



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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)

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

HE WAS MADE KNOWN TO THEM IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (Luke 24:35)

Dear brothers and sisters, Christ has truly risen, Alleluia.

After His resurrection from the dead, our Lord Jesus appeared to many of His followers as a consolation and assurance of their faith. We are confident that, **‘the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through His Spirit that dwells in you’** (Romans 8:11).

The Sunday’s Gospel is the account of our Lord’s appearance to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. He walked with them, explained the scriptures to them, and made Himself known to them in the Breaking of the Bread. This is often called the First Mass celebrated by our Lord with His disciples, after His resurrection. The Breaking of the Bread is one of the earliest names for the Holy Mass which we also call the Holy Eucharist. For my reflection this week, I am sharing with you two sections of the defense of the Christian faith by St. Justin Martyr, a second century Christian apologist and Philosopher. His work is called **The First Apology**.

1. **Of the Eucharist** (Article 66)

And this food is called among us Εὐχαριστία [the Eucharist], of which no one is allowed to partake but the one who believes that the things which we teach are true, and who has been washed with the washing that is for the remission of sins, and unto regeneration (Baptism), and who is so living as Christ has enjoined. For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that **the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh**. For the apostles, in the memoirs composed by them, which are called Gospels, have thus delivered unto us what was enjoined upon them; that Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, said, This do in remembrance of Me, Luke 22:19 this is My body; and that, after the same manner, having taken the cup and given thanks, He said, This is My blood; and gave it to them alone.

2. **Weekly worship of the Christians** (Article 67)

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits (Liturgy of the Word); then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things (Homily). Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said (Prayer of the Faithful), when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen (Liturgy of the Eucharist); and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given (Communion), and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit (offertory collection); and what is collected is deposited with the president, who helps the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead.

Here we have the true faith of the Church expressed in a clear way. The Eucharist is not a metaphor or a make believe. It is the truly Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because Sunday is a commemoration of the resurrection of the Lord, the Church teaches that we have an “obligation of love” to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days. This is a great catechetical tool for us to reflect on, instruct our families and share with our friends. I pray that we may be edified by this and that our faith may be strengthened in God’s greatest gift to us, THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

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 18**
4:00PM James P. Eppinger
Requested by Lew and Carol Huber
- Sunday April 19** *Third Sunday of Easter*
8:30AM People of the Parish family
11:30AM Vincent R. Martino (Anniversary in Heaven)
Requested by his loving wife, Rose
- Monday April 20**
7:30AM In Thanksgiving of Saint Anthony
for helping me
Requested by Kathleen Gorman
- Tuesday April 21** *Saint Anselm*
7:30AM Viola Mayer
Requested by her loving daughter, Amy Krapf
- Wednesday April 22**
7:30AM Respect for Life at all stages
- Thursday April 23** *Saint George, Saint Adalbert*
7:30AM Duc Nguyen
Requested by Denyce Wilson
- Friday April 24** *Saint Fidelis*
7:30AM Jeniffer Fouts
Requested by Aunt Bee
- Saturday April 25** *Saint Mark*
4:00PM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne
- Sunday April 26** *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
8:30AM Claire Curran Miloscia (Birthday)
11:30AM Alfred Russo (5th anniversary in Heaven)
Requested by his loving wife, Pat and family

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

- Saturday April 18**
8:30AM Jaime Araceli and Glenn Bernabe
Requested by the Bernabe family
- Sunday April 19**
10:00AM Niza Vergel De Dios
Requested by Liza Quiray
- Saturday April 25**
8:30AM Samuel Louis Javier
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac
- Sunday April 26** *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*
10:00AM People of the parish family

This Week's Scripture Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalms 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15
Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a
Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
John 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8
Psalms 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
John 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
John 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20
Psalms 117:1bc, 2
John 6:52-59
- Saturday:** 1 Peter 5:5b-14
Psalms 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25
John 10:1-10



3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

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They returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. - Lk 24:33-35

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**FAITH FORMATION
G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs**

Level One First Penance
Monday, April 27 session at 6:20pm

Level One and Level Two Confirmation
Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm Session
Saturday, April 25 Confirmation Retreat
9:00am (Florham Park)

Level One Communion
Communion Rehearsal
Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00pm
Thursday, April 30 at 6:00pm

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, April 12, 2026

In-person donations.....\$3,993.00
On-line donations.....\$1,198.00
Total.....\$5,191.00

March Special Collections:

Parish Debt Reduction \$1,387
Easter Flowers \$2,631
Retired Diocesan Clergy \$1,371

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

2026 Mass Book

As of April 7, the following upcoming Masses are available if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Friday	May	15	7:30am
Saturday	May	23	8:30am OLMC
Tuesday	May	26	7:30am
Saturday	May	30	8:30am OLMC
Friday	June	5	7:30am
Monday	June	8	7:30am
Wednesday	June	10	7:30am
Thursday	June	11	7:30am
Saturday	June	13	8:30am OLMC
Monday	June	15	7:30am
Thursday	June	18	7:30am

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



Administrative Professionals Day

April 21



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

Rooted in Gratitude. Giving with Grace.

Support our ministries this fall through faithful generosity

This season is a time to reflect on the blessings we've received—and a time to give back in gratitude. Our community is a spiritual home where lives are enriched, faith is strengthened, and service to others flourishes. Your support helps make all of this possible.

Online Giving offers a simple, secure way to contribute from your phone, tablet, or computer. Whether you're making donations, payments, or pledges, your generosity helps us continue to grow and serve.

Set up your gift today or consider an additional gift via our Online Giving link on your smart device.

Visit our church website today to sign up and get started

ONLINE GIVING

How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church?

Donor Benefits

- **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- **Flexible.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the church office.
- Contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Church Benefits

- **Stabilize Contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store member account information.
- **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.



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

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of Vincent Martino
Requested by his loving brother,
Marty and Patricia Martino

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

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

April 20	Reverend John Rozembajger Monsignor David Fulton
April 21	Reverend Michael Fragoso Reverend Daniel Sloan
April 22	Reverend Sean Broderick Reverend Michael Taberbero
April 23	Reverend Grzegorz Podsiadlo Monsignor Gregory Malovetz
April 24	Reverend Thomas Odorizzi Reverend John Szczepanik
April 25	Reverend Peter Ssekajugo Reverend Peter (Van Ai) Phan
April 26	Reverend Dawid Wejnerowski Reverend Ronald Machado

Stewardship

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” Luke 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from Us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

NJ Catholic Youth Rally 2026!
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH AT SIX FLAGS GREAT ADVENTURE

SCAN!

Ticket Package: \$70
(Includes: Parking For Your Group, Park Admission, and Meal Plan)
If you have a Six Flags Season Pass you do not need to purchase a package

Add Ons:
Mega Meal Deal Plan: \$20 (Includes: 1 drink, 1 snack, and 1 meal)
All Day Sport Bottle: \$20 (Free refills all day)

NJ Catholic Youth Rally Schedule
9:00am-9:45am: Gates open for Opening Ceremony
9:45am: Opening Ceremony
10:30am-6:00pm: Rides open to enjoy!
5:15pm: Doors open for Holy Mass
6:00pm-7:15pm: Sunday Holy Mass
8:00pm: Park closes

Open To: JR. High High School Young Adults Families and All!

To pick up/print your Tickets:

Option 1: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want the **Diocese to print your tickets**. Then please arrange with the Office of Youth and Young Adults to pick up your tickets at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center (146 Metlars Lane).

Option 2: When you sign up (on givesmart.com), please select that you want to print your own tickets. The Diocese will put your email address in the ticket system, and you will be emailed all of your tickets for you to print.

Contact the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry



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

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you haven't done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

Our goal is \$24,000. As of April 10,
Total pledged and received was \$17,911.

Holy Week



Mass of the Lord's Supper



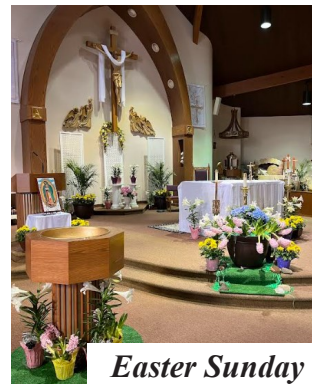
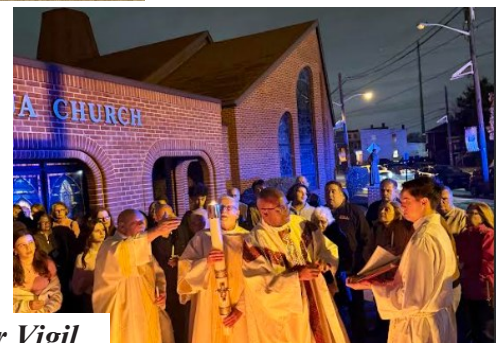
Palm Sunday



Good Friday



Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

Mass 7:30AM Chapel

Wednesday, April 22

Mass 7:30AM Chapel

Thursday, April 23

Mass 7:30AM Church

Friday, April 24

Mass 7:30AM Church
Rosary 8:00AM Church

Saturday, April 25

Confirmation Retreat 9:00AM Florham Park
 Confession 3:00PM Church
Mass 4:00PM Church

Sunday, April 26

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

Mass 10:00AM Church

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry COLLECTION
 May 2 and 3**

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.

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

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	April 25	4:00PM	M. Balint A. and F. Fowler
Sunday	April 26	8:30AM	J. Barcellona C. and E. Weiman
		11:30AM	B. Cuzzo G. Grispart L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday	April 25	4:00PM	J. Schultz
Sunday	April 26	8:30AM	C. Barcellona
		11:30AM	M. Trebour

SERVERS

Sunday	April 26	8:30AM	A. and Al. Weiman
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	April 26	10:00AM	B. Perlas
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Pray ...

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

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion, Justin Carpentieri, Jean Dean, 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 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.

Pray for Peace!