



# The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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**WEDNESDAY, March 27**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

Mass 7:30AM (livestream)

Confessions 9:00AM - 9:30AM and 7:00PM - 7:30PM



**HOLY THURSDAY, March 28**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

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**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

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 -**

**Traditional Service 3:00PM (livestream)**



**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**

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

Stations of the Cross and Veneration of the Cross 6:00PM



**Holy Saturday, March 30**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

Morning Prayer 9:00AM

Blessing of the Easter Celebration Meal 10:30AM

Blessing of Family Easter Meal (Food) 1:00PM - Father Milos Hall

**The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter 7:00PM (livestream)**

**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**

Blessing of Family Easter Meal (Food) 12:05PM

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS, March 31**

**Mass Schedule**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**

8:30AM (livestream) and 11:15AM

**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**

10:00 AM



## 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*

### *A Meditation for Holy Week*



*For a closer union with Jesus in his humility,  
in his suffering, this Sunday we hold palm  
branches in our hands, and wave them to greet  
our Lord's entry into the city of our salvation.*

*Last year's palms were burned to form the  
ashes that marked our foreheads to begin this  
Lenten journey.*

*We can place these palm branches - perhaps  
from each member of the family - in a special  
place in our home (maybe cutting a small piece  
and putting it some place where we work).*

*Each day this week they can represent our  
celebration of His love for me.*

*That symbol can say so many words -  
all that we are about to celebrate and  
accept as love for us, and all the entry into  
Jerusalem experiences in our lives.*

#### ***Parish Office Hours***

Monday	8:30AM - 2:00PM
Tuesday	10:00AM - 2:00PM
Wednesday	8:30AM - 2:00PM
Holy Thursday	CLOSED
Good Friday	CLOSED

### **PALM ARRANGEMENTS**

**at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site**



*In loving memory of Jack  
at the request of his loving wife,  
Amy Krapf*



*In loving memory of  
John and Ethel Osag*

*at the request of  
their loving family*

**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**



*In loving memory of  
Vittoria Popolo*

*at the request of  
Mr. & Mrs. G. Poos and family*

**PALM SUNDAY**

**March 24, 2024**

## OUR HOLIEST WEEK



### THE CHRISM MASS

This **Tuesday, March 26**, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass in his Milan Cathedral. These three Holy Oils have been channels of holiness for God's people for centuries! They are:

1. **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism
2. **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
3. **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 on the altar and walls during a church dedication.

These oils are kept in an **ambry**; the Latin word *armarium* means cupboard or chest. At this Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to the ministry to God and His People. The Bishop and all priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, ***Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 PM.***

### THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are referred to as ***THE THREE DAYS*** or by the Latin term ***TRIDUUM***.



### HOLY THURSDAY

The Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper. This Mass preserves several traditions that were once common to every celebration of the Eucharist. Today they seem special and different. The Mass begins with the tabernacle entirely empty for we receive Holy Communion from the bread and wine consecrated at this Mass. The Liturgy of the Word focus is: the history of the Passover Meal from the Book of Exodus, the earliest account of the Lord's Supper in Saint Paul's letter to the Corinthians and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples in the Gospel of Saint John.

We experience Jesus washing the feet of his disciples when the priest washes the feet of people from the parish.

Finally, this liturgy calls up to thank Jesus for the gift of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar (the Eucharist).

Tonight's Mass calls us to go deeper. The Eucharist calls us to build up the unity of the whole Church.

Following the Mass, the EUCHARIST (which will be distributed on Good Friday is taken in procession to an area specially prepared). Ideally this area should be setup for adoration outside the Church proper. The altar is then stripped and crosses removed from the Church. If a cross cannot be removed, it is to be covered.

## **HOLY THURSDAY SOCIAL MINISTRY COLLECTION**

In the instruction for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we read that "*at the presentation of gifts, an offering for the poor is made.*" There will be a special collection on Holy Thursday, which benefits emergency assistance, funding for our Shop-Rite vouchers given to those in need and a variety of special projects to brighten the lives of our homebound parishioners. These are just a few of the services that the Holy Thursday collection benefits. As a tithing parish, one-tenth of this offering is designated for a charity outside the parish. *We thank you for your generosity.*

## **GOOD FRIDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD**



Good Friday is the most somber day of the entire Church year. Everything is simple today. Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The Church is silent. We prostrate before the Cross in humility. The high point of the first part of the Good Friday Liturgy is the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church prays its most solemn form of the General Intercessions.

The second part of the Good Friday Liturgy is the presentation of the CROSS. This ritual is unique to this day. The Good Friday service ends with a simple Communion service. All leave in somber silence.

### **GOOD FRIDAY Collection for the HOLY PLACES**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information, visit [www.myfranciscan.org](http://www.myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

## **EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD**

On Holy Saturday there is no "EASTER Mass." After sunset on Holy Saturday we begin with the Easter Vigil celebration. The Easter Vigil begins with a service of light. We light the Easter fire and light the most beautiful candle of the year - the PASCHAL CANDLE. The lit Paschal candle enters the church with the proclamation "THE LIGHT OF CHRIST". The EXSULTET is proclaimed. The EXSULTET is the Church's proclamation of Christ's victory over sin and death.

We hear through Scripture readings the history of our salvation. The *Gloria* and *Alleluia* are sung for the first time since Ash Wednesday. Those adults who are to be baptized or received into Church are welcomed into the full life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

This week celebrates the most holiest mystery of our faith - let us celebrate this week by participating in each day's activities and understand more fully God's love for us through Christ's Death and Resurrection.



GOOD FRIDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence.  
 A day of **fast** is to be observed by anyone between the age of 18 and 59.  
 A person is not to eat between meals.  
 A day of **abstinence** is to be observed by anyone age 14 and older.  
 A day of abstinence means one does not eat meat or meat by products.

## OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed  
 Holy Thursday, March 28; Good Friday, March 29; and Easter Monday, April 1  
 in preparation for and celebration of Easter.

## BINGO

There will be **NO** Bingo on Monday, March 25.  
 Bingo will resume on Monday, April 1.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### *Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site*

Monday, March 25  
 7:30AM Eleanor and Michael Morris  
 Requested by their family

Tuesday, March 26  
 7:30AM Kathleen Costello  
 Requested by Karen Brenner

Wednesday, March 27  
 7:30AM Nazareth Barcellona  
 Requested by son, Jay, Colleen and family

Holy Thursday, March 28  
 9:00AM Morning Prayer  
 7:00PM Mass of the Lord's Supper -  
 Pray for all Priests

Good Friday, March 29  
 9:00AM Morning Prayer  
 3:00PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, March 30  
 9:00AM Morning Prayer

Easter Vigil  
 7:00PM People of the parish family

Easter Sunday, March 31  
 8:30AM People of the parish family  
 11:15AM People of the parish family

### *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site*

Easter Sunday, March 31  
 10:00AM People of the parish family

### SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

**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

**MONDAY** Isaiah 42:1-7  
 Psalms 27:1-3, 13-14  
 John 12:1-11

**TUESDAY** Isaiah 49:1-6  
 Psalms 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17  
 John 13:21-33, 36-38

**WEDNESDAY** Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalms 69:8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34  
 Matthew 26:14-25

**HOLY THURSDAY** Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
 Psalms 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18  
 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
 John 13:1-15

**GOOD FRIDAY** Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
 Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25  
 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
 John 18:1-19:42

**EASTER VIGIL**  
 First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2  
 Second Reading: Genesis 22:1-18  
 Third Reading: Exodus 14:15-51:1  
 Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14  
 Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11  
 Sixth Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
 Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

**EASTER SUNDAY** Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
 Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 Colossians 3:1-4 or  
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
 John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7





## Stewardship

*"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" Mark 15:12-13*

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

## Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**In-person donations.....\$4,190.00**  
**On-line donations.....\$1,248.00**  
**Total.....\$5,438.00**

**ALL ARE WELCOME  
 to HELP PREPARE and DECORATE  
 the CHURCH for EASTER**

*Good Friday, March 29 at 6:00PM*

*If you have any questions or need additional  
 information, call the parish office.*

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

March 25 Reverend Charles O'Connor  
 Reverend J. Maciej Melaniuk

March 26 Reverend Krzysztof Kaczynski  
 Reverend Albert L. Roca

March 27 Reverend Joseph Illes  
 Monsignor John Gordon

March 28 Reverend Antony Arockiadoss  
 Reverend Lauro Sedlmayer

March 29 All Priests

March 30 Reverend Robert Gorman  
 Reverend Chester Carina

March 31 Monsignor Andrew Szaroleta  
 Reverend J. Phillip Vadakkekara



## FAITH FORMATION

**Level One and Level Two  
 Confirmation Preparation Students  
 are required to attend Holy Thursday  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper**

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7



*Divine Mercy Sunday celebration at Saint Anthony of Padua will begin with  
 Holy Hour with Father Smith at 2:00pm.*

*At 3:00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted followed by Benediction.  
 All are welcome to participate.*

*In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Novena will be recited  
 following daily Mass beginning Good Friday, March 29*

## MODERN DAY SIMON OF CYRENE



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children, and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brothers in your local community and around the world?

Visit [crsricebowl.org](https://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.



## VOTIVE CANDLES

*The candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicate at Saint Anthony of Padua*



### TABERNACLE

In loving memory of my dear parents, Maria and Carmen and brother, Victor  
Requested by Albina D'Alessio

In loving memory of my father, Joseph Contala on his 20th anniversary in Heaven  
Requested by his loving daughter, Michele

In loving memory of Vinnie Kover on his first anniversary in Heaven  
Love, John and Holly Pagliuca

### GOOD SHEPHERD

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur and 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

### *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 Hafin, 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 abroad. 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.

*Pray for Peace!*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

**Holy Thursday March 28 7:00PM**  
**(Altar Server practice begins at 6:00PM)**

*Altar Servers:* B. Banko, Q. Valdez  
AL. Weiman, AN. Weiman

*Eucharistic Minister:* M. Balint

*Readers:* E. Alvarez, J. Dizon

**Good Friday March 29 3:00PM**

*Altar Servers:* B. Banko, Q. Valdez

*Readers:* E. Alvarez, V. Clarke

**Holy Saturday March 30 7:00PM**  
**Easter Vigil**

*Altar Servers:* B. Banko

*Readers:* G. Onukwugha, B. Perlas

**Easter Sunday March 31 8:30AM**

*Eucharistic Ministers:* A. and D. Anderson

*Reader:* D. Vitaliano

**Easter Sunday March 31 11:15AM**

*Altar Servers:* AL. Weiman

*Eucharistic Ministers:* A. and C. Weiman

*Reader:* C. Amuzie

### OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

**Easter Sunday March 31 10:00AM**

*Reader:* N. Alvarez

### COUNTING TEAM

Monday April 1 Multiple teams



## 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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

Your gift supports the mission of the Office of Human Life and Dignity, remaining steadfast in its efforts to promote the sanctity of human life in all stages and in all conditions. Your support also brings the grace of the sacraments and compassionate care to those in hospitals and prisons through our clergy chaplains, and has a tremendous impact on the lives of so many in need through our Catholic Charities.