

The Window



St. Anthony Catholic Church
January 2018



“Happy & Blessed New Year”



Feastday: December 12
Patron of the Americas

Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12 (USA) When we reflect on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe we learn two important lessons, one of faith and one of understanding.

Missionaries who first came to Mexico with the conquistadors had little success in the beginning. After nearly a generation, only a few hundred Native Mexicans had converted to the Christian faith. Whether they simply did not understand what the missionaries had to offer or whether they resented these people who made them slaves, Christianity was not popular among the native people.

Then in 1531 miracles began to happen. Jesus' own mother appeared to humble Juan Diego. The signs -- of the roses, of the uncle miraculously cured of a deadly illness, and especially of her beautiful image on Juan's mantle -- convinced the people there was something to be considered in Christianity. Within a short time, six million Native Mexicans had themselves baptized as Christians.

The first lesson is that God has chosen Mary to lead us to Jesus. No matter what critics may say of the devotion of Mexicans (and Mexican descendants) to Our Lady of Guadalupe, they owe their Christianity to her influence. If it were not for her, they would not know her son, and so they are eternally grateful. The second lesson we take from Mary herself. Mary appeared to Juan Diego not as a European madonna but as a beautiful Aztec princess speaking to him in his own Aztec language. If we want to help someone appreciate the gospel we bring, we must appreciate the culture and the mentality in which they live their lives. By understanding them, we can help them to understand and know Christ. Our Lady of Guadalupe is patron of the Americas.

Parish Pastoral Council November 20, 2017 – 6:30 pm
(Revised At-Large Committee report)

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 George at a previous PPC to investigate the Parish conducting a second fundraising event similar to the Parish's Harvest Happening. He had previously provided a report to the PPC and said he will resend the report to the PPC members prior to the January 2018 meeting for their review.

Issue #2 – Church Security. Gary stated that he and Scott Sommers had been asked by Father George to attend a security presentation for churches on Tuesday, November 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Municipal Building sponsored by the Fayetteville Police Dept. He would provide results of the presentation at the January 2018 meeting. He also stated he would be preparing a draft emergency response plan for the church. The plan would contain information on responding to an active shooter in the church, tornadoes, and other such emergencies. He would provide a draft copy of the report to PPC members prior to the January 2018 meeting for their review.

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




HAPPY NEW YEAR

January	Happy Birthday	Happy Anniversary
2	Lidia Ruiz, Deborah McFerrin	
3	Karina Castillo	
5		Alton & Nancy McCue
6	Lavonne Dunning	
7	Hilda Troy, Adam McCormick	Edward & Ruby Viner
8	Tony Gill, Esther Colf	
10	Mary Frame, Tom Javins, Josara Ochoa, Pat Teder	
12		Pedro & Eduvina Ruiz, Salvador & Lidia Ruiz
13	Kenyi Segura	
15	Christian Perez	
16	Stephen Surowitz, Carol Gorman	
17	Rosa Luna	
18	Jeff Helums	
19	Jim Monaghan, Yarely Ayala-Huerto, Meghan Helums	
20	Tricia Tito, Sandra Rundle, Eli Young	Bill & Sylvia Pace, Mark & Jionela Andersen
21	Edie Kizima, Allie Ruhlander, Waylon Farris	
23	Angela Bagley, Earl Hicks	Ronald White & Donna Kirkwood
24	Carmel Morris, Sherrie Gill, Jessenia Ruiz, Thomas James Wilson (TJ) Margaret Calhoun	
25	Dallas Barnack, Mary Lyn Brown, Missy Pace, Alejandro Padilla	
26	Lindsay Colbert, Mary Grace McAlister, Felipe Cruz-Sanchez, Katherine Cardwell	
27	Oscar Garcia-Torres	
29	Ben King	
30	Al Palacio	
31	Pattie Brown, Sr	



Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children – January 22

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No Mass	2 Mass 9am	3 Mass 9am	4 Mass 9am	5 Mass 9am Hispanic Rosary 12pm	6 Devotion 9:30 - 11:30 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm
7 Mass 8:30am CCD Hispanic Youth Group 12pm	8	9 Mass 9am K of C Meet 7:30pm	10 Mass 9am Quilling Club 6pm	11 Mass 9am	12 Mass 9am Hispanic Rosary 12pm	13 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm
14 Mass 8:30am CCD Hispanic Youth Group 12pm	15 Parish Council 6:30pm	16 Mass 9am	17 Mass 9am	18 Mass 9am Bunco 6pm	19 Mass 9am Hispanic Rosary 12pm	20 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm
21 Mass 8:30am CCD Hispanic Youth Group 12pm	22 50's Plus Game Night 6pm	23 Mass 9am	24 Mass 9am STAY Meet 6-8pm	25 Mass 9am	26 Mass 9am Hispanic Rosary 12pm	27 Mass 5:30pm Sp Serv 7pm
28 Mass 8:30am CCD Hispanic Youth Group 12pm	29	30 Mass 9am	31 Mass 9am			

****January 2018 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 – Jionela Andersen

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 – Contact Patty Wright for more information.

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

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

Bunco – 3rd Thursday, Monthly at 6pm.

Coming Events

****Fr. George will be in India from January 2 – February 6.
Fr. Robert Weiss will preside in his absence.**

In Memorandum

Charles (Charlie) Gannon – Died 3-9-17
Bernadette (Bernie) Sokol – Died 6-14-17
Billie Sue Presti – Died 6-19-17
Christopher (Chris) Surret – Died 9-8-17
Doug Krzyzewski – Died 11-18-17

May God Bless and keep them in His infinite care.

January 2017 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Gifts</u>
Jan 7	Gary Braman	Mary Frame Phyllis Johnson	Dan Jones	Tom Brinkmeyer Ellen Brinkmeyer	Ed & Edie Kizima Ellen Brinkmeyer
Jan 8	John Cain Mike Gamino	Kaye & Lonnie George Joann Santa Maria	Tejal Morris Frank Brown	Bill Dunning Tom Bronner	Pfeiffer Family
Jan 14	Kathy Anderson	Lettie Buchanan Gary Braman	Dan Jones	Randy Patterson Phyllis Johnson	Patterson Family
Jan 15	Joann Santa Maria Richard Paladino	Pam Monaghan, Becky Harris, Tina Cole	Libby Wright Tommy Brown	Lonnie George Kaye George	Ruhlander Family
Jan 21	Ed Kizima	Mary Frances Jones Julie West-Troy	Dan Jones	Jim Anderson Jerry Benson	Jim Anderson Family
Jan 22	Larry Schaefer Pam Monaghan	Lavonne Dunning, Glecy Weir Sherrrie Gill	Sarah Cox Erica Cox	Dallas Barnack Grad Wright	Harris Family
Jan 28	Donnie Keib	Ellen Brinkmeyer Josie Donaldson	Dan Jones	Ana Waggoner Julie West-Troy	Clarence/Nancy Eck Ana Waggoner
Jan 29	Youth	Debra & Larry Schaefer	Allie Ruhlander Vincent Ruhlander	Youth (Tom Bronner, Bill Dunning)	Youth