ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2536 West Hoffmeyer Road, Florence, SC 29501 www.saintanthony.com

January 2, 2021

MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of faith, we the members of St. Anthony Parish are committed to follow Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments, the study of His Word, the teachings of His Church, Evangelization, and through reaching out in service to our fellow human beings, parishioners and non-parishioners, with love, respect, and support.

CLERGY

Rev. JohnBosco Duraisamy, Pastor Reginald A.T. Armstrong, Deacon Michael Woodall, Jr., Deacon Bruce A. Fortnum, Ph.D., Deacon

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

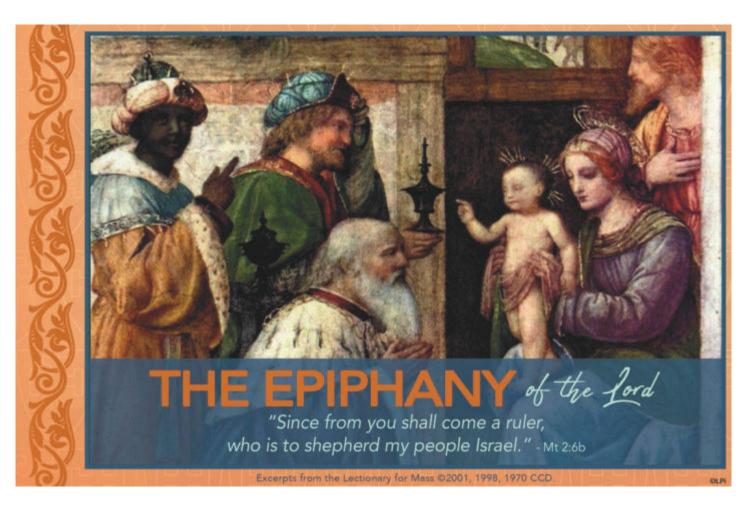
Monday–Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday		9:00 am
Saturday (Sunday Liturgy)		5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00am a	nd 11:00am
	(Span	ish) 1:00pm
Monday Communion Service		6:30 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	& Friday	7:30 am
Friday (when school is in session	n)	8:15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm and available upon request.



PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY	
Office Manager, Andrea Foyle andrea.foyle@saintanthony.com	662-5674
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Julie Manley	667-0040
Gospel Encounter Group, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
Knights of Columbus, Philip Payment	939-3757
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Pastoral Council, Don Manley	667-0040
Prayer Shawl Ministry, Marjorie Busscher	667-0859
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Women's Guild of St. Anthony's, Robin Tange	260-4735
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IF YOU NEED A PRIEST FOR A SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY

Call the church office during normal business hours, M-F 8 am to 4 pm at 843-662-5674.

After regular office hours, dial the same number and your call will be answered by our answering service. Emergency calls will be directed to one of our deacons.

In this diocese, all adults who work with children must satisfy the following requirements:

- -Consent to a background screening by Law Enforcement
- -Complete the Safe Haven—It's Up To You Online Adult Education Program
- -Adhere to the Diocese of Charleston Code of Conduct (This document is available in Church office, School Office, Church Library, DRE office & online at www.sccatholic.org)
- -Read and acknowledge the Diocese of Charleston Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures.

The Victim Assistance Coordinator for this diocese is Louisa Storen, LISW.

She is available to anyone who needs her assistance. 843-856-0748 or 1-800-921-8122



GOSPEL MEDITATION --

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

The prayer list will be refreshed in February 2022. If you wish to remain on the prayer list, please call the Church Office no later than January 31. Thank you.

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

ILLNESS:

Hsin Yi Armstrong, Charles Ball, Pete Balotti, Cadian Benabdallah, Chuck Bender, Joe Bibbo, Gregorio Binuya, John Blackwell, Patricia Bolton, Reed Brandis, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Peter F. Buyck, William Otis Buyck, Margaret Clark, Roselyn Collins, Jean Cutler, Dorota Czarnocki, Irene Darden, Bunnie Dezinno, Mary Jo Dudgeon, Frank, Lee and Robbie Elmore, Bonnie Gensel, Johnny Guerriero, Chip Hancock, Donna Hatchell, Dan & Marge Henry, David Hewitt, Clare and William Jann, Judy Jones, James Lavia, grandson of James Lavia, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Lola Mae, Anthony Mancini, Jr., Mary Lou Martinez, Tony Martinez, Terry Matthews, Lisa McLeod, Dot Mims, Richard Mitchell, Darlene Neel, Ann S. Nichols, George Nichols, Ken Nobbe, Dottie Parsons, Barbara Powell, Johnny Powell, Joan Ratchko, Edgard Sarmiento, Kathleen Schafer, Sara Simons, Susan Speir, Julian Stanford, Elizabeth Sun, Antoni Szczawinski, Peg Tallon, Linda Tarte, Betty Taylor, Meghan Terry, Greg Werner, Dcn. Woodall

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can either drop it into the collection basket, bring it to our parish office, or mail it to us.
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Email address

Holy Mass Schedule and Intentions For the week of December 27th - January 2nd.

Mass	Intention	Requested by
Mon. 6:30 pm December 27	Communion Service	
Tues. 7:30 am December 28	Happy birthday Marcello R.L. Pereira	Elisa Horst
Wedn. 7:30 am December 29	+George Armstrong	Owen McNulty
Thurs. 7:30 am December 30	+Joan McVey	Diane Barnes
Fri. 7:30 am December 31	+Elizabeth Chupa	Diane Barnes
Sat.10:00 am January 1	+George Armstrong	Doris Fader
Sat. 5:00 pm January 1	+Precy Cañete	May Hinson
Sun. 9:00 am January 2	+Howard McFann	Diane Barnes
Sun. 11:00 am January 2	+Eugenia Bogdanowicz	Carol Germain
Sun. 1:00 pm January 2	For the People	

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC), especially for the Sunday 9AM Mass. Anyone interested, please contact Julie Manley at 667-0040.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 4:12-17, 23-25 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 30 6:34-44 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ 10 [11b]/Acts 10:34 Mk 6:45-52 -38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc. 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 17/Lk 4:14-22a [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps

147:12-13, 14-15,

SCCCW MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY RETREAT

The SCCCW Myrtle Beach Deanery is hosting a retreat "Who Do You Say That I Am" with Sister Kathleen Adamski as the facilitator on Saturday, January 22, 2022 at the St. Andrews Community Life Center in Myrtle Beach.

Sister Kathleen is the Director of the Office of Spirituality & Formation for the Diocese of Charleston. Check-in is at **8:30 a.m.** with the retreat starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person which includes morning refreshments, lunch and beverages.

Grover @ 843-283-4445 or Caroline Paulhus @ 843-692-9932 for additional information. Treat yourself to a day with other like minded women in the "Sisterhood of Faith" and unwind with the Lord!

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Discernment Retreat for Men Considering the Priesthood

Ages 18-49 January 7-9, 2022 Cost: \$25 Heart Ridge Retreat Center, Sunset, SC

To register or for more information: vocations@charlestondiocese.org



STAND UP FOR LIFE MARCH & RALLY Columbia, SC Jan. 8, 2022

11 AM: Line up for March outside the USC Russell House on Green St.

11:30 AM: March begins

12:00 PM: Rally begins, State House plaza, Gervais

St. side

For more information, visit https://www.sclife.org/
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LIFE PRAYER VIGIL Jan. 20-21, 2022

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place Jan. 20-21, 2022, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

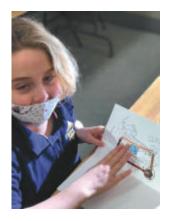
For more information, visit <u>usccb.org/national-prayer-</u>events-for-life.

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS STEAM BUS

The SCGSSM's STEAM bus visited St. Anthony's in December! The bus travels to elementary schools, and provides hands-on lessons led by a Governor's School instructor. Lessons involve activities and projects related to the sciences, including engineering, chemistry, and electronics. Third and fourth grades had a blast during the STEAM bus's visit! The students learned about electricity and how to make a circuit to light up their Christmas cards.



















REGULAR PARISH EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY classes meet on Wednesdays from 9:00-11:30 am in the gathering area. Classes are from September to May.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, this group may be able to help you through their camaraderie. Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month in Classroom A at 1 pm.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION Meetings are on Sundays from 5-7:00 pm in the family center from September through May.

EMBRACE YOUR NEIGHBOR Call the office if you would like to assist this hospitality ministry.

GOSPEL ENCOUNTER GROUP Meets every second and fourth Monday at 6 PM in the Choir Room. For more information, contact Suzanna Linton at 843-496-5089.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5194 For more information on meeting times or general information, please contact Philip Payment at 843-939-3757.

LEGION OF MARY meets Mondays at 9:30am at St. Anne. Call Pat Srutkowski at 843-317-1802.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY (Knitting and Crocheting) meets every Thursday from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Classroom A. Items for the sick or for new arrivals are available by calling the Church office.

ST. ANTHONY MEN'S CLUB meets at 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month in classroom A.

SENIOR'S BINGO will meet in Classroom A on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm. For more information contact Sylvia Jeanton at 718-581-6844

YOUNG AT HEART meets every third Wednesday at Stefano's restaurant. Be sure to wear your mask upon entering and leaving the restaurant.

WOMEN'S GUILD typically meets on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 am in Classroom A. Please contact Robin Tange, retange@gmail.com or 843-260-4735 for additional information.

FREE BOOKS — LIFE IS MESSY

Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly chronicles the worse three years of his life and how those years affected them. The book explores the question: Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable than ever before? The answer will fill you with hope.

Free copies of the book can be found in the back of the church, the gathering area, and at the Church Office.

NEW YEAR'S BLESSING

Every good gift comes from the Father of light. May he grant you his grace and every blessing and keep you safe throughout the coming year.

May he grant you unwavering faith, constant hope, and love that endures to the end.

May he order your days and work in his peace, hear your every prayer, and lead you to everlasting life and joy.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and ♥ the Holy Spirit.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION TABLES

Come and practice English in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere through guided conversation. The group welcomes English language learners of all levels, and activities will be led by an English instructor. Meetings are on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am in the St. Anthony Family Center. Upcoming dates include January 8, 22, February 12, 26. For more information, contact Christine Masters-Wheeler at (843) 615-8074 or christine.masters.phd@gmail.com.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

From the diocesan website: "Pope Francis invites the whole Church to question itself on synodality, or togetherness: a decisive issue for the life and mission of the Catholic Church. The synod theme is: *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.*"

Everyone is invited to take part in the synod by filling out a survey at the following link: https://charlestondiocese.org/synod2023/survey/.

A listening session will be held at on **January 5 at 9 AM** to allow interested parishioners to gather for a presentation and discuss ways in which we can increase communion and participation, and advance our mission as Catholics.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. ANTHONY COOKBOOK

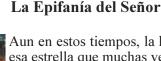
The Women's Guild of St. Anthony is producing a cookbook and your recipes are welcome!

Recipe Submission Forms are available from Guild members and the church office. The deadline is 1/31.

MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL

Greater Florence Area Ministerial Alliance will have a Martin Luther King Memorial on Monday, January 17 from 2 to 4 pm. It will be at King Living Temple on Irby Street. Masks are required.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO





Aun en estos tiempos, la humanidad continúa buscando la estrella, esa estrella que muchas veces se pierde entre la injusticia, el odio y la discriminación. Sin embargo, hay que seguir el camino y alzar los ojos al cielo para encontrar el centro de su luz. "Levántate y brilla, que ha llegado tu luz y la Gloria de Yavé amaneció sobre ti (Isaías 60,1). La Gloria de la Manifestación de Jesús en su Evangelio y en la Eucaristía se hace presente entre nosotros en la Liturgia de hoy. El Papa Francisco nos explica acerca de la belleza de esta celebración. "La manifestación de Jesús, simbolizada por la luz: Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque llega tu luz; la Gloria del Señor amanece sobre ti". Él nos exhorta al movimiento,

a no quedarnos ahí fijos como estatuas sin hacer nada. También, nos explica sobre la participación de los magos del Oriente y lo que ellos representan. "Los Magos, venidos de Oriente, representan a todos los pueblos lejanos de la fe judía tradicional: se dejan guiar por la estrella y se enfrentan a un largo y arriesgado viaje; se postran ante Jesús y le ofrecen regalos simbólicos: oro, incienso y mirra; la búsqueda del Señor implica también la generosidad del corazón" (1/6/2019). ¿Qué le estoy ofreciendo a Jesús en esta etapa de mi vida? ¿Qué tipo de manifestaciones he tenido de Dios a lo largo de mi vida? Pidamos, en esta Eucaristía, que la luz de Cristo se manifieste en estos tiempos turbulentos y oscuros que experimentamos en el mundo entero. Sigamos vigilantes, caminemos por sendas nuevas, sigamos el ejemplo de los Magos. Ellos, regresaron a su país por otro camino.

Reflexión de San Juan Pablo II

"En esta fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor, el evangelio de san Mateo habla de una misteriosa estrella, que guió a los Magos primero hasta Jerusalén y después hasta Belén, donde adoraron al Niño Jesús (cf. Mt 2, 2. 7. 9. 10). La estrella que conduce a los Magos hacia Cristo evoca la rica simbología de la luz, muy presente en la Navidad. Dios es luz, y el Verbo hecho hombre es "luz del mundo" (Jn 8, 12), luz que guía el camino de las gentes".

Oración

Señor Jesús: que a imitación de los Magos de Oriente vayamos también nosotros frecuentementea adorarte en tu Casa que es el Templo y no vayamos jamás con las manos vacías. Que te llevemos el oro de nuestras ofrendas, el incienso de nuestra oración fervorosa, y la mirra de los sacrificios que hacemos para permanecer fieles a Ti, y que te encontremos siempre junto a tu Madre Santísima María, a quien queremos honrar y venerar siempre como Madre Tuya y Madre nuestra. Amén.

Se pueden añadir también algunas peticiones y para concluir se reza un Padrenuestro, un Avemaría y tres veces el Gloria.

Todos concluyen diciendo: "En el Nombre del Padre y del Hijo Y del espíritu Santo. Amén".

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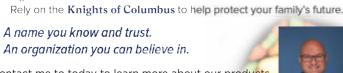
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