

**Mass Intentions****Dec.13 SATURDAY - Saint Lucy – Santa Lucia**

4:00 All the Deceased of the Parish
For the Needs of All Parishioners

Dec.14 SUNDAY – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Vince & Gerarda Custode – by Mary Mauriello
Lili Martuccio-Custode – by dad Joe & family
Benedetto DiRienzo – by wife Angelina
Luigino Maruca – by family
Saverio ‘Sam’ Leone – by parents Pietro & Lucia
Santa Lucia – by Lucia Leone
Santa Lucia – by Maria DiRienzo
11:00 Luigi Scozzafava – by wife Teresa
Giuseppe Gigliotti – by wife Giovanna
Domenico Cameli – by daughters Mary & Rita
Sharon Caserta – by T & N Mazzei
Ben Salvatore – by Barb, Angela, B.J.
Louie Valeri – by family & friends

Dec 15 Monday - Blessed Mary Frances Schervier**Dec 16 Tuesday - Blessed Honoratius Kozminski**

8:00 Virgilio Fiello – by Olga Fiello
For the Homeless – by Francesca Azzano

Dec 17 Wednesday - Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:00 Mark Soltys - by Pat & Renata Covelli

Dec 18 Thursday - Blessed Anthony Grassi

8:00 Bruno Cerasuolo – by friends

Dec 19 Friday - Blessed Urban V

9:00 Maria Saporito – by family
Erminia Saporito-Sirianni – by family
Joseph Un – by Duy Nguyen
Ana Hoi – by Duy Nguyen
Ana Kieu – by Duy Nguyen

Dec 20 SATURDAY - Saint Dominic of Silos

4:00 Deceased Fiorentino/Giagnorio families – by
Mark Fiorentino
Sam Covelli – by Pat & Renata
Marina Bulaclac – by Fitas Hernandez

Dec 21 SUNDAY– FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 Luigi/Anthony Marano – by Angelina DiRienzo
Domenic Cameli – by wife Angelina
Maria Girolamo – by son Rocco & family
Angela/Mafalda Chiaverini – by P/A DelVecchio
Vitale Falivena – by wife Giuseppina & family
11:00 Vincent & Marie Morocco – by R. H.
Rosalie Morocco-Clark – by R. H.
Alfredo/Pilar Aquino – by Ralph, Alita, Eric, Sarah Elefante
Dr. Carie LaRosa – by Barb, Angela & B.J.
Carmen, Maria, Mario Maida – by Maida family
Ron Jamieson – by Maida family

GOSPEL MESSAGE

As we enter the 3rd Sunday of Advent or Gaudet Sunday, we are encouraged to make awaiting for Christ joyful. ...”for waters shall break forth in the wilderness and stream in the desert...sorrow and sadness shall flee away!” Joy comes when we feel we are loved by God. Joy flows when we create a meaningful relationship with God and our family members. Let us invite God into our busy life and free ourselves from the burden of spiritual apathy.

MESSAGGIO DEL VANGELO

Mentre entriamo nella terza domenica di Avvento o domenica di Gaudet, siamo incoraggiati a rendere gioiosa la nostra attesa di Cristo. ... “perché acque sgorgheranno nel deserto e torrenti nella steppa...dolore e tristezza fuggiranno!” La gioia giunge quando sentiamo di essere amati da Dio. La gioia scorre quando creiamo una relazione significativa con Dio e con i nostri familiari. Invitiamo Dio nella nostra vita frenetica e liberiamoci dal peso dell’apatia spirituale.

WEEKLY QUOTE

“Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal, and not wound.”
Unknown

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**One More Powerful is Coming**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts, concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” (Luke 3:15 - 16)

Introduction: Christmas gets closer, John the Baptist reminds us to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Reflection: John the Baptist was a very popular fellow. The crowds who had come out to the desert to listen to him were believing his words. Many people were ready to believe that he was the Messiah but he told them that the real Messiah was coming.

Prayer: Almighty God, we bring our prayers to you in faith. May we rejoice in knowing that all things are in your hands. In joyful hope, we pray, *“Our Father, ...”*

COFFEE WEEKEND – THIS WEEKEND

All parishioners and visitors are invited for Coffee and light refreshments in the Parish Hall after all the Masses this weekend. Enjoy the company of your faith community and catch up with the Parish events over coffee or tea prepared by our Welcoming Committee!

*This coffee weekend is being sponsored by-Fran Valeri
In Loving Memory of Louie Valeri/John Campigotto*

**Christmas & New Year
Mass Schedule 2025 /2026**

**FORM II – RECONCILIATION
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 18-6PM**

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 24th
CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:00pm
10:00pm (Instead of Midnight Mass)

**CHRISTMAS DAY
THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25th
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

(Italian) 9:00am
11:00am

FRIDAY – December 26th NO MASS

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 27th 2025

4:00 pm

SUNDAY-DECEMBER 28th

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

9:00am (Italian)
11:00am

MONDAY – DECEMBER 29th 2025 – NO MASS

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 30th 2025 – 8:00am

WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR'S EVE - DEC. 31st

4:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THURSDAY - JANUARY 1st

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

9:00 am (Italian)
11:00 am

Friday – January 2nd 2026 – MASS 9:00am

SATURDAY–January 3rd 2026

4:00pm

SUNDAY-January 4th -Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am (Italian)
11:00am

*The Office will be closed from Tuesday,
December 23rd 2025 to Monday, January 5th 2026. The
office will reopen Tuesday, January 6th 2026.*

**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED
HEALING MINISTRY – Next meeting January 12th 2026
Mount Carmel - 7020 Stanley Avenue, N. Falls**

**R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
AND -Join us to learn more about our Catholic Faith
and deepen our faith in God. ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Under the leadership of Fr. Kessete and other community leaders, we will walk with and guide those who may be interested in learning more about God and the Catholic Church. *If you are interested please register by contacting Fitas at 416-880-7395 or e-mail: office@churchofsaintann.ca.*

**2026 DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT
THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH
...until January 4th 2026**

Please pick them up as soon as possible

Christmas Flowers Donations

Offerta Fiori di Natale

Deadline December 21st

YEAR-END TAX PLANNING

To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the diocese has available a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the parish or diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donation. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and also receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes. For copies of this form or if you would like the diocese to assist in this process, please contact John J. O'Brien, CFO – at 905-684-0154 x 206.

**THINKING OF STUDENTS IN NEED
AT CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is a joyous time of year for most, but with families facing financial hardship it can be anything but merry. It's hard to believe that every day, one in five students goes to school hungry and waits in line to receive a breakfast. Your donation will provide a needy student with a breakfast and nourishing snack daily for a school week. Your support to help students in need would be greatly appreciated.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK
& THE HOMEBOUND**

Vince Anania, Mary Argenta, Giuseppe Armenti, Leonora Ballena, Angelina Cameli, Rita Cameli, Domenic & Wilma Calabrese, Iole & Gus Crescenzi, Estelle Critelli, Mario DeBiasi, Angelina DiRienzo, Maria DiRienzo, Adrianna DiRisio, Frank Dorazio, George Ellis, Carmen Fabiani, Jenny Green, Mark Johnson, Nancy Mazzei, Virginia McConnell, Patricia Millington, Tina Pupo, Vincenzina Pascuzzi, Bettina Paola, Teresa Scozzafava, Gregg Serles, Mary Slovak, Deanna Spaetzel, Don Taddeo, Marianna Weber

Please note on your calendar

**THE ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT
WILL TAKE PLACE on Friday, January 16th 2026**