



# 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	2/1 <b>SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY</b> Second Collection for the St. Philip Neri House <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:15 AM † Michael Moran by O'Brien Family  9:15 AM † Rosa Porto by Mr. & Mrs. Jared Evers  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	<b>ORATORY OFFICE</b>  160 Court St. Buffalo, NY 14202 PHONE: 716-854-2563  Saturday & Sunday: Closed Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 9 AM - 1 PM Closed on civic and religious holidays  Pat Perfetto - Bookkeeper Mary Balistreri - Admin-Asst contact@stanthonybuffalo.org
	2/2 <b>PURIFICATION OF THE BVM (MISSA CANTATA)</b>	In Thanksgiving to God for Priesthood & Religious Vocations by Lynda Mostowy	<b>LITURGICAL SCHEDULE</b>  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
	2/3 <b>ST. BLAISE</b>	Rafael Religioso by Mom and Dad	<b>THE ST. PHILIP NERI HOUSE</b>  Fr. Augustine Tran - Rector Br. Paul Pierre Maturin - Sacristan clergy@stanthonybuffalo.org
	2/4 <b>ST. ANDREW CORSINI</b>	John T Sexton by Jay Sexton	<b>DEACONS</b>  Dcn. Carmelo Gaudioso Dcn. Tom LaBelle
	2/5 <b>VOTIVE OF JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b>	Chris Arcara by Lisa Wiedemann	<b>COLLECTION NOTICE</b>  Sunday, January 18: \$2,947.00 Sunday, January 25: \$3,247.00 Second collection: \$374.00 ONLINE: \$150.00
	2/6 <b>VOTIVE OF THE SACRED HEART (MISSA CANTATA)</b>	Erson Religioso (Birthday) by the Religioso Children	
	2/7 <b>VOTIVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	† Levon Airapetian by Sexton Family	
	2/8 <b>SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:15 AM Special Intention by Joan and Dan Blum  9:15 AM † Margaret and Louis Tomani by Family  11:15 AM (1) † Famglie Paruccini and Cavo by Rosella Cavo (2) † Laurel A. Rizzo by Luciana Galante (3) In Honor of Jacqueline & Daniel Bermudez	
S U N D A Y			

# SAINT OF THE WEEK

## ST. ANDREW CORSINI

He was born in Florence on 30 November in 1301, one of a family of twelve. The Corsini family was fairly well off and devout. We know little about Andrew's youth. He was drawn to religious life, and some time about 1316, at the age of fifteen or sixteen, he entered the Carmelite Priory in Florence. He rose through the ranks unremarkably until at the General Chapter in Metz, he was appointed Provincial of the Tuscan Province in 1348 – a fateful year because the Black Death broke out in Florence. So, Andrew had a lot on his plate as Provincial.

In 1350 the Bishop of Fiesole – an ancient town in the hills above Florence – died of the plague (he was living in Florence). The Canons of the Cathedral elected Andrew to be bishop, and the Pope confirmed the election. From this moment a new and more forceful Andrew becomes visible.



“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

He immediately went to Fiesole to reside there – the first bishop of the place to do so in over 100 years. With 2 friars from Florence, he formed a mini-Carmelite community in the bishop's palace, always wearing his Carmelite habit and not Episcopal apparel.

Bishop of Fiesole for 24 years, he acquired a reputation for holiness and fairness in four spheres: charitable works for the poor and the sick. Not only did he institute such works but was careful to see that donations and legacies for such things went to the charities; raising the standard of the clergy by training, and examining them, dismissing those he found unworthy. And he insisted that the clergy live in their parish; he began a program of restoration of churches, with the cathedral and the bishop's residence; he had the gift of reconciling people at odds with each other, personally, institutionally and even between cities.

In short, he was considered by all to be a holy man who set himself to do all in his power for the welfare of his Diocese, its priests, and its people in difficult times.

He died peacefully on the Epiphany in 1374 at the age of 73. He is now enshrined in a specially built chapel in the Carmelite Priory in that city.

## 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...



### CANDLEMAS

#### MISSA CANTATA 2/2/26

There will be a Sung Mass for the Purification of the BVM, Candlemas, on Monday, February 2 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.



### FIRST FRIDAY

#### MISSA CANTATA 2/6/26

There will be a Sung Mass for the Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart on Friday, February 6 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.

## WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

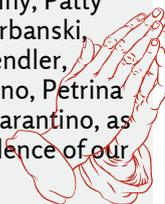
Contact Fr. Augustine at [atran@stanthonybuffalo.org](mailto:atran@stanthonybuffalo.org)



## 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, Pétrina Roberts, Bill Booth, Sam Russo, All Life, Phil Tarantino, as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE

In February, the sanctuary candle is lit for † Silvio and Grazia Maggiotto by Helen Booth and Family.

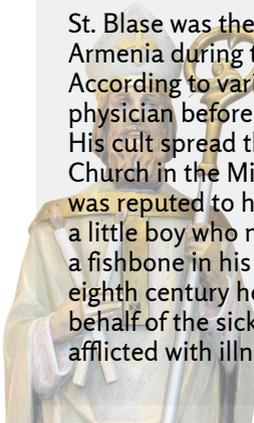
\$25 Monthly Sanctuary Candle are available. Please contact the OFFICE to reserve.



## THROAT BLESSING

We will be offering the traditional St. Blaise throat blessing on Tuesday, February 3 after the 6:00 pm Mass.

St. Blase was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.



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

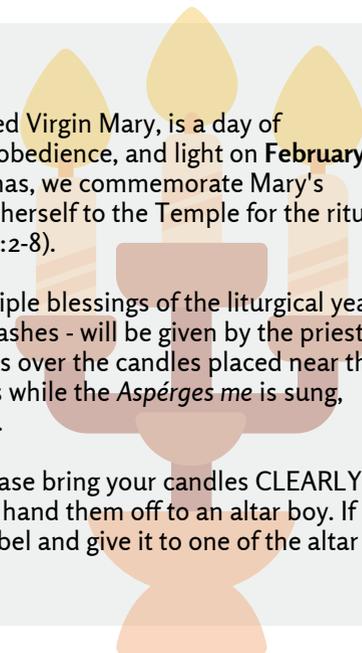


## CANDLEMAS FEAST DAY

Candlemas, or the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a day of purification, renewal, hope, an honoring of obedience, and light on **February 2**. 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 2/1 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.

Before preaching the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went up the mountain "and his disciples came to him." These days, Jesus is calling disciples, but often they won't come. Break this trend and answer the call today! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit [buffalovocations.org](http://buffalovocations.org)



## PAPAL INTENTION

Papal intention for February: For children with incurable diseases...

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength 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).

