIL & SMS SIGN UP FORM

To receive regular emails AND occasional texts regarding Mass Cancelations, 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 Guanelle, 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.

The Holy Family made many sacrifices to accomplish God's plan. Let's all be open to the idea that God might call someone from our family to serve the Church as a priest or religious sister. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God is calling! Consider the religious life or priesthood, and contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.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

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.

