



# 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>1/4</p> <p><b>HOLY NAME OF JESUS</b></p> <p>Second Collection for the St. Philip Neri House</p> <p><b>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b></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 &amp; Iole Ciminelli by Ciminelli and Eagan Families (2) † Anna and Pietro DiSalvo by Lia and Calogero Montagna</p>	<p>160 Court St. Buffalo, NY 14202 PHONE: 716-854-2563</p> <p>Saturday &amp; 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>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> <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, December 28 ONLINE *Please see next bulletin*</p>	
	<p>1/5</p> <p><b>VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY</b></p>	<p>Christopher Cummings by Tim and Sue Cummings</p>		
	<p>1/6</p> <p><b>EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (MISSA CANTATA)</b></p>	<p>† James and Angela Krey by Patrick and Jennifer Krey</p>		
	<p>1/7</p> <p><b>WITHIN EPIPHANY OCTAVE</b></p>	<p>Maya Religioso by Mom and Dad</p>		
	<p>1/8</p> <p><b>WITHIN EPIPHANY OCTAVE</b></p>	<p>† Edina Comisso</p>		
	<p>1/9</p> <p><b>WITHIN EPIPHANY OCTAVE</b></p>	<p>Salvatore Russo by Joseph and Gail Russo</p>		
	<p>1/10</p> <p><b>WITHIN EPIPHANY OCTAVE</b></p>	<p>† Richard Bondanella by Amy Bondanella</p>		
	S U N D A Y	<p>1/11</p> <p><b>HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b></p> <p>Second Collection for Fuel/Church Maintenance</p> <p><b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b></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>

# FEAST DAY

## EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us



"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation. As we celebrate Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today.

## 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...



### EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

#### MISSA CANTATA 1/6/26

There will be a Sung Mass for the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord on Tuesday, January 6 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time. **Blessed chalk** will be available for the chalking of the home.



### 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](mailto: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.



## CHALKING OF THE DOORS

The chalking of the doors of one's home is a long-standing tradition on the feast of the Epiphany, or the days after. It is meant to invite God's blessing into a home for the new year.

Chalk is customarily blessed on January 6. The chalk is a sacramental, intended for the blessings of homes. It may only be blessed by a priest. If a priest is unable to visit your home at this season, a simple blessing may be given by the father of the family. Please use the QR code for the blessing.



## 2025 TAX STATEMENT

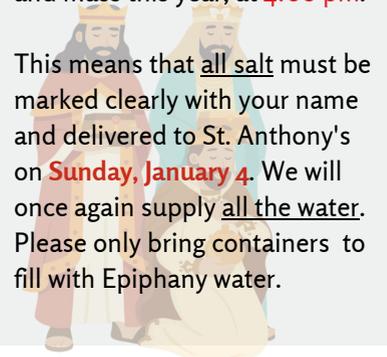
It's tax time! If you wish to receive a tax statement of your donations to St. Anthony's for 2025 please call the rectory at 716-854-2563 and give your name, address, and church envelope number. You can also email a request to [contact@stanthonybuffalo.org](mailto:contact@stanthonybuffalo.org) A statement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



## 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](http://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 Three Magi worshipped Jesus and then “departed by a different way.” Is Jesus asking you to live your life in a new and different way for the Kingdom of God? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://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](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).

