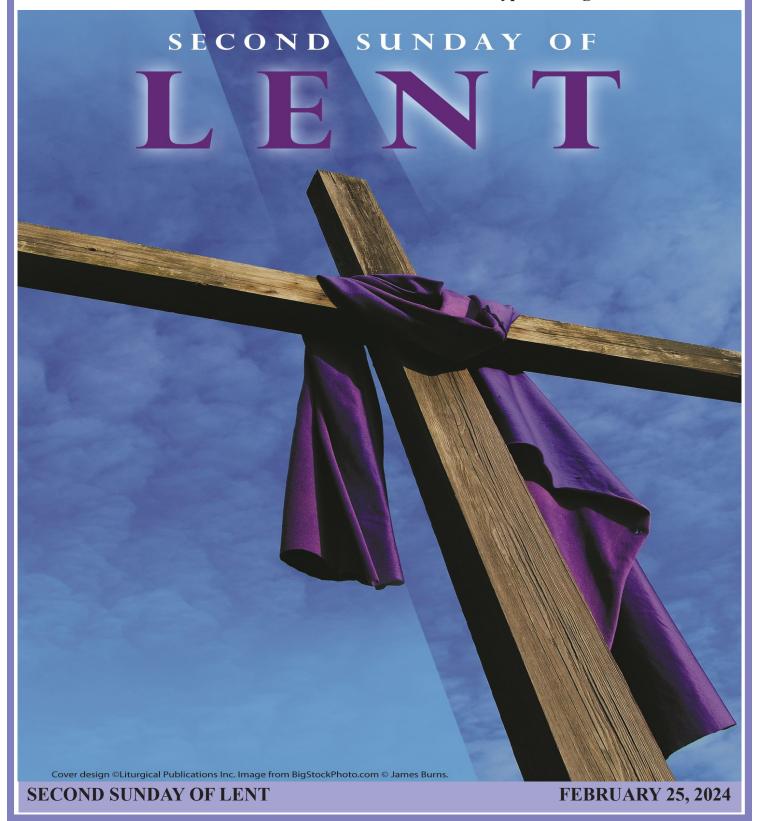


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#### **ALLARE WELCOME!**

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

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.

Jesus, dear Savior,
During these days of Lent,
I want to fast, to repent, and to pray.

Above all else I want to stay in the circle of Your love.

Walk with me and surround me with Your light; lead me and guide me in Your footsteps.

During this season of Lent help me to follow you. May your cross remind me today and throughout Lent of Your great love for me.

Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY 25, 2024** 

## Mass Intentions

#### Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday February 26 7:30<sub>AM</sub> Jim Reilly

Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.

Tuesday February 27 Saint Gregory

7:30<sub>AM</sub> Richard Simeone

Requested by Tim and Linda Casey

Wednesday February 28

7:30AM Thomas O'Connor

Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke

**Thursday February 29** Leap Day

7:30<sub>AM</sub> Marilyn Pietromonaco

Requested by Theresa Carley and Nick Miele

Friday March 1

7:30AM Rose Tina Boross

Requested by Anthony and Charlotte

Sciarpelletti

Saturday March 2 4:00pm James Netta

Requested by Rosemarie Masters

Sunday March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30<sub>AM</sub> People of the parish family

11:15AM Earle F. Cooper

Requested by the Haley family



The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes

Query Carter LoMartire

Child of Clessandro and Kristina (Sternesky)LoMartire who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on Sunday, February 4

We thank her parents for choosing life.



The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes

Sofia Gutierrez

Child of Jorge and Alessandra (Pizzi) Gutierrez who received the Sacrament of Baptism, a sacrament of promise and welcome on Sunday, February 11

We thank her parents for choosing life.

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Saturday March 2

8:30AM Deceased members of the former

Altar Rosary Society

Sunday March 3 Third Sunday of Lent

9:45AM Robert Sulo

Requested by Lita Aquilizan

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024



#### This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Psalms 116:10, 15-19 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

Monday: Daniel 9:4b-10

Psalms 79:8-9, 11, 13

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23

Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jeremiah 18:18-20

Psalms 31:5-6, 14-16 Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1:1-4, 6 Luke 16:19-31

Friday: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Psalms 105:16-21

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20

Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

Psalms 19:8-11

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

John 2:13-25

#### **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 Ruth Torkidlsen Requested by Richie and Adrienne

#### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

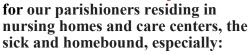
In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur, John Patrick and Owen requested by their loving family

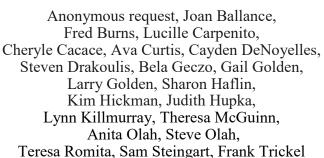
#### **CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO**

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

## Pray...





## 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!

#### **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 26 Reverend John Rozembajger Reverend Pauly Thekkan
- February 27 Reverend Glenn Comandini Reverend Alvaro Palacios Arregui
- February 28 Reverend Kevin Kelly Reverend Damian Tomiczek
- February 29 Monsignor William Benwell Reverend Kenneth Brighenti
- March 1 Reverend Guy Selvester Reverend Peter Suhaka
- March 2 Reverend Nalaka Silva
  - Reverend Michael Crummy
- March 3 Bishop James Checchio







#### **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 28 6:30PM in Father Milos Hall

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G.I.F.T. Monday, March 4 at 6:30PM in Father Milos Hall

#### **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024**

#### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 12:15pm (except Good Friday)

#### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7:00pm Mary's Way - March 1



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

## Paschal Tree of Joy

The **Paschal Tree of Joy Ministry**, with the help and generosity of our Parish Family, will enable St. Anthony's Worship Site and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site to extend the **Joy of the Risen Christ** to children between the ages of 3 through 10 years, by providing them with little tokens of pleasure in the form of Easter Baskets.



We are asking you to make up your own Easter Basket filled with appropriate items. You can also purchase a pre-made one.

Tags are available this weekend on the Easter tree in the narthex for boys and girls ranging from ages 3-10.

Please wrap your basket, attach the tag and return to our Easter Tree on the weekends of:

March 2/3, March 9/10, and March 16/17.

The baskets will be distributed the week of March 17.

If you have any questions, or are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please call Ro McNamara through the parish office 732-634-1403.



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

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through *Discipleship Formation for Children* and our *Catholic schools, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers* and the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults, and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

#### FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

## The next Food Pantry Collection is March 2 and 3

#### **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

"'Here I am!' he answered."
Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

#### Sunday, February 18, 2024

In-person donations	\$3,702.00
On-line donations	
Total	\$4,795.00

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

Mass	9:45AM	Church
Sunday, March 3	Thire	d Sunday of Lent
Saturday, March 2 Mass	8:30AM	Church
•	7:00PM	Church
Mary's Way - Stations of the Cross		
Friday, March 1 NA	11:00AM	Basement
Thursday, February 29 NA	11:00AM	Basement
Wednesday, February 28 NA	11:00AM	Basement
Tuesday, February 27 NA	11:00AM	Basement
Monday, February 26 NA	12:05PM	Basement

### Liturgical Minister Schedule

#### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALTAR SERVERS
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Saturday March 2 4:00PM N. Alvarez
Sunday March 3 8:30AM An. Weiman

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Saturday March 2 4:00pm B. and C. Marney

Sunday March 3 8:30AM A. and D. Anderson 11:15AM M. Amuzie, B. Cuozzo

#### **READERS**

Saturday March 2 4:00pm E. Alvarez

Sunday March 3 8:30AM G. Onukwugha 11:15AM C. Amuzie

#### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

#### **READERS**

Sunday March 3 9:45AM G. Clarke

#### **COUNTING TEAMS**

Monday March 4

Team #6 F. and N. Rombardo

### This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, February 26		
Study Hall	6:30am	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Church
Bingo	12:00рм	Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)		
Holy Hour with Father Sr	nith	
	6:15 <sub>PM</sub>	Chapel
Pastoral Council Meeting	7:15рм	Father Milos Hall

Tuesday, February 27 Study Hall Father Milos Hall 6:30am Mass 7:30AM Church Children's Choir Rehearsal 4:30<sub>PM</sub> Church Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30рм Church Adult Confirmation 7:30pmChurch

AA 7:30<sub>PM</sub> Father Milos Hall

#### Wednesday, February 28

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Study Hall	6:30am	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30am	Church
Food Pantry Distribution	10:00am	Narthex
Level One Penance/Level Two First Communion		
	6:30рм	Father Milos Hall

Thursday, February 29

Study Hall	6:30ам	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30am	Church
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	2:30рм	Chapel
Chaplet and Rosary	3:00рм	Chapel
Confessions	6:00рм	Chapel
AA	8:00рм	Father Milos Hall

Friday, March 1

Study Hall6:30AMFather Milos HallMass7:30AMChurchStations of the Cross12:15PMChurch

Saturday, March 2Food Pantry Collection WeekendConfessions3:00pmChapelMass4:00pmChurch

Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, March 3Paschal Tree of Joy WeekendMass8:30AMChurchCoffee and Conversationafter 8:30AM MassMass11:15AMChurchAA7:00PMFather Milos Hall

#### **OVERCOMING HUNGRY**

In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry.
Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately – due to the changing climate — the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flodding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community.

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

## ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to



Mark your calendar Sunday, March 3 after 8:30AM Mass