

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



Monday, 6:45 AM	12/10 JOHN C. VOLK & DONATO FATO	FAMILY / WIFE PHILOMENA
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	12/11 MARIO J. FRABIZZIO	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	12/12 JOSEPH A. DE JULIIS	WFE, JULIE & FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	12/13 ANN SMITH	NIECE
Friday, 6:45 AM 8:00 AM	12/14 IRENE ANDREOLI SCHOOL MASS	FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	12/15 NEVIO A. MARINI, JR. JEAN FERRIER	WIFE DAUGHTER
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	12/16 PARISHIONERS ANGELINE DI FEBO ASHLEY VADALA	FAMILY HOPE NAWROCKI FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel:

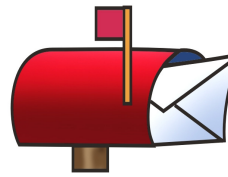
Luke 3:10-18

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 12/02/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,680.40
Budget:	\$11,017.12
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	+\$ 663.28
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 6.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$20,847.88

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend, John the Baptist speaks to us: Prepare the way of the Lord! Make ready to see the salvation of our God!

While John speaks of repentance, he challenges us to not only turn away from sin but also to turn our lives completely around. The Greeks had a term for this: Metanoia. Looking back at our past faults is one thing. Yet, we need to do an about face to look forward and follow the path to our own salvation.

Another Greek term gives us some insight on how to do this: Kenosis. Kenosis reminds us that we need to do a thorough emptying of all those things that get in the way of our goal – then filling that space in with the good (or holy) things which will get us to where we are going.

John the Baptist calls us to a thorough conversion: an about face that will empty from ourselves all that pulls us away from the path of Christ and allows us to fill in all that free space with the life Jesus gives us. This is the preparation we have in Advent. And it is a preparation that will let us see Jesus with new and welcoming eyes when he comes.

Best wishes for your kenosis, and happy metanoia.

Father Mark



"No one is esteemed before God for having lived long--but only for having lived well."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for 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 9th, at 3:00 PM. Stay with us for a concert at 4:00 with Chamber Choir Sine Nomine.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough
Tori Daniello
Joe Formisano
Ronald Marsilii
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.

Sodality in Memoriam

Ursula DiGiacomo
Elaine Dugan
Teresa Galanti
Antoniette Gazzillo
Ursula DiGiacomo
Connie Ianni
Ann Mastroda
Regina Raighn
Lucretia Serio

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. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, December 16th, tune in to hear part three of Fr. Rich Jasper's Advent series. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

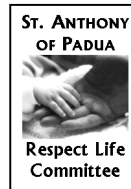
Christmas Food Baskets

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 9th. 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 15th. 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.

Christian Unity

On Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7pm, at Simpson United Methodist church, all are invited to attend a service of prayer for Christian Unity with special attention to the students and teachers of our local school districts. Because these children and teenagers are our future, we urge everyone to take part.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Children and unborn children should be protected by law and welcomed into life."

President George W. Bush

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 17th.** After New Year's, we will publish a list of donors. Thank you!

Christmas Bazaar

A St. Anthony's tradition is back! Join us on Sunday, December 9th, 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. 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 9th.** Gifts may be left in church or brought to the rectory during business hours. We thank you for your generosity.

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.

Second Collection

Next weekend, December 15th and 16th, there is no scheduled second collection.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday & Wednesday

3:00 PM, Christmas Pageant

Practice

Wednesday

6:00 PM, YAC Mtg.

(Grade School)

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 10

through

Sunday, Dec. 16

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

8:00 AM, Advent Service

Tuesday & Wednesday

Home & School's Santa's

Secret Workshop

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

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 Time. 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 6th, 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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND MASSES

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:30 PM to 5:15 PM

Friday, December 21, 2018

7:00 PM until finished

No Confessions Saturday, December 22, 2018

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Monday, December 24, 2018: **Vigil of Christmas**

4:00, 7:00, 10:00 PM, and Midnight

4:00 & 7:00 PM Masses – Children's

Christmas Pageant

Choral Prelude 11:30 PM, "Laud to the Nativity" by Ottorino Respighi

Tuesday, December 25, 2018: **The Nativity of the Lord**

9:00, & 11:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday, December 29, 2018

4:30 to 5:15 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019: **Mary, Mother of God**

Holiday of Obligation

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Sunday, January 6, 2019: **The Epiphany of the Lord**

5:30 PM - Vigil Mass – Saturday, January 5, 2019

7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 AM

Epiphany Pageant at 11:00 AM Mass

followed by refreshments in the Ballad Room.

4:00 PM, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian Carlo Menotti

Note: The only Mass Wednesday, December 26th, through Friday, December 28th will be held at 8:00 AM daily.