

Please pray for the health and the healing of our friends and relatives: Larry Harkins, Joyce Rogers, Stacy Polasko, Billy Adkins, Carolyn Johnson, Angie McKibben, Cullen Rowley, Kathy Means, Doug Gilliland, Mary Buhl, Jim Sheaffer, Lela Rathburn, Ben Montgomery, Dorothy Booth, Adam Calhoun, Jack Hagerty, Colleen Phillips, and all of our Armed Forces

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 13
11:00 a.m.

Steve Kern
-Br. Rex Anthony Norris

Wednesday, January 16
5:30 p.m.

The Favre Family
-Barbara Keyes

Sunday, January 20
11:00 a.m.

John H. Ryan
--Kathleen Bledsoe

(When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, please send in at least one month in advance, the sooner the better. Due to print deadlines, intentions requested in less than a week will be placed at the soonest possible date if not already reserved by someone else.)

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENT

For Sunday January 20, 2019

Altar Servers	Grace Megan
Lectors	Kathleen Bledsoe Charles Cohara
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bill Nose Elaine Rannels

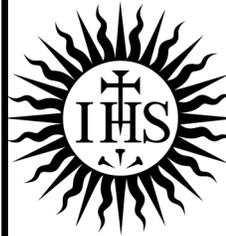
Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time

<i>Thank you for your generous support.</i>	Weekly Offertory	Fiscal Year to date Offertory
Budgeted – 12/16 -30/18	\$ 3,784.62	\$ 33,361.58
Actual– 12/16/18	\$ 678.00	\$ 27,563.50
12/23/18	618.00	
12/24/18	1,072.00	
12/30/18	927.00	
Difference	(\$ 489.62)	(\$ 5,798.08)

Barbara Keyes

Barbara Keyes, 77, passed away at her home on Thursday January 3. Her Funeral Memorial Mass was held here on Wednesday January 9th. The celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Dooley with Fr. David as the homilist. We will certainly miss Barbara's presence at St. Sylvester Parish. We continue to pray for Barbara's soul, her family and friends at this time.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



From the Desk of Fr. Dooley

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (From our Gospel today).

We have reached the conclusion of the Christmas Season with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. It is curious to see that Our Lord approaches John the Baptist as a beggar in order for us to participate ever more fully in a relationship with God. At our baptism, we become sharers in the light of God.

None of us are "born" Catholic, rather the way is opened to us and we can travel into our new birth of water and the Spirit (Jn 3:5). At every baptism, we hear of the belovedness of each individual. Pope Francis asked once in a homily: "when is your baptismal date?" That would be worth knowing in our lives! Whether you were baptized as an infant, child, or adult, we are born into eternal light. No sin, behaviors, or the past can define the human person. Only God defines as beloved or in other words, as a blessing.

Do I treasure my baptism? Do we realize that baptism is a gift and not just an empty ritual? May we always treasure our faith, especially in the sacrament of baptism.

In Christ the Liberator,
Fr. Dooley

Note Well: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has composed a pastoral letter on the sin of racism entitled: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. Please read the bulletin insert on this important topic.



We wish to thank all who donated to the Christmas Memorial/Honor Fund 2018. Your support helps to cover the expense of all the poinsettias, flowers and other decorations that may be needed to make our church as beautiful as possible for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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| Bledsoe Family | Raymond & Mary Alice Hayes |
| Clark & Gill Families | Jay Hayes |
| Charles & Jean Curran | Marsha Matthews |
| Fr. Jim Csaszar | Bill & Helen Morgan |
| Russell & Mary Jo Dooley | Ann Nose |
| Julia Doyle | Frank, Christine, & Bob Nose |
| Kathryn Eppiloto | Dick & Clara O'Leary |
| James Gray | Delbert Perry |
| Margie Gray | Bob & Kirk Redding |
| | Margaret & Merel Redding |
| | Ryan Family |

Baby Bottle Campaign

We will once again be participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center in Athens. Please take a bottle and fill with change and money and return the Bottle the weekend of February 3. See Vicki Harkins for additional information or questions. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this project to help protect life.



Year of the Family

Living the Liturgical Year
*Celebrating Saints and Feasts to
Enrich Hearts and Homes*

**January 17: St. Anthony the Abbot, father of monks, patron of
pets, livestock and farmers**



This Egyptian saint from the third century came from a prestigious and wealthy family. After the untimely death of his parents, he heard the gospel message, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." (Matt. 19:21) His parents had left him a large sum of money and property but he gave much away, sold the rest and gave it to the poor. He began living an ascetic life in the desert with rigorous mortifications; sleeping on

the ground, eating only bread and salt and drinking only water. Indeed, the Lord had spoken to him in his heart and he lived in solitude for about 20 years after which time, it was said, his purified soul was thoroughly immune to the vanities of the world. People sought him out in the desert for council and prayers and monks throughout Egypt sought him out to imitate him. Disciples made their abodes around him and he instructed them. After his death in 356, St. Athanasius, his friend, wrote Anthony's biography which for centuries became the classic handbook of ascetics. Read more about St. Anthony's amazing life here: [https:// www.ewtn.com/saintsholy/saints/A/stanthonytheabbot.asp](https://www.ewtn.com/saintsholy/saints/A/stanthonytheabbot.asp) Since St. Anthony was all about simplicity; here is a simple, healthy recipe to try in honor of him. (You may want to keep this recipe for Lent!)

RECIPE: St. Anthony of the Desert Soup (serves 4-6)

3 tbsp olive oil	1 cup barley
1 carrot finely grated	2 leeks, sliced
1 bay leaf	1/3 cup fresh parsley, minced
salt to taste	7 cups water
1 vegetable bouillon cube, if desired	
chopped mushrooms, if desired	

Directions: Heat the oil in a soup pot and add the barley, stirring continuously for one minute. Immediately add the carrot, leeks, bay leaf, parsley, salt and water. Cook the soup over low to medium heat, covered, for 40-45 minutes, until the barley is tender. Add more water if needed. For extra flavor, add the bouillon cube and the mushrooms during the last 20 minutes of simmering. Remove the bay leaf. Serve hot with some bread for dipping.

READING:

(family) *St. Anthony the Great* by John Chryssavgis and Marilyn Rouvelas

(high school +) *St. Anthony of the Desert* by St. Athanasius;

The Thirty Eight Sayings of Saint Anthony the Great by Abba Anthony Curley

Prayer

Father, You called St. Anthony to renounce the world and serve You in the solitude of the desert. By his prayers and example, may we learn to deny ourselves and love You above all things. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen.

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION!

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S (February 16, 2019)

OR

CATHOLIC MEN'S

CONFERENCE (February 23, 2019)

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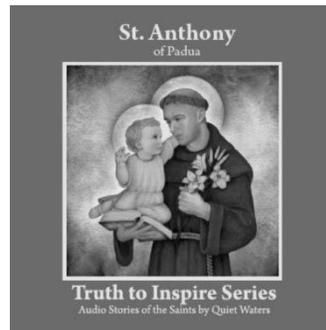
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**PICK OF THE WEEK – January
13, 2019**

Born into an important Portuguese Family, his father being a politician, young Anthony wanted to sacrifice his life to be a martyr for Christ in Morocco. Nevertheless, God had other plans for Anthony when he met some humble traveling Franciscans, and he left his studies to

follow Francis and spread the Gospel. Listen to this exciting story of a beloved saint! Bonus track "All Praise is Yours" was written and recorded by the San Damiano Youth group during their 2010 Srodowisko at Quiet Water's Cabrini Center in Collins Center, NY. Find this and more on the formed website. Access Code VZ4F2W or download the free app for your phone!

