



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES AND THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

Dear friends in Christ,

On January 24, we celebrated the memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church. He was the great Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland, who worked tirelessly to renew the faith of the Church after the protestant revolution that swept western Europe in the sixteenth century. Saint Francis was born to a noble family. Although he desired to serve God as a priest, his father wanted him to study law and politics. He was an intelligent yet humble and gentle man who received his doctorate in law from the University of Padua at just 24 years old. He was ordained as a priest and later as a bishop, Saint Francis de Sales prioritize the spiritual renewal of his people, especially of families. He realized that people who believe in God and love the Lord, often fall away from the faith because in the busy nature of their lives, they forget their creator and fail to pursue holiness.

We Catholics often wrongly think that the holiness of life is something reserved for the clergy and those in religious life. We see family life as a mundane experience. We also think that only monks and nuns, and those who withdraw from active participation in the world, can achieve holiness. **Saint Francis de Sales promoted the revolutionary idea that every baptized man and woman receives the call to holiness.** His teachings would later become the basis for what the Second Vatican Council calls the Universal Call to Holiness.

One of the most famous works of Saint Francis de Sales is his book, **Introduction to the Devout Life**. He emphasized the necessity of devotion in our spiritual journey. **“Devotion is the intentional, daily practices that deepen our relationship with God and community”** and true devotion leads to holiness. Our Christian faith is not about ideas, it is about a day-to-day walking with the Lord, obeying His commandments, and sharing His love with others.

Saint Francis de Sales's teaching on true devotion is most needed for our modern society, filled with so much busyness and shallow living. We are burdened by so much activity and expectations. Parents worry about how they will provide for their families. Children struggle with expectations from family, school, and friends. Neighbors scramble to keep each other safe in our troubled world. Amid all these, we easily overlook and forget our Lord and God who calls us to draw closer to him. True devotion deepens our relationship with God in the morning prayer we offer before the rush and activities of the day begin; the conscious tracing of the Sign of the Cross; the intentional moment of silence and prayer before meals; and, most importantly, the faithful and consistent participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every Sunday and Holy Day. **“These acts, while seemingly small, become the stitches that weave our faith into the fabric of our everyday existence.”** As we engage in the necessary activities of our family life, our financial and social commitments, let us rediscover the beauty of a Christian devotional life.

There are many devotions in the Church that can accompany our faith individually and as a family, devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist, to the Precious Blood of Jesus, to His Most Sacred Heart, to His Most Holy Name or to His Divine Mercy. We have devotions to the Blessed Mother under her various titles and especially praying the Holy Rosary. We also have devotion to the Saints of the Church who pray for us and accompany us on our journey. We can also practice short devotional prayers such as the Jesus Prayer **“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”**

Saint Francis reminds us that our devotion is according to our state in life. The devotion of a nursing mother is different from the devotion of a monk. The devotion of a teacher is different from the devotion of a construction worker. Each of us must find a space and time that allows us to walk humbly with our God.

May our good Lord give us the grace of a deeper and more intentional devotion in our lives.

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 31 Father Patrick Barrett Requested by the Gargiulo family	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	February 1 Nazareth and Dorothy Barcellona Requested by Deacon Peter and family	
11:30AM	Dorothy Masters Requested by Rosemarie Masters	
Monday	February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life</i>	
7:30AM	Stephen Filip Fedison Requested by his loving Mom and brothers	
Tuesday 7:30AM	February 3 <i>Saint Blaise, Saint Ansgar</i> Jeffrey Pagliuca Happy Birthday Requested by his loving sister, Marie	
Wednesday 7:30AM	February 4 Purgatorial Mass Society	
Thursday 7:30AM	February 5 <i>Saint Agatha</i> Santo Guereio Requested by his loving daughter, Amy Krapf	
Friday 7:30AM	February 6 <i>Saint Paul Miki</i> A special intention	
Saturday 4:00PM	February 7 Jeffrey Pagliuca (Birthday) Requested by his loving wife, Nancy	
Sunday 8:30AM	February 8 <i>World Marriage Day</i> Barbara Delaney Happy Birthday in Heaven Requested by her loving husband, Ray and family	
11:30AM	People of the parish family	



What is the World Day for Consecrated Life?

It's a worldwide celebration held on February 2nd that coincides with the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus.



On this day, the Catholic Church celebrate the contributions of religious sisters, brothers, and priests — people who "consecrate their life to Jesus."



Sometimes, those in consecrated life choose to renew their vows and commitment to the Church. The global Catholic Church prays for them and for vocations.

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

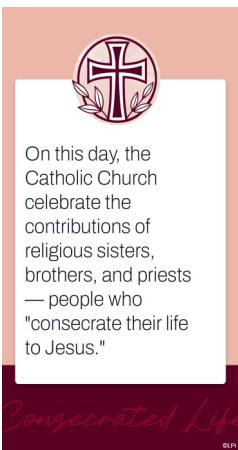
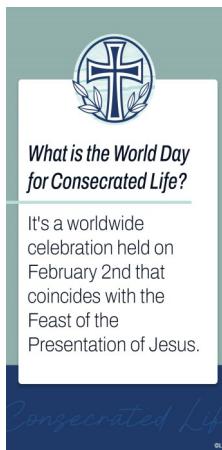
Saturday 8:30AM	January 31 Michael J. Barbato Requested by his loving wife and family	<i>Saint John Bosco</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	February 1 People of the parish family	
Saturday 8:30AM	February 7 Deceased Members of the former Altar Rosary Society	
Sunday 10:00AM	February 8 <i>World Marriage Day</i> Jozsef Wellner Requested by Anna Czum	

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 Psalms 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12a
Monday:	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Psalms 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Corinthians 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mark 6:7-13
Friday:	Sirach 47:2-11 Psalms 18:31, 47, 50, 51 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kings 3:4-13 Psalms 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mark 6:30-34
Sunday:	Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalms 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16



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

Happy Heavenly first birthday Jeffrey (February 2) missing you!

Requested by brother, John, Holly and family

In loving memory of Cesare and Pasqua Iacovone in Heaven

Requested by Josie Yacovino

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

MEMORIAL WALL

In loving memory of Edward Lagomarsino

Happy 93rd birthday in Heaven

Requested by wife, Vera and family



Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the soul of Theodore Surick—December 29, 2025

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners who died a year ago in 2025:
Alfredo Vastola—February 1
Diana Quaglia—February 10
Francis “Frank” Killmurray—February 23

Purgatorial Mass Society



The souls of:

Arlene F. Smith

Theodore Surick

Theodore Surick

George Seibert

Carmen and Eleanor Pagliuca

Stanley J. Gurney

Angeline G. Hayko

Elisa P. Gurney

Joseph F. Hayko

Richard A. Simeone

Robert Fischer

requested by:

Saint Anthony of Padua parish family

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Carmen and Peggie Margiott

His family

Their family

Stanley and Eileen Gurney

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Adrienne Simeone

Carmen and Peggie Margiott

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!

Feast of Saint Blaise



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



Blessing of Throats following 7:30AM Mass

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.

On January 21, we were able to assist 33 families (80 People). Thank you for your contributions which help our local community.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, January 11, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,366.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,125.50
Total.....	\$4,491.50

Sunday, January 18, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,304.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,173.00
Total.....	\$4,477.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

2026 Mass Book

Masses for 2026 are available for Saturday, Sunday, and weekdays. Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.

Stewardship

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense—poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

You're Invited!



**Life Choices Resource Center
Metuchen, NJ
Annual Charity Banquet**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026, 4 to 8 pm
Pines Manor, Edison, NJ
\$85 per person (covers cost of dinner)**

**Tricky Tray and 50/50
Please join us in a celebration for LIFE!**

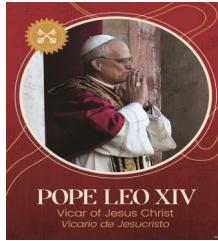
Come and witness

God's love in action with us as we "Walk with Moms in Need". Enjoy a night filled with the inspiration of those we serve and those who join in our mission of **saving babies and helping families** although the world tells them something different.

Please call us for reservations or donations

For more information: (732) 516-0911.

R.S.V.P. by 2/9/26



Pope's Intention for February:

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

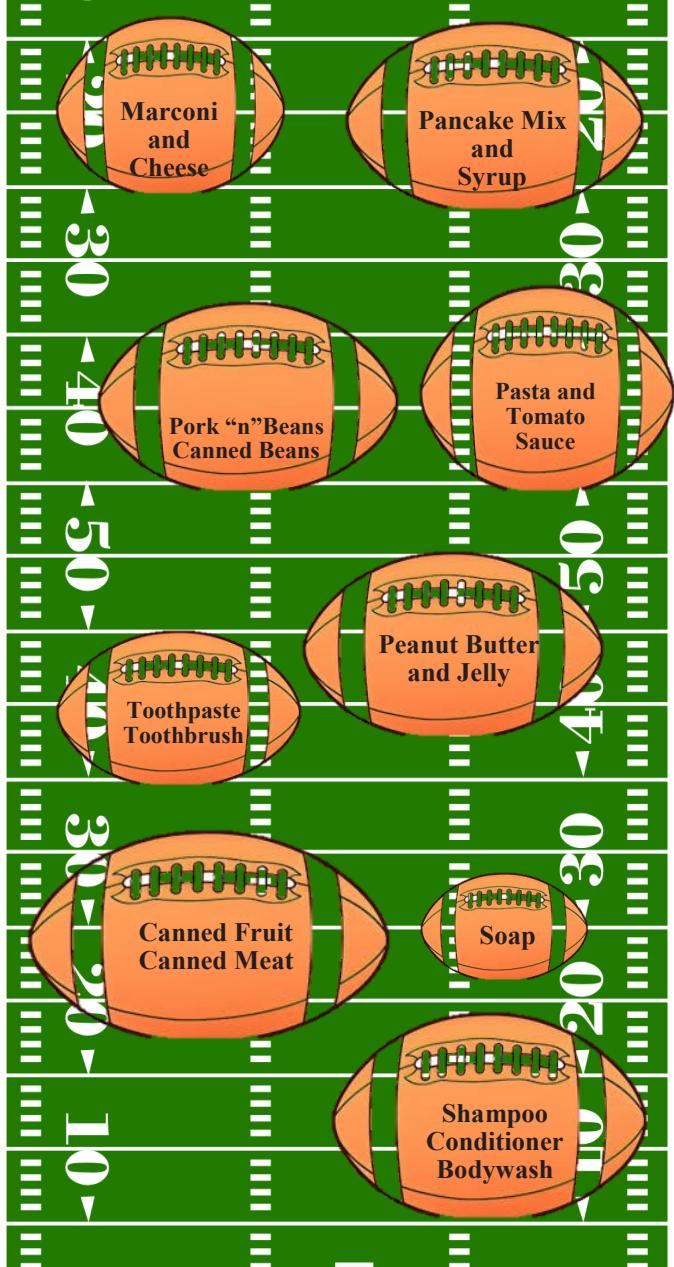
PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

February 2	Reverend Timothy Kinyua Gaitu Reverend Thomas W. Lanza
February 3	Reverend Peter R. Cebulka Reverend Michael Krull
February 4	Monsignor Edward O'Neill Reverend Lukasz Blicharski
February 5	Our Holy Father
February 6	Reverend Pawel Dziatkiewicz Reverend Thomas Walsh
February 7	Reverend Peter Suhaka Reverend George Targonski
February 8	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski



SUPERBOWL OF CARING

TACKLE HUNGER in OUR COMMUNITY by DONATING an ITEM to OUR FOOD PANTRY on
SUPERBOWL WEEKEND - February 7 and 8



SUPER BOWL



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, February 2 at 6:30PM

Level One First Penance and
Level Two Communion
Monday, February 9 at 6:20PM

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER
Wednesday, February 11 at 6:00PM

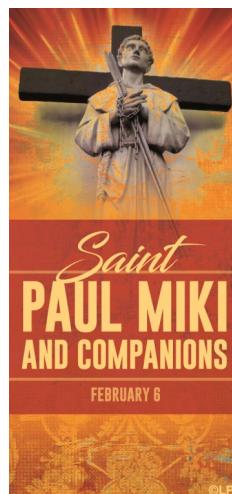
PLEASE RETURN YOUR RESPECT FOR LIFE
POSTERS AND JANUARY MASS REFLECTION

G.I.F.T. Mass weekend
February 21 at 4:00PM
February 22 and 8:30AM and 11:00AM

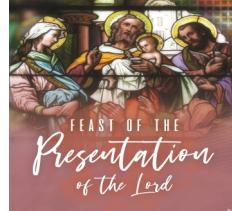
Please sign in, fill out your prayer intention and pick up your mass reflection sheet

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

February 2



February 3



FEBRUARY 5



Liturgical Minister Schedule

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm M. Balint, R. Masters, H. Pagliuca

Sunday, February 8

8:30am A. and D. Anderson, D. Mazzarella

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

Readers

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm D. Vitaliano

Sunday, February 8

8:30am C. Mazzarella

11:30am M. Trebour

Altar Servers

Saturday, February 7

4:00pm B. Banko

Sunday, February 8

8:30am C. C. and C. Onukwugha

11:30am A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese

Counting Team—February 2

will be contacted by telephone



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, February 2

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

Tuesday, February 3

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Blessing of the Throats	following morning Mass	
Youth Choir	4:30PM	Church
Adult Choir	6:30PM	Church
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, February 4

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Thursday, February 5

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



Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays from 2:30PM to 6:00pm in the Chapel of Saint Anthony

Friday, February 6

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, February 2

NA 11:00AM Basement

Tuesday, February 3

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, February 4

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, February 5

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, February 6

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 8

Mass 10:00AM Church
Reader: C. Torres



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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.