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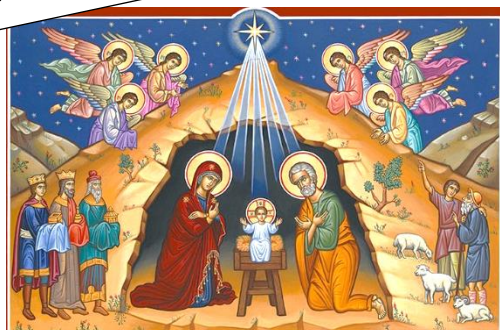
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See Calendar for the Mass schedule for our 2 Holy Days



## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent & Christmas December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday Devotions:**

8am Adoration, Rosary, Confessions

9:00am Mass, enrollment of scapular afterward

Next First Saturday Event: January 6<sup>th</sup>

***“Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God”***

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

**St. Anthony**

No weekday Masses  
this week

**St. Margaret**

No Mass on Friday

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

**St. Margaret**

Saturday at 4:00pm

**St. Anthony**

Sunday at 9:00am

**Sacred Heart**

Sunday at 11:30am

### **CONFESSIONS**

Half hour before Mass

### **ADORATION:**

No adoration this week

## ***Nine Week Novena for our new priest***

**Week 4 – Dec 23-29:** Holy Spirit, we bring to you all Seminarians, especially those who will eventually serve in our parishes. May they learn their academic lessons well and, even more importantly, may they learn the art and science of authentic love, which empties out all selfishness. Give them the graces they need to be patient with themselves and others as they learn how to be servant leaders. We thank you for holy mentors who accompany others to spiritual maturity.

### Calendar of Events & Mass Intentions:

#### **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Week 4 on Novena**

4pm Mass St. Margaret, Int: Mary Ellen Dixon

#### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent**

9am Mass St. Anthony, Int: Pro populo

11:30am Mass SH, Int: Colin Mackin

#### **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas EVE**

3:30pm Christmas Pageant at St. Anthony

4:00pm St. A. Christmas Eve int: Kathy & Mike Tripp

7:00pm Sacred Heart Christmas Eve Mass: Pro Populo

#### **Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day**

9:00am St. M Christmas int: Tom Linsmeyer

#### **Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Catholic Home School

#### **Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

No weekday Mass

#### **Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

No weekday Mass

#### **Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

No weekday mass

#### **Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> – Week 5 on Novena**

4pm Mass St. Margaret, Int: Louis Linsmeyer

#### **Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

9am Mass St. Anthony, Int: Eleanor & Wm Tripp

11:30am Mass SH, Int: For the People

#### **Holy Day of Obligation**

#### **Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Mary, Mother of God**

9:00am St. Anthony Mass, Int: Boots Mills

### Personnel

Pastor (Temporary Administrator): Fr. Felix Abano, Jr.

Accountant: Cain Accounting

Secretary & RE Coord: Dawn Johnson, 715-251-1773

RE Assistant: Donna Henrichs

St A Maintenance: Randy Pilon, 920-850-6998

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St Margaret Trustees: Andy VandenBush & Ed Nowland

Sacred Heart Trustees: Jim Carncross & Pat Schaut

St Anthony Trustees: Tony Noska & Judy Parent

### GROUP MINISTRIES

•Karen's Pantry Contact Donna or Teresa: 906.239.4662

•Prayer Shawl Ministry –1st Wednesday at 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in SVdP room. Call Cindy Pilon 920.851.7316

•SACCW –President Laura Brinkman 906.869.8868  
next mtg: January

•K of Columbus –2nd Tues of month @ 5:30pm in hall  
Christmas Party Saturday, Dec 9 at St. Anthony hall

•Finance Council – next mtg: January 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm

•Pastoral Council - next mtg: after Mass

### Candle Intentions:

St. Anthony: Infant Prague – Special Intention

St. Margaret: Sanctuary – Jerry Neumann

### Saint Anthony of Padua Giving 12/17

Collection: (available next week)

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Giving 12/16

Collection: \$1,559

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Giving 12/3 & 12/10

Collection: \$356 and \$249



**Youngsters are welcome to take a Candy Cane off the Christmas Tree in the Narthex at St. Anthony**

#### **Please pray for those in need of prayer.**

Roberta Vondall, Jimmy Farrington, Donna Moreau, Mike Michaud, Kim Geib, Kadyance M. Gilbert, June Anderson, Nick DalSanto, Mary Stewart, Blake Fleury, Mark Endres, John Geib, Jeff, Peter N., Lucinda Simone, Diane Rock, David Rock Sr., Geri Scheidt, Jeremy and Paula Conery, Dave Holmes, Nathan Glime & family, Elias Zarate, Riley Lestrud, Elijah, Duke family, Neil Anderson, Christopher Schoon, Jenna Erno, Dan Wetzal, Eric Frantz, Ellie Mae, Keri Rugg, Steve Keeley, Debbie & Joe, Debbie Ziebert, Kelly Jean Rose-Lehto, Trish Gardiner, Robin Rugg, June Uren, Marcie & Jim Crandall, Dick Doucette, Bonnie Nowland, Tom Balthazor, Jana Wood, Kathy Martin, Connor Wallace, Bob Butler, Robert Walters, Jody Wall, Roger Karban, Dan Hughes, Eric Kellings, Barb Schultz, Jim Brennan, Al Swanson

**Nursing home:** Terry and Cheri Sweig

**Please keep our soldiers in your prayers:** Adam Valeski, Sarah Mills, David Phillips, Emily Phillips, Drew Schiefelbein, Benjamin Oratch

**Please call Rose Bousley for intention 715-251-3249**

### Council's Corner:

- Our next First Saturday is January 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am and then Mass at 9:00am. This devotion was requested by our Lady to the Fatima children as she told them:

“those who for five months, on the first Saturdays, go to confession, receive Communion, say five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the purpose of making reparation to Me, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls.” Our Lady, December 10, 1925

**Pastoral Letter: *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist: Disciples Called to Worship***  
by Bishop Ricken

Part VII — Sent Forth as Disciples on Mission

**Mary, Mother of the Eucharist**

My mother was a convert to the Catholic faith, and my dad often said she embodied the heart of the faith. Yet it was my father who carried within him the living tradition of Catholicism as a cradle Catholic, and together they passed on this living legacy to their children. One of her favorite sayings was, “I had my children as gifts from God to love and cherish.” She did that for each one of us. When I was a child, I had fairly serious asthma. That was in the days before atomizers or other aids to asthma attacks.

In the middle of an attack, mom would take me in her lap and pray the rosary. Her loving embrace and her dependence on the gift of peace provided from the Blessed Mother helped me to recover my breath and gave me a deep peace. What a gift from a mother! I am a blessed man!

It's not surprising that my mom looked to Mary as her guide.

The mother of Jesus is the very first and the very best of disciples. She was the first to know him along with St. Joseph. She bore him, gave birth to him and raised him. She taught and instructed him, but she also learned from him about the Father and the love of the Father. She was the first of disciples and our model of enduring love, patient self-sacrifice and joyful witness. She is the most effective of all witnesses since she, from heaven, is still leading people to her son (pg. 42)

**Weekly Bible Reading for Mass:**

**Sun the 24th:** Psalter IV, Advent Week 4.

2 Sam 7:1-16; Ps 89:1-29; Rm 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38  
Vigil: Isa 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-29; Act 13:16-25; Mt 1:1-25

**Mon the 25th:** Solemnity of Christmas.

Midnight: Isa 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Isa 62:11-12; Ps 97:1-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Daytime: Isa 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

**Tue the 26th:** Feast of Stephen, first martyr.

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-17; Matt 10:17-22

**Wed the 27th:** Feast of John, apostle and evangelist.

1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; John 20:1-8

**Thu the 28th:** Feast of Holy Innocents, martyrs.

1 John 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:1-8; Matt 2:13-18

**Fri the 29th:** Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr

1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Luke 2:22-35

**Sat the 30th:** 1 Jh 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

**NOVENA** – Please join us in a 9-week novena as our parishes await the next priest to be assigned July 1<sup>st</sup>. (See first page for this week's prayer)

**THANK YOU'S**

Thank you Shelby, Christine, and all the youngsters taking part in the Christmas Pageant. We appreciate the reminder of what this Christmas Season is all about – Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Thank you to all those who stayed after Church last weekend to help set up for our Christmas season!

SACCW would like to thank everyone who supported our recent Pie Sale. 100% of the proceeds (\$545) were donated back to St. Anthony to be used specifically for utilities (heating bill).

Thank you Home Depot for donating the outside nativity set to St. Anthony Parish



**Knights of Columbus**

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**Smear Tournament**

February 17, 2024

**Registration 5:30-6:00**  
\$10.00 per person entry fee

**St. Anthony's Church Hall**

Beer - pop & food will be available

Contact Person- Andy Herman 715-251-3615

**Prizes**

**The Envelopes for St. Margaret's for 2024 are available in the lobby.**

**St. Anthony's are in the narthex**

**Shawl Ministry:** If you know anyone in need of a prayer shawl, please contact Cindy Pilon.

**Loving  
Memory of:  
Pat Recla**



**Deceased Members of the  
Brinkman Family**

In Loving Memory  
of: Phyllis Willis



“Praying for the souls in purgatory is the  
highest act of supernatural charity”  
~ St. Pope John Paul II



**December Devotion: The Immaculate Conception of Mary**

From all eternity God plans for Mary to be His Mother. She is saved from Original Sin at the moment of her conception because of the merits of Jesus’ redemptive work on the cross. Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant, who welcomes within her womb Jesus, who is the fulfillment of the Law, the bread from heaven, and the High Priest. The great honor given to Mary speaks of God’s holiness and His mercy. Everything the Church teaches about Mary speaks volumes about who God is and points to our own hope of eternal life.

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**In Loving  
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Jim Merritt**



In Memory of the  
Deceased Members of the  
**Kadulski Family**



“Who will teach me what  
is most pleasing to God,  
that I may do it?”  
St. Katera Tekakwitha

In Loving Memory of  
**Jim & Mary  
Parent**

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Call Don 715-929-0011

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loved one here...