

Church of Saint Anthony

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Capuchins of St. Clare's Friary



SUNDAY MASSES:

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, AND 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:00AM

WEDNESDAY, 4:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY, 9:00AM AND 12:10PM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM

CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00PM TO 4:45PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT IN THE RECTORY.

BAPTISM:

ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING A PRIEST OF THE PARISH. AN INSTRUCTION CLASS IS HELD BEFORE THE SACRAMENT. PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND ENCOURAGED TO BECOME PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE BAPTISM.

MARRIAGE:

ARRANGED SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. SPECIAL CONDITIONS APPLY FOR NON-PARISHIONERS. PRE-CANA REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

CALL THE RECTORY ANYTIME.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

MS. TINA DeLAURENTIS-GARCIA, DIRECTOR, 965-5535
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GRADES 1-7, SUNDAYS 8:30AM-11:00AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

EVERY FAMILY AND SINGLE ADULT SHOULD BE PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE PARISH AND RECEIVING A MONTHLY SET OF ENVELOPES. NEW PARISHIONERS, WHO WISH TO REGISTER, CAN DO SO AT THE RECTORY.

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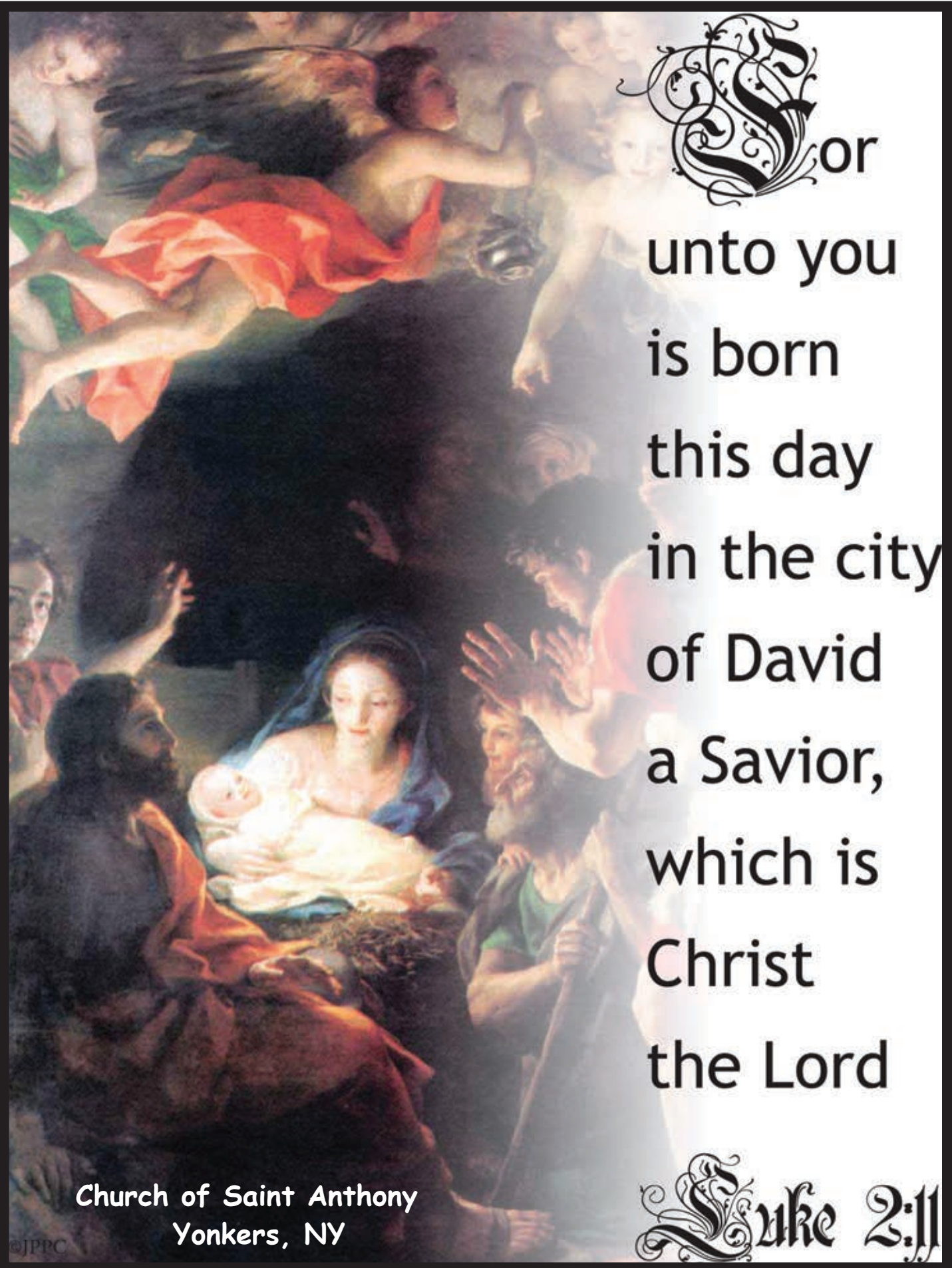
PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY REGARDING COMMUNION FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS.

Mr. George Eacobacci, Principal

School: 476-8489

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Mr. Kenneth Corneille, Director of Music and Organist



Sor

unto you
is born
this day
in the city
of David
a Savior,
which is
Christ
the Lord

Church of Saint Anthony
Yonkers, NY

Luke 2:11



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



*"The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel."*

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, December 21** *Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent*
5:00pm Teresa & Vincenzo DeGiorgio
- Sunday, December 22** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
8:00am Andrew Leonardis
10:00am Caroline Pisano—5th Anniversary
12:00noon Theresa & Joseph Silvestro
- Monday, December 23** *Late Advent Weekday*
9:00am Aida Torres
- Tuesday, December 24** *Late Advent Weekday*
9:00am Louise Iannone
- Tuesday, December 24** *Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord*
5:00pm James & Beatrice O'Rourke
10:00pm Joseph Puthimiyamadam
- Wednesday, December 25** *The Nativity of the Lord*
8:00am Kathleen Lynch
10:00am Elizabeth Esack
12:00noon Deceased Members of the Galante Families
- Thursday, December 26** *St. Stephen*
9:00am Carmela and Frances Fabrizio
- Friday, December 27** *St. John*
9:00am James Ruth and Family (Living)
- Saturday, December 28** *Holy Innocents*
9:00am Dec'd Members of the Ryan and Cody Family
- Saturday, December 28** *Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family*
5:00pm Richard Deckelmann
- Sunday, December 29** *Feast of the Holy Family*
8:00am People of St. Anthony
10:00am Rose and John Pace
12:00noon Roxann Concetta Mariano



**The Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
George and Jason Boolukos**

*** STEWARDSHIP ***

Last Weekend's Collection Next Week
Retired Religious Fund Next Week

Your continuous support and generosity to the Parish both financially and spiritually and all that it does for others is greatly appreciated.

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

December 22—December 28



**In Memory of the
Renner and Larkin Families**

Call the rectory (965-2733) to reserve a specific week for a loved one or special occasion.



Fr. Mastrolia and the Staff of St. Anthony's Church wish you a Holy and Blessed Christmas.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th.



May your Christmas be filled
With beautiful hours
And memories lovely to hold,
To enhance and embellish
The days of your years
Like angel wings sprinkled with gold.
May the Christmas spirit,
In all of its joy,
Touch the depths of your soul with delight,
And may blessings in bushel,
Abundance and rich,
Light every part of your life.

CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY AT ST. ANTHONY'S!

The Offertory, or Collection, at Mass is an integral part of the Sunday liturgy, not just because it is the primary means by which the parish receives financial support from the parishioners, but because it is also an expression of our gratitude to God for the blessings He has given us to return a portion of them back to Him for use by His Church.

By our baptism as Catholics we are called to be stewards of God's gifts to us, to use them in ways that build up our families, our parish, our community, and our world. In that stewardship, we are encouraged to be deliberate and intentional in weighing our various obligations against our limited resources as we decide where we spend those resources of time and money and effort. When we give to our parish and to the greater Church, we are witnessing to our children and to the world about our values and about what's important to us.

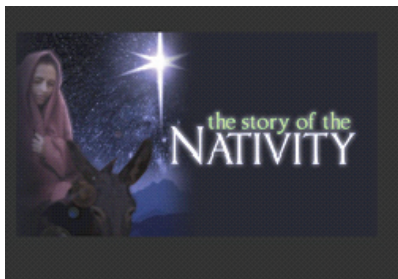
The parish offers various methods by which parishioners can support its mission through various offerings and collections throughout the year. Each method has unique benefits to the giver, the parish, and to the needy in the world at large .

Only one collection is taken on Christmas, and it is for the maintenance of all parish activities and outreach. And so we ask you to give as generously as your means permit to provide for these life-giving services!

Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!!!

FORMED

"*Pick of the Week*" that you and your family can use by accessing your FREE subscription to



Join top scholars, inspirational speakers, and popular authors as they explain the story behind the story of the birth of Jesus.

Children will enjoy listening to Brother Francis tell the story of the very first Christmas with music, songs and engaging storytelling.



CHRISTMAS + NEW YEAR'S MASSES AT ST. ANTHONY'S



CHRISTMAS EVE
Tuesday, December 24th
5pm (Children's Pageant & Homily) & 10 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
Wednesday, December 25th
8 AM, 10 AM, 12 NOON

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Tuesday, December 31st
5pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Wednesday, January 1st, 2020
10am & 12noon
(*** No 8 AM Mass***)



CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN GIFTS TO THE GIFTING TREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION, AS WELL AS MITTENS & SCARVES TO THE TREE!



SINGALONG FEEDING PROGRAM



Please help us once again to fund our international feeding program for poor children in our sister parish in Singalong, Manila, The Philippines! This program provides nutritional, medical and dental services to children who would otherwise not receive them in a poor section of this part of the world. They are the children of St. Anthony's half a world away, so please fill the "**Sharing Boxes**" with your donations throughout the Advent Season. Please return the filled boxes to Church by Christmas. If there are no boxes left, we have provided labeled envelopes for you to use instead. Thank you for your charitable generosity, especially at this time of year!

LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

World Marriage Day, February 9, 2020

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of NY. The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. The winning couple will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners are determined by how long the couple has been married as of World Marriage Day, February 9, 2020.

For further info, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or Joan.brisson@archny.org. Email entries can be sent directly to Joan.brisson@archny.org. **The deadline for entries is 5:00pm on Sunday, January 19, 2020.**

ANTICIPATED CHRISTMAS MASS PRESIDERS

December 24th/25th
5pm Father Mastrolia
10pm Father Mastrolia
8am Msgr. LaMorte
10am Capuchin Father
12 noon Father Mastrolia

ANTICIPATED SUNDAY MASS PRESIDERS

December 28th/29
5pm Father Mastrolia
8am Father Mastrolia
10am Msgr. LaMorte
12 noon Capuchin Father

CATHOLICS ARE PRO-LIFE!

Free pregnancy tests and confidential HELP in an unexpected pregnancy. Baby items, too, are available! Contact the LIFE OPTIONS Pro-Life Center (24/7) at 914-620-4464.

Mark Your Calendar



Wednesday, December 25th

Nativity of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary—Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 3rd

First Friday -Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament -12:45pm-1:45pm, closing with Benediction

Sunday, January 5th

ROSCA de REYES / Spaghetti Dinner

Attention: Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

SAVE THIS DATE: Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

You're invited to a retreat, created just for you, at Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Ossining, NY. Your retreat leader, Deacon Bob Gontcharuk, will lead you on a journey of prayer and sharing on the theme, "Here I am, Lord." Bishop Gerald Walsh, vicar emeritus for clergy, will celebrate the closing Liturgy. Donation (to cover the cost): \$25 per person. For more details, contact: Sr. Zelide Ceccagno at 914-965-0490 or zelide.ceccagno@archny.org

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Weekly classes are held for grades 1 through 7 every Sunday. Be advised that in order to have your child make the Sacrament of Confirmation in 7th grade continuous instruction in grades 1 through 7 is mandatory.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

We pray for all the sick of our Parish, especially:

- Drew Aaron · Gianna Colao · Maggie Coleman ·
- James Collins · Bridget Conlon · Kevin Corneille ·
- Bessie Cortes · Laura DeSantis ·
- Mark DeSantis · Kathleen Doherty · Bette Frattali ·
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- James O'Loughlin · Antoinette Palma · Felice Palma ·
- Barbara Popovic · Ulla Rattenni ·
- Baby Aaron John Rivera · Carmelita Santos ·
- Susan Schiavone · Michael Treacy ·

We want to use this column to give ourselves a much needed review of our religious knowledge. It will be an 'on-going' column and will follow the three year cycle of readings at Mass.

Reading I: Isaiah 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Reading II: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



An Inner Assurance

A dream changed Joseph's life and ours. A mere dream, like what you and I have at night.

How trustworthy could this be?

And yet the safety of Mary and the child Jesus depended on it. In his dream (Gospel), an angel told him that Mary's pregnancy was from the Holy Spirit of God. Mary had accepted readily but without really understanding. This angel of the Lord told him in the dream that he should not be afraid of the pregnancy, even though he was not yet married to this woman. So why in the world would Joseph reverse himself and trust a dream? Do you trust dreams? A friend of mine had one about a kangaroo sitting on the roof in a rocking chair smoking a pipe! Should my friend check the roof for rocking chairs or pipe smoke, just in case? Of course not. We take a dream for what it is, a mechanism of our psyche that somehow processes our experience but does not give us literal truth. We do not usually rely on them for life-changing messages.

Not be afraid? Already everyone could see that Joseph's fiancé was "in a family way." USA culture might applaud this fact, as it does when movie stars have children with whomever they please whenever they please. In Biblical culture marriage was a sacred act [and not too long ago in our own], a participation in God's own fidelity. It seemed that Mary had broken with that fidelity, at least as far as the townspeople could

see. The Blessed Mother a public sinner! No wonder Joseph was making arrangements for a "quiet divorce."

Joseph did. Why? I think the answer has to do with something St. Ignatius of Loyola calls "discernment."

In general, discernment is an examination of one's internal reactions ("movements of spirit"), especially in prayer. Of course there are many different movements, but there is one that may describe Joseph's dream: sometimes, rarely, grace is so gently strong that the person praying has an inner assurance that the experience did not come from imagination but from God. Somehow it is impossible to doubt it.

You and I have to be careful not to get carried away by this notion. Probably many of us could convince ourselves that God or an angel spoke to us this morning. But we need to "discern" which experiences are from God and which are not. Are they quiet? Do they lead toward God or away? What is the long-term result? A spiritual director could help us sort through such questions.

That said, I suspect Joseph's dream might have entailed a movement of this kind. It contained—not a kangaroo, but—a quiet certainty of the presence of God. No doubts followed it, though they would surely seem warranted. Joseph's dream was like the face of mother to a child. Home. It was like the voice of a close friend.

Joseph did not experience his faith as broken into, shattered or pulled to pieces by the dream. Instead the message fit right into the design of Joseph's life with God.

And so he followed.

What is your internal sense of the Christmas story? Is the birth of God an impossible tale reserved for children? Or do you find the roots of trust within yourself as Joseph did?

John Foley, SJ

Make a Difference in the World
 Pray that young men in our Archdiocese will hear
 and answer God's call to the priesthood.

CHURCH CLEANING			
Team	Captain	Phone #	Date & Time
4	Doris Ciufu	963-1991	Fri, Dec 27, 10am
5	Anita Dharmay	646-938-8151	Th, Jan 2, 5pm
6	Agnes Hernandez	476-8583	Th, Jan 9, 10am
1	Gail O'Rourke	715-6035	Th, Jan 16, 11:30am
2	Angela Marranzino	457-0303	Fri, Jan 24, 10am
3	Nina Miller	965-0498	Fri, Jan 31, 10am

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