

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 ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. Here, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new way and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This week we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary’s womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus’ new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

It’s a pretty humbling question that Elizabeth asks herself when Mary comes to call: “[H]ow does this happen to me,” she mused, “that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Luke 1:43). Paraphrasing it, we can all ask it of ourselves as well. Indeed, how does it happen that my Lord, the Christ, should come to me? Or to any or all of us? It’s difficult to remove ourselves from the events of the moment, but when we look beyond all of the commercial trappings of this great holiday to consider what it is that we are really celebrating this week—the holy day, the commemoration of the word made flesh—it can take our breath away.

Today’s Readings: Mi 5:1–4a; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lk 1:39–45 (Worship pgs. 1012)

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM
GEORGE GYETKO

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
THOMAS FELIPE

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
AGNES PARCHEN

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
WAYNE & AMEDEO MAGNOTTA

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
FRANK TRAMONTANO & ROSE MILLACI

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
FRANZO & VINCENT J. MINGO

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
ROBERT McCABE

MONDAY

6:30 AM ANDREW POTOCNIE

9:00 AM JOHN MENDICINO

TUESDAY

6:30 AM JOHN & MARY COFFEY

9:00 AM ROMANA MANUEL

WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM THOMAS FELIPE

9:00 AM COURTNEY & HUSSEY FAMILIES

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30AM JOSEPH McNAMARA

9:00AM FRANK & SANTO MILLO & FRANK AIELLO

SHRINE CHURCH 4:30PM
FAY & STEPHEN OLEKSAK & HARRY EGENES

PARISH CHURCH 4:30PM
ROBERT ANNESI

PARISH CHURCH 8:00PM
FRANCISCO "JAVIER" NIN

PARISH CHURCH MIDNIGHT
STEPHEN MALONEY

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00 AM
JOHN & MARY GRASSO

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
PAUL LEMAY

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
THOMAS & NANCY SHEEHAN

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOSELLA & DeLUCA FAMILIES

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45 PM
JOAN & JOSEPH LEONARD

SATURDAY

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM
THOMAS McDONAGH

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM
FRANK RYAN (LIVING) & RYAN FAMILY

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM
NILLO TONEATTO

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM
GEORGE REILLY

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM
MISSA PRO POPULO

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM
CARMINE & ANTONETTA CEPARANO

PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM
MARY & JOSEPH SR. BRANCATELLI



LETTER FROM OUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends,

During the Advent season, we are blessed to pray the Isaiah readings. They speak about the "PEACE-ABLE" Kingdom and the holy mountain of the Lord. These readings are filled with a deep sense of hope as we await the birth of the Christ- Child.

The St. Anthony School Community is praying that 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

RECTORY OFFICE

Please note; the rectory office will be closed on Christmas Day. For emergencies call 623-2138. Thank you!

THE GIFT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education at St. Anthony School. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life- long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another. We invite you to call us at 623-2311 to schedule a tour and learn more about our faith-based, Pre-K, Kindergarten and elementary school programs.

SAVE THE DATES

2016 OPEN HOUSES AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

On Tuesday, January 12, February 2, February 23, March 8, and April 12 from 9-11am St. Anthony School invites you to experience our Catholic school in action by visiting us on TOURING TUESDAYS. Prospective parents interested in grades Pre-K to Eighth grade are invited to visit from 9-11am or by appointment. Reservations are suggested and you may RSVP to 623-2311. Please watch the bulletin and our website for additional Open House dates and times that may be scheduled during Catholic Schools Week.



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Are we using this Advent to welcome Jesus in our lives? Our answer is eternal. I thank you for your response to the "Giving Warmth" drive! Not surprised!

As you know, Msgr. Reynold's last Mass in the Parish will be on December 27th at 10:15am. We will have a reception in the school cafeteria after the 10:15 Mass. People who have difficulty doing stairs can come in through the back kitchen door. We thank the Sodality and the Seniors Group for their work. Hope to see you there!

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Masses. May God bless and protect those who are traveling! A Happy & Holy Christmas!

Peace, Prayer, & Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

TITHING NEWS: Last week our collection totaled \$19,008.50. Last year our collection totaled \$21,555.50. 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 is 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 & CONFESSIONS: on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church (Confessions if priests is available).

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 has been 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 a child included; applications are available at St. Anthony's Church office 623-2138. There is no fee but donations will be received with gratitude.

TODAY:



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~
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.

MONDAY:

CONFESSIONS from 9:30am to 10:30am in Shrine Church.
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 in the Shrine Church.
HOLY HOUR WITH CONFESSIONS from 7:00-8:00pm in the Shrine Church.
P.R.E.P. Classes for 8th year students ~ sign-in 6:50pm (SHARP).

WEDNESDAY:

CONFESSIONS FROM 9:30am to 10:30am in the Shrine Church.
NO SENIOR CLUB MEETING.
NO P.R.E.P.
ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

THURSDAY:

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ Mass Schedule on page 5.

FRIDAY:



CHRISTMAS DAY ~ Mass Schedule on page 5.
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED (For emergencies call 623-2138)

SATURDAY:

NO P.R.E.P. Classes.
CONFESSIONS from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

NEXT SUNDAY:

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.

PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 26 & 27

SCHEDULE:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

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





CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CONFESSIONS:

(all in the Shrine Church)

Monday, December 21st ~ 9:30am-10:30am

Tuesday, December 22nd ~ 9:30am-10:30am

7:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday, December 23rd ~ 9:30am-10:30am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

(Anticipated Masses for Christmas Day)

Shrine Church - 4:30pm

Parish Church - 4:30pm, 8:00pm and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Shrine Church - 7:00am, 10:30am

Parish Church - 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am and 12:45pm

(No 7pm Mass)

PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 24th & 25th

**MASS SCHEDULE:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24**

CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS SCHEDULE:

SHRINE CHURCH 4:30PM FR. CRESUS

PARISH CHURCH 4:30PM FR. FERNANDO

8:00PM FR. JERRY

MIDNIGHT FR. JERRY

**MASS SCHEDULE:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

CHRISTMAS DAY

SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM FR. ED

PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM FR. ED

PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM FR. BILL

SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM FR. FERNANDO

PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM FR. BILL

PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM FR. CRESUS

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

PRO-LIFE MASS

There is a Pro Life Mass celebrated every 1st 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 4th.

PARISH PAY

If you are interested in a way to electronically contribute each week to St. Anthony's, you can sign-up with Parish Pay by visiting our website at www.thechurchofstanthony.com or by calling 1-866-PARISH1.

ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL - TAKE-A-TOUR THURSDAYS

We welcome prospective parents to take part in this program and see how the Albertus value-based curriculum benefits students academically, spiritually, and co-curricularly. Visits will take place on the following Thursdays: January 7th and 14th. Please arrive at 8:15am for a 20-minute presentation followed by 40-minute guided tour. Register online at www.AlbertusMagnus.net/Admissions/Take-a-TourThursdays

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 December 21st. For more information call 845-429-2077 or the Marian Shrine at 845-947-2200.

CHINA SUPPORT GROUP

Come join other adoptive families and be part of our support group. For information, problem solving hints, and a discussion of issues that will impact our children and our lives, be part of a pioneer group that will forge strong bonds and friendships between our children and families. We will be meeting in the Shrine Church Hall at 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month. **ADOPTION:** Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 845-623-5277.

ARCHCARE (THE CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK)

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about: Housing for seniors and disabled persons, Access to healthcare, Health-related legal and financial issues, Dementia care, Transportation options, Caregiver support groups, Food and nutrition, Volunteer opportunities. Call ArchCare. We'll Answer. ArchCare Care Navigation Center 855-951-CARE (TTY/TDD): 711). Our Care Navigator are here to help you from 8:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free

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 will be on January 6th & January 19th and are 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.

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.