

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2018



The Feast of **CANDLEMAS** is observed this coming Friday, February 2nd. In some parts of the world, this feast day marks the end of the Christmas season. Nativity scenes are stored away, holiday plants and the remains of the Yule Log are burned; their ashes are scattered upon the fields in the hope of a productive farming season. It is the feast that commemorates the day on which the Christ Child was presented in the Temple, recognized as the Savior by the holy man Simeon, and welcomed in the sight of the prophetess Anna. Accompanied with processions of gala magnitude, the Christian Churches of the East and West bless candles on this particular day as a sign that Jesus Christ is the true light of the world. There are some interesting religious customs that pre-date the secular designation of this February 2nd as "Groundhog Day." Throughout Europe, weather is associated with Candlemas Day. Inclement weather is considered a predictor of an early and prosperous summer. If the sun shines through the clouds on February 2nd, it is taken that 40 more days of cold and snow in the forecast will result. In Austria, sunshine on February 2nd is a blessing and an omen of good days to come. We, here in America, enjoy the fables of Punxsutawney Phil with all sorts of cute little jokes and rhymes. But still the day has its origins in the religious traditions of our European ancestors who brought the idea here and celebrated it for the first time in 1886 in and around the city in Pennsylvania that bears the unusual name of the rodent for whom the day is dedicated. Here is a rendition of the little song that these God-fearing "old-world" folk brought with them:

Monday,	1/29		
6:45 AM	NEVIO A. MARINI, III	MOM	
8:00 AM	DANIEL PETRUCCI	FRANNIE TURTORO	
Tuesday,	1/30		
6:45 AM	PANTANI FAMILY	MINUTELLA FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
Wednesday,	1/31		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM			
Thursday,	2/1		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM			
Friday,	2/2		
6:45 AM	ERSILIA DI BONAVENTURA	DAUGHTER	
8:00 AM	GIUSEPPE D'ERAMO	ELIA & AMERIGO PIERANTOZZI	
Saturday,	2/3		
6:45 AM			
5:30 PM	BILL MCNEAL	WIFE	
Sunday,	2/4		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	GIOVANNI & MAFALDA FABRIS	ALDO & TERESINA	
11:00 AM	JOHN & JENNIE MIRTO	DAUGHTER	



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel:

Mark 1:29-39

*"If Candlemas be fair and bright; Come, Winter, have another flight;
If Candlemas brings cloud and rain; Go, Winter, and come not again."*

It certainly attests to the religious framework from which Groundhog Day was derived. May Candlemas be a blessed day for you; have fun with the Groundhog stuff too!

Fr. Nick

"There is nothing which edifies others so much as charity and kindness, by which, as by the oil in our lamp, the flame of good example is kept alive."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized...

Liam Christian Naccarelli



In your charity, please pray for

Anthony DeGregory

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/21/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 9,982.16

Budget: \$11,361.51

Actual vs. Budget This Week: -\$1,379.35

Percent Difference This Week: - 12.1%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$9,054.78

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Marianne Calvarese	Roger Chao
Anita Dauphin	Mary T. DiBioso	Judi DiFrancesco
Thomas DiGuglielmo	Tommy DiVirgilio	Christopher Ganey
James Ganey	Richard Jakotowicz	Bonita Della Rocca Jodz
Mark Johnson	Grace Marie Matalano	Bill McNabb
William J. Nardo, Jr.	Patricia Ogonowski	Kelly Panella
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Nicky Rotundo	Lucretia Serio
Jimmy Silicato	Larry Silvestri	Albert Vietri
Robert Walton	Annmarie White	

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

Catholic Charities honors the Buccini Family at Annual Tribute Dinner

The Buccini Family - D. Robert, Bernadette, Rob, and Chris - will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the awards at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. To learn more about the Annual Tribute Dinner and our honorees, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorships or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities website at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

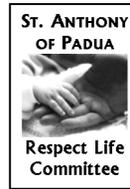
Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: February 16-18, and April 13-15.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Key Chain Sunday February 11



As a way to recognize what an important event obtaining a driver's license is in a young person's life, we invite all of our parish's new drivers - those who have obtained their license within the last 12 months - to attend 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 11th. There will be a group blessing administered. Additionally, parents are invited to "turn in their kids". Please contact Patty Roach by email at proach@stanthonynet.org with the number of key chains you need for your family.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Pope John Paul II

Second Collection

Next weekend, February 3rd and 4th, the scheduled second collection is for the Annual Oblate Appeal. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales have ministered to this parish since its founding in 1924.

Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive

The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual food drive at the beginning of the new year up through Super Bowl Sunday on February 4th, 2018. Any non-perishable food items are acceptable and all donations will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. May God bless our parishioners for their continued generosity.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 4th, Sister Ann David Strohming, Diocesan Delegate for Religious, will discuss the World Day for Consecrated Life. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

February is Stock the Pantry Month for Catholic Charities

Participate in Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project throughout the month of February! One in five families often must choose between making a rent or utility payment and buying food. In a single month, Catholic Charities distributes approximately 15,000 pounds of food throughout the Diocese! You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Drop off items like canned meats, soups, fruits, and vegetables; boxes of pasta, cereal, baking mixes; jars of peanut butter and jelly; coffee, tea, and powdered milk at any Catholic Charities location. Catholic Charities will also accept gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at www.cdow.org/charities, or call 302-655-9624. Those in need of food assistance should call the nearest Catholic Charities location.

Parish Monthly Social

Our next parish social will be held on Sunday, 2/4/2018, in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great treats from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degners Greenhill Deli, and a variety of foods.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday

7:00 PM, Padua Academy

Ring Mass

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 AM, PREP (Grade School)

10:00 AM & 12:00 PM, First

Sunday Social (Ballad Rm.)

2:00 PM, Via Crucis Rehearsal

Monday, Jan. 29

through

Sunday, Feb. 4

(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)

Grade School Calendar



Monday, 1/29

- Knowledge Bowl – 1:30 P.M. - School Gym
- Go Orange Day

Tuesday, 1/30

- Teacher Appreciation Day
- Twin (Match) Day

Wednesday, 1/31

- Spirit Day

Thursday, 2/1

- Student Appreciation Day
 - The entire school will be going on a field trip to see "Ferdinand" at Penn Cinema.

Friday, 2/2

- 8th Grade/Parents Volleyball Game – 1:30 P.M. in Fournier Hall

Rectory Part-time Receptionist

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is seeking an individual for the position of part-time receptionist at the rectory. The required work days and hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This position covers various administrative tasks, & the receptionist serves as a welcoming presence for visitors to the rectory, as well as a liaison between visitors and members of the parish staff. Anyone interested in applying for this position is asked to contact Bob Shields, Parish Business Manager, at 302-421-3771, or via email: bshields@stanthonynet.org.

Much Appreciated!

During the calendar year of 2017, the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community donated and the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council members delivered a total of 2,797 pounds of non-perishable food items to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. Thank you so much! Your generosity is awesome!

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

...for post-abortion healing will be held at Jesus House, Wilmington, DE, April 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at [302-333-1904](tel:302-333-1904) or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

S.A.C.R.E.D.

Sat., February 24th, 8 AM until 3 PM

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, light breakfast items, a hot lunch and all day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM, Noon and 3 PM; Sunday Mass at 4 PM.

Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31st online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>. Don't miss out on a fun-filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 18th time. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality includes coffee, tea, a light breakfast of yogurt, fruit and pastries plus a hot catered lunch with bread, salad, dessert, lemonade, iced tea, and all day coffee, water and tea. We expect over 200 people to attend this year, so don't miss out. Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 3rd. Elementary catechists will receive two contact hours for attending the morning session and three additional hours for attending the afternoon session. There will be no paper requirement for these hours. The parish with the most attendees receives the New Evangelization Award.

Our schedule is as follows:

- Sign in located in Lobby / Breakfast and coffee in the Dining Center (Reconciliation Option #1): 8:00 AM - 8:55 AM
- AM Prayer and Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM
- Session One: 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM
- Hot Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM (Reconciliation Option #2)
- Session Two: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Reconciliation Option #3: 3:15 PM - 3:55 PM
- Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM