

THIS WEEK AT

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## MASSES

### SUNDAY MASSES:

SHRINE CHURCH - 7:00 & 10:30AM

PARISH CHURCH - 9:00, 10:15, 11:30AM,

12:45 and 7:00PM

### SATURDAY MASS VIGIL:

PARISH CHURCH - 5:00PM

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

### CONFESSIONS:

SHRINE CHURCH - Saturday 4:30-5:30pm

### DAILY MASSES:

#### SHRINE CHURCH

6:30 & 9:00AM Monday ~ Friday

9:00AM ~ Saturday

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

### WAITING IN THE DARK

Isaiah writes powerfully of the darkness and the gloom, the burden and the sacrifices that the Jews have been living with for years and years. Their waiting, their misery is deep and prolonged. Yet they continue to wait. In Paul's letter to Titus, the Christian community is also waiting, not for the birth of the Savior, but for the return of that Savior. Paul reminds us of the "blessed hope" that sustains our wait. In Luke we hear the familiar story of Mary and Joseph, the pregnancy and birth, the baby, the Son. This is the one for whom all have been waiting. His coming, long awaited, much anticipated, is real. The only reaction we are told about is that of the shepherds, and they are afraid. But they are reassured with the same words spoken to Mary by the angel who announced that she would give birth to a son, "Do not be afraid." **Today's Readings: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 (Worship Pgs. 1013-1016)**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**SHRINE CHURCH 4:30PM**  
STEPHEN MALONEY  
**PARISH CHURCH 4:30PM**  
TIMOTHY HEIM  
**PARISH CHURCH 8:00PM**  
HEATHER LEIGH COLON  
**PARISH CHURCH MIDNIGHT**  
ANTHONY V. PALMIOTTA, JR.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00 AM**  
JOAN & JOSEPH LEONARD  
**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
MOSELLA & DELUCA FAMILIES  
**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
ROSE & RICK GORGLIONE  
**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
ROBERT McCABE  
**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO  
**PARISH CHURCH 12:45 PM**  
CARMINE & ANTONETTA CEPARANO  
& MARIANGELA & FELICE DELFINO

**MONDAY**

6:30 AM OLAF DELESSEPS  
9:00 AM JOSEPH McNAMARA

**TUESDAY**

6:30 AM MARY & EDWARD FUHRMAN  
9:00 AM THOMAS McDONAGH

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 AM JOHN SPEAR  
9:00 AM FRANCIS RYAN

**THURSDAY**

6:30 AM RAFAEL ALMONTE  
9:00 AM MARY MEDLER

**FRIDAY**

6:30 AM CHRISTIAN ROBERT PICHARDO  
9:00 AM EUGENE MAGGIO

**SATURDAY**

9:00 AM HUBERT KLAVER  
5:00 PM MARY LaMOTTA & VENERINA TRIPANI

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY ~ NEW YEAR'S DAY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
MADELINE T. RISPOLI  
**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
ANTONIETTA SANTORO  
**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
JOANNE WHITE EMMERT  
**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
TIMOTHY HEIM  
**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO  
**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
CARMINE CEPARANO  
**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
SARAH CAPUANO



3<sup>rd</sup> Keith Wallenstein & Sarah Garland

**LETTER FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ-Child, I want to thank each one of you for your kindness and support of the children of St. Anthony's School. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus blesses the little children and says, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." You are fulfilling Jesus' wish through your generosity.

May our good and gracious God fill you and your families this Christmas with abundant graces.

Blessings of Peace and Joy,  
Sr. Pat, Staff, and Students

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Best wishes to all our children & parents for a Blessed Christmas & a Joyful New Year.

St. Anthony's Liturgy team

**NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE**  
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*A Happy and Holy Christmas!*

God came to our world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth - in a little town of Bethlehem! He came as a helpless baby to save all who reach out to him in their daily living!

As Catholics, we have the great grace and gift of that coming every time we attend Mass. God, comes to us again in the person of Jesus of Nazareth under the humble appearance of a consecrated unleavened wheat wafer to save us and those we love.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us pray for our Parish Family! May God bless you and yours with a holy, joyful, and peaceful celebration of the coming of Jesus to our world!

**TITHING NEWS:** Last week our collection totaled \$25,742.00. Last year our collection totaled \$24,599.50. Thank you!

With Prayer and Gratitude, Fr. Jerry



**BAPTISMS:** First and Fourth Sundays of the month at 2:00 PM. Instructions for parents of children to be Baptized must be arranged with the Priests of the Parish. Only instructed Catholics should be invited as Godparents. A copy of the child's birth certificate and sponsor certificates for the Godparents are required when you meet with the priest.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoon 4:30 - 5:30 PM in the Shrine Church.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months before the marriage takes place.

**SICK CALLS:** Any time. Do not neglect to call a priest to a person seriously ill (while the person is conscious, if possible).

**NOCTURNAL ADORATION:** Each First Friday 7:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**NOVENAS:** To St. Anthony: Tuesdays after the 9AM Mass; Miraculous Medal: Monday at 8PM in the Shrine Church.

**HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, BENEDICTION:** on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**SOCIETIES:**

**BLESSED MOTHER'S SODALITY:** Meeting on Monday after 3rd Sunday, at 7:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

**SHRINE TO THE UNBORN AT ST. ANTHONY'S** - A Shrine to the Unborn is installed in St. Anthony's Shrine Church. The centerpiece of the shrine is an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A Book of Life is enshrined there. Those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, through stillbirth, miscarriage or abortion, or of a child who lived for just a short time, may have his or her name inscribed in the Book. If you wish to have an unborn child included; applications are available at St. Anthony's Church office 623-2138 between 8:30am & 3:30pm. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

**TODAY:**



**CHRISTMAS DAY ~  
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED (For emergencies call 623-2138)**

**MONDAY:**

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED (For emergencies call 623-2138)  
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.**

**TUESDAY:**

**NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.  
CONFESSIONS FROM 9:30am to 10:30am and 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Shrine Church.  
HOLY HOUR from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**SENIOR CLUB MEETING from 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Shrine Church Hall.  
ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.**

**THURSDAY:**

**NO BIBLE STUDY.**

**FRIDAY:**

**POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm  
in the School.**

**SATURDAY:**

**CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**NEW YEARS DAY- see Mass Schedule on page 5.  
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED (For emergencies call 623-2138)  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for  
Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.**



**WE WELCOME INTO OUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

Chase Francis    Child of    Chad & Courtney (Morrissey) Corey

**FORMED**

FORMED is an innovative online platform through which our parishioners can have access to a wide range of top-quality faith formation resources from Bishop Robert Barron, the Augustine Institute, Father Michael Gaitley, Lighthouse Catholic Media, and several others. It is an effective tool that can support your efforts in the areas of adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, youth ministry, marriage ministry and more. A number of Spanish-language resources are also available on FORMED, and new materials are being added regularly. With a parish subscription, every parishioner will have free access to a wide variety of video programs, movies, audio talks, electronic books, and downloadable workbooks, at any time and on any device with an internet connection between now and September 2017. To access FORMED go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and enter the St. Anthony's access code: W8GKWT

**ELIZABETH SETON WOMEN'S CENTER FOR 2017**

Want to start off 2017 trying to do some good in the world, or just want to form some friendships and try some new things? Join us at the first Rockland based meeting of the Elizabeth Seton Women's Center for 2017- January 11th, 7 to 9 pm, at Seton Village Community Center off Convent Road in Nanuet. The Women's Center is sponsored and supported by the Sisters of Charity of New York and intended to help women support themselves and each other through friendship, spirituality, and meaningful social and helping activities. For more information, please email at [director@elizabethsetonwomenscenter.org](mailto:director@elizabethsetonwomenscenter.org) or stop by our January meeting.

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS:** Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30am to 10:30am  
(all in the Shrine Church) ~ 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:30pm to 5:30pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE:** (Anticipated Masses for New Year's Day)  
**PARISH CHURCH - 5:00pm**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY:** **SHRINE CHURCH – 7:00am & 10:30am**  
**PARISH CHURCH – 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 12:45pm & 7:00pm**

**PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 31st 2016 & JANUARY 1st 2017**

**SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**CONFESSION:** 4:30-5:30 FR. JERRY  
FR. RONELO

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
PARISH CHURCH 5:00PM FR. CRESUS

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM FR. ED  
PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM FR. ED  
PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM FR. JERRY  
SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM FR. RONELO  
PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM FR. JOE  
PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM FR. JOE  
PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM FR. CRESUS

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**2017 MARCH FOR LIFE**

On the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, come to Washington, DC, and walk for the sake of the unborn. The March is on Friday, January 27th. A bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 6 am. We will depart from Washington at 6 pm. Adults \$30, Students \$15. For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para espanol). For more information, see our website RocklandRTL.org.

**PRO-LIFE MASS**

There is a Pro Life Mass celebrated every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday night of the month at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday, January 2nd.

**THE RACHEL MINISTRY**

Every 20 seconds an unborn child is aborted in the United States. In the 30 years since Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand, the death toll has reached over 55 million. But the statistics do not document the other casualties: the mothers, fathers, grandparents and friends who are emotionally and spiritually affected. The Rachel ministry is a CONFIDENTIAL ministry for those scarred by abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth. Come and heal every third Monday of the month at the Marian Shrine in the Cafeteria Building in West Haverstraw, at 7:00pm. The next meeting is on January 16. For more information call 845-429-2077 or the Marian Shrine at 845-947-2200.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

Is someone you know thinking about becoming a Catholic? Baptized in another denomination? Not baptized yet? St. Anthony's is currently holding information sessions on the RCIA [Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults] process for those thinking about joining our parish. Please call Barbara Peters at (845)598-1136, if you are interested

**H.A.N.D.S. (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors)**

H.A.N.D.S. sponsors a **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S. who lost her son & daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00pm. The next meetings are January 4th & 17<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, NY 10956. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions. H.A.N.D.S also now has a **WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GROUP** facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday at 9 Scott Drive, New City. For further information please contact Ann Carucci at 634-6706.



**Regional Catholic Elementary Schools  
Now Accepting  
Applications for 2017-18**

Starting December 1st, NEW students and ALL rising Kindergarteners may *Apply* to our Regional Catholic Elementary Schools and learn about *Financial Assistance* in one of three ways:

1. Online, via [www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org)
2. Over the phone, by calling our bilingual number at 646-794-2885
3. In person, at any of these participating schools:

<b>Sacred Heart School</b>	60 Washington Avenue	Suffern
<b>St. Anthony</b>	34 West Nyack Road	Nanuet
<b>St. Gregory Barbarigo</b>	29 Cinder Road	Garnerville
<b>St. Margaret</b>	34 North Magnolia St.	Pearl River
<b>St. Paul</b>	365 Kings Highway	Valley Cottage

If you haven't had a chance to visit, we invite you to experience a Catholic school in action by attending an open house event or by scheduling a private tour.

Upcoming TOURING TUESDAY open house dates are:

**January 10, 2017, January 31, 2017,  
February 14, 2017, March 14, 2017 and April 4, 2017  
from 9-11 am or by appointment**

Founded in Faith and Focused on the Future!

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**PARISH PAY**

If you are interested in a new way to electronically contribute each week to St. Anthony's, you can sign-up with this new program. You may do so by visiting our website at [www.thechurchofstanthony.com](http://www.thechurchofstanthony.com) or calling 1-866-PARISH1.

**ALL PARISHIONERS**

Please notify the Rectory of any change of address. Your envelopes or any letters from the Parish will not get forwarded. Every parishioner should be registered. If you are not, we cannot serve you by issuing testimonial letters for the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We cannot give recommendations or character references if we do not know you.

**THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS**

If you have a family member or friend with mental illness...you are not alone. Come to a NAMI FAMILY – A Family Support Group Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center, Building F, Room 119, Sanatorium Road, Pomona, NY. For further information call 845-359-8787.

**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL-TAKE-A-TOUR THURSDAY PROGRAM**

Provides parents an opportunity to learn what sets Albertus Magnus apart from all other high schools. January 5th, January 12<sup>th</sup>, arrive to the Albertus Library at 8:15 am. This program will include a 15-minute presentation followed by a 45-minute guided tour. Register on line at [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net).

