



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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18th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

SOME GIVE TO THE MISSION BY GOING, OTHERS GO TO THE MISSION BY GIVING.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

When I was a little boy growing up in my home parish of Saint Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, in Calabar, Nigeria, we used to receive a mission magazine from the Missionary Society of Saint Paul. I was always fascinated by a phrase at the back of that magazine. It said, **“some give to the mission by going, others go to the mission by giving.”** Curious about this statement, I asked my pastor to explain it to me. He told me that, as disciples of the Lord, we are all called to missionary work. Some among us are able to leave family and work and go as missionaries to bring the word of God to other places. Some of us are unable to live our families and so we contribute to the work of evangelization, to help others who are missionaries. This made great sense to me. Every year, our bishop and the Pontifical Mission Society and our diocesan Mission Cooperative Office invites us to share in the work of evangelization and to support the work of the Church in many places in need around the world. We call this the “Mission Appeal”. Usually, a missionary or representative of a mission diocese will come to us and speak and share with us their work of evangelization and will ask for our support. This year, the diocese of Balasore, in India, was assigned to us, but due to an emergency, the missionary representative was unable to join us. Next weekend, August 9 and 10, we will have a collection to support the work of evangelization in the Diocese of Balasore, India. Please be generous with your support. Here is the message from the missionary representative.

MISSION APPEAL - 2025
Diocese of Balasore, India

Dear Brothers and sisters,

I am Father Joe Chacko, and I am the mission coordinator for the Diocese of Balasore. Our Diocese is in the west of India and is near to Calcutta where Saint (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta ministered. Bishop James Checchio and the Missionary Cooperative Office of the Diocese of Metuchen graciously assigned your parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for our Mission partnership this year. Due to an emergency in our diocese, I am, sadly, unable to be with you. Allow me to share with you a brief information about our diocese and I ask you to kindly support our work of evangelization.

Our Diocese of Balasore is in one of the poorest parts of India and there is widespread illiteracy and lack of education, especially for girls. We have 30,000 Catholics out of a population of nine million. We face frequent anti-Christian violence: aggressors have burned our Churches, attacked our religious sisters, and killed our priests. Nevertheless, we continue to serve our people, both Christians and non-Christians who depend on the ministry of our diocese. Through the support of faithful and generous Catholics like you, we can build and maintain our churches, schools and health facilities where we can carry out our mission to preach the Gospel, to celebrate the Sacraments and to love our neighbour with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

On behalf of our bishop, the Most Reverend Varghese Thottamkara, C.M., I humbly ask for your support for our mission. We ask for your prayers for our diocese and the people we serve. You can learn more about the work of our diocese through our diocesan website www.balasorediocese.org. We also ask for your financial support which will go a long way to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our diocese. The cost of building a church or supporting a displaced family is very minimal, and so we appreciate whatever you can afford. As our Lord Jesus said, ‘whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it for me’ (Matthew 25:40).

Thank you very much for your willingness to support our diocese. May God, our loving Father, richly bless and sustain your parish and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Joe T. Chacko

Mission Co-Ordinator for Balasore, India.

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.

Mass Intentions

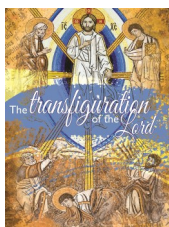
at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Monday August 4 *Saint John Vianney*
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving sister, Rosemarie and brother-in-law Ray and family

Tuesday August 5 *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*
7:30AM Theresa McGuinn
Requested by Theresa Bellavia and family

Wednesday August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*
7:30AM Purgatorial Mass Society



Thursday August 7 *Saint Sixtus III and Saint Cajetan*
7:30AM Rudolph Stollenmaier
Requested by Carmella and Nick Iannitto

Friday August 8 *Saint Dominic*
7:30AM Richard Hardish
Requested by Mary and Tom Balint

Saturday August 9 *Saint Teresa Benedicta*
4:00PM Burton Trebour
Requested by Frieda DeSantis

Sunday August 10
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM John and Elizabeth Bodak
Requested by Granddaughters, Karen Brenner and Arlene Pedersen

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday August 9 *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*
8:30AM Joseph and Maria Scheck
Requested by Maria Herczeg and family

Sunday August 10
10:00AM Erwin and Monina Gumapac
(Living for good health and conversion)
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac

August 3, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
Psalms 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

Monday: Numbers 11:4b-15
Psalms 81:12-17
Matthew 14:13-21



Tuesday: Numbers 12:1-13
Psalms 51:1, 3-7, 12-13
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Luke 9:28b-36

Thursday: Numbers 20:1-13
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9
Matthew 16:13-23

Friday: Deuteronomy 4:32-40
Psalms 77:12-16, 21
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Deuteronomy 6:4-13
Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday: Wisdom 18:6-9
Psalms 33:1, 12, 18-22
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
or 11:1-2, 8-12
Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

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

LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM

Daily Mass Monday through Friday: 7:30AM

Visit www.saintanthonyofpadua.org

Click on the YouTube link



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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 my brother, Richie Simeone
Requested by his sister, Rosemarie and
brother-in-law, Ray and family

In loving memory of Alicia Mezie
Requested by Angela Matchko

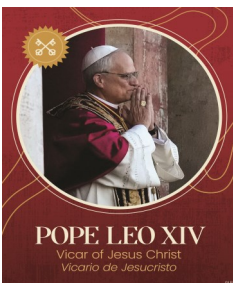
GOOD SHEPHERD

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



Pope's Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray
that societies where coexistence
seems more difficult might not
succumb to the temptation of
confrontation for ethnic, political,
religious, or ideological reasons.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

August 4 Reverend John Barbella
Reverend John Stec



August 5 Reverend Alexander Carles
Reverend Randy Gamboa-Espinoza

August 6 Reverend Keith Cervine
Reverend Wladyslaw Wiktorek

August 7 Reverend Marco Caceres
Monsignor Andrew Szaroleta

August 8 Monsignor James Moran
Reverend Yong Bum Lee

August 9 Reverend David Kosmoski
Monsignor Eugene Prus

August 10 Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski



Third Banns of Marriage

The intent of Marriage
has been announced between

C'asia Miles and Genaro Principe

to enter into the Covenant of Marriage at
Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church

Port Reading, NJ

on

August 9, 2025



*The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua
welcomes*

Myles Pickney

*who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on
Sunday, July 27, 2025*

We thank his parents for choosing life.

Pray ...

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



Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous,
John Carpenito, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion,
Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos,
Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez, Larry Golden,
Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray,
Jonathan Marcela, Carmen Margiotto,
Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV,
David Russell, Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen,
Maryann Vyszwan, 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.**

**If you would like to add a loved one to the
Pray list, contact the parish office.**

Pray for Peace!



Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the souls of:
Carole Anne Decibus-Coleman - June 5, 2025
Robert H. Yockavitch - June 27, 2025
Jeffrey Pagliuca - July 6, 2025
Patricia A. Mroz - July 14, 2025

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners who
died a year ago in 2024:
Maryann Wishbow - August 22
Stephen Olah - August 28



Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	requested by:
Carole Anne Decibus-Coleman	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Dennis Tsirikos	The Casey family
Robert H. Yockavitch	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Dennis Tsirikos	Michelle Contala and Mary Lou LeCompte
Jeffrey Pagliuca	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Patricia A. Mroz	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family



Summer Service Project

Adopt a "backpack"



During the month of August the parish family is invited to participate in our annual "Adopt a Backpack Project". This program assists families in preparing their children with school supplies and backpacks as they begin a new school year in September. The backpacks will be distributed to families of our parish community, Food Pantry, and to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



Here is how you can help???

In order to get the items needed for each backpack, we are asking you to purchase one of the suggested items: Backpack, color (markers or pencils), construction paper, crayons (8 jumbo or 24 count), erasers, gift card (5 Below), glue sticks, highlighters, notebooks (one subject), pencils, pocket folders, ruler, soft pencil case.



This process should allow for a variety of items to fill the backpacks. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase these supplies.

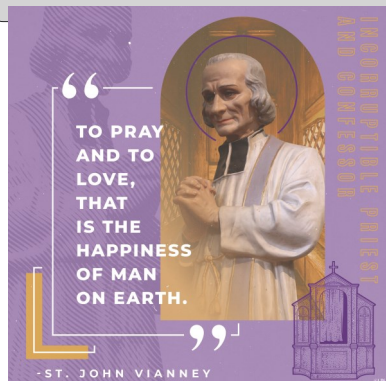


Donations may be placed in the narthex from
Monday, July 28 to Monday, August 18
Assembly on Thursday, August 21

Thank you for your generosity and support of our
ADOPT A BACKPACK PROJECT!

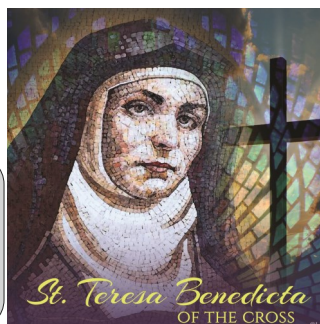
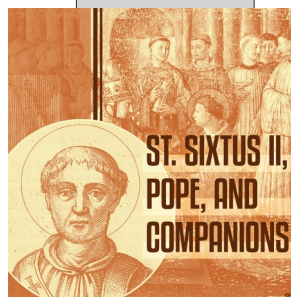
Did you know these saints have a feast day this week?

August 4 - the patron saint of
priests and parish clergy

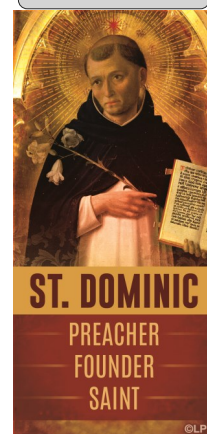


August 7 - devoted to reform,
prayer, and ministry especially
for the poor and the sick

August 7



August 8



August 9 - born of Jewish
parents, she was a teacher,
entered the Discalced Carmelite
convent in 1933 and was killed
by the Nazis in 1942.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
August 20**

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit	Canned potatoes
Cereal	Chili
Instant Potatoes	Jelly
Pancake mix	Pancake syrup
Pasta sauce	Peanut butter
Rice	Soup
Spanish beans	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: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, July 27, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,531.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,165.00
Total.....	\$4,696.00

*Thank you for your
continued support of the parish.*

Stewardship

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our 'invisible' gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from 'emptying' ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".



FAITH FORMATION

**Registration for NEW and returning families is
underway for our Faith Formation programs,
Growing in Faith Together - G.I.F.T. and
Sacramental Preparation programs for**

Level 1 Penance

Level 2 Communion

and

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation.

**Please note: Our G.I.F.T. sessions will be held on
Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm.**

**Our Sacramental Preparation programs will be
held on Monday evenings.**

***** Update *****

**Information and registration is
available in the parish office and can be
found on the parish website at
www.saintanthonypadua.org**

*****REGISTRATION**

is Pass DUE***

Return immediately

Sessions will begin on

Wednesday, September 17

Birthday Blessing for August



As a parish family we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God many continue to bless them. abundantly in the years ahead.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, August 4 **Back Pack/ School Supplies Drive**

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (Doors open at 10:30AM)

Tuesday, August 5

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, August 6

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel

Thursday, August 7

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	8:00PM	Father Milos Hall

Friday, August 8

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel

Saturday, August 9

Wedding	1:00PM	Church
Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church
NA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Sunday, August 10

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



Sunday, November 16
Queen for a Day Tricky Tray Auction

To help prepare for this fundraiser, if you find such items as baskets, home goods, or other items that you no longer have a use for, consider donating them to church. New items can be repurposed for church activities. Contact the parish office with questions 732-634-1403.



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.



Welcome summer!

To find a local Mass when you are travelling
search **MassTimes.org**



This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, August 4 **Back Pack/ School Supplies Drive**

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, August 5

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, August 6

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, August 7

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, August 8

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, August 9

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

Sunday, August 10

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	August 9	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney D. Scharff
Sunday	August 10	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson G. Clarke
		11:30AM	B. McCauley L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday	August 9	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	August 10	8:30AM	G. and G. C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	L. Casabianca

SERVERS

Sunday	August 10	8:30AM	C. and C. Onukwugha Q. Valdez
		11:30AM	B. Banko

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	August 10	10:00AM	G. Clarke
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Update your PARISH RECORDS

If your address, phone, or email have changed,
contact the parish office at 732-634-1403
or email info.stanthony1@gmail.com



If you have a special intention and would like to donate a flower arrangement, contact the parish office for further information.