



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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MOTHER'S DAY
**WE ARE
NURTURED
IN LOVE**



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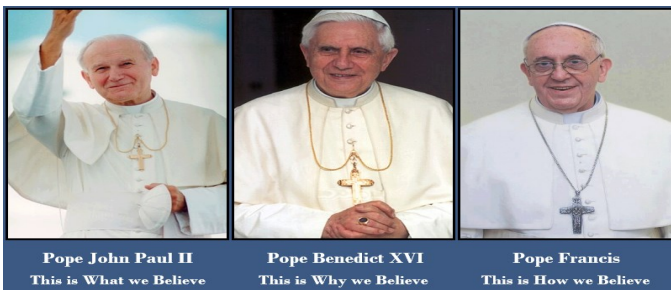
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE GOOD SHEPHERD, THE POPE, AND OUR MOTHERS



Dear friends in Christ,

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel for this Sunday, our Lord Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd and we as His sheep. This relationship between the shepherd and the sheep is a fitting metaphor for what our relationship with Christ should be. Many people in the United States may not know the life of the sheep. It would be a great experience to visit a sheep farm to realize how much the sheep depends on the shepherd. This is because, unlike most of our pets and other domestic animals, the sheep totally depend on the shepherd. Fluffy the cat, Jackson the dog, or Winny the parrot, can all survive without their owners. They can become pets to another owner. Not so fast with the sheep. Its survival depends on the direction and nurturing of the shepherd. The sheep can recognize even the slightest elevation in the tone of voice and would not follow a stranger. The characteristic feature of this relationship is, as our Lord says, 'my sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish' (John 10:27-28).

My fellow Christians, this is how we should relate with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is 'the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6). He is not simply one of the many voices in the world. He is the only voice to which we should listen. He is not one of many paths to God. He is God and the only way through whom we have eternal life. Have we trained ourselves to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd? Can we distinguish between God's voice and the lies of the evil one? Do we trust Jesus enough to abandon ourselves to His direction? These do not happen simply by showing up for Mass one hour a week, although this is a great first step. As we nourish ourselves with the bread of life, we must regularly nourish ourselves with the word of God by reading the scriptures. We also nourish our lives with spiritual conversations, sharing with family and friends about the work of God in our lives and in the world. We also wonder and marvel at God's creation, allowing the Holy Spirit to strengthen our lives. It is in these and other ways that we train the eyes of our minds and the ears of our hearts to recognize and follow our redeemer who came that we might have life and have it abundantly' (John 10:10).

As we contemplate Christ our Good Shepherd, the whole Church is also preparing to receive a new Pope, the vicar of Christ and the chief shepherd of the Church here on earth. Our good Lord granted Pope Francis twelve years of faithful ministry on the chair of Saint Peter. We remember his emphasis on God's mercy. His insistence on the sanctity of all human life and the evil of abortion. We remember his preferential option for the poor and those on the margins of society, especially immigrants. We remember his faithful opposition to the dictatorship and falsehood of the gender ideology that seeks to convince people that gender is fluid, and that one can become any gender, despite what God created us to be. We remember his humility and simplicity and his insistence that the Church, especially we the clergy, must follow the path of humble service as Christ our Good Shepherd. We also remember his patience with those struggling with sin and his desire to accompany those who are in irregular standing in the church. His style of leadership was often plagued by ambiguity and lack of clarity on certain doctrinal issues. Sometimes, this was a source of tension in the Church as we struggle to hold firmly to the faith that we have received. Yes, even the pope has his weakness. But none of us can doubt his authentic faith and his pastoral heart. We give thanks to God for his ministry among us. Our dear holy Father, Pope Francis, has gone to his eternal reward. We commend his dear soul to the mercy of our loving God. Our hearts and minds are now turned to the election of the next people. By the time we read this message, we will be celebrating the election of the 267th successor of Saint Peter, the first pope. We unite in prayer that our new Holy Father, will confirm his brothers and sisters in the faith as our Lord commended Peter to do (cf. Luke 22:32).

Finally, dear friends, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we lift up to the Lord all our mothers and those who have been mother figures to us. We give thanks for the nurture, the support, and the love that we have received. I use this opportunity to celebrate my own mother and all the women in the parish office who have been such great mother figures to me. I love you all and I pray for you always. Today we also remember our mothers who have gone to their eternal reward. We commend their souls to God, and we pray for their eternal rest. I often hear from women who have not had children. Please know that you are loved and celebrated also. While you may not have born your own children, you have been mother figures to many others. Your nephews and nieces, the neighbor's children, here in the church and many other places that you have been to. We celebrate you and all those who have loved and supported us. A happy Mother's Day to you all.

Saint Anthony of Padua - First Holy Eucharist - Sunday, May 4, 2025



The Good Shepherd Feeds His Children

First Communions are always a joyful celebration. We rejoice in that coming of our Lord Jesus, sacramentally, into the lives of our children. We give thanks to God for His communion with our little ones. We also celebrate our communion with each other as the Body of Christ, His Holy Church. It is also an opportunity for the rest of us to remember our First Holy Communion. This was my First Holy Communion here in our parish and I experienced so much joy. We rejoice with our children and their families. Let us be united in prayer for these children, that the Lord Jesus will remain central in their lives and continue to use them for His glory. Amen. Father Cyril

Christopher Robert Calabrese
Sarah V. Castano-Morales
Emerson Harper Drakoulis
James Robert Malaquias
Aalyna Abigail Mena



Melina Murillo
Donovan Giovanni Raymond
Jacob Mason Roche
Valerie Suelay Sanchez
Adam John Seniakevgh



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

Monday 7:30AM	May 12 Francis "Frank" Killmurray Requested by Jay and Colleen Barcellona and family	<i>Saint Nereus, Saint Achilleus</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	May 13 Bernard Curran on his "Birthday in Heaven" Requested by daughter, Colleen and Jay Barcellona	<i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	May 14 Maryellen Santorelli on her birthday Requested by husband, Robert	<i>Saint Matthias</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	May 15 In thanksgiving for blessings received over the past eighty years Requested by Jean and Charles Cheddar	<i>Saint Isidore</i>
Friday 7:30AM	May 16 Anthony Pichalski Requested by Dave Simkovich and Minas Frangos	
Saturday 4:00PM	May 17 Richie A. Simeone Requested by loving wife, Adrienne and family	
Sunday 8:30AM	May 18 Frank and Olga Iacovone Requested by Josephine Yacovino	
11:30AM	Olena Rusyn Requested by Kathie and Chuck Rusyn	



at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	May 17 Jim Herczeg, Jr. Requested by Maria Herczeg and family
Sunday 10:00AM	May 18 Laszlo Wellner Requested by Anna Czum



May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52 Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18 Psalms 42:2-3, 43:3-4 John 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26 Psalms 87:1b-7 John 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Psalms 113:1-8 John 15:9-17
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25 Psalms 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 John 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33 Psalms 2:6-11 John 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52 Psalms 98:1-4 John 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27 Psalms 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5a John 13:31-33, 34-35



Parish Office Hours

Monday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Tuesday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Wednesday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Thursday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays	

LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM
Daily Mass Monday through Friday: 7:30AM
Visit www.saintanthonyofpadua.org
Click on the YouTube link



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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 Stanley J. Gurney
on his 35th anniversary in Heaven
Requested by the Gurney family

In loving memory of my husband, Herb Sullivan
on his 6th anniversary in Heaven
Requested by loving wife, Bette

God bless our mom, Theresa and
in loving memory of our mom, Eleanor
on Mother's Day,
Love, John and Holly

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of Pat Clerico
Requested by Beverly Cuzzo

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In loving memory of Carmen and Eleanor Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy
Requested by Karen and Kevin Barnes

SAVE THE DATE!

Vocationist Memorial Day Celebration
at Saint Anthony of Padua Church
Monday, May 26 at 12:00PM
Followed by a luncheon!
More details to follow!



Pope Francis' Intention for May:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

May 12	Reverend Waldemar Wieladek Reverend Leon Aniszczuk
May 13	Reverend Vincent P. Chen Reverend Roberto Coruna
May 14	Reverend Tholitho Reverend Justin Akkara
May 15	Reverend Jan Bernas Reverend Zeno Bochnak
May 16	Reverend Sebastian Kaithackal Reverend Stanley Gromadzki
May 17	Reverend David E. Keyes Reverend Krzynski
May 18	Reverend Matthew Paratore Monsignor Gregory Malovetz



Pray ...

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



Anonymous request, Rhonda Baumann, John Carpenito, Lucille Carpenito, Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray, Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV, Millie Sutphen

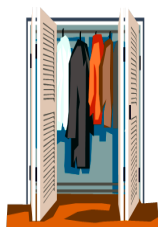


*Altar Flowers
at Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

*are donated for a
long life, good health, and prosperity
for my loving family*

*Requested by
George Onuoha*





SPRING CLEANING?

Saint Anthony's will be conducting our annual Spring Clothing Drive

We are collecting:

Wearable and Useable Clothing, Shoes, Belts, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Handbags, Linens (bedding, curtains, towels), Stuffed animals

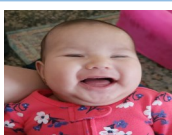
Place ALL ITEMS in TIGHTLY TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS ready for pick-up.

DROP-OFF DATES:

You may drop-off bags at the parish office (during office hours) or in the narthex from

**Monday, April 28 through
Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

*I am a
life choices
Metuchen
Baby!*



Our parish family will participate in the "Baby Bottle Blessings" Campaign for Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen weekend of May 31 and June 1

Look for those blue and pink bottles in the narthex.

By supporting this fundraiser and assisting our families, you are helping to spread the Gospel of Life, while building a legacy of love with our precious clients.

Your donations make our babies SMILE!!!

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, May 4, 2025

In-person donations.....\$4,722.00

On-line donations.....\$1,490.50

Total.....\$6,212.50

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." Acts 13:52

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel Message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience the same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
Wednesday, May 21**

**Our cupboards are bare!!!
ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:**

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

50 / 50 RAFFLE

**Saint Anthony of Padua Feast Day
Port Reading, New Jersey**



**DRAWING
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025
8:00PM**



**\$10.00 A TICKET
5 tickets per book**

FIRST PRIZE	25% of the Total Proceeds
SECOND PRIZE	15% of the Total Proceeds
THIRD PRIZE	10% of the Total Proceeds

The more tickets we can sell, the bigger the prize!!!

Your support is appreciated.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, May 12

Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)		


Tuesday, May 13

Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Adult Choir	6:30PM	Church
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, May 14

Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel

Thursday, May 15

Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Church
Eucharistic Adoration	2:30PM	Chapel 
Chaplet/Rosary	3:00PM	Chapel
AA	8:00PM	Father Milos Hall

Friday, May 16

Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Church

Saturday, May 17

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church
NA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Sunday, May 18

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass	11:30AM	Church
Baptism	1:00PM	Church
AA	7:00PM	Father Milos Hall

In Our Diocese and Community

The NJ Catholic Youth Rally is approaching - **Sunday, May 18 at 9:00AM!** It is a day where youth (and non-youth) from across NJ come together at Six Flags Great Adventure to enjoy a day of faith and fun.

The link to register is below.

We have officially received the physical tickets from Six Flags. Parishioners and youth ministers can schedule a time to come to the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center to pick-up. They can reach out to any of the three emails:

Jcordova@diometuchen.org
Jdonofrio@diometuchen.org
Youth.ministry@diometuchen.org

Any questions, call Jay at 732-243-4576.

DETAILS FOR TICKETS:

Ticket Package Per Person (\$70):
 Admission to Six Flags Great Adventure
 Opening Ceremony & Sunday Liturgy
 FREE Parking Vouchers for your group
 Mega-Meal Voucher

Ad On's (In case you already have a Six Flags Season Pass)

Mega Meal Deal Plan (\$20):

Includes 1 Drink, 1 Snack, and 1 Meal.

Refillable Six Flags Sports Bottles (\$19):

With your Sports Bottle, you will receive FREE REFILLS ALL DAY in the Park. On future visits to Six Flags, they are \$1 each time to refill.

Note: If an individual youth plans on attending this event, they must be accompanied by a chaperone

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, May 12

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, May 13

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, May 14

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, May 15

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, May 16

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, May 17

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

Sunday, May 18

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	May 17	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler D. Scharff
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Sunday	May 18	8:30AM	J. Kondrk E. Weiman
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11:30AM	B. Cuzzo B. Mcauley L. Palasits
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READERS

Saturday	May 17	4:00PM	G. Clarke
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Sunday	May 18	8:30AM 11:30AM	G. Onukwugha G. Grispart
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SERVERS

Saturday	May 17	4:00PM	B. Banko
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Sunday	May 18	8:30AM	A. and A. Weiman
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at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	May 18	10:00AM	G. Clarke
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"Say
the Rosary
every day,
to bring peace
to the world
and the end
of the war."

Words spoken by our
Blessed Mother Mary at Fatima