



## The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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#### *Parish Office Hours*

Monday 8:30AM - 3:00PM  
Tuesday 8:30AM - 3:00PM  
Wednesday 8:30AM - 3:00PM  
Thursday 8:30AM - 3:00PM

Office is CLOSED on Fridays

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**January 11, 2026**



*From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV*

## THE GRACE OF BAPTISM

### LIVING AS SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

Dear brothers and sisters, with this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we conclude the Christmas Season and begin the first part of the season of Ordinary Time. The baptism of the Lord Jesus marks the beginning of His public ministry and reveals His identity as the beloved Son of God, when 'a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased"' (Matthew 3:17). In the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church invites us to contemplate the profound humility of our Lord Jesus Christ as He steps into the waters of the Jordan. Though He is the Son of God, Jesus submitted to John the Baptist's call to repentance. **Although sinless, our Lord stood in line with sinners for baptism. In doing so, He, the Emmanuel – God is with us – was identifying with our human condition, preparing Himself to be the "Lamb of God" who takes away our sins.** The baptism of our Lord reminds us that baptism is not only a joyful Christian ritual, but it is also a call to ongoing transformation and discipleship. The Sacrament of Baptism unites us with Christ. As the water of baptism is pour on our head, we too hear the voice of the Father telling us "You are my son / daughter in whom I am well pleased."

My fellow Catholics, this Feast of our Lord's baptism helps us to reflect on our own baptism. Many of us were just babies when we were baptized. However, through our catechesis and instruction in the faith we know that we have been grafted in an intimate way to God. We are, therefore, not just clumps of cells occupying space in this cosmos. **Baptism washes away the stain of Original Sin, makes us Sons and Daughters of God and members of His Holy Body, the Church.** In baptism, we receive the grace from God to bare witness to the Gospel in the world. As baptized men and women, we have a duty and a responsibility to be agents of God's love and mercy in the world. Each of us is called to proclaim the gospel in our own little way. This is what we call the Great Commission. Our Lord Jesus commanded us to 'go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Matthew 28:19-20). Evangelization is not just the work of bishops, priests, deacons, religious men and women or catechists. It is the mission of every baptized person.

Dear parents, this feast also helps you and your family to recall the joyful day of your child's baptism, when you brought him or her into the house of God to receive God's grace. On that day, you made a solemn promise to God "to bring this child up in the practice of the faith, to Love God and neighbor. This was and still is a serious promise of faith.

May our celebration of this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord help us to recall and renew our baptismal promises. **More than ever, the Church seriously needs serious, faithful and vibrant Catholics who are active in their love of God, committed to the Church as the Body of Christ and, passionate in sharing the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.** May this feast deepen our relationship with God and help us to carry the light of Christ into the world, so that together we may contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in the world.

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua. There are no Strangers at Saint Anthony's - Only Friends We Haven't Met.



## Mass Intentions

### at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

**Morning Prayer** - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

**Saturday January 10**  
4:00PM Tyke G. Mojica  
Requested by his loving family

**Sunday January 11** *The Baptism of the Lord*



8:30AM People of the parish family

11:30AM Attila Modeszto  
Requested by the Modeszto family

**Monday January 12**  
7:30AM Richie Simeone  
Happy Birthday in Heaven  
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

**Tuesday January 13** *Saint Hilary*  
7:30AM Elisa Gurney  
Requested by son, Stanley and Eileen Gurney

**Wednesday January 14**  
7:30AM Thomas J. Farrell  
Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke

**Thursday January 15**  
7:30AM Antoinette Clerico  
Requested by her loving niece,  
Beverly Cuzzo

**Friday January 16**  
7:30AM Irene Vernillo  
Requested by Jean and Charles Cheddar

**Saturday January 17** *Saint Anthony, Abbot*  
4:00PM Richie Simeone (2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in Heaven)  
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

**Sunday January 18**  
8:30AM Eleanor Pagliuca (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary in Heaven)  
Requested by her loving family

11:30AM Robert Fischer  
Requested by his loving wife, Carol Fischer

### Update: One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioner who died a year ago in 2025:  
Barbara Delaney - January 25

### at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

**Morning Prayer** begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

**Saturday January 10**  
8:30AM People of the parish family

**Sunday January 11** *The Baptism of the Lord*  
10:00AM Ernesto and Leticia Torres  
Requested by Mina and Edwin Torres

**Saturday January 17** *Saint Anthony, Abbot*  
8:30AM Jim Reilly  
Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.

**Sunday January 18**  
10:00AM People of the parish family

### This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7  
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10  
Acts 10:34-38  
Matthew 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8  
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19  
Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20  
1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd  
Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
Psalms 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11  
Psalms 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25  
Mark 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a  
Psalms 89:16-17, 18-19  
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a  
Psalms 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Mark 2:13-17

Sunday: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6  
Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
John 1:29-34



Beginning February 6, 2026 the parish office will be open from 8:00AM to 12:00PM on Fridays





## VOTIVE CANDLES

*Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated*

***at Saint Anthony of Padua Church***

### **TABERNACLE**

In loving memory my brother, Richie Simeone  
Happy 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
Requested by his loving sister, Rosemarie and  
brother-in-law Ray Palinkas

In loving memory of Genepi Coppola Gabriel  
Requested by his niece, Michele Contala

In loving memory of Tyke G. Mojica  
Requested by his loving family

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,  
John Patrick and Owen  
Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of my loving husband, Richie on his  
second anniversary of his death (January 16)  
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

### **CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**

In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,  
and Jeffrey Pagliuca  
Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy  
Requested by Karen and Kevin Barnes



***Pray ...***

**for our parishioners residing in nursing  
homes and care centers, the sick and  
homebound, especially:**

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage,  
John Carpenito, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion,  
Justin Carpentieri, Steven DeNoyelles, Beth Dispoto,  
Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele,  
Frank Fernandez, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman,  
Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray, Alfred Leone,  
James G. Lockheed, Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone  
Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV, David Russell,  
Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen, Maryann Vyszwan, y,  
Matthew Woods



***Pray ...***

**for all the brave military personnel,  
especially the men and women in uniform of  
our parish family who are serving our  
country at home or abroad. We also pray  
for their family members.**

***Pray for Peace!***

## 2025 Contributions to Saint Anthony of Padua Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship site

### ***FINANCIAL REQUEST FORM 2025***

The parish office needs at least ten  
(10)business days for your request to  
be processed.

Please send me a listing of contributions  
I/we made to Saint Anthony's for 2025

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ENVELOPE #: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE indicate total Church contributions

We do not list contributions or special  
collections without envelopes. If you do not use  
your envelopes, then we have no record of any  
donations you might have made.

**NOTE:** This statement does not include the  
Bishop's Annual Appeal. This information may  
be obtained through the diocese by calling  
732-562-1990.

Return this form in the collection basket or to  
the parish office.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR  
PARISH COMMUNITY!***

## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**FOOD Distribution is**  
Wednesday, January 21

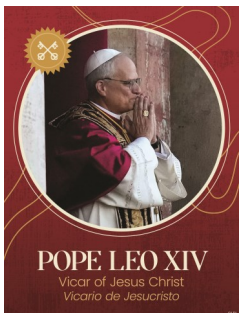
### ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit	Canned meat
Canned sweet potatoes	
Canned tuna	Canned vegetables
Cereal	Chili
Jelly	Mac and Cheese
Oatmeal	Pancake mix
Pancake syrup	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	
Potatoes - instant, canned, fresh	
Rice	Tomato Sauce

We will always accept toiletry and household items such as bodywash, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish detergent.

If you know someone who needs assistance, contact the parish office or email: [info.StAnthony1@gmail.com](mailto:info.StAnthony1@gmail.com).

*Thank you for your contributions which help our local community.*



### Pope's Intention for January:

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

## Stewardship

*"John tried to prevent him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, yet, you are coming to me?'"*  
Matthew 3:14

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus—the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## FAITH FORMATION G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs for 2024-2025

\*\*\* REMINDER: \*\*\*

**Bulletins must be signed and placed in the yellow container after Mass!**

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**Level One and Level Two Confirmation**  
**Monday, January 12 at 6:30PM**

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**G.I.F.T. Mass Weekend**  
**January 24 at 4:00PM**  
**January 25 at 8:30AM and 11:30AM**

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**Level One and Level Two Communion**  
**Monday, January 26 at 6:20PM**

### 2026 Mass Book

Masses for 2026 are available for Saturday, Sunday, and weekdays. Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403. Currently there are Masses available for January, February, and Ash Wednesday.

### PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

January 12 Reverend Paul Michalowski  
Reverend Abraham Lotha

January 13 Monsignor Joseph Kerrigan  
Reverend Jeffrey Calia

January 14 Reverend Keith Cervine  
Reverend Zenon Bochnak

January 15 All Priests  
Reverend John Zec

January 16 Monsignor Sylvester Cronin  
Our Holy Father

January 17 Reverend James Hagerman  
Reverend Leon Aniszczyk

January 18 Monsignor John Fell  
Reverend Pauly Thekkan



## Christmas Friendship Dinner - December 25, 2025



Thank you to all the participants,  
donors, and volunteers who made  
our annual  
**Christmas Friendship Dinner**  
extra special for the people and  
their families in our community  
this holiday season.



*Thank you*  
*to the following parish families who purchased trees for our*  
*second Christmas tree lighting on December 6, 2025*



### *Saint Anthony of Padua*

### *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Adult Choir	Gadomski
Balint	Galvach
Ball	Gambetta
Banko	Grispart
Barcellona, K	Gurney
Baszak	Jimenez
Brenner	Kelly
Carhart	Kondrk
Casabianca	Lindsey
Cheddar	Lunsden
Connors	Margiotto
Coons	Marini
Dahl	Masters
DeSantis	McNamara
DiLucci	Miller
Eppinger	Modeszto
Fedison	Napoli
Fischer	Nardiello
French	Neveil
	Nicolich

Offiong
Pagliuca, H
Pagliuca, M/M
Pagliuca, M/N
Pannullo
Ragucci
Rogowski
Romero
Rucando
Russo
Rusyn
Santorelli
Scharff
Schroedl
Scotto
Stevens
Trebour
Weiman
Zollo

Dizon
Gumapac
Ovsiew
Perlas
Stepnosky
Torres

### *Thank you*

*to all the volunteers who helped place,  
secure, and add lights and name  
plaques to the evergreen trees and to all  
the family and friends who donated and  
participated in this event.*



## Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

#### Extraordinary Ministers

#### Saturday, January 17

4:00pm J. Barcellona, A. and F. Fowler

#### Sunday, January 18

8:30am S. Gadowski, M. Martino, H. Pagliuca

11:30am J. Kondrk, B. McCauley, L. Palasits

#### Readers

#### Saturday, January 17

4:00pm T. Casey

#### Sunday, January 18

8:30am D. Vitaliano

11:30am G.I.F.T. Mass

#### Altar Servers

#### Sunday, January 18

8:30am C. and C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez

11:30am A. Boelhower

#### Counting Team—January 12

A. Fowler, P. Russo, A. Simeone

## *Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving*

### Sunday, December 28, 2025

In-person donations.....\$3,485.00

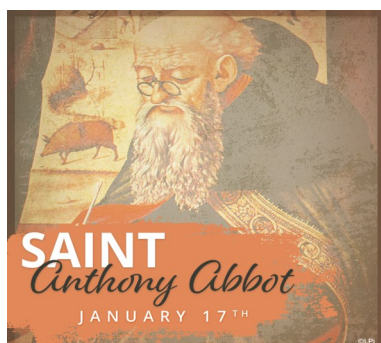
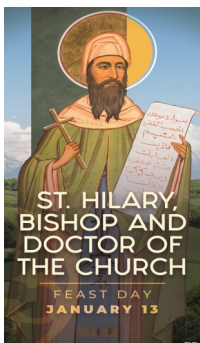
On-line donations.....\$1,368.50

Total.....\$4,853.50

We thank you for your continued support  
to the parish family.

The parish office will be CLOSED  
on Monday, January 19  
for Martin Luther King Day

Did you know the feast days for this week are...



## *This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua*

### Monday, January 12

Mass 7:30AM Chapel  
Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall  
(Doors open at 10:30AM)  
Level One and Level Two Confirmation  
6:30PM Father Milos Hall

### Tuesday, January 13

Mass 7:30AM Chapel  
Youth Choir 4:30PM Church  
Adult Choir 6:30PM Church  
AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

### Wednesday, January 14

Mass 7:30AM Church

### Thursday, January 15

Mass 7:30AM Church  
Eucharistic Adoration 2:30PM Chapel  
Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel  
AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

### Friday, January 16

Mass 7:30AM Church

### Saturday, January 17

Confessions 3:00PM Chapel  
Mass 4:00PM Church  
NA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

### Sunday, January 18

Mass 8:30AM Church  
Mass 11:30AM Church

## *This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Monday, January 12 NA 11:00AM Basement

Tuesday, January 13 NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, January 14 NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, January 15 NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, January 16 NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, January 17 Mass 8:30AM Church  
Confession 9:00AM Church

Sunday, January 18 Mass 10:00AM Church  
Reader: J. Dizon

## ALL PARISHIONERS

are invited and encouraged  
to share



the second Sunday of the month,

**SUNDAY, January 11**

(the date was incorrect in last week's bulletin)

in Father Milos Hall following the 8:30AM Mass