



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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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)

The Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Mystery and Model for the Christian Family

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday we concluded our Easter journey with the Solemnity of Pentecost. We now enter the Season of Ordinary Time. Usually, we think of ordinary as something dull, mundane or not very special. Ordinary, used here, is from the word ordinal, referring to numbers in a series. This week, is the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time. In Ordinary Time, we deepen our understanding of the public ministry of our Lord Jesus and allow His life, teaching and miracles to shape our daily lives.

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which is at the center of our Christian faith and life. The Trinity is a mystery because it can never be fully explained by human understanding. The Church teaches that **God is one in essence** (the core, intrinsic and fundamental nature that defines a thing) and **three in Persons** (an individual substance of a rational or intellectual nature). God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct not by division, but by their eternal and mutual relationship of love. **The mystery of the Trinity is not simply a puzzle to be solved. It is a love to be received and lived.**

God has revealed Himself to us as a communion of Divine Persons and Love is the defining nature of God. The Father loves the Son, and the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is the love of the Father and the Son. God, who is a perfect communion of eternal self-giving, and life-giving love, created us in His image and likeness. St. John tells us in his first letter, ‘beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, **for God is love**’ (1 John 4:7-8). **The Christian family is called to mirror this mystery of God’s love in a special way.** The Catechism teaches that ‘the Christian family is a communion of persons and a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit’ (Article 2205). The Christian family, therefore, mirrors the Holy Trinity as:

•**Communion of Persons:** Through the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, husband and wife form a communion of love. In welcoming children, lovingly from God, they reflect the Father’s work of creation; in their daily sacrifices they reflect the self-offering of the Son; and in their love, support, and forgiveness they reflect the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

•**Self-giving Love:** as the persons of the Trinity exist in a constant, eternal exchange of love and self-gift, so also Christian spouses are called to lay down their lives for one another and their children.

•**Life-Giving Fruitfulness:** as the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the love of the Father and the Son, so also the children are the fruit of the love of the husband and wife.

Diverse yet Equal Roles: While the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct in person, (Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier), they are completely equal in dignity and divinity. Likewise, in the Christian family, members have different responsibilities, yet all share equal value, respect, and dignity.

Though no human family can mirror this mystery perfectly, every Christian family must seek to reflect this pattern of divine love. As we celebrate the mystery of our faith in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray also that our families may strive every day, to become centers of love which we have received from God. When our families mirror this divine communion of love, they become a domestic church and a primary place where faith, grace, and sacrificial love are lived, practiced, and passed on to the next generation. And so, we pray:

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



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.

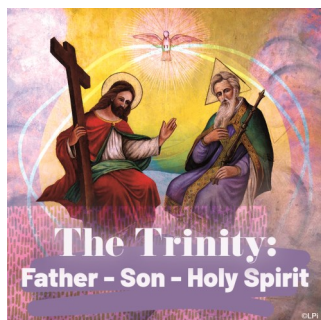
Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Saturday May 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

Monday June 1 *Saint Justin*
7:30AM Deceased members of the Imbistone family
Requested by Loretta Napoli

Tuesday June 2 *Saint Marcellinus, Saint Peter*
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his friend, Sal Ciardiello

Wednesday June 3 *Saint Charles*
7:30AM Purgatorial Mass Society

Thursday June 4
7:30AM Tyke G. Mojica (first Anniversary)
Requested by his loving family

Friday June 5 *Saint Boniface*
7:30AM Magdolna Mikos (living intention)

Saturday June 6 *Saint Norbet*
4:00PM George Arway, Jr.
(Happy birthday in Heaven)
Requested by his loving wife, Rosemarie
and sons

Sunday June 7 *The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

8:30AM Eleanor Pagliuca (birthday)
Requested by Marie Pagliuca
11:30AM People of the parish family

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

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

Saturday June 6
8:30AM Deceased Members of the former
Altar Rosary Society

Sunday June 7 *The Most Holy Body and Blood
of Christ (Corpus Christi)*
10:00AM John T. Carpenito
Requested by Bert Vigueras and family

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

Monday: 2 Peter 1:2-7
Psalms 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16
Mark 12:1-2

Tuesday: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18
Psalms 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14, 16
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12
Psalms 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14
Mark 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Psalms 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Psalms 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58





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 Tyke G. Mojica
Requested by his loving family

GOOD SHEPHERD

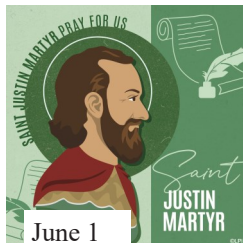
In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,
John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

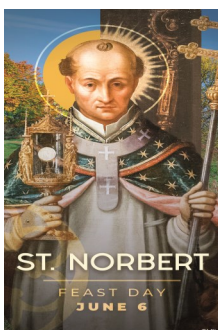
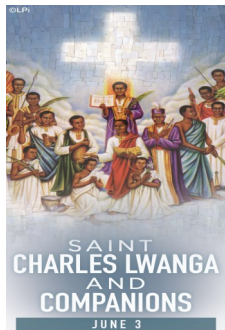
In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

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

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



June 2



IT'S GRADUATION TIME!

Is there someone in your family graduating from Catholic school, middle school, high school, or college? Share this wonderful accomplishment with your parish family.

Contact the parish office (732-634-1403) or
Email: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com

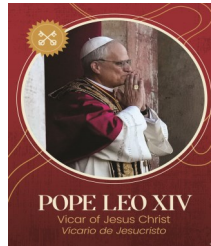
by June 15, 2026



with the following information:

- ◆ Student name
- ◆ Student's school from which he or she is graduating
- ◆ Submitter's name and relationship to graduate
- ◆ For college graduates include the degree and field

We will publish this listing in the June 28 bulletin.



Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

June 1	Reverend Timothy Kinyua Gatitu Reverend Thomas W. Lanza
June 2	Reverend Peter r. Cebulka Reverend Michael Krull
June 3	Monsignor Edward O'Neill Reverend Lukasz Blicharski
June 4	Our Holy Father
June 5	Reverend Pawel Dziatkiewicz Very Reverend Thomas Walsh
June 6	Reverend Peter Suhaka Reverend George Targonski
June 7	Bishop James Checchio

Stewardship

"for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money, and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

During the month of June, in addition to altar flowers, donations are also accepted in honor of Saint Anthony of Padua. If you have a special intention and would like to donate a flower arrangement, contact the parish office.



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

Our goal is \$24,000. As of May 22, we have received a total donation of \$21,814.00.

**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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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

Thursday, May 28



Confirmation

Ava (Catherine) Hilyard

Ava (Joan) Kripaitis

Edward (Patrick) Mullen

Cailin (Teresa) Quaglia

Marcus (Rocco) Ull

Gianni (John) Rivera

Adrian (Maximilian) Romero

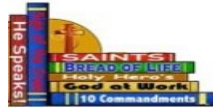
Anthony (Michael) Weiman

Mackenzie (Clare) Wendel

Emily (Cecilia) Zielinski



*May God Bless our
Confirmandi,
their catechists,
and families who prepared
them for this special day!*



FAITH FORMATION

G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs

Monday, June 1 - 6:30pm

Confirmation Level 2 - The Journey Continues
Get-together

Sunday, June 7 following 11:30am Mass
Corpus Christi procession

Wednesday, June 10—6:30pm

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.



Pray for

Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the soul of:
Maria Gabarik - April 28, 2026

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners who died a year ago in 2025:
Robert G. Heruska - June 5
Carole Anne Coleman Decibus - June 23
Robert H. Yockavitch - June 27

Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of: Maria Gabarik requested by: Saint Anthony of Padua Parish family

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Due to early submission of the bulletin, donations will be issued in an upcoming bulletin.

2026 Mass Book

As of May 25, the following upcoming Masses are available if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Tuesday	June	23	7:30am
Friday	June	26	7:30am
Saturday	July	11	8:30am (OLMC)
Sunday	July	12	10:00am (OLMC)
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
Tuesday	August	4	7:30am
Thursday	August	6	7:30am

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



St. Anthony is hosting a Baby Bottle Blessings

Campaign for Life Choices RC
Weekend of May 30 & 31



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"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, June 1

Mass 7:30AM Chapel
Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall
 (Doors open at 10:30AM)
Level 2 Confirmation The Journey continues
 6:30PM Church

Tuesday, June 2

Mass 7:30AM Chapel
Adult Choir 6:30PM Church

Wednesday, June 3

Mass 7:30AM Chapel

Thursday, June 4

Mass 7:30AM Church
Eucharist Adoration 2:30PM - 6:00PM Chapel
Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel

Friday, June 5

Mass 7:30AM Church

Saturday, June 6 Food Pantry Collection

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

Sunday, June 7 Food Pantry Collection

Mass 8:30AM Church
Mass 11:30AM Church
Corpus Christi Procession 3:00PM Church/Outside

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday, June 5

Holy Family Prayer Group 7:30AM Church

Saturday, June 6

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

Sunday, June 7

Mass 10:00AM Church



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.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday June 6 4:00PM C. and R. Marney
 D. Scharff

Sunday June 7 8:30AM S. Gadomski
 D. Mazzarella
 H. Pagliuca

11:30AM M. Amuzie
 B. Cuzzo
 G. Grispart

READERS

Saturday June 6 4:00PM T. Casey

Sunday June 7 8:30AM C. Mazzarella
 11:30AM C. Amuzie

SERVERS

Sunday June 7 8:30AM C., C., and C. Onukwugha
 11:30AM A. Boelhower
 F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday June 7 10:00AM M. Poos

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Food Collection Weekend - June 6 and 7

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

CANNED CARROTS	CANNED CORN
CANNED GREEN BEANS	CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEATS	CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES
CEREAL	JELLY
PANCAKE MIX	PANCAKE SYRUP
PEANUT BUTTER	PORK & BEANS
RICE	TOMATO SAUCE

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

SAVE THE DATE

CORPUS CHRISTI 2026 PROCESSION

SUNDAY JUNE 7, 12:30PM

(AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS)

