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 - Andrew Bernardo,
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Appointed Members
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FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS
Chair—Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald, Don Rochon,
Joe Hawkins, Linda Hlebak, Tom Langer,
Kevin Hanzak (parish accountant)

MEETINGS/GROUPS
Parish Council 354-4525
Altar/Rosary 552-3375
1st Tuesday April—December
Parish Life Commission 354-4337
Finance Committee 354-4525
Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors 251-6820
Building/Maintenance 354-4525
Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry 354-3769
Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank 357-6714
Aluminum Recycling/Paper Recycling/furniture/
clothes for the needy -
All items can be placed by the garage or call 354-4525
Education Commission 354-4525
Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic
Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers 354-4525
Bereavement 354-4525
Prayer Line Requests 352-7703
Jail Ministry / Deec Trepal 382-1889
AA Meetings
Wednesday 8:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) September-May
Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader
steve@stafh.org
Grades K-6 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Steve Biro, Director of Junior High &
High School Ministry
Pre-Confirmation grade 7+ Sundays 9:00-10:00a.m.
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-8:00 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.
May God Bless You This Holiday Season!

**December 29 / December 30**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- 4:00PM Andrew Zarbo / Ethan Williams
- 8:00AM Bill McCabe / Joe Hawkins
- 10:00AM Andrea & Lauren McKinney
  
  Sarah Bernardo

**LECTORS**
- 4:00PM Lisa Simodi / Melissa Zarbo
- 8:00AM Becky Meredith / Linda Hlebak
- 10:00AM Pat Korenko / Marietta Lipps

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- 4:00PM Kathie & Steve Kristoff
  
  Joe Tomasik
- 8:00AM Mary & Dave Rinfer / Bob Smith
- 10:00AM Nancy Cunningham
  
  Andrew Bernardo

**CROSS**
- 4:00PM John Simodi
- 8:00AM Steve Biro
- 10:00AM Walter Blare

**January 5 / January 6**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- 4:00PM Mike Bonelli / Tristan Simko
- 8:00AM Lou & Jim Balog
- 10:00AM Mary Todd / Nora Urban

**LECTORS**
- 4:00PM Renee Simko / Joan Lehman
- 8:00AM Joe Vayo / Bob Donovan
- 10:00AM Laura Urban / Joe Wilkes

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- 4:00PM Bobbie McArthur / Lisa Simodi
  
  Joe Hawkins
- 8:00AM Dan Parker
- 10:00AM Natalie Urban / Sherry Maruschak
  
  Judy Oberstar / Marty Makela

**CROSS**
- 4:00PM Rick Gurley
- 8:00AM Bill McCabe
- 10:00AM Linda Grisez

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY:**
- Dec 30 Bob Smith
  
  Ministers are asked to sign-in at least
  
  10 minutes before Mass begins or a sub will
  
  be found for you. Thank you!

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**Mass Intentions**

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The Offertory Collection Information for December 23rd will be published in the January 6th Bulletin.

**Happy New Year from the Staff at St. Anthony’s**

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Dec 30 NO PSR—Christmas Break
Dec 31 New Year’s Eve Mass 4pm
  
  Office Closed
Jan 1 New Year’s Day Mass 9am
  
  Office Closed
Jan 2 Office Closed
Jan 6 NO PSR—Christmas Break
  
  6pm Anchored Youth Ministry
Jan 9 6:30pm Education Commission
  
  7pm Parish Council
Jan 10 6pm Eco Commission
Jan 13 PSR RESUMES
Jan 16 6:30pm Adult Bible Study
Father Pete, Deacon John and the Staff of St. Anthony wish you a Safe & Happy New Year.

New Year’s Eve Mass will be at 4:00pm and New Year’s Day Mass will be at 9:00am.

As the new year begins we invite our students in grades 6-12 to consider becoming involved in **Youth Ministry**. This month they will be meeting on January 6th and 20th at 6:00pm for their Sunday evening sessions. For more information, please contact Steve Biro in the parish office or by email steve@stafh.org

Starting in January we will be offering **50/50 tickets** each weekend in the foyer as an ongoing fundraiser. The winning ticket will be drawn on the last Sunday of each month. Please try to bring in some funds from outside the parish in this effort, buying tickets for family and friends who can also participate. Thanks to all who have increased their contributions. **KEEP IT UP** to support our future.

Please give us your **tax form requests** as soon as possible. We will have them available in the foyer by the end of January.

**Holiday Helps for the Divorced and Separated.**

Sessions will be held January 8th & 15th: Tuesday evenings from 7pm -9pm at St. Noel’s Church in Willoughby Hills, route 91 and 6. Come to one or all of the sessions. This program is intended to offer practical advice, support, and the skills to get through the holidays and move forward. To register or for more info call Karen at 440-352-8282 or email: kjubeck@st-gabriel.org

**Electronic giving** is available on our website www.stafh.org. The total online giving collection for Dec. 23rd will be posted in the Jan 6 bulletin. Thank you to all who use the online giving option.

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**This week’s featured Saint — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 1774-1821**

Elizabeth was a wife, mother, educator and foundress. She was the first native born American to be declared a saint. Mother Cabrini was born in Italy but was the first American citizen to become a saint. Elizabeth married William Magee Seton when she was 19 years old. He was a businessman. They had five children, but Elizabeth still found time for charitable work. In 1797 she formed the Society for the Relief of Widows with Small Children.

Five years later her husband became ill and his business failed. Elizabeth took him to Italy, hoping it would be good for his health, but he died there in 1807. She was cared for there by a very devout Catholic family who so impressed her that she sought to be baptized when she returned to the States. In 1808 she opened a Catholic school for girls in Baltimore and founded the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg, Maryland. As mother of the community, she organized new schools, clinics and orphanages.

When she died in 1821, there were 20 communities of the Sisters of Charity and orphanages in Philadelphia and New York. The Sisters’ headquarters are still in Emmitsburg today.

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**St. Anthony’s Eco-Commission**

**Things you can do about Climate change**

Live in the climate. We can become accustomed to an ideal temperature, 70 degrees, in the house, car, and workplace. Let’s use climate control only for the extremes. When temperatures are moderate, live in the here and now. It isn’t difficult to open the windows and move forward. To register or put on a sweater for the cool days.

AC wasn’t as available years ago and we found ways to stay cool, it is possible to figure out a different solution. Who needs the dirty energy system that they have us all accustomed to living with, think about what you can do.