

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**DECEMBER 6, 2015**

Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where we call home. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song—"Prepare the way of the Lord" (Luke 3:4)—for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyful for a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon us.

### LISTENING FOR THE CALL

John speaks to us from the desert, a quiet place. Jesus went there, too, we must now recall. Few of us, perhaps, spend much time there ourselves, for our world tends to be loud and boisterous and filled with commotion—especially these days as the holidays approach. But certainly each of us has a quiet place tucked away somewhere, and in our own individual quiet place—be it at the center of a crowded shopping mall during prime time or at the kitchen table at dawn—we are all called to embrace John's message of repentance and preparation.

**Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 (Worship Pgs. 1006)**

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

**PARISH CHURCH 5:00 PM**  
ANGELO & CARMELLA BERNARDI

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
THERESA SQUITIERI

**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
MARYLOU LAPENTA

**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
GERALD HASENBECK

**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
SARAH CAPUANO

**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO

**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
SALVATORE FIDANZA

**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
DOROTHY & KIMBERLY KIERNAN

**MONDAY**

6:30 AM HEATHER LEIGH COLON  
9:00 AM MARY & JAMES WOODLEY  
7:00PM (Parish) SAM EKIZIAN

**TUESDAY ~IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

6:30 AM (Shrine) CARLO & LOU OTTAVIANO  
9:00 AM (Parish) ANGIE VECCHIARELLI  
NOON (Parish) CONNIE & FRED BETHON  
7:00PM (Parish) CHARLES MAZZA

**WEDNESDAY**

6:30 AM HELEN & THOMAS LEE & ANNE O'NEILL  
9:00 AM FRANK POTOENIE

**THURSDAY**

6:30 AM JOSEPH DIMEO  
9:00 AM PHILOMENA MOYNIHAN

**FRIDAY**

6:30 AM DULCE SHAW  
9:00 AM JOSEPH LUISI

**SATURDAY**

9:00 AM THOMAS McDONAGH  
5:00 PM SARAH CAPUANO

**ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**SHRINE CHURCH 7:00AM**  
IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY

**PARISH CHURCH 9:00AM**  
MARGARET MOLLOY

**PARISH CHURCH 10:15AM**  
ANTHONY J. DeMICCO

**SHRINE CHURCH 10:30AM**  
ANTHONY & SARAH CAPUANO & ROSALIE SCHERA

**PARISH CHURCH 11:30AM**  
MISSA PRO POPULO

**PARISH CHURCH 12:45PM**  
RICK GORGLIONE

**PARISH CHURCH 7:00PM**  
MARY & JAMES WOODLEY

**BLESSED MOTHER SODALITY  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Blessed Mother Sodality will hold its annual Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 14, 2015, at Joe & Joe's Restaurant, Central Avenue, Pearl River, NY at 6 pm. Tickets are \$36.00 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Rectory during the hours of 10:00am to 12noon and 1:00pm to 3:30pm, Monday thru Friday ONLY. (When purchasing tickets at the rectory, please be sure to pay with the exact amount or a check. Thank you!) A personal care item for male & female veterans is requested to bring to the dinner. Such as unscented dove shower gel, shaving cream, nail clippers/emory boards, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrushes, hand held mirrors, body spray, & hairbrushes. Anyone wishing to donate may call 623-5742 or 358-7327. All women are invited to attend.

**POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR  
CHILDREN OF ROCKLAND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Parents and children please join us Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 pm at St. Anthony School Cafeteria for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party. Soda and snacks provided, lots of attractions, music and DJ on Premises. Free admittance. Gift for children not included, please bring your own. For more information or to make a donation please call Barbara 201-970-7895, Eve 845-608-0275, Tom 845-746-1643, or Marzena 845-352-1551.

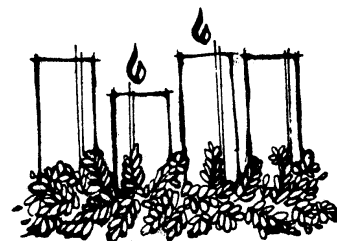
**COFFEE AFTER MASS ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Coffee, tea and more will be served after the 9:00, 10:15 and 10:30am Masses, today December 6th sponsored by Fil-Am Parishioners. All parishioners are welcome.

**DAY OF RECONCILIATION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14th**

On Monday, December 14th there will be Confessions from 4:00pm until 8:00pm in the Shrine Church and in every Church in Rockland County.

\*\*If there is a need for wheelchair accessible Confessions, please call the rectory at 623-2138 so arrangements can be made for the Parish Church.





## Give the Gift of Warmth

This Christmas Season, help us decorate our Giving Tree (in the Parish Church) to benefit residents in Rockland County. **Donate a new hat, scarf, gloves or mittens.** Please take one or more of the colored tags from the Giving Tree and share the special gifts we are so blessed to have with our fellow brothers and sisters. Please bring in your donations when you attend Mass. Gifts will be accepted through December 20, 2015. Any gently used coats/jackets would also be greatly appreciated. Please drop off at the PREP office Monday through Thursday between 10:00am and 1:00pm. Thank you for your generosity and we wish you a very blessed Christmas!

Peace, Prayer, & Gratitude, Fr. Jerry

**TITHING NEWS:**

The Collection for the weekend of 11/22/15 totaled \$28,638.50. Last year at this time our collection totaled \$26,959.00  
Last week our collection totaled \$20,028.50. Last year our collection totaled \$19,930.00. Thank you!

*Immaculate*



*Conception*

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE ~**

**VIGIL MASS ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> AT 7:00PM IN THE PARISH CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Shrine Church - 6:30am**

**Parish Church - 9:00am & 12 Noon & 7:00pm**

**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:**



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** – After the 9:00, 10:15 & 10:30am Masses in the Shrine Basement; sponsored by the Fil-Am Parishioners.

**POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN OF ROCKLAND CHRISTMAS PARTY** at 2:00 pm in the St. Anthony School Cafeteria.

**JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

**MONDAY:**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** at 8:00pm in the Shrine Church.

**TUESDAY:**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY** following the 9:00am Mass in the Shrine Church.

**NO HOLY HOUR.**

**NO P.R.E.P. Classes**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**NO SENIOR CLUB MEETING**

**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

**THURSDAY:**

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** from 10 - 11am in the Rectory.

**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> year students from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

**FRIDAY:**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at 8:00pm in the Parish Church. Tickets are available at the door; \$16.00 per ticket.

**POLISH AMERICAN CREATIVITY SOCIETY FOR CHILDREN** - from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the School.

**SATURDAY:**

**P.R.E.P. Classes** for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year students from 9:00 - 10:30am.

**CONFESSIONS** from 4:30 to 5:30pm in the Shrine Church.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT~**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** at the 9:00 & 10:15am Masses will be for Kindergarten thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**SECOND COLLECTION** will be for the Retired Religious.

**JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL** from 2:00pm- 3:00pm in the Parish Church.

**PRIEST - CELEBRANTS FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>**

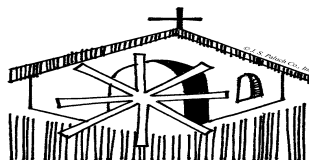
**SCHEDULE:  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**CONFESSIONS:** 4:30 -5:30PM FR. JERRY  
FR. FERNANDO

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
PARISH CHURCH 5:00PM FR. CRESUS

**MASS SCHEDULE:  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

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



*The Lord has done great things.*



**LAST CALL ~ ST. ANTHONY’S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

St. Anthony’s Parish Choirs will present their 22nd **Annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 11, 2015, at 8:00pm**, in the Parish Church. The program will include many familiar carols featuring our Parish Choirs and Chamber Orchestra. Please mark your calendars and join us for this very special event.

Tickets will be available at the Rectory, Monday thru Friday **during the following hours only;**  
9:00am to Noon & 1:30 to 3:30pm, **or see a choir member after Mass.**

The donation for advance tickets is \$13.00, up until December 10th, and \$16.00 at the door.

**\*\*\*\*\*No advance tickets will be sold on December 11\*\*\*\*\***

For more information you may call Aurora 623-7657

(When purchasing tickets at the rectory, please be sure to pay with the **exact amount**; cash or check. Thank you!)



**DID YOU KNOW** . . . that the **Sisters of Reparation, Congregation of Mary**, have been serving women for more than 100 years? St. Zita’s Home for Friendless Women was founded in NYC by Mother Zita in 1890. Moved to assist the less fortunate, Mother Zita along with her religious community provided shelter and new opportunities for women encountering obstacles and hardships in life. The NYC home ceased operations in 2002 and transferred to St. Zita’s Villa in Monsey, an exclusive adult home serving mature women, where the remaining members of the congregation retired along with a number of their residents.

The Sisters continue to offer a home to women needing some assistance with activities of daily living. Licensed under the NYS Department of Health, St. Zita’s provides single rooms, 3 home-cooked meals, assisted bathing, medication, and recreational activities for up to 35 mature women. Although not a skilled nursing facility, it does offer nursing and medication administration 24/7, as well as case management services. For more information call (845) 356-2011 or visit us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/stzitavilla](http://www.facebook.com/stzitavilla).

**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, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

Please join us for the National Night of Prayer for Life at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Rd in West Nyack on Tuesday, December 8th starting at 9pm and with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at midnight. For further information, please call Betty at 914-450-4759.

**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.

**AUDITIONS FOR PARISH PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF THE SOUND OF MUSIC!**

On Friday, December 18 at 7:30 PM, auditions will be held in the School Media Center for the St. Anthony's Parish Players production of The Sound of Music. Rehearsals will be Friday nights at 7:30 starting January 8, 2016. The show dates are April 22-April 24, 2015. We are especially looking for children, ages 7-17 to play the von Trapp children and Rolf. All those trying out should be prepared to sing. Please come by 7:00 PM to fill out paperwork, if you are not a current Parish Players member. Contact Barbara Peters, 845-598-1136 for more information.

**INTERESTED IN VENTURE CREW**

Life is an adventure, GO FARTHER, GO HIGHER, GO VENTURING. St. Anthony’s **VENTURE CREW** is looking for boys and girls between the ages of 14 to 21 for great outdoor ADVENTURES. We meet on two Wednesdays a month, 7PM to 8:30 PM in St. Anthony’s Shrine Church basement. For more info, e-mail us at [Venturecrew78@gmail.com](mailto:Venturecrew78@gmail.com) or call 914 953 4170.

**ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

On Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4:30pm Albertus Magnus High School will be holding a Christmas Boutique. There will be carols, music, goodies, shopping and fun. There is a \$2.00 donation for ages 15 and up (under 14 are free). For more information contact [Albertuschristmasboutique@gmail.com](mailto:Albertuschristmasboutique@gmail.com).

**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: December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.AlbertusMagnus.net/Admissions/Take-a-TourThursdays)

**ST. DOMINIC KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BOBBY BYRNE CHRISTMAS SHOW**

"St. Dominic Knights of Columbus, 150 Erie St, Blauvelt, NY presents the "Bobby Byrne Christmas Show" on Friday, December 18, 2015. \$55 per person includes buffet dinner, beer, wine and soda. The buffet will be served at 7:30 PM and the show will start at 8 PM. For information and tickets, please contact John Clancy (845) 359-4896 or Grand Knight John Edwards (914) 419-2252. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT."

**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.

**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 meeting will be December 15th. Meetings 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.

**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.

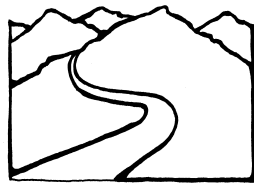
**ARCHCARE (THE CONTINUING CARE COMMUNITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK)**

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 Navigators are here to help you from 8:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Sacred Heart School in Suffern, NY is looking for a teaching assistant. 25 hours per/week 8:00-1:00. If interested call 845-357-1684.

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**December 6, 2015**

God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made low.  
— Baruch 5:7