



**The Parish Family
of
Saint Anthony of Padua**



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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.

FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR
MONSIGNOR PAFNOUTI WASSEF, PAROCHIAL VICAR
JOEY PERLAS, DEACON PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

Weekly Holy Hour with Father Smith at Saint Anthony of Padua

Thursday, February 22 at 5:00PM

Monday, February 26 at 6:15PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday: 6:00PM to 6:30PM

Saturday: 3:00PM to 3:30PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30AM - 2:00PM

Tuesday 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Wednesday 8:30AM - 2:00PM

Thursday 8:30AM - 2:00PM

Office is CLOSED on Fridays

NOTICE:

LIVESTREAM EVENTS from
SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

have resumed as of February 14, 2024

If you have any questions,
call the parish office at 732-634-1403.

Lenten Prayer



Loving God,
We thank you for the many gifts
you have given us.

Bless our prayers and sacrifices this Lent.

May these gifts from our table bring hope
and life to our sisters and brothers who
suffer with hunger each day.

Unite us through Christ with the poor
worldwide and bless our efforts to bring
relief to those in need.

Amen

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Mass Intentions

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday 9:00AM	February 19 John Rucando Requested by John and Holly Pagliuca
Tuesday 7:30AM	February 20 Communion Service
Wednesday 7:30AM	February 21 James and Barbara Krissak Requested by daughter, Michele and Jim Rivers <i>Saint Peter Damian</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	February 22 Respect for Life <i>The Chair of Saint Peter</i>
Friday 7:30AM	February 23 Jack Lilly Requested by George T. Miller <i>Saint Polycarp</i>
Saturday 4:00PM	February 24 Diane Mansmann Requested by Saint Anthony Children's Choir
Sunday 8:30AM	February 25 David Bragdon, Sr. Requested by Lloyd Eagen
11:15AM	John Rucando Requested by Joan Ballance

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

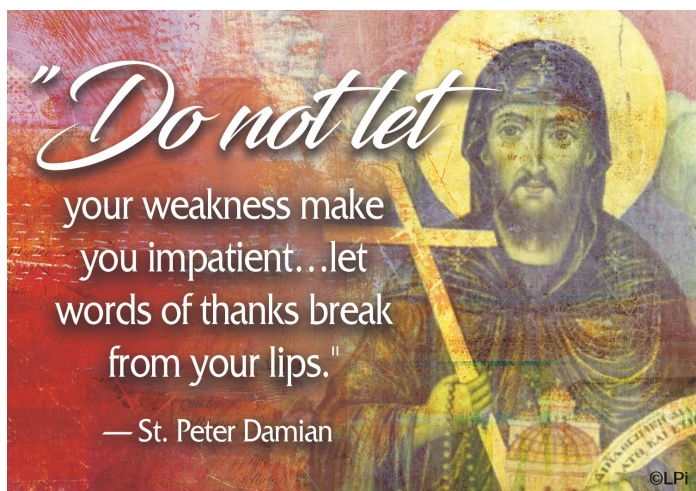
Saturday 8:30AM	February 24 Emilio Batista Requested by Maria Sztancsik
Sunday 9:45AM	February 25 People of the Parish family

**First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024**



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Genesis 9:8-15 Psalms 25:4-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15
Monday:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalms 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalms 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday	1 Peter 5:1-4 Psalms 23:1-6 Matthew 16:13-19
Friday:	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalms 130:1-8 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday:	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48
Sunday:	Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Psalms 116:10, 15-19 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10



2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal - STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32) Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the *Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication*. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization and Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.



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 Worship Site

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of my dear parents, Maria and Carmen
and my loving brother, Victor
Requested by Albina D'Alessio

In loving memory of Richard Simeone
Requested by Pastoral Council family

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 Pagliuca
requested by his loving wife, Eleanor

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

Pope Francis' Intention for February:

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

February 19 Reverend Anthony Sirianni

Monsignor William Capik

February 20 Monsignor Edward O'Neill

Reverend Sean Kenney

February 21 All deceased Priests

February 22 Reverend Tholitho

Monsignor James Moran

February 23 Reverend Vibin Kollannur

Reverend Luke Mary Fletcher

February 24 Reverend Andrzej Wieliczko

Reverend Thomas Naduviledathu

February 25 Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki

Reverend Wladyslaw Wiltorek

Pray...

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



Anonymous request, Joan Ballance,
Fred Burns, Lucille Carpenito,
Cheryle Cacace, Ava Curtis, Cayden DeNoyelles,
Steven Drakoulis, Heather Marrone Fabio,
Bela Geczo, Gail Golden,
Larry Golden, Sharon Haflin,
Kim Hickman, Judith Hupka,
Lynn Killmurray, Theresa McGuinn,
Anita Olah, Steve Olah,
Teresa Romita, Sam Steingart, Frank Trickel

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 around
the world. We also pray for their
family members.**



Specialist Michael Barbato III who serves
in the United States National Guard.

Pray for Peace!



FAITH FORMATION

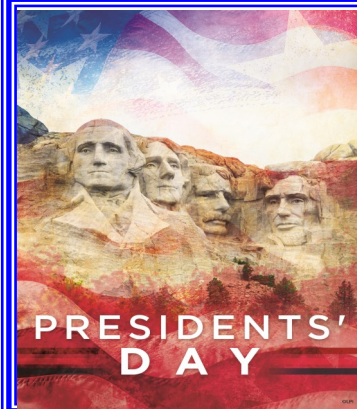
Email is an important part of our Faith Formation communication. If you change your email address, it is important that you notify the parish office.

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**Level One First Penance
Level Two First Communion
Wednesday, February 21 and 28
6:30PM in Father Milos Hall**

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**Family G.I.F.T. Mass Weekend
Saturday, February 24 at 4:00PM
Sunday, February 25 at
8:30AM and 11:15AM**



**President's
Day Monday,
February 19**

**The parish
office and the
Study Hall
are closed**

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent beginning February 16
(except Good Friday) 12:15pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday 7:30am
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 11:15am

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings beginning
February 16 7:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Saturday 8:30am
Weekend Mass Sunday 9:45am



GUEST SPEAKER: FR. CYRIL ADIM OFFIONG, S.D.V.
VOCATIONS DIRECTOR, SOCIETY OF DIVINE VOCATIONS

REFLECTION TOPIC

LOVE AND TRUTH: JOURNEY WITH THE WORKS OF MERCY IN LENT

"You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

SCHEDULE OF THE EVENING

6:30 — Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by brief meditation, Scripture reading,
Reflection of the day, Question and Answer Session, Benediction, Stations of the Cross

REFLECTION THEMES, THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

February 16 — Introduction, To Feed the Hungry and To Admonish Sinners

February 23 — To Give Drink to the Thirsty and To Instruct the Ignorant

March 1 — To Shelter the Homeless and To Counsel the Doubtful

Overnight Adoration will follow the program

March 8 — To Visit the Sick, To Visit Prisoners, To Comfort the Afflicted and To Bear Wrongs Patiently

Mary's Way Stations of the Cross

March 15 — To Clothe the Naked and To Forgive Offenses Willingly

March 22 — To Bury the Dead, To Pray For the Living and the Dead and Conclusion

Confessions will be available during the evening's events

The Lenten Friday Services will be live-streamed at:
<https://www.stjamesonline.org>

LENT ~ TIME TO PRAY + FAST + GIVE

St. James Roman Catholic Church

149 Grove Street
Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry Distribution is
Wednesday, February 21
from 10:00^{am} to 12:00^{pm}

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned beans	Canned fruit
Canned meat	Canned pasta
Canned potatoes	Canned ravioli
Canned vegetables	Cereal
Chili	Instant Potatoes
Jelly	Oatmeal
Pancake mix	Pancake syrup
Pasta	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	Pork and Beans
Rice	Soup
Tomato sauce	Tuna fish

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 continued generosity to Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.

Stewardship

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..."

Mark 1:14

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, February 11, 2024

In-person donations.....	\$4,264.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,365.50
Total.....	\$5,629.50

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

In the Neighborhood and Diocese

FRESH HUNGARIAN KOLBASZ

Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge, NJ
Pick-up on Saturday, March 23, 2024
from 10:00AM to 2:00PM

Place your orders with Audrey
at 732-494-1431

Price:\$8.00 per lb.

HUNGARIAN MADE ROLLS CAKE

Available in: English Walnut, Poppy seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry, Pumpkin-cheese
Price: \$18.00 each

Place your order with: Barbara at 732-442-5867 or Cindy at 732-692-9166

All cake orders must be paid in full upon ordering.
Make check payable to: Lorantffy Women's Guild
Mailing address: Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church
94 N. James Street
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

***** Deadline for both items is March 7, 2024 *****

Good Shepherd Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

Cost is \$40 and \$20 back in play. Bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:00am. Any questions, call Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.



SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...
our on-going fundraiser

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.

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, February 19

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, February 20

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, February 21

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, February 22

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, February 23

NA 11:00AM Basement
Stations of the Cross 7:00PM Church

Saturday, February 24

Mass 8:30AM Church

Sunday, February 25

Mass 9:45AM Church *Paschal Tree of Joy*

Liturgical Minister Schedule

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday February 24 4:00PM N. Alvarez

Sunday February 25 8:30AM Q. Valdez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday February 24 4:00PM C. Weiman, D. Scharff

Sunday February 25 8:30AM M. Martino, D. Mazzarella
11:15AM B. McCauley, J. Mulvaney

READERS

Saturday February 24 4:00PM G.I.F.T. Mass

Sunday February 25 8:30AM G.I.F.T. Mass
11:15AM G.I.F.T. Mass

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READERS

Sunday February 25 9:45AM L. Quiray

COUNTING TEAMS

Monday February 26
Team #5 L. Casey, A. Fowler, P. Russo



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, February 19

Study Hall **CLOSED**
Mass 9:00AM Church
Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)

Tuesday, February 20

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Children's Choir Rehearsal 4:30PM Church
Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30PM Church
AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, February 21

Food Pantry Distribution
Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Food Pantry Distribution 10:00AM Narthex
Level One Penance/Level Two First Communion
Knights of Columbus 6:30PM Father Milos Hall
8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Thursday, February 22

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Eucharistic Adoration 2:30PM Chapel
Chaplet and Rosary 3:00PM Chapel
Holy Hour with Father Smith 5:00PM Church
AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Friday, February 23

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Stations of the Cross 12:15PM Church

Saturday, February 24

Confessions 3:00PM Chapel
G.I.F.T. Mass 4:00PM Church
Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, February 25

Paschal Tree of Joy
G.I.F.T. Mass 8:30AM Church
G.I.F.T. Mass 11:15AM Church
AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

