



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men.” - Mt 4:19

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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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

Special Jubilee of Saint Francis of Assisi: The Poor Man of Assisi

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue our journey through this first part of the Season of Ordinary Time, let us remember that ordinary time is an invitation to a deeper living out of our Christian faith in the simple and ordinary events of our lives and to active evangelization. Each of us is called, in our unique way, to make the name of Christ known to those around us, family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc. This is the simple definition of evangelization.

This year 2026, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has given us a great model of faith to accompany us, through his declaration of a Special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi to mark the 800th anniversary of his death. The Church usually celebrates a Jubilee Year every twenty-five years. Last year, 2025, we concluded the Jubilee Year of Hope. A special Jubilee Year is usually called by the Pope to mark a significant event or encounter in the Church.

Over the centuries, Saint Francis of Assisi has a special place in the devotional life of Catholics and popular admiration by others. He is popularly known as the lover of nature and the environment and a symbol of peace. But more importantly, the Church celebrates him for his humility and simple life of faith. Saint Francis was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone in 1181 and died in 1226. His Father, who was in France when Giovani was born, took to calling him Francesco (Francis in English) which means Freeman or French man. The name Francis would stay with him forever. His 44 years was marked with extraordinary internal movements by God. He grew up in a rich family and like all young men of his days, desired to become a knight and become famous. Francis had a profound encounter with God which changed his life forever. During one of his expeditions, he was captured and imprisoned. While recovering, he evaluated his life and decided to turn over everything to God and to His will. Francis renounced his family's wealth and earthly consolations and embraced radical poverty. He gathered a band of brothers and sisters whom we call the Franciscans today. Our parish family is affiliated with Saint Francis because our patron Saint Anthony of Padua became a Franciscan and embrace the life of humility, poverty, and simplicity.

Pope Leo XIV, has declared this special Jubilee Year as an invitation to all Christians to rediscover the radical simplicity and boundless love that characterized Saint Francis' life. He is a model of humility, peace, and care for all creation. These virtues are most needed in our troubled world. This jubilee is a spiritual summons to renew our commitment to living the Gospel with the same fervor and joy that Saint Francis embodied. I see this as an opportunity for our community to embrace forgiveness, reach out to the marginalized, and care for the earth as our common home. In this way, we will rekindle our faith, strengthen our relationship with God and with the community of the Church.

During this Jubilee year, the Church offers us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence. An indulgence is the remission of the temporary punishment due to sin whose guilt has already been forgiven. Certain specific conditions indicated by the Church must be fulfilled: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, certain prayers according to the intentions of the Pope, interior detachment from sin, and the performance of certain works, such as a pious pilgrimage to Franciscan churches, participation in Jubilee celebrations, prayer and meditation in the Franciscan spirit, as well as daily acts of charity and humility that express the spirituality of Saint Francis. May Saint Francis assist us to live our Christian calling as he did.

"This Year of Saint Francis should encourage all of us, each according to his or her own possibilities, to imitate the Poor Man of Assisi."

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 4:00PM	January 24 Louis Masters Requested by his loving wife, Rosemarie	<i>Saint Francis de Sales</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	January 25 Barbara Delaney First anniversary in Heaven Requested by her loving husband, Ray and family	<i>Catholic Schools Week begins</i>
11:30AM	People of the parish family	
Monday 7:30AM	January 26 People of the parish family	<i>Saint Timothy, Saint Titus</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	January 27 Richie Simeone Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne	<i>Saint Angela Merici</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	January 28 Victor G. Rossi, Sr. Requested by Bernabe L.	<i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	January 29 Pray for Vocations	
Friday 7:30AM	January 30 May Geremino Requested by Dineen Rodriguez	
Saturday 4:00PM	January 31 Father Patrick Barrett Requested by the Gargivlo family	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	February 1 Nazareth and Dorothy Barcellona	
11:30AM	Dorothy Masters Requested by Rosemarie Masters	



The Rosary will be prayed on
Friday, January 30 at 8:00AM



at Saint Anthony of Padua
are in loving memory of
Tonya Marrone
Happy Birthday - Miss You

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday		
Saturday 8:30AM	January 24 Vittoria Popolo Requested by Maria and Gary Poos and family	<i>Catholic Schools Week begins</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	January 25 Faustino L. Lansang, Sr. Requested by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas	<i>Catholic Schools Week begins</i>
Saturday 8:30AM	January 31 Michael J. Barbato Requested by his loving wife and family	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	February 1 People of the parish family	

This Week's Scripture Readings

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
Monday:	2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Psalms 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Psalms 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mark 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mark 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mark 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 Psalms 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a

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 Roberta Nobes Finch on her 28th anniversary in Heaven
Requested by her Godmother, Adrienne

In loving memory of Arlene F. Smith
Requested by Jean and Charles Cheddar

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

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

Feast of Saint Blaise



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



Blessing of Throats following 7:30AM Mass



It's Catholic Schools Week!
Did you know
that the
following saints
were also
educators?



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton established the parochial educational system in America.

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!



St. John Baptist de La Salle is the patron saint of all teachers of youth.



St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of universities and scholars.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD Collection is
February 7 and 8

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

See SUPER Bowl football field on next page (and in the narthex) for items of interest and 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.

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 February, and Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Due to early bulletin submission donations will be published in a later issue.

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

Stewardship

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."

Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



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 Communion
Monday, January 26 at 6:20PM

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



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic School 2026-2027 Tuition Assistance Online Application Process

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend and eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Financial Aid Management at <https://online.factsmgt.com/Aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than March 31, 2026. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions, and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

January 26	Reverend Jan Armelson Magcawas Reverend Thomas Serafin
January 27	Reverend Dennis Weezorak Reverend Gilles Njobam
January 28	Reverend Stanislaw Slaby Reverend Richard Rusk
January 29	Reverend Jason Pavick Reverend Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez
January 30	Reverend Robert Gorman Reverend Antony Arockiadoss
January 31	Reverend Jerome Johnson Reverend John Grimes
February 1	Bishop James Checchio

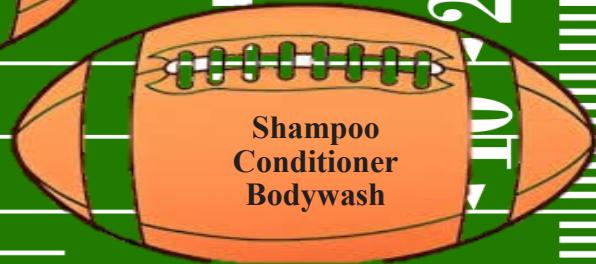
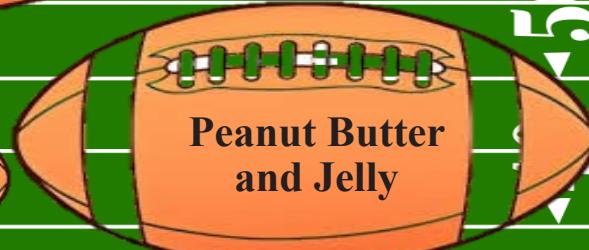
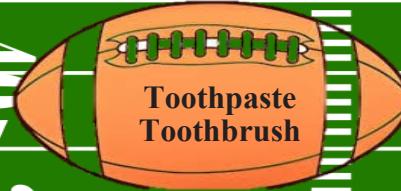
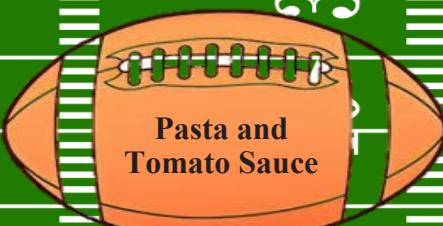
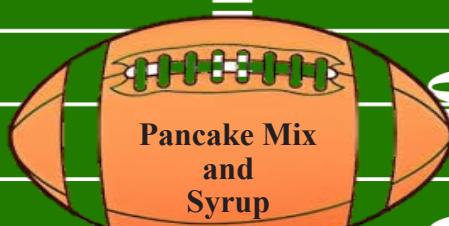


SUPERBOWL OF CARING 2026

TACKLE HUNGER in OUR COMMUNITY by DONATING
an ITEM to OUR FOOD PANTRY on

SUPERBOWL WEEKEND - February 7 and 8

TAKE a FOOTBALL from the field located in the NARTHEX
which has items that are most needed!



SUPER BOWL



Liturgical Minister Schedule

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm C. and R. Marney, D. Scharff

Sunday, February 1

8:30am C. and E. Weiman, J. Barcellona

11:30am G. Grispart, R. Masters, L. Palasits

Readers

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm G. Clarke

Sunday, February 1

8:30am C. Barcellona

11:30am J. Baszak

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 31

4:00pm B. Banko

Sunday, February 1

8:30am A. and A. Weiman

11:30am A. Boelhower

Counting Team—January 26

S. and E. Gurney



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!

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, January 26

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)		
Level One Penance and Level Two Communion		
	6:20PM	Church

Tuesday, January 27

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

Wednesday, January 28

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Thursday, January 29

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

Friday, January 30

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Rosary		following morning Mass

Saturday, January 31

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

Sunday, February 1

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, January 26

NA 11:00AM Basement

Tuesday, January 27

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, January 28

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, January 29

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, January 30

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, January 31

Mass 8:30AM Church
Confession 9:00AM Church

Sunday, February 1

Mass 10:00AM Church
Reader: M. Poos



SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...
for our ongoing fundraiser

Please consider helping Saint Anthony's the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift cards are available in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the parish office.