

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

OVER A CENTURY OF FAITH & SERVICE

Served by the Order of Friars Minor (The Franciscans) since 1926



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PARISH REGISTRATION:

Please use registration forms in the back of church.

Return completed forms to the friary. WELCOME!

THE ROARKE CENTER

107 Fourth Street, Troy 273-8351

An outreach for people in Troy; offering its members crisis intervention and advocacy.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

12:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Monday – Friday 7:15am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Holy Days will be announced.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30-4:00pm in Church or
by appointment in the Friary

PASTORAL CARE

Please call to arrange for pastoral visitation including
Anointing of the Sick and Communion calls to the
hospitalized and homebound.

BAPTISM

Please call to schedule Baptism.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in
advance. Couples must attend a one-day Pre-Cana
Marriage Preparation program.

ROSARY

JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY
IN CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY
AFTER DAILY MASS

The mission of St. Anthony of Padua Church

is to minister spiritually, sacramentally and physically to all who enter our doors.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20-21, 2025

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory

Saturday, December 20th

4:30 Ed & Mary Zavis – *Marie & Linda*
 Lorraine DelSignore – *sisters, Marie & Linda*
 Rosina DeGiorgio – *Suzanne & Joe DeGiorgio*
 Angeline Cwenar

Sunday, December 21st

9:00 Jean Valenti (B'day Rem) – *Family*
 Frank V. Mottolese – *Steve Calacone*
 Christi Merola Van Royen – *Family*
 Joseph Julian (11th Anniv) – *Family*

12:00 For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 22nd

7:15 For the Homebound of our Parish

Tuesday, December 23rd *St. John of Kanty*

7:15 Pasquale Fulgan – *Family*

Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Mass 4:30pm

Thursday, December 25th
Christmas Mass ~
The Nativity of the Lord
9:00am 12:00pm

Friday, December 26th *St. Stephen the First Martyr*

No Daily Mass ~ Church & Office Closed

Saturday, December 27th *St. John, Apostle*

4:30 Ray Skiba – *wife Sue & sons*
 Mary Marble (B'day Rem) – *Suzanne Turner*
 David J. Trahan (1st Anniv) – *Uncle Paul &*
Aunt Joanne
 Carole DeGiorgio – *husband, Joe*

Sunday, December 28th

9:00 Patrick Razzano – *wife, Maria & Family*
 James Vincent Cocca – *Family*
 Maurice & Helen Germinerio – *Hallett Family*

12:00 For the People of the Parish

Saint of the Day for December 24th Christmas at Greccio



The Story of Christmas at Greccio

What better way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child than to take a brief journey to Greccio, the spot in central Italy where Saint Francis of Assisi created the first Christmas crib in the year 1223.

Francis, recalling a visit he had made years before to Bethlehem, resolved to create the manger he had seen there. The ideal spot was a cave in nearby Greccio. He would find a baby—we're not sure if it was a live infant or the carved image of a baby—hay upon which to lay him, an ox and an ass to stand beside the manger. Word went out to the people of the town. At the appointed time, they arrived carrying torches and candles.

One of the friars began celebrating Mass. Francis himself gave the sermon. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, recalls that Francis "stood before the manger...overcome with love and filled with a wonderful happiness..."

For Francis, the simple celebration was meant to recall the hardships Jesus suffered even as an infant, a savior who chose to become poor for our sake, a truly human Jesus. As we pray around the Christmas cribs in our homes, we welcome into our hearts that same Savior.

Reflection: *God's choice to give human beings free will was from the beginning a decision to be helpless in human hands. With the birth of Jesus, God made the divine helplessness very clear to us, for a human infant is totally dependent on the loving response of other people. Our natural response to a baby is to open our arms as Francis did – to the infant of Bethlehem, and to the God who made us all.*



Pray for the repose of the soul of
Vincent Morini
whose funeral will held
at St. Anthony's on Monday.
May he rest in peace, Amen

Parish Offerings

December 13-14, 2025

| Mass Time | Collection |
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| 4:30 pm | \$ 1258.00 |
| 9:00 am | \$ 737.00 |
| 12:00 pm | \$ 396.00 |
| Mailed In | \$ 840.00 |
| Total Offerings: | \$ 3231.00 |

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| Budgeted Weekly Collection: | \$ 2693.00 |
| Total weekly collection | \$ 3231.00 |
| Amount over budget | \$ 538.00 |

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| Insurance: \$10 | Snow Rem: \$10 |
| Black Latin Native Amer.: \$5 | Fuel: \$10 |
| Solemnity of Mary: \$20 | Candles: \$197.39 |
| Bldg. Repairs: \$ 25 | Monthly: \$695 |
| Christmas Flowers: \$55 | Christmas: \$50 |
| Immaculate Conception: \$863 | CCHD: \$15 |

Counters for Monday, December 22nd

Margaret F., Kathy P., Steve C.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24th 4:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25th 9:00am & 12:00pm

Office & Church Closed Dec. 26th – No Mass



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER of GOD

Wednesday, December 31st 4:30pm

Thursday, January 1st 9:00am

Office & Church Closed January 2nd – No Mass

LIVE STREAMING MASS

Sunday liturgy is available on **YouTube**. Our channel is [@StAnthonyofPaduaTroy](https://www.youtube.com/@StAnthonyofPaduaTroy). There is a link on our [webpage](#) where you can easily access our YouTube channel.



Prayers for Our Sick: Please pray for the sick of our parish family: Willie Feliciano, Glenn Anthony Reiniger, Pat Bond, Jim McPhillips, Madeline Kilcullen, Steve Bouchey, Rami Shehadeh and for all those in need of our prayers and support.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE IS IN PROGRESS!

Ticket sales will be in the vestibule prior to Mass starting this weekend. Drawing will take place before Christmas. **Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3. Thank you!**

Parish Memorial and Living Gifts Memorials are available to honor your deceased loved ones or as a gift to honor the living. Please call or stop in the parish office to make arrangements. You can purchase one month or multiple months. Your donation will be acknowledged in the bulletin and a gift letter can be sent on your behalf. **Sanctuary Lamp: \$40/month, Altar Bread: \$50/month, Altar Wine: \$50/month.** There are months still open for 2026.

Capital Region Caregiver Coalition

If you are caring for an aging loved one, need support or would like to learn more about senior housing options in the Capital Region contact the Capital Region Caregiver Coalition or visit website at: www.capitalregioncaregiver.com or email: meredith@communitycaregivers.org.

Father Richard is seeking volunteers to decorate the church. Please join him on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00am. Volunteers to help with the flower delivery are also needed on Monday, December 22nd at 10:00am. Thank you!



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

The US Council of Catholic Bishops makes daily readings available on their website. To see the readings, responsorial psalm and Gospel for the day's Mass, please visit. <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>. Here, you can also sign up to receive a daily email from USCCB with a link to the days Scripture readings

The Christmas tradition of **LESSONS AND CAROLS** will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, 16 Homestead Street, Albany on Monday, December 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm.



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| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FRANCESE FAMILY <i>WE MISS YOU,</i> From the Lupe Family</p> | <p>IN MEMORY OF <i>"TROY'S FINEST & BRAVEST"</i> <i>TROY P.D. & TROY F.D.</i> MAGNETTO FAMILY <i>Never Forget</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE THORPE FAMILY We will never forget sons Bob & John</p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH FARRON, SR. YOU'RE STILL WITH US EVERY DAY <i>Love, The Family</i></p> | <p>GRETHEN-CAHRENGER MEMORIALS MONUMENTS MARKERS LETTERING 58 114th Street, Troy, NY 518-235-3312</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF DAVID M. SKIBA & MOTHER, LYDIA SKIBA By the Family</p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE VALENTI & PEREZ FAMILIES <i>Peace and Love.</i> Valenti & Perez Families</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JAMES VINCENT COCCA <i>LOVE AND MISS YOU, WIFE, CHERYL & CHILDREN</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN, MARY & MARGARET DeLORENZO PATRICK & KATHRYN MACKEY ANTHONY & JOSEPHINE RAZZANO</p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROTHERHAM, MOSHER KENNEDY & ZULLO FAMILIES <i>By Family</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STUART & LECLAIR FAMILIES by Vivian Stuart</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH & MARYANN JULIAN <i>We LOVE AND MISS YOU</i> Love Forever, Your Family</p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES HEWITT LOUIS, ROSE, LORRAINE & LOUIS J. DELSIGNORE MARY & ED ZAVIS <i>Love and Miss you, Linda & Marie</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE BEVEVINO & VALENTE FAMILIES <i>With love,</i> <i>Mary Valente Bevevino</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FULGAN, FILES, PERFETTI, PATERNIANI, DAYTON & MURRAY FAMILIES</p> |
| <p>ST. PETER'S CEMETERY FOUNDED 1858 OAKWOOD AVENUE, TROY NY GRAVES AVAILABLE FOR SALE 518-273-8622</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRENDA "NANA" RYAN NANCY "NINEE" RYAN J. PAUL "POPIE" RYAN Love, Chris & all the Children</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE FITCH, HEFFERN & FISK FAMILIES <i>LOVE, MARY & CHILDREN</i></p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE <i>Colarusso-Cioffi</i> & <i>Kazmierczak-Kolach</i> <i>Families</i></p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LAFONTAINE, LAPINE & GELINEAULT FAMILIES Barbara Bellantoni</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARIO R. & ROSE M. JULIAN <i>LOVE, YOUR FAMILY</i></p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CALACONE FAMILY WE LOVE AND MISS YOU, SON, STEVE & GRANDSON, FRANK</p> | <p>DeFazio's Pizza & Deli <i>Homemade Italian Foods & Catering</i> 518-271-1111 518-274-8866 264-266 4th Street Troy, NY 12180</p> | <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARGARET & FRANK J. MILANESE JOHN F. & LORRAINE MILANESE MICHAEL C. & SONS: FRANK & JOHN MARY & NICK CONSUELA <i>SHALOM, MARGE MILANESE</i></p> |
| <p>St. Augustine's Adoration Chapel 25 115th Street, Lansingburgh OPEN DAILY 8:00AM-8:00PM Visit and experience the Power of the Eucharistic</p> | <p>LIVE BETTER ELECTRICALLY with ERIC KNIELE 518-273-5638 or 518-528-1306 Fully Licensed & Insured</p> | <p>Lazzaro's Autobody, Inc. 24 Hour Towing Insurance Claims & Estimates Complete Collision Service Uni-body Repairs 518-273-6500 60 Arch Street, Green Island, NY 12183</p> |
| <p>IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHRISTI J. HANSEN WE LOVE & MISS YOU, CHARLIE & ANDREW LOGGI</p> | <p><i>Wm. Leahy</i> Bocketti Funeral Home Inc. Since 1853 Funeral Home Family Owned Operated by Leahy Bocketti Harasymiak LLC 336 3rd Street Troy, NY 12180 518-272-3541 518-274-4710</p> | <p>MARK HAEGELE QUACKENBUSH & HAEGELE Plumbing Heating A/C (518) 235-3465 <i>323 Fifth Avenue, Troy 12182</i></p> |