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Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
December 24, 2023

MONTH OF THE NATIVITY

Holy Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM (High Mass)

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM

First Friday: Additional Mass at 7:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
(Please confirm with current bulletin or website.)

Confession:

30 minutes before each Mass and upon request.

Baptism: Please contact the Oratory in advance.

Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least 6 months
in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Second Sunday after 9:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Novena:

Monthly from the 17th to 25th: Infant of Prague

Please reference the weekly bulletins (also available on the website) for any temporary changes to the Mass schedule.

Very Rev. Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, STD, JCL, Vicar General & Delegate for the U.S.

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior

Rev. Canon Adrian Sequeira, Rector

Rev. Father Richard Munkelt, Priest in Residence

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

		7:30 AM	✠ Frank Dixon	by Luke & Michelle Dixon
Sun Dec 24	VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS	9:00 AM	Ewa Pekalska	by Barbara Mazur
		11:00 AM	✠ Souls in Purgatory	by Anonymous
		12/24	Pro Populo	
Mon Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 AM	✠ Olga Serfilippo	by Robert & Shirley DeLorengo
		11:00 AM	✠ Bernadette Bencsko	by Brian & Lisa Hart
Tue Dec 26	Saint Stephen Deacon & Protomartyr	9:00 AM	Special Intention	by Anonymous
Wed Dec 27	Saint John Apostle & Evangelist	9:00 AM	✠ Mary Jane Kenney	by Bonnie Cooper
Thu Dec 28	Holy Innocents Martyrs	9:00 AM	✠ Brian Fitzgerald	by Gerage Family
Fri Dec 29	Fifth day of the Octave of the Nativity	9:00 AM	Luz. Enith Moreno	by Geovanelly Moreno
Sat Dec 30	Sixth Day of the Octave of the Nativity	9:00 AM	Julius & Aileen Pulmano	by Julius & Aileen Pulmano
		7:30 AM	Special Intention	by Maria Yapor
Sun Dec 31	SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY	9:00 AM	✠ Stanley Sander	by Jeffrey Sander
		11:00 AM	✠ Brigeda Peggy Scozzaro Salerno	by Elena Santoliquido

PRAYERS & INSTRUCTION

INFANT KING NOVENA

~ said every 17th to 25th of each month ~

O Divine Infant Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Please, through Thy Blessed Mother, assist me in this necessity (**mention intention here**), because I firmly believe that Thy Divinity can help me. I hope with confidence to obtain thy holy grace. I love Thee with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I repent sincerely of my sins and I beg Thee, O Good Jesus, to grant me the strength to triumph over them. I resolve never more to offend Thee and I come to offer myself to Thee with the intention of enduring everything rather than to displease Thee. Henceforth, I desire to serve Thee with fidelity and, for the love of Thee, O Divine Infant, I will love my neighbor as myself. All powerful Infant, O Jesus, I implore Thee again, assist me in this need. Grant me the grace of possessing Thee eternally with Mary and Joseph and of adoring Thee with the angels in the heavenly court. Amen.

HOW MANY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS?

We apply the name of Christmas to the forty days which begin with the Nativity of our Lord, December 25, and end with the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, February 2. It is a period which forms a distinct portion of the Liturgical Year, as distinct, by its own special spirit, from every other, as are Advent, Lent, Easter, or Pentecost. One same Mystery is celebrated and kept in view during the whole forty days. Neither the Feasts of the Saints, which so abound during this Season; nor the time of Septuagesima, with its mournful Purple, which often begins before Christmastide is over, seem able to distract our Holy Mother the Church from the immense joy of which she received the good tidings from the Angels on that glorious Night for which the world had been longing four thousand years. The Faithful will remember that the Liturgy commemorates this long expectation by the four penitential weeks of Advent.

The custom of celebrating the Solemnity of our Saviour's Nativity by a feast or commemoration of forty days' duration is founded on the holy Gospel itself; for it tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary, after spending forty days in the contemplation of the Divine Fruit of her glorious Maternity, went to the Temple, there to fulfil, in most perfect humility, the ceremonies which the Law demanded of the daughters of Israel, when they became mothers. The Feast of Mary's Purification is, therefore, part of that of Jesus' Birth.

- Dom Prosper Gueranger, *The Liturgical Year*

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

David Drury, Rose Doane, Kim Herbert, Michael Gyiraszi, Rudy Gierok, Katie Williams, Jessica Kenny, Francine Cable, Linda Ewerka, Yooji Kim, Priscilla Torres, Loretta White, Arthur Connick, Segolene Clement

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Christopher Slattery, Dante Biong, Ann Kilminster, Teresa Archer, Donald Moglia, John Fagan Jr., Edmund Balaban, Salvador Salazar, Elizabeth O'Connor, Barbara Glitterman, John Kunzweiler, Csaba Leskowsky, Helen Fittin, Cathy Craig

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10 PM Confessions, 10:30 PM Christmas Carols

11 PM Solemn High Midnight Mass (*First Mass of Christmas*)

This Mass fulfills your Christmas Obligation

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

(Holy day of Obligation)

9 AM Low Mass (*Mass of the Day*)

11 AM High Mass (*Mass of the Day*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

7:30 AM & 9 AM Low Mass; 11 AM High Mass

11 PM TE DEUM & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

9 AM Low Mass; 11 AM High Mass

DONATION STATEMENTS

It is almost time again to issue 2023 donation statements. Many of you have filled out the census form to update our files. Many others have not. Therefore please contact the Oratory office if your mailing address has changed since this time last year. It happens often that a number of statements are returned due to incorrect mailing addresses. Thank you in advance.

AS WE APPROACH 2024

With the close of 2023, it is most appropriate to publicly express our gratitude to the many volunteers who help to make our Oratory what it is. While it is not possible to name everyone individually, we should thank our altar servers, choirs, church cleaning teams, ushers, altar flower society, and so many more who donate their time and resources for the greater glory of God and the benefit of us all.

Thank you all very much!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY CHARITY DRIVE

Christmas Day is the last day of the Holy Name Society's Charity Drive for the Dominican Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit, NJ. The items needed are: **Paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, flour, sugar, brown sugar, toilet bowl cleaner, floor & furniture wood cleaner, surface cleaner, potting soil, top soil, and mulch.**

Please leave donations in Fr. Wickens Hall in the box next to the Holy Name Society banner. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ORATORY WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND THE MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 19, 2024

Tickets are \$60 per passenger. As in years past, all registrations are accepted online. **There are spaces still available.** Please visit the following link or scan the QR code below to register. Grants are also available. You may contact the rectory for more information.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4dhy3sk>



WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ORATORY!

Please join us after the 9 and 11 AM Masses for coffee, a sweet, and some good company in the parish hall below.

2024 CHURCH LATIN COURSES

The Latin School at St. Anthony of Padua Oratory in West Orange will be offering the following adult courses in 2024: Summer Intensive Beginner, Fall Intensive Beginner, Fall Intensive Intermediate. For dates and tuition, please email: Lorraine at L.M.Harwelik@protonmail.com
Subject: Latin

IMPORTANT NOTE

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Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

VOTIVE CANDLES

WEEK OF DECEMBER 24

PIETA	3
Carol Sanchez—BS	
OUR LADY	5
Gabriella Miller—BS	
ST. JOSEPH	4
Rose Doane—JTJr	
ST. THÉRÈSE	0
Souls in Purgatory—BM	

■ Indicates number of intentions in the queue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun Dec 24: 10 PM Confessions

10:30 PM Christmas Carols

11 PM Midnight Mass

Mon Dec 25: *Nativity of Our Lord*

9 AM Low Mass

11 AM High Mass

Sun Dec 31: 11 PM *TE DEUM* and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in thanksgiving to God for all favors received throughout the year.

First Fri Jan 5: *Vigil of Epiphany*

6 PM Epiphany Water blessing

7 PM MASS

First Sat Jan 6: *Epiphany*

9 AM Low Mass,

11 AM High Mass

Sun Jan 7: Parish Nativity Play and Christmas Luncheon



THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Introit. Ex 16:6-7. This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. *V* Glory.

Prayer. O God, You Who gladden us year after year with the expectation of our redemption, grant that we, who now welcome with joy Your only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also gaze upon Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord Jesus Christ. Who livest.

Epistle. Rom 1:1-6. Paul, the servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, which He had promised before-hand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Who was born to Him according to the flesh of the offspring of David; Who was foreordained Son of God by an act of power in keeping with the holiness of His spirit, by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through Whom we have received the grace of apostleship to bring about obedience to faith among all the nations for His name's sake; among whom are you also called to be Jesus Christ's, our Lord.

Gradual. Ps. 79, 2, 3. This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. O Shepherd of Israel, hearken, O Guide of the flock of Joseph! From Your throne upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasse.

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Allelúja, allelúja. V. On the morrow * the sins of the earth shall be washed away, and the Saviour of the world will be our King. Allelúja.

Gospel. Matt 1:18-21. When Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. But Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wishing to expose her to reproach, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Do not be afraid, Joseph, son of David, to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.

Offertory. Ps 23:7. Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may come in.

Seret. Grant us, we beseech You, almighty God, that, as we anticipate the celebration of Your Son's birth-day, so we may joyfully receive His everlasting gifts.

Communion. Isa 40:5. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see the salvation of our God.

Postcommunion. Grant us, we beseech You, O Lord, to begin a new life with this commemoration of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Who gives us food and drink in His heavenly sacrament.

How to Request a Mass Intention

Oratory members both new and old often ask how they should go about requesting an intention for a Mass. To help clarify the process and avoid misunderstandings, please note the following:

The most reliable way to request a Mass is to fill out an envelope, which can be found on the back tables, and drop it in the collection basket. You may also make requests in person or by phone or email. However, this can, at times, become overwhelming and is prone to error. One envelope suffices for multiple intentions, unless there is danger of confusion.

The name of the requestor will be published in the bulletin and used in the card as written.

This tells us the amount you wish to give for the stipend / Mass offering(s).

If a public Mass is not necessary, please mark this box.

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St. Anthony of Padua Oratory

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

Name/Intention: _____ Please Print
_____ Living _____ Decased

Requested by: _____

\$ _____ Mass Offering \$ _____ Card (if desired)

Please mark the box if you do not require a Mass date. These Masses will be offered as a private Mass at the Oratory at the earliest available date. However, a date can not be confirmed in advance.

If a Mass card is desired, please indicate as such here. A \$1 donation per card is requested. Mass cards can be picked up in the sacristy the Sunday following your submitted request.