

The Window



St. Anthony Catholic Church
December 2017



“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Parish Pastoral Council November 20, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Present: Fr George, Pat Bronner, Carmel Morris, Larry Schaefer, Phyllis Johnson, Lettie Buchanan, Gary Braman, Bruce Balsama.

Absent: Scott Summers, Richard Paladino, Patty Wright, Jesus Castillo, Tony Gill.

Non-member: Matilde Braman

Prayer and Reflection: Fr George

Fr. George Report:

1. On 10-22-2017, a Teachers' Training Program was conducted. **The Director of Adult Formation of the Diocese of Nashville, Ms. Joan Watson**, was the guest speaker of the day. The DRE and 18 teachers participated in the program. The teachers were highly impressed and were empowered by the program. I thank the DRE and all the teachers for their sincere response and participation.
2. On 10-24-2017, a special Mass was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. in view of Halloween and it was followed by a luncheon party and distribution of prizes for all participants. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee and all volunteers who made this a grand celebration.
3. The marriage of Mr. John Lawrence & Mrs. Ginni Lawrence was validated on November 10th at the 9:00 a.m. morning Mass by Fr. George. The couple, who reside in Hazel Green, AL, have joined St. Anthony Church. Welcome to the St. Anthony family, and our best wishes to the newly married couple.
4. On 10-12-2017, Mrs. Ginni Lawrence, who completed the RCIA training one year ago, was Confirmed to be in full communion with our Catholic Church at the 8:30 a.m. Mass by Fr George exercising the special power of delegation from the Diocese of Nashville. Congratulations and best wishes to Ginni Lawrence for a vibrant Catholic life.
5. In the wake of terrorist attacks at certain churches of the country, the Diocese of Nashville has asked the Pastors of all parishes to take safe measures to protect the parishioners with the support of local law enforcement. Accordingly, representing St. Anthony Church, Mr. Scott Summers and Mr. Gary Braman were requested to attend a presentation by local law enforcement in Fayetteville and present the insights to the PPC members to take the necessary steps for the safety and security of our people when they come for Sunday worship and prayer.
6. The Hispanic Community conducted a Retreat on 11-11-2017 organized by the **Dominican Nuns and led by Sister Maria Johanna and her team**. Nearly 50 people participated, they all enjoyed the program and were spiritually nourished. Congratulations.

Finance Board Report: Bruce Balsama

Committee Budget copies for Fiscal July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 were given to those chairpersons present.

Capital Campaign Committee Report: Richard Paladino

No report.

Building & Grounds – Tony Gill

No report.

Family Life – Carmel Morris

We had a great turnout for the Trick or Treat Luncheon. A big thank you to Ana and Ashley Vazquez for decorating the classroom for Halloween. Thank you to the Confirmation and High School classes who handed out candy and helped take down the decorations afterwards. Also, a huge amount of gratitude towards the people who stayed to help clean up.

Hospitality & Outreach – Phyllis Johnson

Thank you to all who attended the Halloween Mass & Luncheon on October 24.

Religious Education & Formation – Scott Summers/Patty Wright, DRE
No report.

Spiritual Life & Worship – Larry Schaefer
No report.

Social Action – Lettie Buchanan

Good Samaritan - October – 82 boxes given out. November – 95 boxes were given out.

Powdered Milk – October 270 quarts given out.

Good Samaritan Volunteers – Office will be open November 20 and 21. Office closed on 11-22 for Thanksgiving.

AT-Large – Gary Braman

Issue #1 – Fundraising Event (Similar to Harvest Happening) – Gary had been tasked by Father at a previous PPC to investigate the Parish conducting a second fundraising event similar to the Parish's Harvest Happening. He had nothing to report.

Issue #2 – Knights of Columbus. Gary stated that the Knights of Columbus (KofC) are implementing a program called "Building the Domestic Church." The goal of the program is to show that the KofC are an integral part of the parish and not a separate entity. An example would be in the bulletin announcement of an event. The announcement would state that that the Parish is conducting an event which is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. It would not be announced as a Knights of Columbus event. He asked if the Knights had a seat on the PPC. The answer was no however the attendees thought it was a good idea and it would have to be discussed with Father George upon his return from India. Additionally, it would require a change to the PPC Charter. Gary stated he would provide wording for the change to the charter.

Hispanic Community Integrator – Jesus Castillo
No report.

Communications – Pat Bronner

Pictures were taken of Ginni Lawrence Confirmation on November 12. Copies of prints were given out.

New Business: None

**It was noted by Fr George that Fr Bob Weiss will say mass while he is in India.

Next meeting: January 15, 2018

Adjourned: 6:50pm

Pat Bronner – PPC Secretary



SPECIAL ADVENT RETREAT SESSIONS For St. Anthony Parish

The Christmas season should be a time of great hope, but during the busy holiday season it is easy to get overwhelmed and lose sight of the "Reason for the Season." Advent is a liturgical season of the new Church year, preparing us for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is meant to be lived with deep spiritual anticipation. It is a time of year in which the Church invites us to look forward to spiritual gifts with the same kind of eagerness and delight that children feel towards material gifts. But how do we do that? The weeks leading up to Christmas are some of the busiest and most stressful of the year. How can we live them as God wants us to live them?

Advent and Christmas time are always busy, busy, busy. They come and go so quickly, and when the New Year arrives, we always feel like we should have lived them better; we should have given more time and effort to the simple things, the spiritual things, the real meaning of this important liturgical season.

This year, St. Anthony will be having three Advent Retreat Sessions during the three weeks of Advent, to help us to spiritually prepare for a good Christmas season, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Session 1 - Eternal Happiness	Wednesday, Dec 6, 7:00 pm
Session 2 - The Mystery of Suffering	Monday Dec 11, 7:00 pm
Session 3 - Who Do You Say Jesus Is?	Wednesday Dec 20, 7:00 pm

Please try to make the time to attend these events, or as many as possible, as part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas. To encourage as many as possible to attend, babysitting will be provided. Come and enhance your Advent preparation.





DECEMBER	HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
4	LISA PATTERSON	
5	ARACELI OCHOA-GARCIA, TANIA RUIZ, COREY CARDWELL	
6	TIMOTHY SMITH, ISAAC CASTANEDA, AUDREY SMITH, JASE TRAMMELL	
7	VINCENT RUHLANDER	
8	MIGUEL MARTINEZ-GARCIA JR.	
9	PATTI HICKS	
10	KATHY ANDERSON, JOE SMITH, ELIZABETH MEJIA	JOE & JOSIE DONALDSON CHRISTOPHER & EVA SMITH DAVID & MEREDITH KOWALSKI
11	KATHY FOWLER	
12	MARIA GUADALUPE CRUZ	
13	RICHARD PALADINO	TEOFILO & ANA VAZQUEZ
14	MAKINLEY WELCH	
15	JIOVANNA SANCHEZ-SOLIS, LUCY SUMMERS	
17	TOMMY BROWN	HEATH & SHERIE JACKS
18	CLYDE HOLT	
19	RENE' CRUZ, GAGE COON	MANUEL & SUSANA RUIZ- CABALLERO
22		MANFRED & MARIA ROTH
23	LEONARDO RUIZ-SANCHEZ, SR., NOAH YOUNG	
24	JACINTO SUGUITAN, KAROL DAVID VELAZQUEZ, BILL PFEIFFER	
25	MISAEEL VELAZQUEZ, VANESSA OCHOA, GINNI LAWRENCE	BRUCE & DEBRA BALSAMA, JESUS & ANDREA CASTILLO
26	STAN GOODRUM, MADEL CASTANEDA, MEREDITH KOWALSKI	TIM & DELIA COLBERT,
27	PHYLLIS HOLT, GABRIEL PEREZ, ALMA PRYOR	
29	TOM HOLDMEYER	
30	IRMA MORALES, JOVANY RUIZ	
31	TIM COLBERT, WILLIAM BUCHANAN, JORDAN HARRIS, MICHAEL BURTON, ZACHARIAS SIMMONS	RAMON & ISIDORA RUIZ



****December 2017 Announcements****

50's Plus Game Night – 4th Monday monthly at 6:00pm. Contact Tom or Pat Bronner for more information.

K of C Meeting – 2nd Tuesday monthly at 7:30pm.

Parish Council Meeting – 3rd Monday Monthly at 6:30pm. (None in June or July)

Spanish Group – Sundays after 8:30am mass.

Altar Linens – Mary Frame

Choir – Sundays after 8:30am mass. Contact Michele Wilson, Director for more information. (Every other Sunday during summer)

CCD – Sundays after mass. Contact Patty Wright, Director or Scott Summers.

CYO Meeting – 1st Wednesday at 5pm.

St.AY – 4th Wednesday monthly 6-8pm. Contact Michele Johnson at 732-4138.

Rosary Devotion - 1st Saturday monthly at 9:30am – 11:30am. Contact Glecy Weir at 227-6298 for more information.

Bunco – 3rd Thursday, Monthly at 6pm.

Coming Events

Women's Bake Sale – Sun., December 3 after mass

"Toys for Tots" – November - December

Immaculate Conception – Fri., December 8 at 8:30am & 7pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe – Sun., December 10 - 1pm music,
Mass at 2pm, Reception following.

Women's Christmas Party – Wed., December 13 at 6pm

CYO Christmas Party – Wed., Dec. 13 at 6pm in the yellow house

Penance Service – Thrs., December 14 at 7pm

K of C Christmas – Sat., December 16 @ 6:30pm at Cahoots

Christmas Program & Tree Lighting – Sun., December 17 at 5pm

Christmas Eve – 7:00pm, Mass @ 7:30. **Christmas Day** – 8:30am

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Mass 8:30am Women's Gld Bake Sale CCD	4	5 Mass 9am	6 Mass 9am Advent Retreat 7pm	7 Mass 9am	8 Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am & 7pm	9 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm	
10 Mass 8:30am Our Lady Of Quadalupe 1pm, Mass at 2pm	11 Advent Retreat 7pm	12	13 Mass 9am Women's Gld Party 6pm CYO Pty @ 6 yellow house	14 Mass 9am Penance Service 7pm	15 Mass 9am	16 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm	
17 CCD Kid's Christmas Program & K of C Tree Lighting 5pm	18 NO Parish Council	19 Mass 9am	20 Mass 9am Advent Retreat 7pm	21 Mass 9am	22 Mass 9am	23 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm	
24 Mass 8:30am Choir 7pm Mass 7:30pm	25 Christmas Day 8:30am NO 50's Plus	26 Mass 9am Office Closed	27 Mass 9am STAY Meet 6pm Office Closed	28 Mass 9am Office Closed	29 Mass 9am Office Closed	30 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm	
31 Mass 8:30am Hispanic Youth Group 12pm							

*Merry
Christmas*

December 2017 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Gifts</u>
Dec 2	Gary Braman	Julie W-Troy, Paula M Mary Frances Jones	Dan Jones Wyatt P, Natalie S	Randy Patterson Phyllis Johnson	Patterson Family
Dec 3	Pam Monaghan Larry Schaefer	Martha Wolf, Tina Cole Becky Harris	Tejal M, Mayra M Lucy Ruiz-Sanchez	Lonnie George Kaye George	Ruhlander Family
Dec 9	Donnie Keib	Gary Braman, Lettie B Ellen Brinkmeyer	Dan Jones Wyatt P, Natalie S	Anna Waggoner Geri Jones	Tito Family
Dec 10	Phyllis Holt Patty Wright	Debra & Larry Shaefer Sharon Ruhlander	Luis Ruiz, Omar Ruiz Ruthie Ruhlander	Grad Wright Joann Santa Maria	Harris Family
Dec 16	Kathy Anderson	Phyllis J, Mary Frame Mark Andersen	Dan Jones Wyatt P, Natalie S	Jim Anderson Jerry Benson	Jim Anderson Family
Dec 17	John Cain Mike Gamino	Lavonne D, Patty W Sherrie Gill	Conrad P, Jontae J Kaelynn Johnson	Tom Bronner Bill Dunning	Morris Family
Dec 23	Ed Kizima **See Sign Up Sheet for December 24 & 25	Julie W-Troy, Paula M Mary Frances Jones	Dan Jones Wyatt P, Natalie S	Tom Brinkmeyer Ellen Brinkmeyer	Clarence/Nancy E Ellen Brinkmeyer
Dec 30	Gary Braman	Phyllis J, Mary Frame Mark Andersen	Dan Jones Wyatt P, Natalie S	Ana Waggoner Geri Jones	Geri J, Julie Troy Ana Waggoner
Dec 31	Martha Wolf Richard Paladino	Lonnie & Kaye George Joann Santa Maria	Libby W, Marlene C Vincent Ruhlander	Grad Wright Tom Bronner	Suszczynski Family