



**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

Wednesday, March 13 at 5:15PM

Monday, March 18 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**

Monday through Friday at 7:30AM Mass

Sunday at 8:30AM

and special Masses (see the website)

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

*As we journey through the season of Lent to the
 celebration of Easter, we are called to pray for
 those who will become fully initiated as Catholics.*

*This week is a reminder to pray for those
 from our parish family.*



God our Savior,
 we look forward to celebrating the life-giving
 scriptures of our Lord Jesus Christ's suffering,
 death, and resurrection.

We pray for the children of the Onukwugha family:

Chiemela
 Chibuikem
 Chibunnam
 Chibundum
 Chibundom

as they make their First Holy Communion and
 Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

They look for the example of Christian
 renewal in us and we welcome them into the
 Saint Anthony of Padua parish family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Mass Intentions

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday	March 11	
7:30AM	Anthony, George, John, and Edward Barcellona	
	Requested by Deacon Peter and family	
Tuesday	March 12	
7:30AM	Richard Simeone	
	Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac	
Wednesday	March 13	
7:30AM	Margaret Rosenkranz	
	Requested by Father Smith	
Thursday	March 14	
7:30AM	Reverend Garrett Fitzgerald	
Friday	March 15	
7:30AM	Frances Clarke, Sr.	
	Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke	
Saturday	March 16	
4:00PM	Deborah Grispart	
	Requested by her family	
Sunday	March 17	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
8:30AM	Frances Gross	
	Requested by Father Smith	
11:15AM	Harold Cedeno	
	Requested by his wife, Lenny and children	

Stewardship

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, March 3, 2024

In-person donations.....	\$5,283.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,398.00
Total.....	\$6,681.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Saturday	March 16	
8:30AM	Faustino Lansang, Sr.	
	Requested by Mina and Edwin Torres	
Sunday	March 17	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>
9:45AM	People of the parish family	

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2024**



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalms 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21
Monday:	Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalms 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a 13b John 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalms 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30
Thursday	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalms 106:19-23 John 5:31-47
Friday:	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalms 34:17-21, 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalms 7:2-3, 9b-12 John 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33





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 Johanna and Sabby Martino
Requested by son, Marty and Patricia Martino

In loving memory of George Seibert
on his 4th anniversary in Heaven
Requested by his loving family

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of Edward Lagomarsino on his
4th anniversary in Heaven (March 14)
Requested by his wife, Vera and 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...

**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,
Heather Marrone Fabio, 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.

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

Pope Francis' Intention for March:

We pray that those who risk their lives
for the Gospel in various parts of the
world inflame the Church with their
courage and missionary enthusiasm.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

March 11	Reverend Alexander Carles Reverend John Siceloff
March 12	Very Reverend Brian Nolan Reverend Edgar Madarang
March 13	Reverend Sebastian Kaithackal Reverend Louis F. Stingel
March 14	Monsignor Sylvester Cronin Very Reverend Robert Kolakowski
March 15	Very Reverend Peter Cebulka Reverend Abraham Lotha
March 16	Reverend Michael Gromadzki Reverend Kenneth Murphy
March 17	Monsignor Randall Vashon Reverend Keith Cervine



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 and Level Two
Confirmation Preparation
Living Stations rehearsal
at Saint Anthony of Padua
Monday, March 11 at 6:30PM**

**Friday, March 15 at 7:00PM Living Stations
Students arrive by 5:00PM**

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**Level One First Penance
Level Two First Communion
Wednesday, March 13
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)

Living Stations - Friday, March 15 at 7:00pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend quiet time with Our Lord
Thursday, 2:30PM to 6:00PM
Chaplet/Rosary at 3:00PM



PASCHAL CANDLE

If you would like to donate the Paschal Candle for both worship sites, or the smaller matching Altar candles for Saint Anthony of Padua in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.

PALM ARRANGEMENTS

If you're interested in donating one of the palm arrangements that will adorn the Altar of Saint Anthony of Padua or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site on Palm Sunday in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the parish office



Paschal Tree of Joy

The **Paschal Tree of Joy Ministry**, with the help and generosity of our Parish Family, will enable Saint Anthony's Worship Site and Our Lady of Mount 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 weekend of: 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.



*"Lent is a time
of
returning to the Lord!"*

Bishop James F. Checchio

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Central to our understanding of Christian stewardship is the concept of accountability. To safeguard the gifts you have entrusted to our care, we recently set up a special foundation, a separate trust, where all the money from this Appeal goes to that it can be used only for those ministries advertised in the Appeal materials and website. You can be assured that your gift is well protected and well used; making a difference in meeting the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the people we serve. A gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a worthy investment.

Easter Celebration Meal

Plans are underway for our 26th annual Easter Celebration Meal to be prepared in Father Milos Hall on Saturday morning, **March 30**. Last year's presentation and preparation of the meal was such a beautiful success - all because of the love and care shown by our parish family in so many ways - in donating the items needed, in contributing financially, and most of all, by having many hands to do the work, beforehand and on that morning!

For anyone who is not familiar with this ministry - a meal of ham, kielbasa, and all the trimmings is prepared and then either picked up or delivered to those who have previously called and expressed their interest in receiving this meal. This is primarily for anyone who may be going through a difficult financial time, who perhaps may be out of work, ill, or alone. This meal is provided **at no charge**.

Help is needed in a variety of ways: people to help cook, prepare the individual arrangements, help spread the word about the availability of the meal, collect what is needed, drive and deliver the meals, and many other tasks. If you would like to assist, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office by **Wednesday, March 20**.

*Without YOU this cannot be done
in the true spirit of stewardship,
please be generous with your time and talents!!!*

Yes, I would like to help in the following way(s):

Cook Saturday morning _____ Donate applesauce (6 pack) _____
Prepare the servings _____ Donate 5 lb. canned ham _____
Driver _____ Donate kielbasa _____
Monetary donation _____ Donate pound cakes _____
Supermarket gift card _____
Name: _____

Phone #: _____

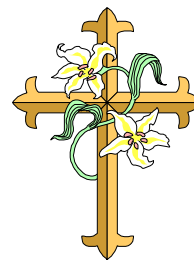
EMAIL: _____

Best Time to call: _____

*In order to prepare accordingly, please drop form off no later than **Wednesday, March 20** at the parish office or place in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you.*

Saint Anthony of Padua 26th Annual Easter Celebration Meal

**Do
You
Wish
to
Partake
of Our...**



**ARE YOU
FACING THIS
MOST HOLY
OF
HOLY DAYS**
...without family?
...out of work?
...ill?

...EASTER CELEBRATION MEAL?

A MEAL of HAM, KIELBASA, and ALL the TRIMMINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT ON

SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

to be PICKED-UP by you OR DELIVERED to your home (Deliveries to Woodbridge Township, Carteret, and Perth Amboy ONLY- ALL OTHER LOCATIONS – we welcome you to pick-up your meal at church.)

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE MEAL!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTAKE, **HOWEVER**, a call is needed on or before **WEDNESDAY, March 20 by 3:00 PM** in order to properly plan for this event.

WE WILL BEGIN TO TAKE CALLS FOR THE MEAL ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16

PLEASE CALL 732-634-1419,
leave your name and telephone number
and someone will return your call beginning
Tuesday, March 19

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

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

**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
Wednesday, March 20 from 10:00AM to noon**

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.**

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, March 11

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, March 12

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, March 13

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, March 14

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, March 15

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, March 16

Mass 8:30AM Church

Sunday, March 17

Mass 9:45AM Church *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday March 17 8:30AM An. Weiman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday March 16 4:00PM G. Grispart, D. Scharff

Sunday March 17 8:30AM O. and R. Sandoval
11:15AM M. Amuzie, B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday March 16 4:00PM R. McNamara

Sunday March 17 8:30AM G. Onukwugha
11:15AM C. Amuzie

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READERS

Sunday March 17 9:45AM L. Quiray

COUNTING TEAMS

Sunday March 17
Team #1 R. McNamara, B. Neveil



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

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, March 13

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Holy Hour with Father Smith 5:15PM Chapel
Level One Penance and Level Two Communion
6:30PM Church

Thursday, March 14

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 15

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM Church
Stations of the Cross 12:15PM Church
Living Stations of the Cross (Students arrive at 5:00PM)
7:00PM Church

Saturday, March 16 *Paschal Tree of Joy Weekend*

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

Sunday, March 17 *Paschal Tree of Joy Weekend*

Mass 8:30AM Church
Mass 11:15AM Church
AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE



Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures, and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how—with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours - Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe.

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