

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JANUARY 18, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

— JOHN 1:29 —



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday & Tuesday:
8:30 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Consult the bulletin

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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Today we begin Ordinary Time, a season outside of any special liturgical celebrations or observances such as Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter. During this time, the readings are generally of an instructional nature. Therefore, it behooves us to listen with our hearts as well as our ears. **In the readings for today, God is calling each of us to service within His Plan of Salvation.** All are called to participate! Even Jesus had a part in this divine Plan, the pivotal part, and He did not shrink away from it.

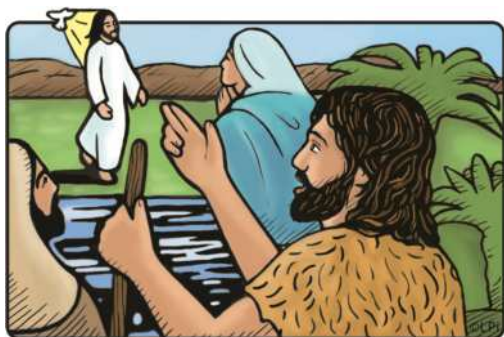
In the First Reading, from the Prophet Isaiah (49:3-6), we hear how the Lord called upon the Prophet Isaiah to be His servant in preaching to the people of Israel and Judah toward the end of the 6th century BC. This was a time of sadness and despair after the Babylonian Exile ended and the people returned to the area around Jerusalem and found little of what they had left behind. In this message, God promises to *"make you (the people of Israel) a light to the nations."* This *"light"* was, and is, the Christ Child whose birth we have just celebrated.

The Responsorial Psalm (40:2-10) is based on a teaching from the First Book of Samuel (*see I Samuel 15:22-23*). The refrain comes from the Letter to the Hebrews (10:9) both referring to obedience to the will of God as being superior to all forms of exterior worship. We must keep in mind that our worship of our God must be in accord with His will, not ours.

The Second Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:1-3) where he tells us that even he, Paul, and all the saints were called to be servants of God through Jesus Christ in bringing all mankind back to the Father — the ultimate goal of the Father's Plan. (*See Isaiah 49:5*)

In the Gospel Reading, from the Gospel of John (1:29-34), we hear John the Baptist explaining why he is preaching: He is being obedient to the One who sent him to preach and baptize as a way of *"making straight"* or clearing a path that leads to Jesus Christ. By doing so, John becomes the first witness to the divinity of Christ. Have you ever thought about being a witness to Christ? It isn't easy, yet it is most rewarding.

We, in western culture, are repelled by any thought of subservience; and yet without realizing it, we have become addicted to sports, shopping, food, and sometimes to people with strange messages and objectives. This is a form of subservience. At this time, the beginning of a new year, let us examine the direction our lives have taken and see what adjustments need to be made. Keep in mind that God's love for us calls us into a relationship where obedience and service are freeing and uplifting rather than restrictive or limiting.



Something to think
about during your
prayer time this week.

*Rev. Edward
J. Smith*

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling.

*Baptisms will be held on the
4th Sunday of the month.*

MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attending Mass prior to calling. No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

*Couples need to make arrangements
at least 6 months in advance*

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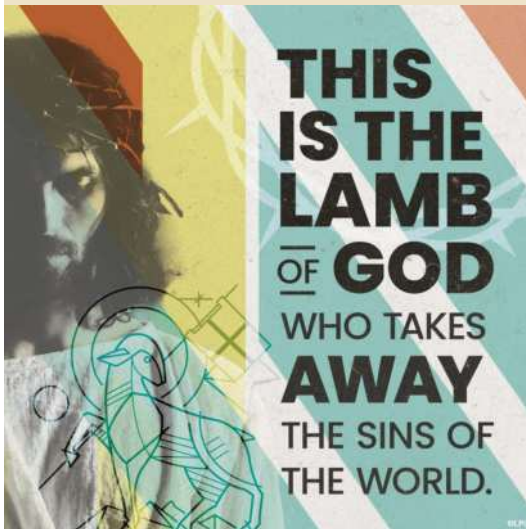
FIRST READING: I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)

PSALM: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

SECOND READING: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)

GOSPEL: John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



Sunday - January 18th - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Marceline (Marcie) Downie

Requested by: Maureen Slaven

Monday - January 19th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

8:30 am - †Fran Rottman

Requested by: Amy Rottman

Tuesday - January 20th - St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 am - †Living & Deceased Members of the Church

Saturday - January 24th - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00 pm - †Josh White

Requested by: Terry & Wendy Kushinski

Sunday - January 25th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

10:00 am - †Dineen Stack

Requested by: Alan & Marybeth Brailer

Calendar of EVENTS

January 18th - Diocesan National collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university in Washington D.C. By giving to this collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious & lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rotted education. **See your monthly envelopes for a Catholic University envelope** or visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

January 20th & 22nd - Pierogi Production from 9am - 2 pm

January 23rd - Parish Events Team Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Social Hall

January 25th - Collection for the Church of Latin America. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly & religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. **See your monthly envelopes for a Church of Latin America envelope** or visit www.usccb.org/latin-america to learn more.

February 6th - Parish Events Team Meeting at 3:30 pm in the Social Hall

February 14th - Save the Date! Join us for our **Reverse Raffle & Valentine Feast by Pogie** immediately following Mass in the Social Hall. **Tickets go on sale after all Masses beginning 1/17. (See page 6)**



Saturday, January 24th at 4:00 pm

Lectors: Jacob J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Joanne C., Lynne K., Pam W.

Sunday, January 25th at 10:00 am

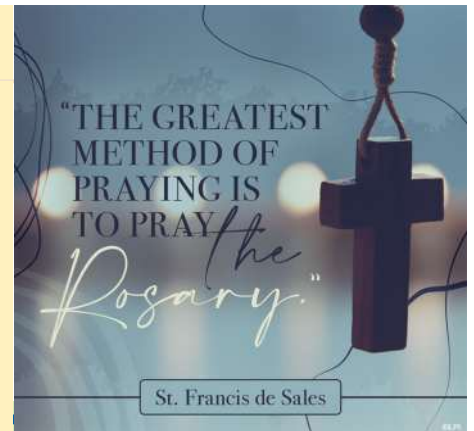
Lectors: Rose J.

Eucharistic Ministers: Anna S., Anna A.

OFFERTORY REPORT

NEW FISCIAL YEAR & BUDGET (7/1/25-6/30/26)

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$ 6,347.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/21/2025) \$ 8,821.00
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (12/28/2025) \$ 4,765.00
 7/1/2025 TO DATE +/- BUDGET..... - (\$27,045.12)



MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.

CONTRIBUTION CHECKS

When you write a contribution check in your monthly envelopes, **please be sure to make them payable to St. Anthony.** When you contribute for a special collection such as St. Vincent de Paul, we deposit the check and write them a check monthly. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In order to keep our bulletin prayer requests current, we will only be keeping people on the prayer list for 6 months at a time. **Beginning on February 2nd, we will begin this process.** If you have someone currently on the prayer list and you would like them to remain for the next 6 months, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for your prayers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Scott Barnes	Janet Baxter	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Pete Cetovich	Lynn Coscho
Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Dominic Doré	Denise Ellis	Diane Fate	Deacon Jose Flores
Norma Jean Flores	Scott Friges	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Joe Gluvna	Brian Grace
Dan George	Renee Golowenski	Carol Gonzales	Jillian Gonzalez	Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley
Judy Hromada	Bob Humphrey	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson	Al Jacobs
Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Tina Lascko	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Dean Martin III	Rita McConley
Sandra Merkly	Frank Murphy	Jim "Daddy-o" Naugle	Mary Nazario	Joan Paterniti	Raul, Maria & Leti Patino
Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Judy Smith	Mother & Dad Spanos	Emily Stefan
Jace Tokarczyk	Nevaeh Torres	Peter Uies	Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Linda Vrbancic
Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Doris Zgola-Whitka			

Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.

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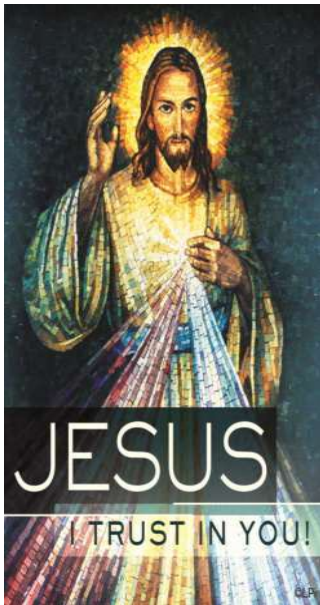
Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests, **Linda: 440-667-9050 or Terri, 440-320-3272**

ADORATION CHAPEL

DAY OF PENANCE FOR VIOLATION OF THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON AND FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD - JANUARY 22ND

*“Jesus, You came that we might have life and have it in abundance.
Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
You form us in our mothers’ wombs and call us to love You for all eternity.
As Your most precious gift of human life is attacked,
draw us ever closer to Your Real Presence in the Eucharist.
Dispel the darkness of the culture of death for You are the light
that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.
By the power of Your Eucharistic Presence,
help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage.
Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable
for You are God forever and ever. Amen.”*

~United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - THE VESSEL OF TRUST

The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only,
and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive.
Souls that trust boundlessly are a great comfort to Me,
because I pour all the treasures of My graces into them (*Diary*, 1578).

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, expand my capacity to trust in You! I and so many souls need and want more of Your mercy. Help us with Your mercy to desire more, to ask for more, so we may receive more graces. Fill our hearts with thanksgiving for Your mercy and help us share the graces we receive. Amen.

Get daily meditations emailed to you at
forms.thedivinemercy.org/dmdsignup/.

PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM [PROLIFECORNER.COM](https://prolifecorner.com)

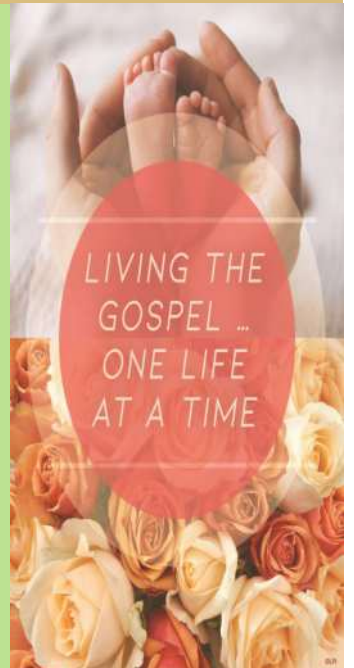
The Pro-Life Corner started in 1985 & at that time we believed that soon the atrocity of abortion on demand would no longer exist in America. **We were so very wrong.**

The sad reality is babies are still dying from abortions every day in our nation. Abortion is a popular & common form of birth control. Also the increased use of the “pill”, which is an abortifacient & causes thousands of abortions each day in America alone, is ending the lives of so many babies; the government sanctioned & taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood is another part of this ongoing war on the unborn.

Think about this:

“Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is (alive). And thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” ~Ronald Reagan

We must continue to pray constantly for an end to this evil & for an end to euthanasia & assisted suicide since they take so many lives each year. We must not get discouraged because strides have been made so we must keep on doing everything we can to help save lives.





MANY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

To Robert, family & friends, upon the passing of his brother,
Joe Rizzo on December 28, 2025
and

To Tammy, family & friends, upon the passing of her mother,
Judith Ziegman on December 29, 2025.

*May Joe & Judith's souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

LIFE IS CHANGED, NOT ENDED.

NEED A MASS INTENTION?

We are scheduling Masses for January to June 2026. Schedule by calling, 440-288-0106 ext. 221.
Please leave a message with your name, date of intention wanted, name of intention & your phone number.
We will call you back when scheduling is complete. *Requests will be honored in the order we receive them.*

We urgently need to fill these dates in January & February:

Monday, January 26th & Tuesday, January 27th

Monday, February 23rd & Tuesday, February 24th

JOIN US AT NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY PARISH



HOLY
Hour FOR LIFE



SATURDAY
JANUARY 24

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 24, FROM 2:30PM-3:30PM
FOR A HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE. WE
WILL HAVE EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION, PRAYERS, SONGS, AND
SILENT REFLECTION TO PRAY FOR
THE PROTECTION OF LIFE IN ALL
STAGES, AS WELL AS FOR PEACE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

You Are Cordially Invited To A....

♥ Reverse Raffle and Valentine Feast! ♥

50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, Cupid &
St. Valentine Stories with our own Deacon Paul!!

Saturday, February 14th, 2026

5:00pm-8:00pm

St. Anthony Social Hall – Lorain, OH
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Advance Reservation Price

Adults: \$18

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Children (12 & under): \$15

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♥ Cash bar for beer and pop ♥

JOIN THE FUN!!!

Reverse Raffle Numbers \$10 each—winner(s) takes home or splits a portion of the pot!
Consolation prizes awarded along the way

Paid Reservation needed before FEBRUARY 6th

**Selling After Masses Beginning January 17th accepting cash, check, Venmo

**Call 440-670-6091 for Credit Card transaction or come to the Parish Office

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Please make sure we have your correct mailing address or email when requesting.

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