



**The Parish Family of
Saint Anthony of Padua**
celebrates

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi



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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST**



**"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains
in me and I in him." - Jn 6:56**

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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 Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE EUCHARIST: SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, that is, the Body and Blood of Christ, is one of the most beautiful and central mysteries of our faith. We proclaim with joy that **our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Most Holy Eucharist**. As the Church continues the National Eucharistic Revival, this feast reminds us of God's incredible gift of Himself to us. Sadly, this gift is sometimes forgotten, ignored, or even rejected. Our Lord says to us in the Gospel: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (John 6:53). Perhaps that is one reason why faith grows weak when the Eucharist is neglected, even among those who still call themselves Christian, and even among some of our fellow Catholics.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, the Church invites us to reflect on the **"Real Presence" of our Lord Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearances of bread and wine** (see Catechism of the Catholic Church 1374–1377). Before He ascended into heaven, our Lord promised His disciples, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). At every Mass, He keeps His promise. He does not leave us hungry or alone; He feeds us with His very life. The Eucharist is not a "make-believe." As the soon-to-be Blessed Fulton Sheen once said, **"The Eucharist is the meeting of Heaven and Earth."** What a beautiful way to describe what happens every time we come to Mass.

In the document on the Sacred Liturgy, the Second Vatican Council taught that **the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life"** (Sacrosanctum Concilium, art. 10). The Eucharist is the source because all the grace, strength, and spiritual nourishment we need for Christian living flow from it. It sustains us and gives us the power to live the Gospel each day. And it is the summit because it is the highest act of worship and the goal toward which the whole Christian life is directed.

On the feast of Corpus Christi, the Church gives public witness to our faith in the Real Presence through **Eucharistic Procession**. We take the Blessed Sacrament out into the neighborhood as a way of saying to the world: Jesus is here, and He is with His people. Thank God that we are still able to continue this beautiful witness to our faith. Another powerful witness to our faith is **Eucharistic Adoration**. In adoration, we spend time with the Lord in silence, in prayer, in meditation, and in Scripture. We come simply to be with Him and to let Him be with us. I am especially grateful for our brothers and sisters here in our parish, who faithfully spend time with the Lord every Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. I encourage everyone to consider making Eucharistic Adoration part of our personal devotion.

We are witnessing, in many places, a real resurgence of Eucharistic Adoration. Many people who had drifted away from the Church have returned because of the Eucharist. Others have discovered the Catholic faith for the first time because of the Eucharist. One beautiful example is St. Carlo Acutis, the young Italian teenager whose love for the Eucharist shaped his whole life. After his First Holy Communion, he went to daily Mass, spent time in adoration, and famously called the Eucharist "the highway to heaven." He even used his gift for technology to build an online exhibit of Eucharistic miracles, helping others rediscover wonder before the Real Presence. His witness helped renew faith even within his own family, as his parents returned to the active practice of the faith. And even now, his example continues to inspire both young people and adults to come back to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

As we celebrate this great feast, I pray that the Lord will renew the faith in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

**O Sacrament, Most Holy, O Sacrament, Divine.
All Praise and all Thanksgiving, be every moment Thine. 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

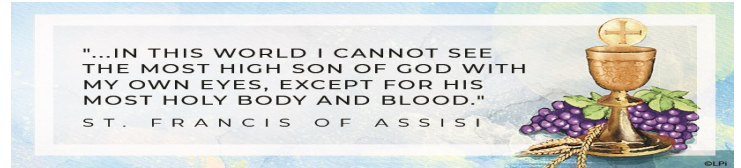
Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Saturday 4:00PM	June 6 George Arway, Jr. (Happy birthday in Heaven) Requested by his loving wife, Rosemarie and sons	<i>Saint Norbet</i>
Sunday 8:30AM 11:30AM	June 7 Eleanor Pagliuca (birthday) Requested by Marie Pagliuca People of the parish family	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>
Monday 7:30AM	June 8 Maria Gaborit Requested by the Morning Mass family	
Tuesday 7:30AM	June 9 Janice Ciardiello Requested by her loving husband, Sal	<i>Saint Ephrem</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	June 10 Kathleen Korin Blessed with health, peace, and joy always	
Thursday 7:30AM	June 11 Maria Gaborit Requested by Virginia Clarke	<i>Saint Barnabas</i>
Friday 7:30AM	June 12 Owen Requested by his loving family	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Saturday 4:00PM	June 13 Theodore Surick Requested by Donna Cirillo and family	<i>Saint Anthony of Padua (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
Sunday 8:30AM 11:30AM	June 14 People of the parish family John and Jeanette Pauswinski Requested by their loving daughter, Beverly	<i>Flag Day</i>

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	June 6 Deceased Members of the former Altar Rosary Society	<i>Saint Norbet</i>
Sunday	June 7 <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	



10:00AM	John T. Carpenito Requested by Bert Vigueras and family	
Saturday 8:30AM	June 13 Anthony Poos Requested by his loving son, Gary and family	<i>Saint Anthony of Padua (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	June 14 Louis and Maria Elena Javier (living intention) Requested by Ray and Cheri Gumapac	<i>Flag Day</i>

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58
Monday:	1 Kings 17:1-6 Psalms 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kings 17:7-16 Psalms 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Matthew 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kings 18:20-39 Psalms 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3(580) Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13 Matthew 5:20-26
Friday:	Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 1 John 4:7-16 Matthew 11:25-30
Saturday:	1 Kings 19:19-21 Psalms 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10 Matthew 5:33-37
Sunday:	Exodus 19:2-6a Psalms 100:1-2, 3, 5 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8



*Devotion to
Saint Anthony*

*Thank you for
Blessings received*

*Requested by
Marty and Pat Martino*



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 Patsy and MaryJane Barbato
Requested by her loving sister,
Patricia and Marty Martino

In loving memory of Maria Gaborit
Requested by her morning Mass family

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom and Nana
"Eleanor Pagliuca"
Requested by your 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

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, May 24, 2026

In-person donations.....\$3,371.00
On-line donations.....\$1,330.00
Total..... \$4,701.00

Sunday, May 31, 2026

In-person donations.....\$3,791.00
On-line donations.....\$1,438.00
Total..... \$5,229.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

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.

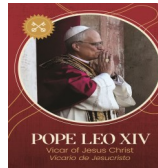
Drop the note in the collection basket,
bring to the parish office, or
Email: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com

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 8	All Priests
June 9	Reverend Krzysztof Kaczynski Reverend Matthew Paratore
June 10	Reverend Karolus Bale Reverend Bonfilio Enriquez
June 11	Reverend Joseph Kubiak Reverend Ignatius Okoroji
June 12	Reverend Jerome Ocampo Reverend Sebastian Kaithackal
June 13	Reverend Gregory Zannetti Reverend Steven Bolton
June 14	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski

Stewardship

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."
1Corinthians 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a two-fold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!



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

We are grateful to all those who donated towards this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. Our goal was \$24,000 and we have received a total of \$21,989 in donations as of June 2. This places us at 92% of our goal. Please remember to redeem your pledge if you made one. If you would like to donate to help us reach the goal, please use the Appeal donation envelopes available in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes



Elle Nicole Blumberg

*who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on
Sunday, May 31, 2026*

*We thank her parents, Peter and Catherine Blumberg
for choosing life.*

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.

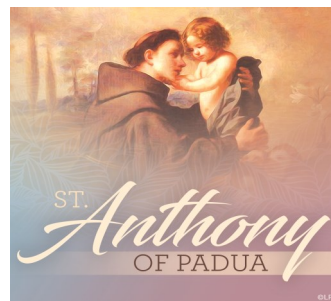
Name: _____

Phone: _____

How many attending: _____

What dish or dessert you will bring: _____

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



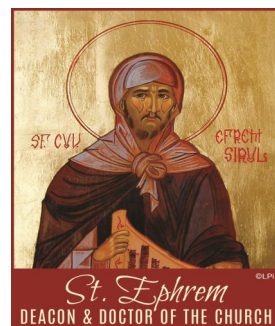
As we celebrate the 120th anniversary of Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Port Reading, NJ. and the 20th anniversary of the raffle, this year during the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua everyone is welcome to join the parish community as we honor this special occasion with

**Mass on Saturday,
June 13 at 4:00pm.**

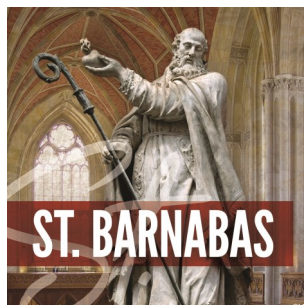
Father Robert Lynam will return to co-celebrate Mass with Father Cyril.

Following Mass join parishioners for fellowship, a Pot-luck gathering, and the 50/50 Feast Day raffle in Father Milos Hall.

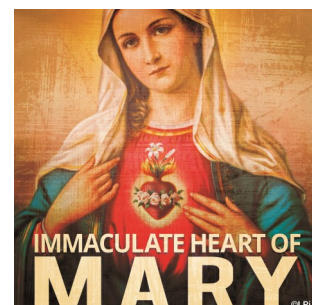
*Did you know
the feast days
for this week
are...*



June 9



June 11



June 13



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

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 expectations and guidelines
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.

life choices
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732-516-0911

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

**Campaign for Life Choices RC
Weekend of May 30 & 31**



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**Please return all baby
bottles to the narthex
by Sunday, June 14.
Your contribution and
support is greatly
appreciated!**

2026 Mass Book

As of June 2, the following days are open if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Friday	June	26	7:30am
Saturday	July	11	8:30am (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
Thursday	August	6	7:30am
Friday	August	7	7:30am
Saturday	August	8	8:30am (OLMC)
Sunday	August	9	10:00am (OLMC)

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



The Most Holy
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**"I am the living bread that came
down from heaven; whoever eats
this bread will live forever; and the
bread that I will give is my flesh for
the life of the world..."**

**"For my flesh is true food, and my
blood is true drink. Whoever eats
my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him."**

- Jn 6:51, 55-56

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*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.*



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, June 8

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

Tuesday, June 9

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Wednesday, June 10

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Faith Formation Family Meeting	6:30PM	Church

Thursday, June 11

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

Friday, June 12

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, June 13 **Saint Anthony's Feast Day**

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church
Pot Luck Gathering and Raffle drawing	following 4:00PM Mass	

Sunday, June 14

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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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, Kathryn Korin, 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 13	4:00PM	to be announced
Sunday	June 14	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson S. Gadomski
		11:30AM	B. Cuzzo L. Palasits B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	June 13	4:00PM	to be announced
Sunday	June 14	8:30AM	G. Onukwugha G. C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	J. Ramos

SERVERS

Sunday	June 14	8:30AM	C, C, and C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	June 14	10:00AM	V. Ruskai
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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.