



# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

May the Light of Faith shine forth from our parish as a beacon to guide our community to the Lord. When life seems difficult and troublesome, may our faith offer us security and strength. When we come together to celebrate God's gifts may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

*Nominated Members*

Chair - **Tim Manross,**

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**Stephen Kristoff, Jennifer Takacs**

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair—**Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald, Tom Langer,**  
**Brian Holmes, Linda Hlebak** (parish accountant)

MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4 p.m.  
**SUNDAY** 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
**DAILY MASS:** Wednesday at 8 a.m.  
**CONFESSIONS** every Saturday at 3p.m.  
or anytime by appointment.

## MEETINGS/GROUPS

<b>Parish Council</b>	354-4525
<b>Altar/Rosary</b>	221-7140
1st Tuesday September - May	
<b>Parish Life Commission</b>	354-4337
<b>Finance Committee</b>	354-4525
<b>Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors</b>	251-6820
<b>Building/Maintenance</b>	354-4525
<b>Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry</b>	354-3769
<b>Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank</b>	357-6714
<b>Aluminum Recycling</b>	
All items can be placed by the garage or call	354-4525
<b>Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers</b>	354-4525
<b>Bereavement</b>	354-4525
<b>Prayer Line Requests</b>	352-7703
<b>Jail Ministry / Dee Trepal</b>	382-1889

## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) September-May

**Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader**  
**Director of Junior High and High School Ministry**  
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Grades K-7 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon  
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

## BAPTISMS

Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

## WEDDINGS

Six months notice is required.  
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.



### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

*Happy New Year!*



### Today's Readings

**First Reading:** The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

**Psalm:** The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

**Second Reading:** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

**Gospel:** The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

**Next Week's Presider Schedule**

Sat. 1/2	4 p.m.	Fr. Pausche
Sun. 1/3	8 a.m.	Fr. Schaut
Sun. 1/3	10 a.m.	Fr. Schaut



**Electronic giving** is available on our website: [www.stafh.org](http://www.stafh.org). Thanks to all who use the online giving option.

**Announcements**

**Ministers Schedule**

The Minister Schedule for January is available in the foyer.

We still need volunteers to be on the schedule for **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers**. If you would like to be included in the schedule please call the rectory and let us know for which mass you are available. **354-4525**. Thank you for your Ministry.

We are in need of volunteers to help us clean the church after the 4pm Saturday Mass, 8am Sunday Mass. (Time commitment after the Masses is approximately 25 minutes)

We are in need of hospitality ushers/greeters for the 4pm, 8am and 10am Masses.

**Mass Intentions**

**St. Anthony's** has resumed scheduling **Mass Intentions** for the **weekend masses**. If you would like to request a mass please call the rectory at **345-4525**.

**Daily Mass**

Beginning on **Dec. 2**, there will be a daily mass celebrated on **Wednesday mornings at 8 a.m.**

*Calendar*

Dec. 31	New Years Eve	4 p.m.
Jan. 1	New Years Day	9 a.m.
Jan. 6	Daily Mass	8 a.m.

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 12/26	4 p.m.	Dante E. Pizzino
Sun. 12/27	8 a.m.	Mary Arcadi
Sun. 12/27	10 a.m.	Jean Kapostasy Digman

Sat. 1/2	4 p.m.	Jim Mulqueeny
Sun. 1/3	8 a.m.	Terence Sebian
Sun. 1/3	10 a.m.	Ed & Fran Ulle

*The Collection for December 20 will be in next weeks bulletin.*

**Divorce Recovery for Catholics – Join us for a Zoom Virtual Support Group**

The current Pandemic has caused feelings of isolation and confusion, especially those that are struggling with separation and divorce. In an effort to bridge the gap, we are hosting a virtual support group using Zoom beginning Tuesday, January 19, 2021 from 7-9 PM. Registration is required to be included in the group meeting. Please visit our website, [Divorced-Separated.net](http://Divorced-Separated.net) to register or contact Karen at [kjubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:kjubeck@st-gabriel.org) or 440-352-8282. The 8-week support group is developed to meet the needs of those who are separated or divorced. Sessions are facilitated by a caring, trained professional and will focus on relevant topics and provide valuable information and direction along with the tools for coping with this life-changing experience. Being part of a group provides the opportunity to share experiences, support, and encouragement. The group will meet on Zoom for the first 4 weeks and at the conclusion of the 4th week, the facilitator and group will determine if they will continue to meet using Zoom or choose to meet at St. Gabriel Parish, Concord.



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