

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018



Embracing the Field Hospital Model

This weekend, we set out once again to greet the Lord: to greet him at his birth as one among us, and to greet him as he will make his second coming at the end of time.

Our guide for much of the journey this year will be the evangelist Luke. From what we can piece together from the Scriptures, from clues embedded in his writing, and from legend, it is believed that he may well have been a physician as well as an artist. He is sensitive to the physical and spiritual needs of those whose lives were changed by Jesus. He also paints a beautiful tableau of that path toward salvation.

With this physician, we are invited to proceed with Jesus to our own physical and spiritual good-health. We are challenged as well to extend the good news of our recovery to others that they may likewise experience the healing they need to make a good pilgrimage themselves.

Pope Francis has compared the Church to a field hospital: Always ready to welcome the incoming of our own day to the Good News of Jesus Christ. May we be strong enough and vulnerable enough to share the remedies of our own experience with our sisters and brothers. With Luke, may we be sensitive to the healing and creative artistry of invigorating discipleship.

*Father Mark*



**“God does not measure our perfection by the many things we do for Him, but by how we do them.”**

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Elaine Hagarty Duggan**  
**Rev. Charles C. Garst, OSFS**  
all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Advent Penance Service St. Elizabeth Church

The priests of the city parishes invite you to join us for our Advent Penance Service with individual confessions, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM. Stay with us for a concert at 4:00 with Chamber Choir Sine Nomine.

<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/3</b> LEO & JOSEPHINE GRIMM	FAMILY ESTATE
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/4</b> MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN	FAMILY
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/5</b> CHARLES FARINO	BROTHER JOHN
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/6</b> JOHN DI FEBO	DI FEBO FAMILY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	<b>12/7</b> MICHAEL ANDREOLI SCHOOL MASS	FAMILY
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	<b>12/8</b> FLAMINIA GIAMMARCO CATHERINE SERAFIN	DONOR HUSBAND & FAMILY
<b>Sunday,</b> 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>12/9</b> PARISHIONERS ARTURO TONELLOTO J. BRUCE BRUZOZZI	ALDO & TERESINA FAMILY



### Next Sunday's Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

Baruch 5:1-9

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**Gospel:**

Luke 3:1-6

### “God’s Plan for Giving”

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/18/18

<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$11,171.33</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$11,017.12</b>
<b>Actual vs. Budget This Week:</b>	<b>+\$ 154.21</b>
<b>Percent Difference This Week:</b>	<b>+ 1.4%</b>
<b>Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:</b>	<b>-\$20,533.73</b>

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/25/18

<b>TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$10,039.69</b>
<b>Budget:</b>	<b>\$11,017.12</b>
<b>Actual vs. Budget This Week:</b>	<b>-\$ 977.43</b>
<b>Percent Difference This Week:</b>	<b>- 8.9%</b>
<b>Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:</b>	<b>-\$21,511.16</b>

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough  
Tori Daniello  
Joe Formisano  
Ronald Marsilli  
Joe Meriggi  
Jack Pipa  
Larry Silvestri  
Robert Walton

Nancy Brown  
Anita DiSimplico  
Louis Jung  
Ivone Marvel  
Kelly Panella  
James Poppiti  
Eileen Swindel

Nancy Ciocca  
Tommy DiVirgilio  
John Malone  
Eva Meriggi  
Fr. Francis Pileggi, OSFS  
Vanessa Rivera  
Albert Vietri

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

## Annual Prayer List Reset

We have performed our annual cleanup of the above prayer list. This involved the removal of names that have been on the list since this time last year, less specific cases where we know the persons should still be included. Bear in mind that the prayer list is for people going through serious, critical life challenges, not lesser maladies. **If we removed someone who should still be included, please call the rectory at 421-3700, ext. 101.** They will be reinstated.

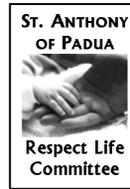
## Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). After it airs, listen online anytime at [www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum](http://www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, tune in to hear part two of Fr. Rich Jasper's four-part Advent series. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum).

## Christmas Food Baskets

We can make a difference in the joy of the Christmas Season for families less fortunate than our own. Please support our Christmas Food Basket efforts by donating canned or boxed goods for those in need. Food items needed include pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, soup and cereal. Canned/boxed goods can be placed in the back row of church from now until December 9<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations are also welcomed, as we would like to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for each family. (Checks can be made payable to "St Anthony of Padua Church" and placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Christmas Food Basket".) We are also in need of volunteers to deliver the baskets on Saturday morning, December 15<sup>th</sup>. In this season of giving, we hope that you can be generous to those in need. To add someone to the list of recipients, to volunteer, or for additional information, please contact Pete Giorgi at (302) 584-3773.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"No law can give me the right to do what is wrong."

Pres. Abraham Lincoln

## Christmas Flowers



You may wish to help St. Anthony's with our Christmas flower expenses. If you want to donate poinsettias for our sanctuary decorations, each plant costs \$15. Just put your gift in an envelope and mark it, "Christmas Flowers." Include your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory you are giving it. **Deadline is Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** After New Year's, we will publish a list of donors. Thank you!

## Caregiver Wanted

Lady, 86, needs assistance getting dressed and preparing lunch. Medicine reminders. She smokes. Light housekeeping. One or two days - hours 9:30 AM to 3:30 pm. Interested individuals should call or text Mrs. Albert at 302-668-8626.

## Collection Envelopes

Just a reminder: When making a donation to the parish via the envelope system, you would be doing our volunteer counters a great service if you would refrain from the use of any tape or staples to seal your envelopes. Thank you!

## Christmas Bazaar

A St. Anthony's tradition is back! Join us on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM-3PM in the Ballad Room of the Grade School. Featuring more than 30 crafters, games & fun for kids, a visit by Santa Claus, lunch & snacks, & much more! See the vent flyer on the Grade School website: [sapgs.org](http://sapgs.org). Join us for the fun! Sponsored by St. Anthony's Grade School Home & School Board.

## Christmas Giving Tree



Please note: **We are no longer taking nominations for Giving Tree present recipients. The deadline for bringing in gifts is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** Gifts may be left in church or brought to the rectory during business hours. We thank you for your generosity.

## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday & Wednesday

3:00 PM, Christmas Pageant

Practice

### Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Christmas

Bazaar (Ballad Room)

Monday, Dec. 3

through

Sunday, Dec. 9

*(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)*

## Grade School Calendar

### All Week

Renaissance Star Testing

### Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

### Sunday

12:30 PM, Knights of

Columbus Declamation

Contest

## Catholic Cemeteries

Cathedral, All Saints & Gate of Heaven Cemeteries are offering families the option of purchasing Christmas decorations directly from our cemeteries. These decorations are individually crafted by a local vendor. Cemetery personnel will place these decorations on the graves/crypts of your loved ones beginning in early December. The deadline for ordering is December 6th. Your purchase helps support the ministry of our cemeteries. For more information & an online order form, log onto [cdow.org/order-decorations](http://cdow.org/order-decorations) or call the cemetery office at (302) 656-3323. Cathedral Cemetery will also be processing orders for Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Thank you for your support.

## Music Ministry News

Advent and Christmas are upon us as we enter into a very special Liturgical time of the year. Our music at Mass will change to reflect the Advent Season. Mass parts change to *Missa Emmanuel*, based on the ancient hymn, O Come, O Come Emmanuel. All hymns are required by the church to be Advent hymns and not hymns sung in ordinary. The church does not sing or play Christmas music until December 24.

Midnight Mass is a very special celebration at Saint Anthony's. We are known far and wide for the beauty of this wonderful tradition that many parishes have been forced to discontinue. Our choir plays a vital part in Midnight Mass and our music transcends. This year, our choral prelude will once again begin at 11:30 PM and we will present *Laude to the Nativity* by Respighi, an Italian composer. The choir and soloists will sing in the original Italian text. Our candlelight singing of Silent Night is always inspirational. Please join us and bring all your family members.

On Epiphany Sunday, we will continue our tradition of Menotti's (another Italian composer) *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. It is a one-hour musical play about a crippled 12 year old boy named Amahl who is visited by the Three Kings who need a place to rest while on their journey to the Christ Child. Amahl is less than well-behaved and lots of fun and frolic develop between Amahl and the Kings. Mark the date, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4 PM and bring all the kids. This is a perfect play for not only the young but the young at heart as well. Please support us by bringing your entire family. Admission is free and King Kaspher always has a treat for the children.

## Jesus House

**Evening Worship Service:** Taizé Prayer. Wednesday, December 5, 2018, 7:00 pm to 8pm. When does the noise ever stop in our society? What pastor would dare to include several minutes of silence at Sunday Service? Join us for a Taizé worship service where you can, on a very practical level, enjoy a calming, quieting, welcome respite from a hectic day. On a spiritual level, it can be transporting, almost mystical. It is a time for communion with God through community prayer, song, silence, personal reflection and sharing. A stay in Taizé can help one step back from daily life, to meet a wide variety of people and consider one's commitment in the Church and in society. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center, 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, 302-995-6858. Please visit our website ([jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org)) or call our office for more information or to register.

## Second Collection

Next weekend, December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, there is no scheduled second collection.

## Shop Our Religious Goods Store This Christmas Season

Be sure to remember to shop our store for all your Christmas Giving needs. We offer a wide selection of devotional items, including statues, medals, Bibles, and much more! The store is open before & after Masses. Proceeds from items sold at the store benefit the Oblate Missions Ministry.