

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

160 Court St. Buffalo, NY 14202
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Saturday & Sunday: Closed
Weekdays (Mon-Fri): 9 AM - 1 PM
Closed on civic and religious holidays

Pat Perfetto - Bookkeeper
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: \$3,643.00
Second collection: \$857.00

ONLINE: \$280.00

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12/21

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Collection for Christmas Flowers & Fuel / Church Maintenance



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

12/22

VIGIL OF ST. THOMAS

O'Brien Children by Mom and Dad

12/23

ST. THOMAS (MISSA CANTATA)

† Amy Taylor by Alaina Terzulli

12/24

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY

Raphael Morinello by Amy McGuire

12/25

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD Holy Day / Second Collection



12:00 AM For the Intentions of Madison Rose Rutherford by Marie Chudobh

7:15 AM Walia Family by Walia Family

9:15 AM Benefactors of SPNH by SPNH

11:15 AM (1) † The Deceased Members of the Natale Balistreri Family by Mary Antoinette Balistreri
(2) † Salvatore Sciortino by Anna and Vincenzo DiSalvo
(3) † Dino Donati by Wife and Family

12/26

ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR

For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. David Blackley by J.J. Pietras

12/27

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Nora McGuire by Mom & Dad

12/28

HOLY INNOCENTS

7:15 AM
Madeline Anniziata by Mom and Dad



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

9:15 AM
† Phyllis Zinobile by Jo Saia and Family

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. STEPHEN PROMARTYR

Just after Christmas, the Catholic Church remembers its first martyr, and one of its first deacons, Saint Stephen. Roman Catholics celebrate his feast Dec. 26, while Eastern Catholics honor him one day later.

In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke praises St. Stephen as “a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit,” who “did great wonders and signs among the people” during the earliest days of the Church.

Luke's history of the period also includes the moving scene of Stephen's death – witnessed by St. Paul before his conversion – at the hands of those who refused to accept Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.

Stephen himself was a Jew who most likely came to believe in Jesus during the Lord's ministry on earth. He may have been



“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, 'Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'”

among the 70 disciples whom Christ sent out as missionaries, who preached the coming of God's kingdom while traveling with almost no possessions.

Stephen's reputation for holiness led the Apostles to choose him, along with six other men, to assist them in an official and unique way as this dispute arose. Through the sacramental power given to them by Christ, the Apostles ordained the seven men as deacons, and set them to work helping the widows.

As a deacon, Stephen also preached about Christ as the fulfillment of the Old Testament law and prophets. Unable to refute his message, some members of local synagogues brought him before their religious authorities, charging him with seeking to destroy their traditions.

Before he was put to death, Stephen had a vision of Christ in glory. “Look,” he told the court, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” The council, however, dragged the deacon away and stoned him to death.

“While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit,’” records St. Luke in Acts 7. “Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.”

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. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

MISSA CANTATA 12/23/25

There will be a Sung Mass for St. Thomas the Apostle on Tuesday, December 23 at the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.



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.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, 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.



PARISH REMINDERS

Just a few reminders for our parishioners...

If you forget to bring your collection for Sunday Mass please drop it off in the **candle basket** near the Assumption altar.



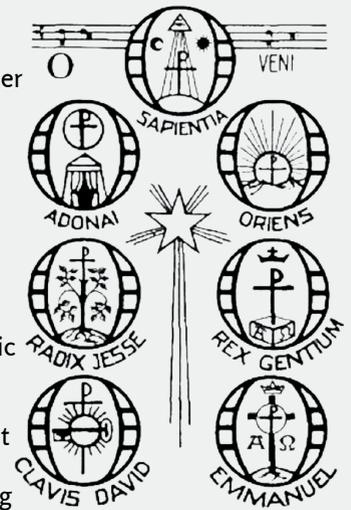
After 5:00 pm you do not need to pay for parking nor at any time on the weekends.

Thank you!

"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 or scan the QR Code.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Matins and Christmas Carols | Wed., Dec. 24
Sung Matins (9:45 pm)
Christmas Carols and Music (11:30 pm)

Midnight Mass | Thu., Dec. 25
Solemn High Mass (12:00 am)

Christmas Day Masses | Thu., Dec. 25
Low Mass (7:15 am)
Sung Mass (9:15 am)
Italian Mass (11:15 am)



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.

God invites us in today's Scriptures to "ask for a sign." Take Him up on this invitation! Ask Jesus to open your mind to know His will for your life. If that sign points to ordained ministry, 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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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.

