

THIS WEEK AT

The Church Of St. Anthony

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2017

A touching video that is often shared on social media shows a man receiving special glasses to correct his color-deficient sight. As he puts on the glasses, he grows emotional as he sees vibrant hues for the first time. Flowers, tissue paper, and clothing overwhelm him with their brilliance. He takes one look into his daughter's vivid eyes and throws his arms around her. Today's readings inspire similar reactions as we imagine being able to see the world the way God sees it. In our Old Testament reading, the Lord shows Samuel how to see like God, into the heart. Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians urges us to be "children of light," seeing what pleases the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind, declaring, "I am the light of the world." To see like God, we fix our gaze on Jesus.

I DO BELIEVE, LORD

Today's statement of faith in Jesus comes from a depressing source. "The man blind from birth," who professes faith in Jesus as savior, doesn't even have a name in the account. His neighbors who have known him all his life refer to him casually as "the one who used to sit and beg." Jesus' own disciples immediately form a bad opinion of the man, assuming that his blindness results from sin. His community might have celebrated and rejoiced in his cure, but instead the Pharisees seize the opportunity to ridicule him. This nameless, penniless, friendless outcast becomes our model today. He alone worships Jesus. We should want to be like him. But do we?

Last week's Gospel recounted another bold profession of faith in Jesus, that of the woman at the well. A Samaritan, she too is despicable in the eyes of the Israelites. Yet she inspires the conversion of her entire village. We are astonished, almost scandalized, that Jesus allows people we might call losers to profess faith in him as the Messiah. Is it really such an honor to be counted as Christians alongside these misfits? (Worship Pgs. 1036) Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM
HEATHER COLON & PATRICK FAGAN

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
PEDRITO MONTEVIRGEN

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
IRENE CURTIN

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
ANTHONY, NICOLINA, ROSE & CHARLES MAZZA

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
THOMAS DONOVAN

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
MICHAEL & ELIZABETH DIVER

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
ANGELO & GLORIA CARPENTIERI

MONDAY

6:30 AM STEPHEN MALONEY
9:00 AM WOJTACKI & POLEWAY FAMILIES
NOON (PARISH) CONNIE (TINA) CAPPIBIANCA
(1ST ANNIVERSARY)

TUESDAY

6:30 AM JOHN & KATHRYN BURKE
9:00 AM JULIE HENRICKSON
NOON (PARISH) DiCOLANDREA & SCOTTO FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM JOHN & MARY LAMASNEY
9:00 AM ELISA CRUZ
NOON (PARISH) BARRETT, CONWAY & HENRY FAMILIES

THURSDAY

6:30 AM JUAN BARON
9:00 AM BRIDGET HEHIR
NOON (PARISH) DOROTHY WOOD

FRIDAY

6:30 AM CARL THOMAS BREIT
9:00 AM CATHERINE MALONEY
NOON (PARISH) ANGELINA MARY NICOLOPOULOS

SATURDAY

9:00 AM MARYLOU LAPENTA
5:00 PM LORRAINE & TERRENCE McKEON

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR
SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
SANTAMARIA FAMILY

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
DAN & MARYANN MOLLOY & FAMILY

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
LEONARDO & GLORIA DIAZ

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
GIOVANNA SURACE

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
GABRIELE MADDALENA

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
PAULINE BOVINO



COFFEE AFTER MASS ON APRIL 2

Coffee, tea and more will be served after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses, sponsored by the Parish Players. All parishioners are welcome.

TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD

The Fil-Am Community of St. Anthony's Parish is sponsoring a TRIDUUM (three-days) of Masses to honor our 2nd Filipino Saint on the following dates:

March 30th, Thursday at 8:00pm (Shrine Church)

March 31st, Friday at 8:00pm (Shrine Church)

April 1st, Saturday at 1:00pm (Shrine Church) followed by a Fellowship at the Shrine Basement.

All are invited to this celebration. May St. Pedro Calungsod intercede for us!!!

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.

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.

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 or calling 1-866-PARISH1 or 800-950-9952.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICE
MITE BOX COLLECTION**

Mite boxes are now available in both churches. "The donation of coins, and sometimes dollars, add up during the season to provide much needed funds that help us support our programs and provide a helping hand to those in need in our community."



We are less than three weeks away from celebrating Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. At the Easter Vigil, we will welcome three new members to our Parish Family!

Please use the Easter schedules in the Churches to plan for these most beautiful Liturgical celebrations. Come and join us as we walk through Holy Week with Jesus! It is a powerful experience of God's Love!

Also, Confession times are listed in these schedules! Come and experience the Mercy of Our Loving Savior!

We also thank the Blessed Mother Sodality for a beautiful St. Joseph's Table Dinner!

With Prayer and Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

TITHING NEWS: Last week our collection totaled \$17,267.00.
Last year our collection for the Third Sunday of Lent 2016 totaled \$19,157.50. Thank you!

LAST CALL FOR EASTER FLOWERS



As we did at Christmas, anyone who would like to donate to the Easter Flowers in memory of a deceased loved one, may pick up an Easter Flowers Envelope in either Church. We will again print the names of those in whose memory the flowers have been donated.

Please return the envelope by **Wednesday, March 29th**.

We will **not be able to add any names received after April 2nd**
as the list will be sent to the printer on **April 3rd**.

To insure the correct spelling, **PLEASE PRINT NAMES ON THE ENVELOPE ~ Thank you!**

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.

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- TODAY:** CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
 JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.
 SECOND COLLECTION will be for Catholic Relief Service.
- MONDAY:** MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.
- TUESDAY:** NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.
 HOLY HOUR from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 4th & 5th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 8th year students ~ sign-in before 6:20pm (doors will be lock at 6:20pm).
- WEDNESDAY:** SENIOR CLUB MEETING from 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Shrine Church Hall.
 P.R.E.P. Classes for 6th & 7th year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.
 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.
- THURSDAY:** BIBLE STUDY from 10:00- 11:00am in the Rectory.
 TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD at 8:00pm (Shrine Church)
- FRIDAY:** POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the School.
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church
 TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD at 8:00pm (Shrine Church)
- SATURDAY:** P.R.E.P. Classes for 1st 2nd & 3rd year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.
 CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.
 TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. PEDRO CALUNGSOD at 1:00pm (Shrine Church) followed by a Fellowship at the Shrine Basement
- NEXT SUNDAY:** CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4th Grade.
 BOY SCOUT ticket sales after all Masses for Pancake Breakfast on April 30th.
 JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.
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PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR APRIL 1 & 2

**SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

CONFESSIONS: 4:30 -5:30PM FR. CRESUS
FR. RONELO

MASS SCHEDULE:
PARISH CHURCH 5:00PM FR. JOE

**MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

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

SILVER AND GOLD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in New York on Sunday, June 11th at 2:00pm.

~ Pre-Registration is required and encouraged to be done early as there is limited seating ~

Please call the Rectory (623-2138 ext. 6 between 9:30am-3pm; Monday thru Friday only) with your name, address and phone number.

(Closing date for Cathedral registration is Wednesday, May 10th**)**

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York ~ 646-794-3190.

****TO SIGN-UP FOR ST. ANTHONY'S CELEBRATION****

Couples married 25 years during 2017 or those celebrating their 50th Anniversary who cannot attend the ceremony at the Cathedral will be honored here at St. Anthony's Parish Church on Sunday, May 21st at the 10:15 Mass. Please call the Rectory, 623-2138 (9:30am-3:00pm; Monday -Friday only) with your name and phone number as soon as possible.

(Closing date for registration at St. Anthony's is Friday, May 5**)**

LENTEN SEASON

Canon Law urges all the Christian Faithful to offer special prayers, to perform works of piety and charity, and to mortify themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully. They are likewise encouraged to perform acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal a day be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength but these taken together should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE/ FASTING ARE: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

DAILY MASS

There is an additional **12 Noon Mass in the Parish Church** during Lent: Monday thru Friday.

HOLY HOUR - EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/BENEDICTION

On Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Shrine Church, we will continue to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration and Reflection, followed by Benediction. Why not take advantage of this quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament during this Lenten season?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Why not include the celebration of the Stations of the Cross in your Lenten spiritual program? This devotional practice invites us as Christians to walk with Christ on the road to Calvary. Please join us each Friday evening during Lent, at 7:00pm, starting March 3rd in the Shrine Church.

MASS BOOK 2018

The Mass Book for 2018 will open, by appointment only on:
Tuesday, April 25, Wednesday, April 26, and Friday, April 28

To make an appointment to reserve an Intention Mass for the 2018 Mass Book, please call the Rectory Office, 623-2138 ext. 6
starting: Wednesday, April 19, between 10:00am and 3:30pm.

Appointments will be given by **phone only** (no walk in appointments, please) and
we cannot accept any calls for appointments before 10:00am sharp on Wednesday, April 19.

Mass reservations for 2018 cannot be made without a previously scheduled appointment.
After the 3 days of appointments, Masses can be booked by a first come/first serve basis starting
Wednesday, May 3 from 9:00am to Noon and 1pm to 3:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation!
(The customary offering for each announced mass is \$15.00. Thank you.)

BOYS SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Boy Scouts Troop 78 invites the Community to our annual Pancake Breakfast/Basket raffle on Sunday April 30th from 9:00am to 12:30pm in the St. Anthony's School Cafeteria. Please come & enjoy pancakes, sausages, OJ, coffee & tea. Many great items will be raffled off including a Big Screen TV. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door, Children 13 years old and younger \$3.00. Tickets will be sold after Masses on Saturday, April 1st & Sunday, April 2nd

+SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL+
CHRISM MASS – HOLY WEEK TUESDAY, APRIL 11th
ROCKLAND COACH BUS AVAILABLE

The Mass of Chrism, Tuesday, April 11th, is a tradition which goes all the way back to the 5th century of our church. This, *once a year*, celebration manifests the unity of the priests with their bishop. This is an opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass with our Cardinal Archbishop Timothy Dolan, his brother bishops and hundreds of our priests and deacons in our beautifully restored Cathedral of Saint Patrick.

During the Mass, the Cardinal will bless three sacred oils, the *Oil of Catechumens*, the *Oil of the Sick* and Holy *Chrism*. These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the entire Archdiocese during the upcoming year.

The faithful of our Rockland Parishes are urged to make their attendance at this very beautiful as well as unique mass of Chrism a special part of their preparation for Easter.

For your convenience, the Rockland Deanery is sponsoring a comfortable coach bus which will be departing from the, centrally located, St. Francis of Assisi parking lot, Parrott Road, West Nyack, at 1 PM on Tuesday. The 4:00 PM mass traditionally ends by around 5:15 PM and everyone will immediately re-board the bus for the ride home. As in the past, a special block of seats has been reserved for our Rockland County bus contingent.

Those who are interested in attending the Chrism Mass or else would like further information are asked to contact the Deanery Office (St. Aedan's) at 845-735-7405. You may confirm your seat reservation (first come - first served) by mailing or else dropping off your (non-refundable) **\$20** check (same as previous years) made payable to Saint Aedan Church



REMAINING TOURING TUESDAYS: April

4 from 9-11 am.

Prospective families interested in applying for grades Pre-K 3 to Grade 8 can apply and learn about scholarships and financial assistance in several ways: online at www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org. By phone at 646-794-2885 or In person, at the school of interest To learn more about our faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school programs, visit www.buildboldfutures.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The John Cardinal McCloskey Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce its Twelfth Annual Scholarship Competition for current Eighth Grade Students who will enter a Catholic High School in the fall. Registered parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Augustine and St. Francis are eligible to apply. The application deadline is April 24, 2017. Two scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each will be awarded. For further information, or to receive and application, please email the scholarship committee at McCloskeyScholarship@yahoo.com.

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 Rockland – A Family Support Group Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month and the third Thursday of every month at 7:00pm at the Dr. Robert L. Yeager Health Center, Building F, Room 119, Sanatorium Road, Pomona, NY. For further information call 845-359-8787.

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 April 17th. For more information call 845-429-2077 or the Marian Shrine at 845-947-2200.

HOLY ANGELS ACADEMY ADMISSION EVENTS FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS & PARENTS

Families interested in learning about the advantages of a private, Catholic education and unique opportunities available at Academy of the Holy Angels are encouraged to attend our 6th Grad Sneak Peak, Coffee and Conversation or Spring Open House. For more information or to register please visit: <https://holyangels.org/admissions/admissions-calendar>.

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 April 5th & 18th. 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.

IONA COLLEGE MBA GRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION

On April 5th, 2017 Iona College will be having an Information Session at 6:00pm at 2 Blue Hill Plaza in Pearl River NY. Please call 845-620-1350 or register online at ionaevents.org.

ST. FRANCIS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SESSIONS

Bereavement Support Sessions (Ministry of Consolation): St Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, **Wednesday April 26, 7 PM - 8:30 PM, and then Tuesdays May 2 through June 6, 7 PM - 8:30 PM.** Please call the rectory at 634-4957. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2017**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
— Psalm 23:1