



**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

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.

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Mass Intentions

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

- Monday February 26**
7:30AM Jim Reilly
Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.
- Tuesday February 27** *Saint Gregory*
7:30AM 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*
7:30AM Marilyn Pietromonaco
Requested by Theresa Carley and Nick Miele
- Friday March 1**
7:30AM Rose Tina Boross
Requested by Anthony and Charlotte Sciarpettelli
- Saturday March 2**
4:00PM James Netta
Requested by Rosemarie Masters
- Sunday March 3** *Third Sunday of Lent*
8:30AM 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 Alessandro 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

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

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, 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 Trickle

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 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)



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

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.....	\$1,093.00
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

Monday, February 26

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, February 27

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, February 28

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, February 29

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, March 1

NA 11:00AM Basement
Mary's Way - Stations of the Cross
7:00PM Church

Saturday, March 2

Mass 8:30AM Church

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 9:45AM Church

Liturgical Minister Schedule

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday March 2 4:00PM N. Alvarez

Sunday March 3 8:30AM An. Weiman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

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

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



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 flooding 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.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, February 26

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
 Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall
 (Doors open at 10:30AM)

Holy Hour with Father Smith

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:15PM **Chapel**
 7:15PM Father Milos Hall

Tuesday, February 27

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

Wednesday, February 28

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

Thursday, February 29

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
 Eucharistic Adoration 2:30PM Chapel
 Chaplet and Rosary 3:00PM Chapel
 Confessions 6:00PM Chapel
 AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2 Food Pantry Collection Weekend

Confessions 3:00PM Chapel
Mass 4:00PM Church
 Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, March 3 Paschal Tree of Joy Weekend

Mass 8:30AM Church
 Coffee and Conversation after 8:30AM Mass
Mass 11:15AM Church
 AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

**ALL
 PARISHIONERS
 are invited to**

**Coffee &
 Conversation**

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