



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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Parish Office Hours

Monday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Tuesday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Wednesday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM - 3:00PM
Friday	8:00AM - 12:00PM (except July and August)

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA

‘This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad’ (Psalm 118:24)

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter. With deep faith and fervent devotion, we made our pilgrim journey through the season of Lent, preparing our hearts and minds for this day and this Holy Season of Easter. In union with the Church, ancient and ever new, we cry out “Christos Anesti! (Christ is risen!) Alithos Anesti! (He has risen indeed!). As we celebrate this great feast of our salvation, let us remember that **“we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.”** The Easter Season will continue for fifty days until the Solemnity of Pentecost.

In His great love, God created us and made us His people. Through the sin of disobedience of Adam and Eve, our first parents, humanity was separated from God. In His great Mercy, God sent us His only begotten Son. Through the suffering, death, and resurrection (the Paschal Mystery) of Christ Jesus our Lord, God ‘delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins’ (Colossians 1:13-14). Through the grace of baptism, we are buried with Christ in His death, and we rise with Him in His resurrection. And so, the grace of Christ makes us a new creation in the love of God our Father. This is the reason for our Easter joy. We rejoice and are glad because God has saved us.

Easter is not just a “spiritual” idea, nor is it simply a sentimental experience. Christ our Lord died for our sins. He rose from the dead and because of this, we have life. As St. Paul reminds us, ‘if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith’ (1 Corinthians 15:12-14). At the heart of our Christian faith is the truth that Christ Jesus our Lord physically rose again from the dead and overcame the power of darkness. Because of this, we are confident that death is not the end. If we remain faithful to the end, God has promised that, after our life here on earth, He will raise us from death and lead us into His heavenly kingdom, together with our loved ones who have persevered in the faith.

Throughout the season of Easter, we will see the Paschal Candle prominently placed in the sanctuary. It is usually placed next to the pulpit where the word of God is proclaimed. This candle was blessed and lit at the Easter Vigil. It symbolizes the light of Christ, whose resurrection destroys the darkness of evil. Filled now with the joy and strength of Easter, we are to try our best to resist the manipulations of the evil one. Let us consider this great admonition from St. Paul ‘It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh’ (Romans 13:11-14).

Because He lives, we can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because we know He holds our future. Our lives are worth living because He lives. Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!!

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

Saturday April 4 *Holy Saturday*
8:00PM People of the parish family *Easter Vigil*

Sunday April 5 *Easter Sunday*
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM People of the parish family

Monday April 6
8:30AM Vincent Sgier
Requested by the Rucando family

Tuesday April 7
7:30AM John Leshko
Requested by Stacy Huber

Wednesday April 8
7:30AM Christopher Killmurray
on his anniversary in heaven
Requested by Charlie and Jean Cheddar

Thursday April 9
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello
Requested by her loving husband, Sal Ciardiello

Friday April 10
7:30AM Edward Miller
Requested by Denyce Wilson

Saturday April 11
4:00PM Arlene F. Smith
Requested by Karen Brenner

Sunday April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM Patricia Kurucz Nesti
Requested by her loving brother, Andy

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Sunday April 5 *Easter Sunday*
10:00AM People of the parish family

Saturday April 11
8:30AM Living and Deceased Rosarians

Sunday April 12 *Divine Mercy Sunday*
10:00AM Virginia Donlon
Requested by Magdolna Mikos and family



This Week's Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)
Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10 or Luke 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-23
Psalms 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Matthew 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:26-41
Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
John 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10
Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26
Psalms 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12
Psalms 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a
John 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21
Psalms 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21
Mark 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 2:42-47
Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Easter
SUNDAY

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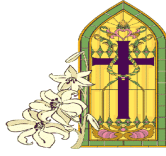
“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you.”

- Mt 28:5b-7

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An Easter Prayer



Glory and praise to You, Risen Savior, for You bring light to our darkness, joy to our sorrow, and the fullness of love to our reluctant hearts.

Once and for all You have conquered sin and evil. In the glory of Your Resurrection we have been set free from all that keeps us from following You.

On this Easter Day, fill our hearts with Your Light and Grace that we might joyfully echo the words of Your Holy angels:

*He is not here in the tomb:
He is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Amen



PASCHAL CANDLE at Saint Anthony of Padua

*In loving memory of our
Uncle Jeffrey Pagliuca*

*Love, Danielle, Joe, Nico,
Nick, Amanda, Olivia, and Giovanni*

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS OF HEALING WEDNESDAY MARCH 11



Fr. Cyril and Deacon
Joey prepared the altar



Deacon Joey Perlas prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet before the Blessed Sacrament as parishioners received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).



Thank you to the priests who assisted with confession, Frs. William Smith, Thomas Nadviledathu, SDV, Deniskingsley Nwagwu, SDV, Karolus Bale, SDV, Patrick Ekong, CMF.

Thank you to the parish's Level 1 & 2 Confirmation candidates led the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 20

Thank you also to Mary Balint and Carol Fischer for coordinating the event.





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 loving husband, Richie
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of Lynn Roth
Requested by Lorraine Utitus

In loving memory of my loving husband, George
Requested by his loving wife, MaryAnn

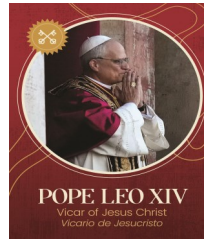
GOOD SHEPHERD

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 Leo's Intention for April:

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

April 6	Reverend Pervaiz Indrias Very Reverend Robert Kolakowski
April 7	Reverend Andrzej Wieliczko Reverend Raymond Nacarino
April 8	Reverend Ronal Vega Pastrana Reverend Lauro Sedlmayer
April 9	Reverend John Stec Reverend Guy Selvester
April 10	Reverend A. David Chalackal Reverend Kevin Kelly
April 11	Reverend Thien Ban (Joseph) Ho Reverend Justin Akkara
April 12	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski

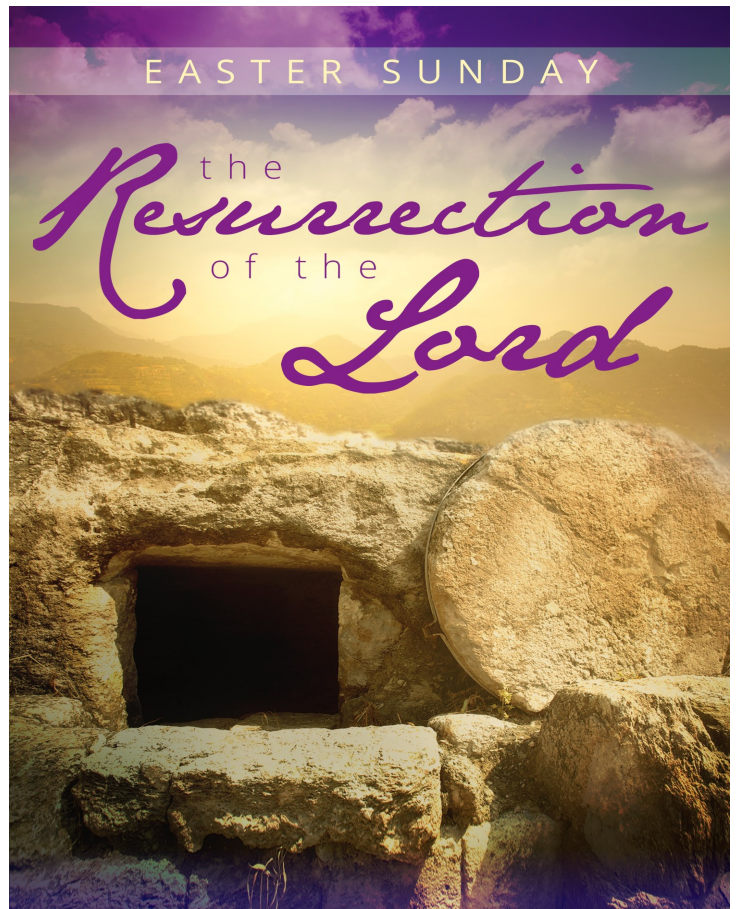
Celebration of Divine Mercy

On the Second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church celebrates the Mercy of God that is given to us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Our Lord appeared to the Polish nun, Saint Faustina, and asked her to share with the whole church the devotion to His Divine Mercy.

Please join us next Sunday to celebrate God's mercy. The blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration after the 11:30am Mass.

At 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and end with Benediction.





**10th Annual Divine Mercy
Family Healing Retreat**
Hope: The Answer to Suffering
April 18, 2026 8:00 a.m.-4:30p.m.
Our Lady of Fatima Church - Auditorium
501 New Market Rd. Piscataway, NJ 08854

Guest Speakers:

			
Most Rev. Efrén Esmilla	Very Rev. Timothy Christy	Kathleen McCarthy	Fr. Ignatius Mary Okoroji, SDV

Retreat topics include:

- Divine Mercy- the last hope for eternal salvation.
- Healing through Hope.
- Best means for spiritual cleansing & protecting our homes and families.
- Church hope filled teaching on suicide "Epiphany of Hope"
- The ABC's of Divine Mercy-Explaining the faith.
- Suffering & forgiveness-important parts of the healing process.





Suggested donation of \$45 in advance (children under 10-free)
\$50., at the door.
Light breakfast, lunch, and refreshments included
Registration deadline is March 30th
PLEASE REGISTER EARLY SEATS ARE LIMITED

Make checks payable to Our Lady of Fatima Church
501 New Market Rd. Piscataway NJ 08854.
Include Name, address phone number, e-mail, # adults/children.
Website: olffparish.org/event

*The parish office
will be closed Monday, April 6.*

*We wish you a Blessed
and
Happy Easter.*

**THIS IS
THE DAY
THE LORD
HAS MADE;
WE WILL
rejoice AND
be glad.**

PSALM 118



Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Due to earlier submission of the bulletin, the weekly donations will be posted at a later date.

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

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage, John Carpenito, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion, Justin Carpentieri, Steven DeNoyelles, Beth Dispoto, Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez, Bob Glatt, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray, Alfred Leone, Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV, David Russell, Rami Shehadek, Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen, Maryann Vyszwany, 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.**

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal
ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

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**.

Stewardship

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment—I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, April 6

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

Tuesday, April 7

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Wednesday, April 8

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, April 9

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	2:30PM	Chapel
Chaplet/Rosary	3:00PM	Chapel

Friday, April 10

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, April 11

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church

Sunday, April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Coffee and Conversation following 8:30am Mass		
Mass	11:30AM	Church

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament following 11:30 Mass
 Hour of Mercy—Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction
 3:00PM Chapel

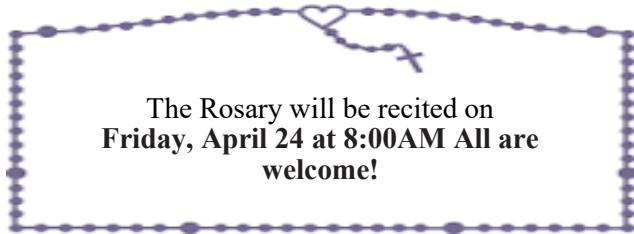
This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, April 11

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

Sunday, April 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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CRS RICE BOWL Happy Easter!

As our CRS Rice Bowl journey comes to an end, may the Eucharist continue to transform our lives and help us respond to God's call to serve our global family. Let us commit to sharing the joy of the Resurrection with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the narthex before Wednesday, April 15 or donate on-line at Visit csrcricebowl.org/give.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	April 11	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney D. Scharff
Sunday	April 12	8:30AM	S. Gadowski D. Mazzarella H. Pagliuca
		11:30AM	B. Cuzzo G. Grispart B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	April 11	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	April 12	8:30AM	C. Mazzarella
		11:30AM	J. Baszak

SERVERS

Sunday	April 12	8:30AM	Q. Valdez
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	April 12	10:00AM	L. Quiray
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FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry Collection April 11 and 12

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned beans	Canned fruit
Canned potatoes	Cereal
Chili	Instant Potatoes
Jelly	Pancake mix
Pancake syrup	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	Rice
Soup	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.

With your continued support to our food pantry and the help of our dedicated Volunteers, at the last Food Distribution on Wednesday, March 18 we were able to assist 32 families (74 people).

Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.