



## The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"Now I have seen and testified that he is  
the Son of God." - Jn 1:34*

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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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 18, 2026**



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

## CHRIST THE SON OF GOD WHOM WE HAVE SEEN

Dear brothers and sisters,

With the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, last Sunday, we concluded the Christmas season. We are now in the first part of the Season of Ordinary Time. This season is called Ordinary Time not because it is a time of laxity or no importance. Ordinary as it is used here comes from the word ordinal which relates to time. The Sundays of Ordinary Time are identified by numbers. For example, this week is the Second Week/Sunday of Ordinary Time. The seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter are centered around a particular mystery in the life of our Lord Jesus. In Ordinary Time, we deepen our contemplation on the life of our Lord and our call to discipleship.

Through our baptism, we are called to the work of evangelization which, in a very simple way, means to make the name of Christ known to the world. In the Gospel reading for this Second Sunday in Ordinary time, Saint John the Baptist says, **‘now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God’ (John 1:34)**. As disciples of the Lord, our mission of evangelization can be summarized in these words. By virtue of our baptism in Christ, we are called to share with others, the name of Christ our Lord, whom we have encountered. Baptism is not only an initiation into the life of Christ. It is also a commission to share His love and truth with the world. Through baptism, Christians are entrusted with the mission to evangelize, to witness by word and deed, and to make the name of Christ known wherever they go.

Many of us Catholics, even those who faithfully attend Mass, often fall short when it comes to evangelization. We often think that this is only the work of the Pope, Bishops, priests, deacons, and other “Church people.” **The call to evangelization is not reserved for a select few. It is the vocation of every baptized man or woman.** By living out the Gospel in daily life, through our worship of God, sharing the gospel and in the love and compassion shown to others, Christians bear witness to the transformative power of Jesus. As we can see in our own families and in our communities, the world is in serious need of hope and meaning. We who are disciples of the Lord have been called and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be living signs of God’s presence, inviting others to encounter Christ and experience the fullness of life He offers. We do not necessarily need to travel to distant lands to preach the gospel, nor do we have to go around the neighborhood and knock on doors. If we can do this, glory be to God. **But our primary work of evangelization is to be the hands of God comforting those who are afraid, the eyes of God looking with love on those who are poor, the heart of God consoling those who are sorrowful, and the feet of God walking with those who are alone.** We do this right where God has put us; in our families, our neighborhoods, our schools, in our places of work, and everywhere else that the Lord allows us to be.

This first part of Ordinary Time will give way to the Season of Lent in mid-February and, afterwards, Easter. We will continue with the Second Part of Ordinary Time in June. During this time, we are called to deepen our prayer life, our study of the Scriptures, and our active sharing with others about our faith in God. May this time be a season of renewal for us as families and as a parish community. Like Saint John the Baptist, we may too, confidently share with others the Christ that we have come to know, He who is the Son of God and our savior.

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 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

**Monday January 19** *Martin Luther King Day*  
8:30AM Pray for vocations

**Tuesday January 20** *Saint Fabian*  
*Saint Sebastian*

7:30AM Tanya and Michael Cuozzo  
Requested by their loving family

**Wednesday January 21** *Saint Agnes*  
7:30AM People of the parish family

**Thursday January 22** *Day of Prayer for the Legal*  
*Protection of Unborn Children*  
7:30AM Respect for life at all stages

**Friday January 23** *Saint Vincent*  
*Saint Marianne Cope*

7:30AM Pray for vocations

**Saturday January 24** *Saint Francis de Sales*  
4:00PM Louis Masters  
Requested by his loving wife, Rosemarie

**Sunday January 25** *Catholic Schools Week begins*  
8:30AM Barbara Delaney  
First anniversary in Heaven  
Requested by her loving husband,  
Ray and family

11:30AM People of the parish family

### at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

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

**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

**Saturday January 24** *Catholic Schools Week begins*  
8:30AM Vittoria Popolo  
Requested by Maria and Gary Poos and family

**Sunday January 25**  
10:00AM Faustino L. Lansang, Sr.  
Requested by Deacons Joey and Beth Perlas

### This Week's Scripture Readings

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



Monday: 1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23  
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28  
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7  
Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13  
Mark 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11  
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7  
Mark 3:20-21

Sunday: Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17  
Matthews 4:12-23 or 4:12-17



at Saint Anthony of Padua

are in loving memory of

Ethel Osag

on her 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Heaven

Requested by her loving family

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 of my dear friend and pal,  
Richie Simeone

Requested by his dear friend and pal, Sal

In loving memory of mother,

Micheline Contala (28 years)

Requested by Michele Contala

In loving memory of our "Nana" Eleanor Pagliuca  
on her first anniversary in Heaven

Requested by John, Holly and family

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,  
John Patrick and Owen

Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of Alfred and Antoinette Barbato

Requested by their daughter,

Patricia and Marty Martino

### **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:

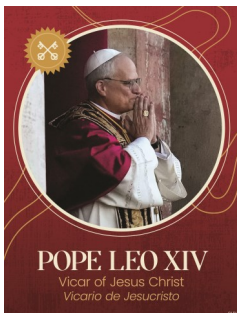
Canned fruit	Canned meat
Canned tuna	Canned vegetables
Cereal	Chili
Jelly	Mac and Cheese
Oatmeal	Pancake mix
Pancake syrup	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	
Potatoes - instant, canned, fresh	
Rice	Tomato Sauce

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

*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5*

God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



## 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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**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**

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**Level One and Level Two Confirmation**  
**Monday, February 2 at 6:30PM**

### 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 19	Reverend John O'Kane Reverend John Kattattu Chacko
January 20	Reverend Thomas Ryan Reverend Alvaro Palacios Arregui
January 21	Monsignor William Benwell Reverend Michael J. Bihuniak
January 22	Reverend John Sicheloff Monsignor Andrew Szaroleta
January 23	Reverend Charles O'Connor Reverend Lancelot McGrath
January 24	Reverend Tholitho Reverend Brian Nolan
January 25	Reverend Edward Struzik Reverend Robert Lynam





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." - Jn 1:32-34

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## Feast of Saint Blaise

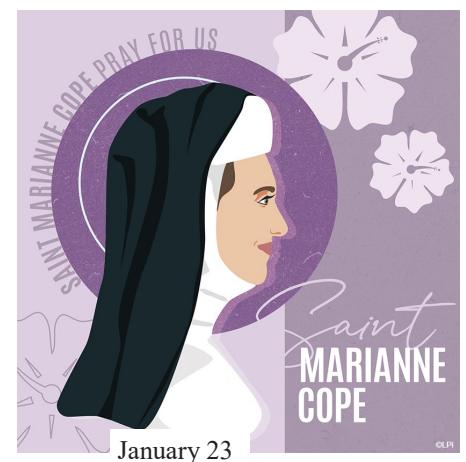
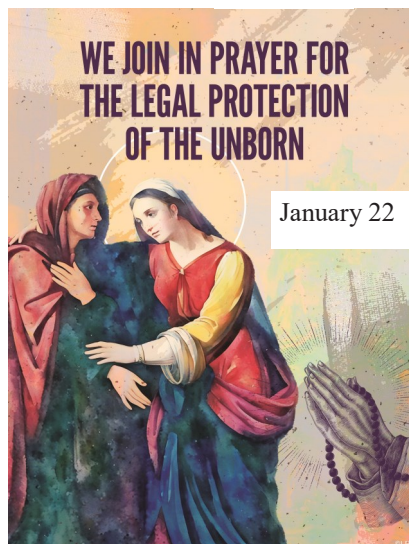
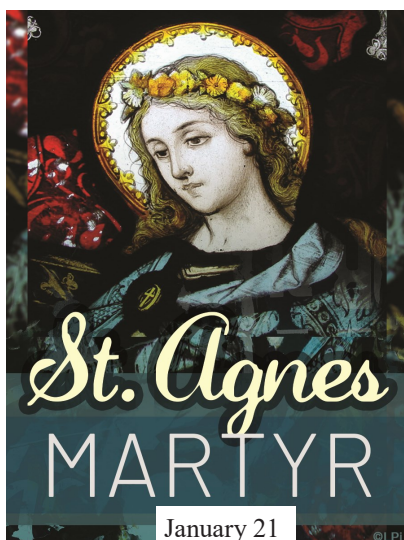
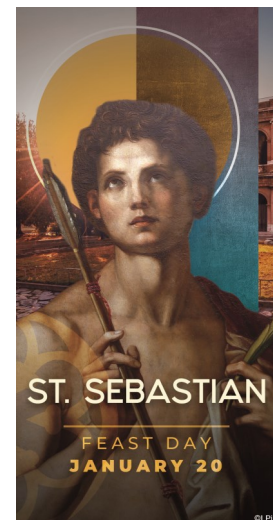
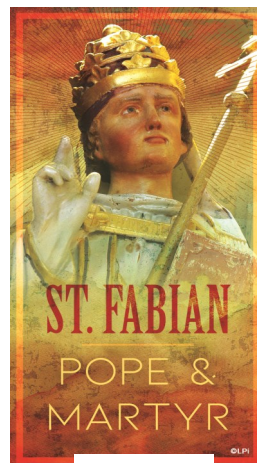


*Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
at Saint Anthony of Padua*



*Blessing of Throats  
following 7:30AM Mass*

*Did you know the events for this week*



*are...*

## Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

#### Extraordinary Ministers

**Saturday, January 24**

4:00pm C. and E. Weiman, R. Masters

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30am A. and D. Anderson, M. Martino

11:30am B. Cuzzo, G. Grispart, B. Sorbanelli

#### Readers

**Saturday, January 24**

4:00pm G.I.F.T. Mass

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30am G.I.F.T. Mass

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

#### Altar Servers

**Saturday, January 24**

4:00pm A. Weiman

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30am C.C. and C. Onukwughu

11:30am A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese

**Counting Team—January 19**  
A. and F. Fowler

The parish office will be **CLOSED**  
on Monday, January 19



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

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

In-person donations.....	\$3,702.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,102.50
Total.....	\$4,804.50

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

## *This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua*

**Monday, January 19** **Parish Office is CLOSED**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)		

**Tuesday, January 20**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
Youth Choir	4:30PM	Church
Adult Choir	6:30PM	Church
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

**Wednesday, January 21**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**Thursday, January 22**

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

**Friday, January 23**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**Saturday, January 24**

<b>Confessions</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>
NA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

**Sunday, January 25**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>

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

**Monday, January 19** NA 11:00AM Basement

**Tuesday, January 20** NA 11:00AM Basement

**Wednesday, January 21** NA 11:00AM Basement

**Thursday, January 22** NA 11:00AM Basement

**Friday, January 23** NA 11:00AM Basement

**Saturday, January 24** **Mass 8:30AM Church**  
Confession 9:00AM Church

**Sunday, January 25** **Mass 10:00AM Church**  
Reader: B. Perlas

**Come Pray a ROSARY for LIFE**  
**Friday, January 23, 2026 at 1:00PM**  
**Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ**

**Meet in the Saint James Parking lot at**  
**12:45PM located at 369 Amboy Ave.,**  
**Woodbridge, NJ**