

NEW YEARS, JANUARY 1, 2023

Announced Masses

December 31st, Saturday, New Years Eve
4 PM Annette Colabella by Jim and Nancy Rizzi

Sunday, Mary Mother of God, January 1st,
9:00AM Franz Maier by Ron and Anna Meyer
11:15AM Vincent Donnelly by Jim and Nancy Rizzi

Monday, January 2nd, St. Basil & St. Gregory
9:00AM Glenn Jeorgle (Birthday in Heaven) by Elisa Joregle

Tuesday, January 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus,
9:00AM Vincent Donnelly by Roseann Paolini

Wednesday, January 4th, St. Elizabeth Seaton,
9:00AM NO MASS

Thursday, January 5th, St. John Neumann,
9:00AM NO MASS

Friday, January 6th, St. Andre Bessette,
9:00AM Joseph & Patricia Muenzen Anna & Ron Meyer
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
9:30AM TO 4PM

Saturday, January 7th, First Saturday
9:00AM Anointing of the sick For the suffering
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord, January 8th
9 AM Halle & Owen Joergle by Elisa Joergle
11AM Vincent Donnelly by Tom & Maryann Miglorino

ALTAR BREAD for the Month of JANUARY

For Frances Caskey by Elaine & Mike Foote
200 Club
#137 P.J. Meyer

THE NEW MASS BOOK FOR 2023 IS OPEN

Special date that you would like to remember or
have Mass said for? Reserve it now!

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is in need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy. (Please fill out the form kept at the back of the Church and return it by Mail, or put it in the collection basket.) The donation is \$15 for each Mass.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Tyler Sutherland, Jeanine Poth, Barbara Donnelly and Mary Ann, Melita Braun, Betty Ford, Jane Fay, Abigail, David, Jennifer, Shane Kelsey, Anne Suppa, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Lee VanSaaders, , Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Jaszczak and Anthony Horecky.

**CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED
ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST**

The Prayer to St. Michael

**St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in
battle: be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and
do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by
the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and
the other evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

A NEW YEAR & A NEW PARISH PHONE #

**After all these many years we had to change our parish phone number in order to make it into a business account. The new # is:
(845) 456 0404**

(This is a very easy number to remember)

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 6pm Parish Center

TODAY'S READINGS (by Fr. RJB)

FIRST READING

In our first reading today we have what is known as the Aaronic Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

What a beautiful blessing, because it seeks the wellbeing of the whole person: God watches over us, looks kindly on us by taking care of our needs and giving us His peace. What a step forward was the Jewish God compared to the nature religions of Israel's neighbors! Their God was impersonal and uninvolved in the lives of the devotees. Not our God, and even more so when we reflect on the Christmas mystery, of Jesus becoming one of us to save us from our sins! How blest we are!

SECOND READING

St. Paul in his letter to the Galatians speaks of us as being the adopted children of God, because the Father has adopted us by sending Jesus, his Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, to be born through Mary--a human being. He is thus, Son of God and son of Mary, and since he became one of us through the birthing process, we can be adopted sons and daughters of God. How intimate is our God to us!

During this Christmas Season let us thank God that truly we are his favored sons and daughters!

THE GOSPEL

In Luke's Gospel today we hear the story of the Shepherds (this same Gospel was chosen for Midnight Mass), retold in part. The part told today is the finding of the infant Jesus, and "all who heard it were amazed at what was told them about this child." However, what was said about Jesus was left out, so we add it here: "For today a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." In today's gospel his name is chosen: "Jesus" which means "God saves!" How blest are we, how blest!

SUNDAY COLLECTION: December 25, \$5,411.00

Community Outreach 2nd Collection, \$412.00

WHAT A GREAT GIFT TO BE HERE AT ST ANTHONY...

What a great gift to be here at St. Anthony of Padua & St. Thomas Aquinas Church. It is my second Christmas and New Year with you and I feel so incredibly lucky to be here. I often think that if I had stayed retired, there would have been so much I would have missed in my life.

I would have missed meeting a dynamic and vibrant community that takes so much pride and ownership in their country church. So many people have donated their skills and talents to making this parish not only survive but, rather, really thrive. The unique thing that makes our parish buzz is our spirit of volunteerism.

So many people pitch in to help keep our place going. Our ushers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and lectors help make our liturgies run smoothly. We have a great blend of traditional church societies that keep us functioning on the spiritual and communal level. Our Knights of Columbus just hosted a wonderful dinner for our Christmas Pageant with joyful theatrical volunteers putting on a beautiful reenactment of The Visitation. Santa also made a special guest appearance and about 90 people had a glorious evening! Kudos to the director, actors and musical talent! What a show, what unity, what a step forward for our community!

We are not only blessed by the theatrical, we are equally helped by the practical. We have hard workers in our Food Pantry who help people supplement the food for their household. This is so important in the current economy where the price of food has increased so rapidly and dramatically—dare I mention the price of a dozen eggs?

Our worker bees also help so much in keeping our physical plant, that is, our building and grounds maintained and beautiful. They cut grass, shovel walks, build stairs, repair roofs, BBQ chicken, make baskets, shop at stores, decorate for the holidays and the list goes on and on.

Then there are the spiritual societies like the Rosary and Altar Cloth Society, our Men's Prayer Group and The A.A. group that meet here. All of these organizations help people in their spirits, and to round it out we are blessed by the educational component of our parish: our Religious Education Program for youngsters that is just getting restarted after Covid, and our Cardinal Egan Library that has a lot to offer in scriptural studies for our adults.

Put all these elements together, along with Eucharistic Adoration on first Fridays, and the ability to visit our Lord to pray when we need to because of our open doors, AND WE HAVE ONE AMAZING CHURCH!

The only thing we need to do is share our great church with others. People don't know what they are missing! This year let us go out of our way to ask people to be part of our very gifted and special Parish. In this way they can receive the blessings we receive by being part of our community. Thank you one and all for gifting my priesthood with your goodness, generosity and talent!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year, with Love & Hope,

Fr. Richard Bretone