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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

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CLERGY

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil (Sunday Liturgy)	5 pm
Sunday	9 am 11 am 1 pm (Español)
Monday	6:30 pm
Tues - Fri	7:30 am
Thursday	6:30 pm (Español)
Friday School Mass (when in session)	8:15 am
Saturday	9 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday (Español): 5:30 - 6:20 pm Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Also available upon request.

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.



PARISH & SCHOOL STAFF DIRECTORY	
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Youth Ministry, Sarah Stephens	662-5674

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/ COMMITTEES	
Adoration Coordinator, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
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Senior Ministry, Silvia Jeanton	718-581-6844
Seven Sisters Apostolate, Suzanna Linton	496-5089
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St. Anthony Men's Club, Doug Amon	861-4586
Women's Guild of St. Anthony's, Robin Tange	260-4735
Young at Heart, Julie Manley	667-0040
Young at Heart, Georgette Falcone	621-2692
Youth Group - CYO, Sarah Stephens	662-5674

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this blessed season of Advent, we are reminded of the dual preparation it entails: joyfully anticipating the celebration of Christ's first coming and spiritually preparing for His glorious second coming. The Church enters a new Liturgical Year, Cycle "C," with weekday readings from Year I. During this time, the liturgical color will be violet, symbolizing penance and hope, except on feast days.

This year, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our nation's patroness, will be celebrated on **Monday, December 9, 2024**. This is a **Holy Day of Obligation**, and I encourage everyone to attend Mass as we entrust our nation to the care and intercession of our Blessed Mother.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in last week's celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Your witness in the procession was a beautiful testament to our shared faith. May Christ, the King of the Universe, reign in our hearts, homes, and communities, filling us with His love, justice, and peace.

We are currently conducting a **Facility Improvement and Future Planning Survey** to assess the upkeep of our parish facilities and to prepare for future developments. I urge everyone to participate. Thanks to Gary for his initiative and Leslie for making the survey accessible in both electronic and print formats. I also extend my gratitude to Timothy Williams and others who are supporting this important effort.

Let us make this Advent season a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation. As we journey together toward the joy of Christmas, may our hearts be ready to receive Christ with faith and love.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and fruitful Advent,

Fr. Johnbosco Duraisamy, Pastor

Nov 16-17

Offertory \$5,805.37

Online \$2,666.00

Total \$8,471.37

Second

Collection - Christmas

Altar Decorations: \$1,709.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Nov 24th Second

Collection - St. Anthony School

Dec 1st Second

Collection - Retirement for

Religious

Dec 8th Second

Collection - Solidarity Fund-

Church in Africa

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

ILLNESS:

Deborah Altman, Regina Arde, Hsin Yi Armstrong, Pete Balotti, Gregorio Binuya, John C. Blackwell, Martyna Brodecka, Adam Brodecki, Leah Carbonell, Bunnie Dezinno, Yvette Emerson, Jason Grantham, Marge Henry, Maverick Jones, Robert KillianPat Kull, Kathy Lewis, Judy Lin, Kristina MacPherson, Mary Lou Martinez, Michael Meggs, Silvia Mitchell, Ann S. Nichols, Ann O'Donnell, Betty Parks, Marcello Pereira, Elizabeth Sun, Linda Tarte, Marilyn Tilton, Ruth Todd, Elizabeth White, Deacon Mike Woodall

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Linda Holloway, Eileen Riley, Carmella Sansone, Gloria Cooper, Marilyn Lee, Lorraine Mahoney, Dennis Riordan

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Austin Bull, Brad Linton, Sarah Casper Naletelich, Comdr. John P. O'Donnell, Edward Olszanowski, Jr., Cpt. Benjamin Galemmo



CANDLES FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

If you would like the Adoration Chapel, Sanctuary Candle or Tabernacle candles lit for your intentions for one week, please visit or call the Church Office.

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 answered as soon as possible. If you are admitted into the hospital, please don't forget to declare yourself as Catholic, or have a family member do so.



Mass	Intention	Requested by
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Sat. Nov 30 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Nov 30 5:00 pm	Jean Griebel+	Mae Adams
Sun. Dec 1 9:00 am	For the People	
Sun. Dec 1 11:00 am	Lucille Molinaro+	Marisa Keenan
Sun. Dec 1 1:00 pm	Carmen Zuniga Acosta+	Familia Gonzalez
Mon. Dec 2 6:30 pm	Bill Lappin+	Chuck & Sherri Bender
Tues. Dec 3 7:30 am	Deceased members of the Dettori Family+	Dcn. & Mrs. Fortnum
Wed. Dec 4 7:30 am	Special Intentions of Ismael Hernandez	Laura Cruz
Thurs. Dec 5 7:30 am	Domingo and Laura Vivaldi+	Hernandez Cruz Family
Thurs. Dec 5 6:30 pm	Reposed souls of Hurricanes Helene and John	Blanca Martinez
Fri. Dec 6 7:30 am	Vicente and Lala Cruz+	Hernandez Cruz Family
Fri. Dec 6 8:15 am	Matty M. Mellotte+	Dr. & Mrs. Glinski
Sat. Dec 7 9:00 am	Special Intentions of Fr. JohnBosco	
Sat. Dec 7 5:00 pm	Norman Cox+	Maria Ginfrida
Sun. Dec 8 9:00 am	Jean Griebel+	Womens Guild of St. Anthony
Sun. Dec 8 11:00 am	Regina Yanson+	Ana Iglesias
Sun. Dec 8 1:00 pm	For the People	

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: St. Bibana, Virgin and Martyr

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,

8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: St. Sabas

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,

25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,

5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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Weekend Ministry Schedule

Nov 30-Dec 1

5:00 pm Mass 11:00 am Mass

EMHC: AJ Bloom
Julie Ball
Julie Manley
Don Manley
Gary Kooper

EMHC: Sherri Bender
Silvia Jeanton
Elisa Horst
Mike R
Robin Tange

Lector: Alexa Sungahid Lector: Andy B

9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Madison Smith EMHC: Rae Anne M. Kathleen Smith Teofilo Juarez

Barbara Davis Alejandra R
Robert Tiltion Moraima R
Patrick Peters

Lector: George Jebaily Lector: Alejandra Sierra

Dec 7-8

5:00 pm Mass 11:00 am Mass

EMHC: Pat Kull EMHC: Darlene Stowe Lector: Joe Balotti Lector: Robin Tange

9:00 am Mass 1:00 pm Mass

EMHC: Ann Squires EMHC: Olivia M Moraima R

Lector: School Mass Lector: Lizett Garcia





School Updates

Called to Action. Rooted in Christ

Give Back, Give Thanks, Give Catholic!

Online Advanced Giving runs from November 18th - December 2nd

Online gifts can be made by visiting: bit.ly/47XGFqm



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Offline gifts can be made as early as today and made payable to: St. Anthony Catholic School 2536 Hoffmeyer Road Florence, SC 29501



Every gift is a blessing. Thank you for your consideration!

GiveCatholic

On December 3rd, join us in celebrating our Catholicity! We are excited to participate in #iGiveCatholic 2024, a nationwide effort on Giving Tuesday to support Catholic organizations. This year, St. Anthony Catholic School is praying to raise \$70,000 to fund our 3 special projects: Safety & Security Updates, the Financial Assistance Fund, and the Greatest Need Fund. All proceeds will stay with St. Anthony Catholic School.



BREAKFAST With Santa

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2024 FOLLOWING THE 9 AM MASS BRING A CAMERA - DONATIONS ACCEPTED



HOSTED BY THE ST. ANTHONY MEN'S CLUB

ST. ANTHONY ADVENT MISSION STEPPING INTO A LARGER WORLD

The Spiritual Life on a Post-It Note Presented by *Deacon Robert Pierce*

Tuesday, Dec. 10 and 11 Begins at 6:30 pm

Confessions will be available on Wednesday Dec. 11th that evening.

Deacon Robert (Bob) Pierce is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Charleston (SC), serving at St. Mary Help of Christians church in Aiken, SC for over 21 years. Ordained in 2002 at age 36, Deacon Bob has worked extensively in educational ministries which include leading RCIA for 10 years, leading marriage preparation for over 20 years, leading adult education for six years, and

offering parish missions for several years. Deacon Bob is also one of the co-instructors of homiletics for the diocese's permanent diaconate formation program.







1st Sunday of Advent 6 December 1st, 2024

Take the Parish Facility Survey

Survey is Open December 1 to December 15



ENGLISH



Using the camera on your mobile device, scan the QR code to complete the survey.



ESPAÑOL

Paper copies are available in the Church Office.

Links also available at SaintAnthony.com

December is the month of the Immaculate Conception and Celebration of the Advent Season

Join us as we adore Him and honor His most holy mother for the First Friday-First Saturday Vigil taking place at St. Anthony's on December 6th and 7th, beginning after the 8:15 am school Mass; continuing with the First Saturday 9 am Mass. Come at any hour and stay for as long as your time will allow or see Doris Fader after the 8:15 am Mass to sign up for a particular hour.

Angel Tree

The Women's Guild has set up the annual Angel Tree in the gathering area. Please take the tags and return the tag and gift no later than Friday, December 13th. Please remember, NO CANDY OR FOOD. May God bless you.

2024 Scrip (Gift Card) Sales

In case you don't know, we have a year-round fundraising program for St. Anthony School called SCRIP. We sell gift cards that are purchased at a discounted rate and the profit benefits our school. There is no cost to the buyer and the gift cards are just the same as you would receive in a store, but we do the work for you. Bring your Christmas shopping list to church the weekends of December 7th and 8th and / or 14th and 15th. We will be selling gift cards after the masses those 2 weekends. You can buy from the large inventory of cards that we have in stock or order what you need for delivery the following weekend. We accept cash or check for payment. The proceeds from this fundraiser benefit St. Anthony School. During the 2023 holiday season (from Thanksgiving to December 31), we sold gift cards totaling \$22,874.50 with \$1,286.35 earned for school tuition credits and assistance. Thanks to everyone who purchased gift cards, especially all the parishioners who go out of their way to support our school!

Christmas Wreath and Greenery Sale

These fresh evergreen wreaths, centerpieces and other greenery make great gifts. You can order online or by phone and the items will be shipped directly to your friends and family. You pick your approximate delivery date when you order. St. Anthony School will receive 15% of your purchase price, but the credit for giving an awesome gift that everyone will love goes to **YOU**!

Shop online from their wide variety of wreaths, greenery and gifts.

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Prefer to order by phone? Call 1-888-426-0781 and reference Campaign # 9967686

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Order by December 15th.

If you have any questions, contact Teri Kooper. tkooper@bellsouth.net

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Last Week's Question: Grapes and wheat are a symbol of what Sacrament?

Answer: Holy Eucharist
This Week's Question: What is the difference between a cross and a crucifix?

Welcome Visitors! Interested in becoming a New Parishioner?

Please take a moment and fill out this form. You can

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

Damos comienzo en este Domingo al Tiempo de Adviento, que es un tiempo de espera alegre y activa de la fiesta del nacimiento del Señor. Hay mucha actividad litúrgica que nos prepara alegremente a algo que con certeza es muy bueno y que nos atrae a dar regalos y a recibirlos también. Este tiempo de espera nos mueve y lleva a ordenarlo todo, sobre todo en casa, hay movimiento de limpieza y organización. Ponemos el árbol de Navidad y preparamos un lugar para el nacimiento del Niño Jesús. Es un gran encuentro entre familia y amigos celebrando las posadas y otros eventos religiosos.

El Adviento nos ayuda porque es un espacio de espera del Señor, nos reconciliamos y preparamos para recibirlo en la Eucaristía, es también tiempo de reflexionar en su venida definitiva, que llamamos Parusía o manifestación. El Evangelio de San Lucas, con el que hoy iniciamos, nos recuerda que el Señor, en su mensaje principal, nos invita a permanecer en vela y oración. A estar atentos, a no estar dormidos. A llenarnos de amor, a llevar el gozo anunciado de descubrir un nuevo comienzo de justicia y de paz para todos. También, se invita a dejar los vicios, el egoísmo y las preocupaciones que nos alejan de lo importante que es la cercanía de Dios a cada uno de nosotros. Velar, estar atentos, orar y seguir luchando por una sociedad mejor. "Ven, Señor Jesús" (Apocalipsis 22:20), sea nuestra suplica constante en este Adviento.

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LOS PENSAMIENTOS DE MUCHOS CORAZONES

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Cuando Simeón acuna al infante Mesías en sus brazos, habla de salvación, gloria y revelación. Habla de su propia muerte. Habla del cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios a todas las personas. Pero lo más memorable, en mi opinión, son sus palabras sobre los corazones de los hombres. Este Niño, dice, será el camino para que "se revelen los pensamientos de muchos corazones". Tal vez seas como yo. Tal vez no disfrutes escrutándote a ti mismo, tus acciones, tus intenciones. No te gusta reflexionar sobre I por qué sientes o reaccionas de la manera en que lo haces, I y realmente no disfrutas comparando esos sentimientos y reacciones con lo que sabes que podrían ser. Pero, ¿dónde está Dios realmente trabajando? ¿Cuál es el lugar que Dios señalará, cuando mi vida en la Tierra haya llegado a su fin? Es lo más profundo de mi corazón. El lugar donde I soy mi yo más auténtico, para bien o para mal. El lugar donde todas mis pretensiones se desmoronan y estoy solo con la verdad de quién soy y lo que elijo hacer.

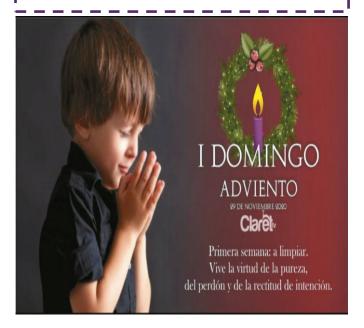
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NOVENA Y ROSARIO A NUESTRA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE



COMENZAREMOS CON LOS ROSARIOS Y NOVENA DEL 5 AL 13 DE DICIEMBRE A LAS 6:30 PM, SOLO LOS DÍAS 5,9,10,11, 12 DE DICIEMBRE SE COMENZARÁ A LAS 6:00 PM

T:00 PM









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