

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS

The illustrious martyrdom of these Saints happened at Rome, under the emperor Antoninus. The seven brothers were the sons of St. Felicitas, a noble, pious, Christian widow in Rome, who, after the death of her husband, served God in a state of continency and employed herself wholly in prayer, fasting, and works of charity. By the public and edifying example of this lady and her whole family, many idolaters were moved to renounce the worship of their false gods, and to embrace the faith of Christ. This excited the anger of the heathen priests, who complained to the emperor that the boldness with which Felicitas publicly practiced the Christian religion drew many from the worship of the immortal gods, who were the guardians and protectors of the empire, and that,



"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

in order to appease these false gods, it was necessary to compel this lady and her children to sacrifice to them. Publius, the prefect of Rome, caused the mother and her sons to be apprehended and brought before him, and, addressing her, said, "Take pity on your children, Felicitas; they are in the bloom of youth, and may aspire to the greatest honors and preferments." The holy mother answered, "Your pity is really impiety, and the compassion to which you exhort me would make me the most cruel of mothers. Then turning herself towards her children, she said to them, "My sons, look up to heaven, where Jesus Christ with His Saints expects you. Be faithful in His love, and fight courageously for your souls." Publius, being exasperated at this behavior, commanded her to be cruelly buffeted; he then called the children to him one after another, and used many artful speeches, mingling promises with threats to induce them to adore the gods. His arguments and threats were equally in vain, and the brothers were condemned to be scourged. After being whipped, they were remanded to prison, and the prefect, despairing to overcome their resolution, laid the whole process before the emperor. Antoninus gave an order that they should be sent to different judges, and be condemned to different deaths. Januarius was scourged to death with whips loaded with plummets of lead. The two next, Felix and Philip, were beaten with clubs till they expired. Sylvanus, the fourth, was thrown headlong down a steep precipice. The three youngest, Alexander, Vitalis, and Martialis, were beheaded, and the same sentence was executed upon the mother four months after.

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...



CHILDREN'S CONCERT MOTHER CABRINI HALL 7/9/26

There will be a children's summer classical music concert in the Mother Cabrini social hall on Thursday, July 9 after the regular 6:00 pm Mass time.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Contact Fr. Augustine at
atran@stanthonybuffalo.
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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, Judy Tasca, Helen Booth, Dan Minnick, Mary Whalen, Cody Beuice, Diana Wright, Bernadette Hughes, Nancy Zimny, Patty Stunmetz., L. Lilenthal, Patrick Hughes, Alli Urbanski, Eileen T., Russell Cirino, Mary K., Helen Schwendler, Karen Laurent, Christian Vinci, Petrina Roberts, Bill Booth, Joan Kern, Vincent LoJacono, Margaret Saia, Josette Saia, the Pierro, Gioli and Montagna Family, as well as those intention which we hold in the silence of our hearts.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In July, the sanctuary candle is lit for John Roman Nurt † by Family

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



WEDDING BANNS

The marriage of Kelly Hines (of St. Louis, Buffalo, NY) and Micheil Spillane (Prince of Peace, Spring, TX) will take place on July 10, 2026 (third asking).



The purpose of banns is to enable anyone to raise any canonical or civil legal impediments to the marriage, so as to prevent invalid marriages.

SAVE THE DATE: UVB PICNIC



Mark your calendars for the annual Una Voce Buffalo Picnic on Sunday, **August 16 at 2:00pm**. The picnic will take place at Chestnut Ridge Park in **Shelter #12**. Please bring a dish to pass and your own blanket/chairs, etc. Meat will be provided.

\$10 Singles – \$25 families with children



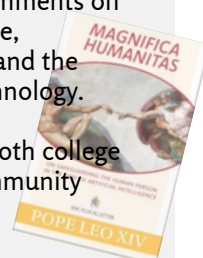
Please RSVP to
uncebuffalo@outlook.com



MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

The UB Newman Center invites you to a panel discussion of Pope Leo's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, on Wed., July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at UB Newman Center, Amherst. Experts from universities across the diocese will answer questions on the pope's timely and relevant comments on AI, autonomous warfare, environmental ethics, and the responsible use of technology.

This event is open to both college students and faith community members



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POPE LEO'S LETTER TO THE USA ON THE 250th ANNIVERSARY

As we reflect on the 250th anniversary of the founding of the American Republic, let us reflect on what the Holy Father - the first American to hold the title of Roman Pontiff - has to say to us today:

"I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Americans on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This semiquincentennial marks the defining moment in the history of the United States of America, July 4, 1776, that gave enduring voice to the ideals of liberty, equality, the pursuit of happiness, justice and democratic self-government...."

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FUNDRAISING COOKBOOK

Would you like to see your name and recipes in print? Be part of the St. Anthony of Padua Tastes for All Seasons Cookbook!

We need recipes of all types from soup to nuts and everything in between! All you need to do is type or print your recipe(s), give it a title, include your name, phone number and email, and email the recipe to mbalistreri@stanthonybuffalo.org. Or you can drop off your recipes in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "For Cookbook" or just mail it to the rectory. **PLEASE SUBMIT BY JULY 1.** **ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OUR STAIN GLASS WINDOWS**

If you submit three recipes your name will be entered in a raffle to win a free cookbook. We hope to print 300 copies and have them ready for sale by November 5, 2026, just in time for Christmas!

PAPAL INTENTION

Papal intention for June: for respect of human life...

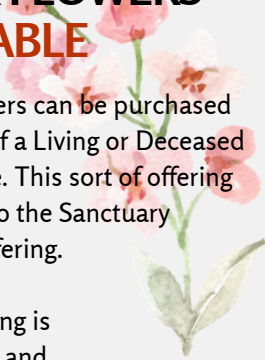
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



ALTAR FLOWERS AVAILABLE

Altar Flowers can be purchased in Honor of a Living or Deceased Loved One. This sort of offering is similar to the Sanctuary Candle Offering.

This Offering is \$100/week and will cover the expense of fresh flowers for our Main Altar.



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 Jakob 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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