

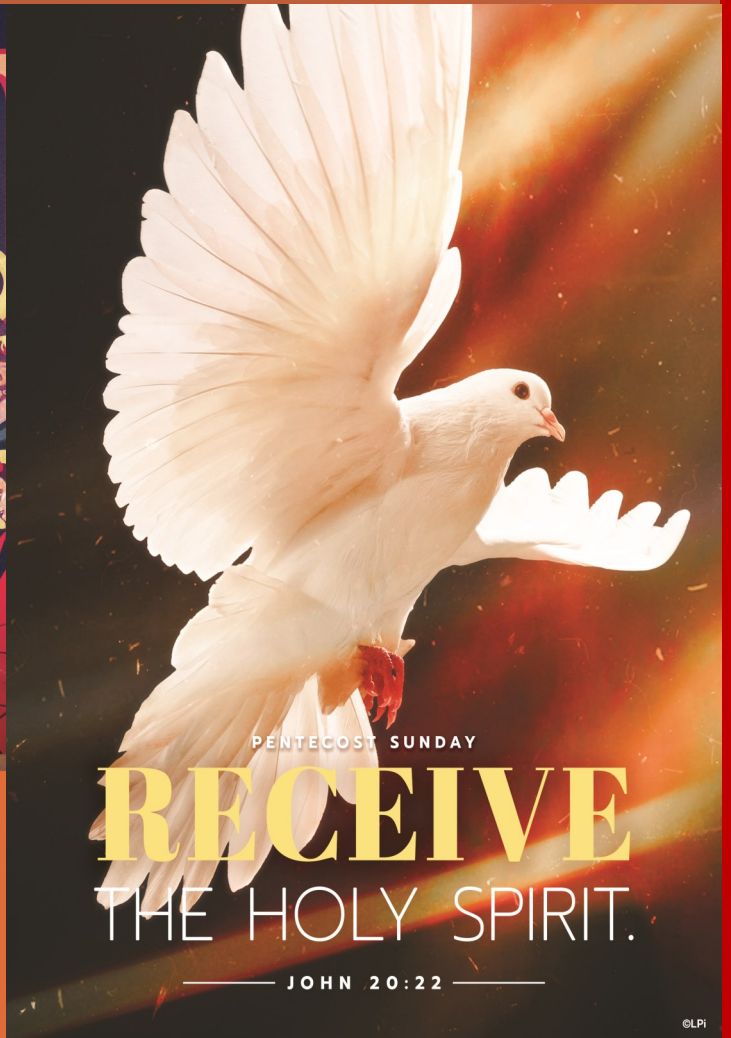


# The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

PENTECOST SUNDAY  
**RECEIVE**  
 THE HOLY SPIRIT.

JOHN 20:22

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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)

**Pentecost Sunday**

**May 24, 2026**



*From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV*

## THE GIFTS AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT The daily help for a vibrant Christian life.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Birthday to us all. You may be wondering why I am offering a birthday greeting. This Sunday, Holy Mother Church celebrates the solemnity of Pentecost. We commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, fifty days after the wondrous resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and ten days after His Glorious Ascension into heaven. Our Lord Jesus promised that, 'when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, He will testify to me' (John 15:26). For fear of the authorities, the apostles locked themselves up in the upper room. But when the Holy Spirit came down on them, He filled them with courage, and they went out and proclaimed the Gospel and converted many people to God. This evangelical outreach of the apostles on Pentecost Sunday, marked the birth of the Church.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Church let us reflect on our life and journey as disciples of the Lord. The Holy Spirit equips us with the graces necessary to build God's kingdom here on earth. Through baptism, we also receive this same Holy Spirit that our Lord promised. We become children of God and members of the Body of Christ, the Church. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism teaches that **'the moral life of Christians is sustained by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit'**. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit' (CCC1830). These gifts are, **Wisdom** which helps us to see people and things the way God sees them. **Understanding** helps us to grasp those higher truths necessary for our eternal salvation. **Counsel**, also called Right Judgement, helps us to judge between good and evil and direct our life according to God's plan. **Fortitude**, also called courage helps us to make firm decisions and choose the good particularly when it is difficult to do so. **Knowledge** is the ability to study, learn, and master correct information, especially to know God. **Fear of the Lord**, also called Awe & Wonder is the holy fear of displeasing the God who loves us so much (See Isaiah 11:2). Lastly, we have **Piety**, also called Reverence, which helps us to live a holy and descent life, and to have a profound respect for God, the people of God and the things of God.

While many of us might be familiar with the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially in the sacramental preparation for Confirmation, we are less familiar with the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Catechism teaches that **'the fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory'** (CCC 1832). The tradition of the Church lists twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit. **Charity** also called Love moves us to give ourselves for glory of God and benefit of our neighbor. This is why we can love someone we do not particularly like. **Joy** is the interior contentment that comes from knowing that God is with us. We can be joyful even when things are difficult. **Peace** is the tranquility of the soul that trusts the Divine Providence of God. **Patience** is the compassion we have over people in spite of their flaws and weaknesses the willingness. **Kindness** is a warm and friendly disposition towards others and the willingness to be good to others. **Goodness** is the rejection of evil in our daily life. The constant desire, not simply to be a nice person, but to seek and do the will of God. **Generosity** is the deep and abundant goodwill to share our resources for the benefit and progress of others. **Gentleness** is the considerate and affectionate sensitivity towards to the wellbeing of the other person. **Faithfulness** is the reliability that is rooted in God's promises. We keep our word to God and others. **Modesty** is the humble and reverent attention to our dignity and the dignity of others, in our communication and appearance. **Self-control** is the mastery of our desires and passions and the proper channeling of our emotions, so that they do not control us. **Chastity** is the total surrender to Christ by avoiding immoral and undignified thoughts, words and actions that leads to sin.

As we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost, we ask the Holy Spirit to bless and strengthen us deepen His Gifts and Fruits in us so that we may bear much fruit in our lives, in the Church and in the World.

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.

# Mass Intentions

## at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

- Morning Prayer** - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass
- Saturday May 23**  
4:00PM Palma DiMeo  
Requested by the DiMeo family
- Sunday May 24** *Pentecost Sunday*  
8:30AM People of the parish family  
11:30AM Lynn Roth  
Requested by her best friend, Lori Tulko
- Monday May 25** *Memorial Day*  
8:30AM In memory of all veterans who proudly served our country  
Requested by Stanley and Eileen Gurney
- Tuesday May 26** *Saint Philip Meri*  
7:30AM Maria Gaborit  
Requested by Beverly Cuozzo
- Wednesday May 27** *Saint Augustine of Canterbury*  
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello  
Requested by her husband, Sal
- Thursday May 28**  
7:30AM Lynn Hardy  
Requested by her daughter, Barbara and family
- Friday May 29** *Saint Paul VI, Pope*  
7:30AM Jack Hardy  
Requested by his daughter, Barbara and family
- Saturday May 30**  
4:00PM Ann and John Arva  
Requested by their family
- Sunday May 31** *The Most Holy Trinity*  
8:30AM People of the parish family  
11:30AM Arlene Smith  
Requested by Holly and John Pagliuca

## at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

- Morning Prayer** begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday
- Saturday May 23**  
8:30AM Agnes Cagayan  
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac
- Sunday May 24** *Pentecost Sunday*  
10:00AM Mauricio and Amparo Canada  
Requested by Cheri and Ray Gumapac
- Saturday May 30**  
8:30AM Lita Carriedo  
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac
- Sunday May 31** *The Most Holy Trinity*  
10:00AM Teofilo and Dona Dizon  
Requested by Jonathan and Teresita Dizon

## This Week's Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11  
Psalms 104:1, 24, 229-30, 31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23
- Monday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14  
Psalms 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7  
John 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:10-16  
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Mark 10:28-31
- Wednesday: 1 Peter 1:18-25  
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Mark 10:32-45
- Thursday: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12  
Psalms 100:2, 3, 4, 5  
Mark 10:46-52
- Friday: 1 Peter 4:7-13  
Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13  
Mark 11:11-26
- Saturday: Jude 17:20b-25  
Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6  
Mark:27-33
- Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
John 3:16-18





**MEMORIAL DAY**

HEAVENLY FATHER,  
INSCRIBE  
THEIR  
SACRIFICES  
INTO OUR  
HEARTS SO  
WE MAY  
NEVER  
FORGET THE  
LOSS OF  
THESE  
HEROES.

*Altar Flowers  
at Saint Anthony  
of Padua Church  
are donated  
in memory of all  
veterans who  
proudly served  
our country*



MAY

MONTH OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



### 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 husband, Richie  
Requested by his wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of my husband, Herb Sullivan as he celebrates his birthday in Heaven, 91 years of age  
Requested by his loving wife, Bette and his children, Kim, Kathy, and Neil

#### 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

#### *Did you know the feast days for this week are...*

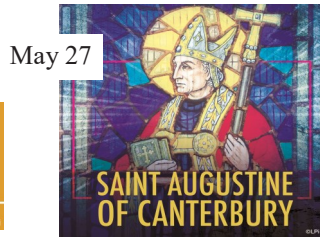


May 26

*The best way to prepare for death is to spend every day of life as though it were the last.*  
—St. Philip



FEAST OF SAINT PHILIP NERI  
MAY 26




May 27

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



May 29

ST. PAUL VI  
POPE



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

Our goal is \$24,000. As of May 15, we have received a total donation of \$20,775.25.

#### *Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving*

#### **Sunday, May 17, 2026**

In-person donations.....	\$3,245
On-line donations.....	\$1,145
Total.....	\$4,390

*Thank you for your continued support of the parish.*

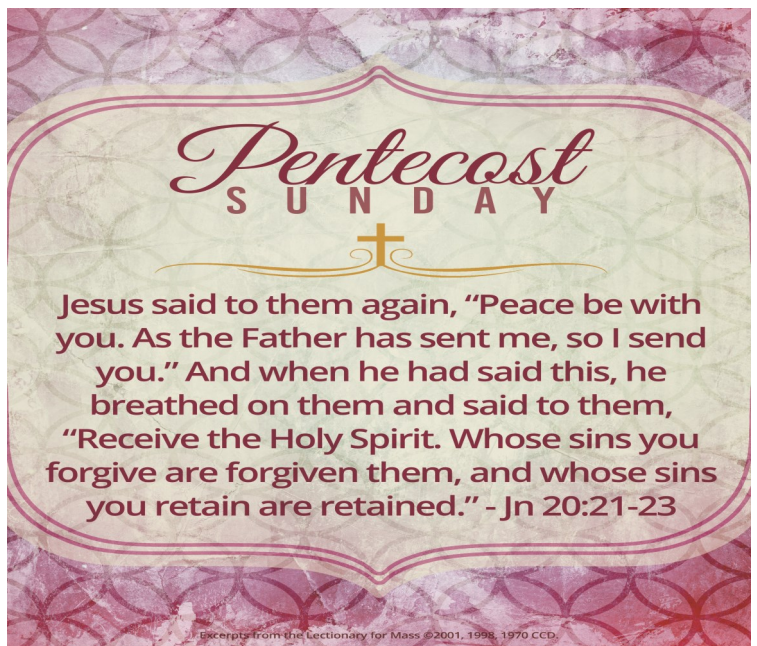
### *PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS*

May 25	Reverend Jan Armelson Magcawas Reverend Thomas Serafin
May 26	Reverend Dennis Weezorak Reverend Gilles Njobam
May 27	Reverend Stanislaw Slaby Reverend Richard Rusk
May 28	Reverend Jason Pavich Reverend Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez
May 29	Reverend Robert Gorman Reverend Antony Arockiadoss
May 30	Reverend Jerome Johnson Reverend John Grimes
May 31	All Priests

### *Stewardship*

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."  
1Corinthians 12:7*

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words, and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love, and mercy.



*Pentecost*  
SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

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## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY 50/50 RAFFLE

Supports the small Parish Projects



\$10.00 A TICKET or  
\$40.00 A BOOK (5 TICKETS)

NEW FOR THIS YEAR!



**FIRST PRIZE 25%**  
**SECOND PRIZE 15%**  
**THIRD PRIZE 10%**  
**OF TOTAL PROCEEDS**

The more tickets sold, the bigger the prize!!!  
Your support is appreciated in any way.

**DRAWING**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026 5:30PM**

Winners need not be present. All winners will be notified by telephone and published in parish bulletin. All taxes responsibility of winner.

**Make Checks Payable:** St. Anthony of Padua Church

**Mail with payment:** St. Anthony of Padua Church  
436 Port Reading Avenue  
Port Reading, NJ, 07064

For additional tickets or for any questions,  
contact the parish office 732-634-1403.

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### SAVE THE DATE

## CORPUS CHRISTI 2026 PROCESSION

### SUNDAY JUNE 7, 12:30PM

### (AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS)



## Saint Anthony Feast Day Pot-Luck

**Saturday, June 13, 2026**  
**in Father Milos Hall**  
**5:30pm following the 4:00pm Mass**

**If you would like to help with this gathering by bringing a dessert, food dish, or set-up, then let us know by using the sign-up sheet in the narthex, calling the parish office, or placing your information in the collection basket.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

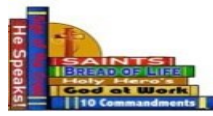
**What dish or dessert you will bring:** \_\_\_\_\_

Any question, contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



Father Cyril joyfully stands with our children who made their First Penance on Saturday, May 16.

May God bless  
**Zoey Armenti,**  
**Ryan Boelhower,**  
**Everly Walsh,**  
**Nicholas Calabrese**



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

**Level Two Confirmation**

**Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30pm  
Confirmation Rehearsal**

**Thursday, May 28 at 5:00pm Confirmation**

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**Registration and Family Meeting**

On Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30pm, we will have a parent/guardian Faith Formation meeting. Fr. Cyril will review the guidelines and expectations for the 2026-2027 Growing In Faith Together and Sacramental Preparation Process to assist families in making decisions for the coming catechetical year.

The meeting is for families with children entering first grade in September and those with children beginning grades 2 – 8. New families who wish to enroll in our Faith Formation process are also welcome to attend the meeting.

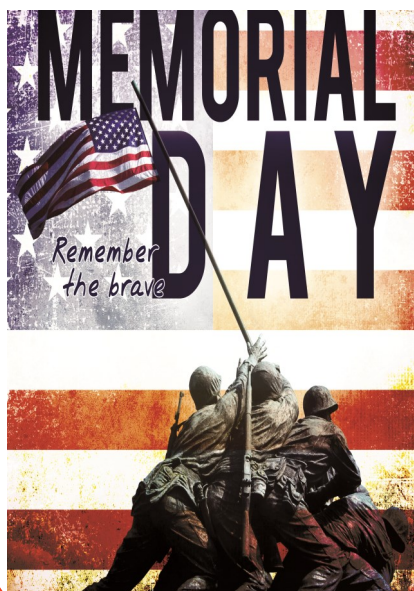
Registration forms will be distributed at this time.

2026 Mass Book

As of May 19, the following upcoming Masses are available if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Monday	June	15	7:30am
Tuesday	June	23	7:30am
Friday	June	26	7:30am
Saturday	July	11	8:30am (OLMC)
Sunday	July	12	10:00am (OLMC)
Monday	July	13	7:30am
Tuesday	July	14	7:30am
Wednesday	July	15	7:30am
Thursday	July	16	7:30am
Friday	July	17	7:30am
Saturday	July	18	8:30am (OLMC)
Monday	July	20	7:30am
Thursday	July	23	7:30am
Saturday	July	25	8:30am (OLMC)
Friday	July	31	7:30am
Monday	August	3	7:30am

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



The parish office will be closed Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day



**St. Anthony is hosting a Baby Bottle Blessings**

Campaign for Life Choices RC  
Weekend of May 30 & 31



Serving Families since 1985

ALL Services are FREE and Confidential



"Walking with Mom's in Need"

Through your support of our Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign,

Hearts are touched  
Lives are changed  
and Christ's love is shared

Please scan our QR code or take a bottle or envelope home and return it with your donation by June 7th

Our Babies THANK YOU for your Love and Support!

503 Main Street, Metuchen



## *This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua*

### **Monday, May 25** **Parish Office CLOSED**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall	(Doors open at 10:30AM)

### **Tuesday, May 26**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	
Confirmation Rehearsal	6:30PM	<b>Church</b>	

### **Wednesday, May 27**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	
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### **Thursday, May 28**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	
Eucharist Adoration	2:30PM - 6:00PM	Chapel	
Chaplet/Rosary	3:00PM	Chapel	
<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>	

### **Friday, May 29**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	
<b>Rosary</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	

### **Saturday, May 30**

Confession	3:00PM	Church	
<b>Mass</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>	

### **Sunday, May 31**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	
<b>Mass</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	

## *This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

### **Saturday, May 30**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	
Confession	9:00AM - 9:30AM	Church	

### **Sunday, May 31**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Church</b>	
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## **FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY** Food Collection Weekend - June 6 and 7

### **ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:**

CANNED CARROTS	RICE
PEANUT BUTTER	JELLY
CANNED MEATS	PORK & BEANS
CANNED FRUITS	TOMATO SAUCE
PANCAKE SYRUP	PANCAKE MIX

We will always accept toiletry and household items such as bodywash, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and dish detergent. Monetary donations are also accepted.

If you know someone who needs assistance, contact the parish office 732-634-1403 or email:

**info.StAnthony1@gmail.com.**

## *Liturgical Minister Schedule*

### *at Saint Anthony of Padua*

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	May 30	4:00PM	M. Balint A. and F. Fowler
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Sunday	May 31	8:30AM	S. Gadomski C. and E. Weiman
		11:30AM	G. Grispart B. McCauley B. Sorbanelli

#### READERS

Saturday	May 30	4:00PM	G. Clarke
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Sunday	May 31	8:30AM	G. Onukwugha G. C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	C. Smith

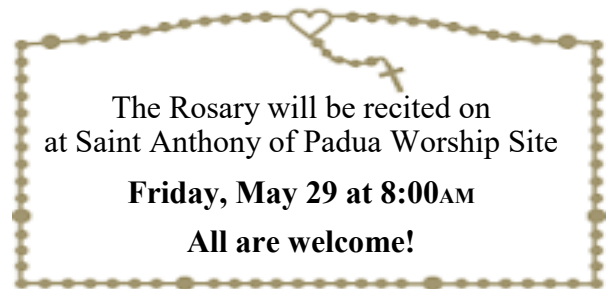
#### SERVERS

Saturday	May 30	4:00PM	B. Banko
Sunday	May 31	8:30AM	A. and A. Weiman
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese

### *at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

#### READER

Sunday	May 31	10:00AM	C. Torres
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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 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.*