



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 Hilariy

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 Cuozzo

Friday **January 16**

7:30AM Irene Vernillo

Requested by Jean and Charles Cheddar

Saturday **January 17**

Saint Anthony, Abbot

4:00PM Richie Simeone (2nd anniversary in Heaven)

Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

Sunday **January 18**

8:30AM Eleanor Pagliuca (1st 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 82nd 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 Vyszwany,
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

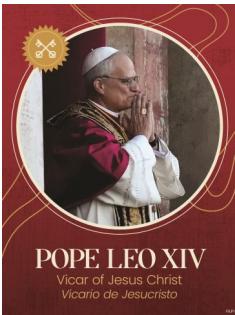
ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit	Canned meat
Canned sweet potatoes	Canned vegetables
Canned tuna	Chili
Cereal	Mac and Cheese
Jelly	Pancake mix
Oatmeal	Pasta sauce
Pancake syrup	
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.

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!

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

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

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

Adult Choir
Balint
Ball
Banko
Barcellona, K
Baszak
Brenner
Carhart
Casabianca
Cheddar
Connors
Coons
Dahl
DeSantis
DiLucci
Eppinger
Fedison
Fischer
French

Gadomski
Galvach
Gambetta
Grispart
Gurney
Jimenez
Kelly
Kondrk
Lindsey
Lunsden
Margiotto
Marini
Masters
McNamara
Miller
Modeszto
Napoli
Nardiello
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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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. Gadomski, 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

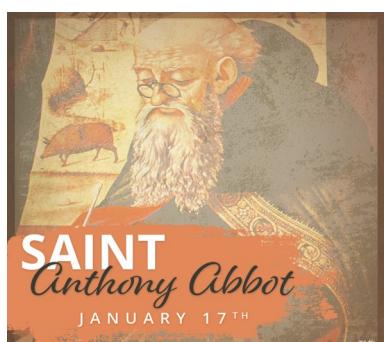
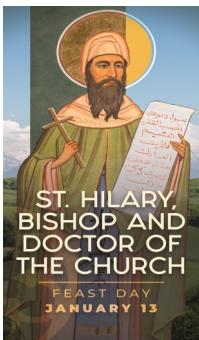
On-line donations.....\$1,368.50

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
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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
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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