

Liturgy Intentions for the Month of January, 2022

YOUR CHANCE TO BE HEARD!

What do you want your Church, St. Anthony to be?

Saturday	THE CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS		What do you expect your parish, St. Anthony to be?
Jan 01	4:00 p.m.	Holy Souls in Purgatory, RIP	
Sunday			From now until February 9th a group of twelve volunteer parish members will be conducting two, two hour sessions. The first task is to prioritize and explore "Points to Explore":
Jan 02	8:30 a.m.	Sadie Nassar and George Nassar, Jr. RIP (Stevens Brothers)	1. Journeying Companions/ what persons are not given the attention in our church?
	10:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Palumbo Family, RIP (Raffaele and Rosa Cuomo)	2. Listening/ what hinders our listening, to whom do we listen, and how can we listen better?
Wednesday	FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY/VIGIL (BLESSING OF THE WATER)		3. Speaking out/ does our parish speak out on the important issues of religious freedom, racism, social justice?
Jan 05	5:30 p.m.	Ray, Evelyn, Mark & Michael Stevens, RIP (Stevens Brothers)	4. Celebrating/ how does our parish promote the active participation in the Divine Liturgy?
Thursday	FEAST OF THE GLORIOUS EPIPHANY		5. Co-Responsible in the mission of the Church/ how do we share our Maronite Rite with the rest of the Church?
Jan 06	12:00 noon	Holy Souls in Purgatory, RIP	6. Dialogue in Church and Society/ how do we deal with difficulties in our parish and do we have dialogue with others outside our parish?
Saturday			7. Dialogue with other Christian denominations/ what is our relationship with brothers and sisters of other denominations?
Jan 08	4:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Cuomo Family, RIP (Raffaele and Rosa Cuomo)	8. Authority and Participation/ A synodal Church is a participatory Church. How is authority exercised in our parish? Is teamwork practiced?
Sunday			9. Discerning and deciding/ what procedures do we use in making decisions? How can they be improved?
Jan 09	8:30 a.m.	David Pouliot and Richard Bowler, RIP (Louie & Laura)	10. Forming ourselves in Synodality/ The spirituality of journeying to deepen our formation in Christ. Are we better able to journey together and engage in dialogue? What formation do we need for discerning authority?
	10:30 a.m.	Marleine Sayegh Najem, RIP (Family)	
Saturday			See the enclosed letter from Bishop Gregory for further information. Contact the parish office to volunteer 413-732-0589.
Jan 15	4:00 p.m.		
Sunday			The two, two hour sessions include:
Jan 16	8:30 a.m.		1. Each person will comment on one of the four topics.
	10:30 a.m.	Jeanette Lteif, RIP (Family)	2. After all comments have been recorded, each person makes a statement of their comments.
SECOND COLLECTION: Fuel			3. Consensus is not required.
Saturday			
Jan 22	4:00 p.m.		

Sunday Jan 23	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Thomas C. Anthony, RIP (Family)	CONFESSIONS will be heard every Saturday from 3:45 – 4:15 an 10:15 as well as upon request.
SECOND COLLECTION: U.S. Catholic Bishop's Worldwide Charities			The first Friday of January which is the 7th, there will be the AI BLESSED SACRAMENT including the Divine Chaplet of Mercy :
Saturday Jan 29	4:00 p.m.		The NOVENA OF ST. SHARBEL will be held on Saturday, Ja 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy.
Sunday Jan 30	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Carl Moses, on the occasion of his birthday, RIP (Wife, Beverly)	MASS AND NOVENA OF ST. ANTHONY EVERY TUESD

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



My Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your beloved ones a healthy and successful New Year.

I would also like to let you know that Bishop Gregory has decided to reassign me to a parish in Virginia. I will be leaving in February. As Khalil Gibran said, "Love knows its depth at the time of departure." It is very hard to leave you after you have touched my heart and my priestly life with your kindness, support, love and care all these years.

Please allow me to name a few people at this time; Deacon Enzo, Deacon Norman, Sr. Cristina and the religious education teachers, Maria Khoury and Rachelle Hannoush and all those involved directly and indirectly, the Finance Committee, Sal Labella, Paul Phaneuf and Ed Shibley, the Women's guild members and to all those who have invited me to their homes and those who have expressed their love to me in many different ways. Lastly but not least I would like to thank on my behalf and yours, our beloved secretary, Mary Ann who has served not only me but all of you by taking care of booking Masses, baptisms and all other Church needs. I would like to add if I haven't mentioned you by name it is because there are so many and there wouldn't be enough pages in the bulletin to do so. You all know who you are and how much I admire and appreciate all y for the church and me personally anytime I have approached you asking for h

In closing, I would like to say I will always treasure my time here at St. Anthony of my life. I ask that you pray for me as I will continue to keep you in my recommendation to you all is to keep the flame of your faith always burning.
Fr. George

GUILD NEWS

MEETING – Next meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 9, 2022** attending as we need your support and input with our upcoming plans.



COFFEE HOUR – The guild is excited to open up once again starting **January 2nd**. Please join us in and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, tea, hot chocolate,

ST. ANTHONY WOMEN'S GUILD BIG RAFFLE – The drawing will be held on **January 23, 2022**. Watch your mail for tickets soon, if you need more tickets contact Mary Ann at 413-478-8076. As always, we appreciate your support to success for St. Anthony Church!

SAVE THE DATE – **May 14, 2022** – **Spring Vendor and Food Festival** – Our Harvest Bazaar in 2021 so we would like to hold a similar event looking for two people to chair this event. Committees will be in charge of organizing food to be sold the day of.



DINNER – sponsored by the K of C, Home of the Knights of Columbus, Wednesday, January 5th from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Banquet Hall. Dinner is \$9 per person. The menu includes meatballs or Italian sausage with pasta or egg pasta. Eat in or take out. Tickets sold at the bulletin board and in the calendars for future dates.... February 2nd will be a special dinner with meatloaf and Mac and cheese!!

ALTAR EUCHARIST CELEBRATION
JANUARY



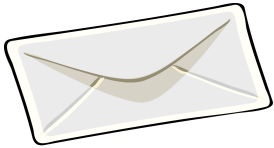
The Altar Eucharist Celebration is being offered in January:

In Loving Memory of Thomas C. Anthony by Frances Anthony

WEDDING BANNS



This is the third announcement of the wedding banns regarding the intended marriage between Ryan Lukomski and Rita Hannoush.



Please continue to send in your weekly offerings to the parish office as we count on you to meet our monthly bills. Meanwhile, thank you to all those who have continued to support our parish with their weekly envelopes and donations.

SAINT ANTHONY THE GREAT, FATHER OF MONASTICISM

Saint Anthony the Great, or Saint Anthony of Egypt, was born at Koman, near Memphis in Upper Egypt. His parents were wealthy Christians, and after they died, he gave away all their money but first making sure his sister was taken care of. In 272 he became a hermit living in a tomb near Koman. He lived an austere life of prayer and penance, fasting, eating only one meal of bread and water a day, manual and intellectual labor and defense of the true Faith. He struggled with many temptations especially of the flesh, which he fought by praying to Mary and her Son and by looking at the Cross. So successful was he in his struggles, the devil then attacked him directly, beating him and throwing him to the ground. When he fought back, the devil renewed the attacks coming to him as snakes, boars and scorpions, which stung him all night long. He bore his sufferings patiently and fought back with fasting, prayer and the Sign of the Cross. Saint Anthony turned to God even during his intense sufferings. The Lord responded "I will always be with you and I will make great your name in all the earth thus Saint Anthony the Great." **His feast day is January 17th.**

We pray God's blessings for the healing and well-being of the sick and the shut-ins of our parish. Remember them in your prayers. If you know of anyone who is homebound and would like a pastoral visit and communion please contact Fr. George.
