



**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, March 18 at 6:15PM
Good Friday, March 29 at 1:30PM

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Good Friday, March 29 at 12:00PM

As we celebrate Holy Week
the Rosary will be recited on

Monday, March 25 following 7:30AM Mass

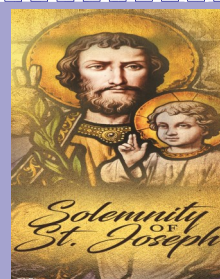
All are welcome!

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:
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.**



Tuesday, March 19

**O Glorious Saint Joseph, chosen by God to
be the foster father of Jesus, the chaste
spouse of Mary ever Virgin, and head of the
Holy Family, be the heavenly patron and
defender of the Church.**

**With confidence we ask your powerful aid
for the Church on earth. Shield the Church
with paternal love, especially Pope Francis,
together with all the bishops, priests,
and deacons.**

**Protect the working men and women and
their families. Intercede for young people
who are searching for their place in life. Be
the sure refuge for all of us at the hour of
death, and guide us safely into heaven.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

Amen

Mass Intentions

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday 7:30AM	March 18 Richard Simeone Requested by Bette Sullivan	<i>Saint Cyril</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	March 19 George Seibert Requested by daughter, Holly and John Pagliuca	<i>Saint Joseph</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	March 20 Andrew Kurucz, Sr. Requested by his family	
Thursday 7:30AM	March 21 Elizabeth Policastro (birthday in Heaven) Requested by Ginny Clarke	
Friday 7:30AM	March 22 Respect for Life	
Saturday 4:00PM	March 23 Antoinette Skarzynski Requested by the Daley family	<i>Saint Turibius</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	March 24 People of the parish family	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
11:15AM	Deborah Grispart Requested by her loving husband, Gerald	

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

March 18	Reverend John Grimes Reverend Virgilio Tolentino
March 19	Our Holy Father
March 20	Reverend Jason Pavich Reverend Matthew Paratore
March 21	Reverend Jerome Johnson Reverend Thomas Aenekatt
March 22	Reverend Thomas Odorizzi Reverend Paul Michalowski
March 23	Reverend Lancelot McGrath Our Holy Father
March 24	Reverend Edward Czarcinski Reverend Roberto Coruna

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, March 10, 2024

In-person donations.....	\$4,329.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,370.50
Total.....	\$5,699.50

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Saturday 8:30AM	March 23 Joseph Mikos Requested by his loving family	<i>Saint Turibius</i>
Sunday 9:45AM	March 24 Ray and Cherie Gumapac (living good health) Requested by their loving family	<i>Palm Sunday</i>

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024**



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalms 51:3-4, 12-15 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33
Monday:	Deuteronomy 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Psalms 23:1-6 John 8:1-11
Tuesday:	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29 Roman 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a
Wednesday:	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Psalms) Daniel 3:52-56 John 8:31-42
Thursday	Genesis 17:3-9 Psalms 105:4-9 John 8:51-59
Friday:	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalms 18:2-7 John 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ezekiel 37:21-28 (Psalms) Jeremiah 31:10-13 John 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-7 Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



Stewardship

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."
Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors, and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.



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 A. Simeone
Requested by Claudia Trotto

In memory of a dear friend's mother, Baldev Kaur
Requested by Eileen and Stanley Gurney

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of Kathleen Costello
Requested by John and Holly Pagliuca

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



Paschal Tree of Joy

*Please return baskets to our
Easter Tree by March 17*



PASCHAL CANDLE

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



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, Robert Lilley,
Heather Marrone Fabio, 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.

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



FAITH FORMATION

**Level One and Level Two
Confirmation Preparation
Monday, March 18 at 6:30PM**

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**Level One First Penance
Level Two First Communion
Wednesday, March 20
6:30PM in Father Milos Hall**

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Saint Anthony of Padua. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth, and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Father Smith, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA



Sunday, March 24

Mass will begin in Father Milos Hall

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am (livestream) and 11:15am

Monday, March 25

7:30am Mass (livestream)

Tuesday, March 26

7:30am Mass (livestream)

Chrism Mass...Saint Francis Cathedral...4:00pm
(see details in note below)

Wednesday, March 27

7:30am Mass (livestream)

Confessions...9:00-9:30am and 7:00-7:30pm

Holy Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer...9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper...7:00pm (livestream)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:30pm

Night Prayer...9:30pm

Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer...9:00am

Church open for Private Prayer and Reflection

12:05pm - 3:00pm

Prayer Time with Father Smith...1:30pm – 2:30pm



Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death
3:00pm (livestream)

Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer...9:00am

Blessing of the Easter Celebration Meal...10:30am

Blessing of Easter Meal (Food)...1:00pm (Hall)

The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter
7:00pm (no 4:00pm Mass) (livestream)

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Mass...8:30am (livestream) and 11:15am



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Sunday, March 24

Mass 10:00am
(TIME CHANGE)



Good Friday, March 29

Prayer Time with Father Smith
12:05-1:05pm

Stations and
Veneration of the Cross
6:00pm



Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of Easter Meal (Food)...12:05pm

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Mass 10:00am
(TIME CHANGE)



Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen – 4:00PM

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support.

The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream at <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass.

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 #: _____

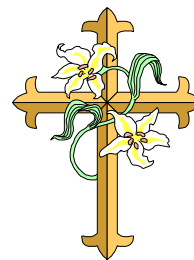
EMAIL: _____

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 18

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, March 19

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, March 20

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, March 21

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

Mass 8:30AM Church

Sunday, March 24 *Palm Sunday*

Mass 10:00AM Church

Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday March 23 4:00PM N. Alvarez
Sunday March 24 8:30AM Q. Valdez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday March 23 4:00PM A. and F. Fowler
Sunday March 24 8:30AM M. Martino, D. Mazzarella
11:15AM B. Cuzzo, B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday March 23 4:00PM E. Alvarez, R. McNamara
Sunday March 24 8:30AM C. Mazzarella
G. Onukwugha
11:15AM J. Baszak, G. Grispart

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READERS

Sunday March 24 10:00AM E. Bonus

COUNTING TEAMS

Sunday March 24
Team #2 L. Palasits, B. Sorbanelli



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, March 18

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

6:15PM Chapel
Level One and Level Two Confirmation Preparation
6:30PM Church

Tuesday, March 19

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 20 *Food Pantry Distribution*

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

Thursday, March 21

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 22

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

Saturday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 24

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

Palm Sunday

EMBODYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST BY CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER



Reflect on your Lenten journey thus far: What have you learned from our global family members in Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia? How does the Eucharist unite us with our sisters and brothers around the world? Consider how Christ is present in Adolf and Florence, Sandra and Santos and Evita.

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