



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua

celebrates

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi



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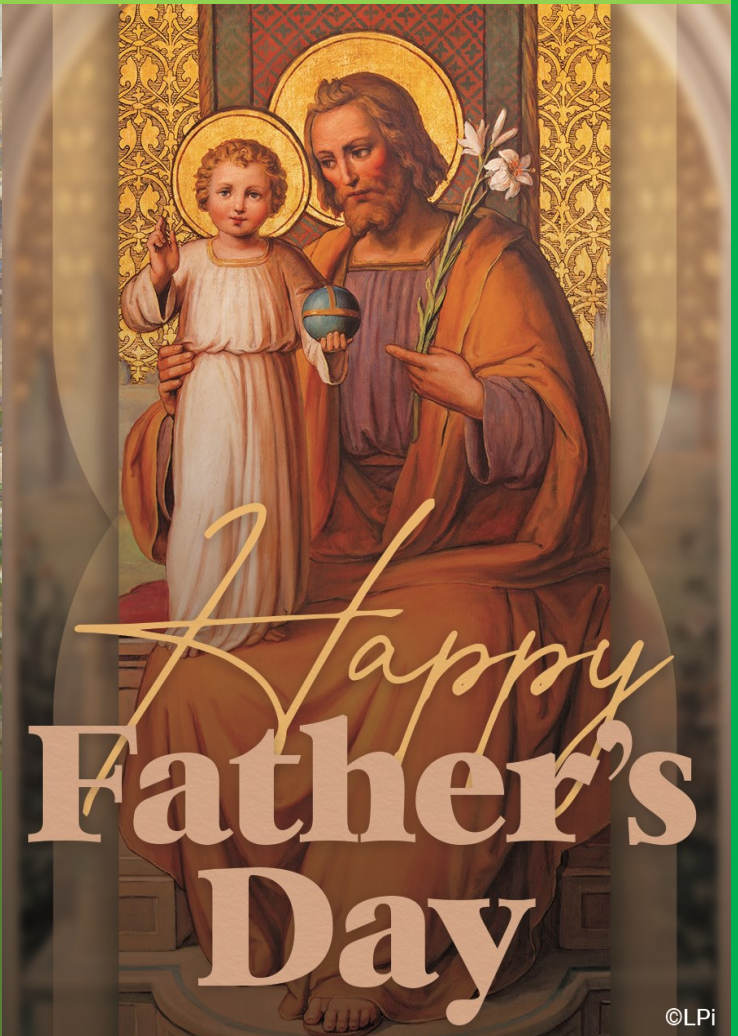


12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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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)

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

The Heart of a Father

Dear brothers and sisters,

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers and the father figures in our lives. On this day, our hearts turn with love and gratitude to fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, priests, mentors, and all who reflect something of the faithful love of God the Father. We honor both those still with us and those who have gone to their eternal reward. This celebration also invites us to live the Fourth Commandment, "honor your father and mother." Fatherhood is one of God's beautiful gifts and one of life's great responsibilities. The Christian vision of fatherhood reminds us that true strength is found in love, patience, sacrifice, and faithful presence.

Our Lord Jesus taught us to call God our Father. On this Father's Day we look on Him as the source of all love and the fulfillment of every heart. As St. John writes, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 John 3:1). We also turn to St. Joseph, whose fatherhood was marked by trust, protection, humility, and sacrifice. His witness reminds us that holy fatherhood is often quiet and unseen, lived in daily fidelity, prayer, and loving care for others.

Many of us look back with gratitude to our fathers who taught us, provided for us, and showed us steadfast love. I think of my own dear father, who went to his eternal reward twenty-eight years ago. I remember him especially as a man of prayer, who loved the Lord and was devoted to his Catholic faith. One of my fondest memories is seeing him kneel each evening with our family to pray the rosary and then bless us before bed. To remedy any wrongdoing, my dad would require a faithful account of the following Sunday's homily. Years later, I realized that this was his way of helping us to be attentive during Holy Mass. His example of faith helped shape my own relationship with God and my journey of faith. I pray that your own memories of fatherly love and sacrifice will be a source of joy and gratitude today as we celebrate Fathers' Day.

There are also some among us who may actually find this day difficult, as they think about the father they never had or the father who was anything but loving. Many of our brothers and sisters continue to live with the scars of painful experiences from their fathers. We pray that they too will find comfort and solace in the love of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ who heals every pain and yearning of our hearts.

Our society needs a lot of healing from excessive anger, divisions, violence, and other painful social ills. We need good and faithful Christian fathers who will mirror, the heart of God to their families and to the community. Today, I pray for all fathers, especially you fathers of our parish, that you may lead your families in faith, in hope and in love.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of fatherhood. Bless our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, priests, our deacons and all spiritual fathers with wisdom, patience, courage, and peace. Through the intercession of St. Joseph, help them to lead their families in faith and to love with hearts shaped by Christ. Comfort those who carry sorrow or longing in their experience of fatherhood and draw all families closer to Your mercy. Give eternal rest to all our deceased fathers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. 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 20 Living and deceased Fathers	<i>World Refugee Day</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	June 21 Living and deceased Fathers	<i>Father's Day</i>
11:30AM	Living and deceased Fathers	
Monday	June 22	<i>Saint Paulinus of Nola Saint John Fisher Saint Thomas More</i>
7:30AM	Respect for Life at all stages	
Tuesday 7:30AM	June 23 Eileen and George T. Miller, Sr. Requested by their loving son, George T. Miller, Jr.	
Wednesday 7:30AM	June 24 <i>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</i> Jennie DeNittis Requested by goddaughter, Angela Matchko	
Thursday 7:30AM	June 25 Benjamin Dispoto Requested by Arlene and Michael Carnevale	
Friday 7:30AM	June 26 Stephen Terebetsky Requested by Lorraine DeMarino and family	
Saturday 4:00PM	June 27 Diana Quagila Requested by her loving husband, Luigi and family	<i>Saint Cyril of Alexandria</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	June 28 People of the parish family	
11:30AM	Betty and Terry McGeehan Requested by the Modeszto family	

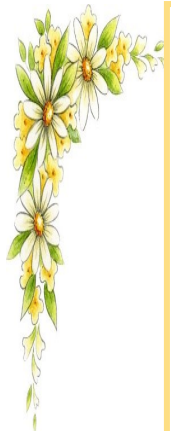
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	June 20 Rowena, Michael, and Leah Bernabe (living Mass intention for good health) Requested by Michael and Dona Gumapac	<i>World Refugee Day</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	June 21 Living and deceased Fathers	<i>Father's Day</i>
Saturday 8:30AM	June 27 Robert Yackavitch Requested by Joan Calabrese	<i>Saint Cyril of Alexandria</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	June 28 Lita Carriedo Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Allan Alcabendas	

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalms 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 Romans 5:12-15 Matthew 10:26-33
Monday:	2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Psalms 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Psalms 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thursday:	2 Kings 24:8-17 Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Matthew 7:21-29
Friday:	2 Kings 25:1-12 Psalms 13:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday:	Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Psalms 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Matthew 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Psalms 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42



*Devotion to
Saint Anthony flowers
are in memory of
John and Ethel Osag
Requested by daughters,
Arlene Pedersen
and
Karen Brenner*





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 my wife, Janice Ciardiello
 Requested by her loving husband, Sal

In loving memory of our Dads, George Seibert and
 Carmen Pagliuca on Father's Day
 Love, John and Holly

In loving memory of Dennis Tsirikos on his
 first anniversary in Heaven
 Requested by his loving family

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of our father, Frank Matchko
 Requested by his loving daughters, Angela and Michelle

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

MEMORIAL WALL

In loving memory of our Dad's, Stanley J. Gurney and
 Joseph F. Hayko who proudly service our country.
 Happy Father's Day in Heaven
 Love, Stan and Eileen

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

June 22	Reverend Czeslaw Zalubski Reverend Joseph Illes
June 23	Reverend Roberto Coruna Monsignor Edward Puleo
June 24	Reverend Matthew Marinelli Reverend Nicolas Norena
June 25	Reverend Timothy A. Christy Monsignor James Moran
June 26	Reverend James Kyrpczak Reverend Francis Hilton
June 27	Reverend Vicente Montiel Reverend Andrzej Kielkowski
June 28	Reverend Dawid Malik Reverend Kenneth Brighenti

Stewardship

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me ."
 Matthew 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, June 14, 2026

In-person donations.....	\$3,816
On-line donations.....	\$1,465
Total.....	\$5,281

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend, June 27 and 28, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Be a sign of hope with your generosity.

For more information, visit
www.oboladisanpietro.va/en.html

From the Diocese



Celebrate Life

A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+)

*Aging Well:
 A Life in Full*



with guest speaker, Joanie C. Lynn, APN
 of Saint Peter's University Hospital

All grandparents and seniors are welcome for a morning of joy and renewal, including breakfast, fellowship, an uplifting presentation, and Holy Mass.

Thursday, July 23, 2026
 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ

The event is free, but registration is required.

Scan the QR code to register
 Email magnese@diometuchen.org or
 call (732) 562-1543 with any questions.



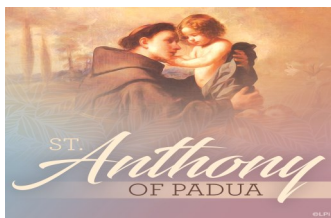
Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction

Sunday, June 7



Photos submitted by Chris Mazzarella and Holly Pagliuca.

Saint Anthony's Feast Day and Raffle Saturday, June 13



DRAWING - Saturday, June 13, 2026

FIRST PRIZE 25% ... \$2,182.50
Ticket #: 0938 — Grace Dispoto

SECOND PRIZE 15% ... \$1,309.50
Ticket #: 0379 — Liz Aleszczyk

THIRD PRIZE 10% ... \$873
Ticket #: 0730 — Lori Carhart

We greatly appreciate and thank all our parishioners and friends of our church who supported the raffle and donated the great food and desserts for the Feast Day. We also thank our dedicated parish volunteers and staff who worked to make our 120th anniversary of Saint Anthony of Padua

Roman Catholic Church in Port

Reading extra special.

Thank you and God Bless you all!

2026 Mass Book

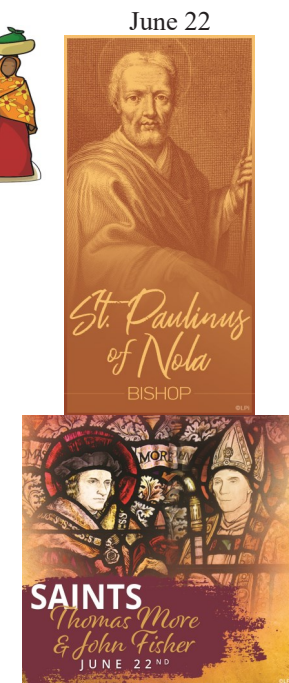
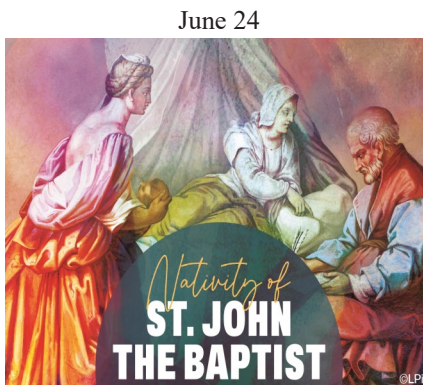
As of June 10, the following days are open if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Friday	July	17	7:30am
Monday	July	20	7:30am
Friday	July	31	7:30am
Thursday	August	6	7:30am
Friday	August	7	7:30am
Thursday	August	20	7:30am
Sunday	August	23	10:00am (OLMC)
Tuesday	August	25	7:30am
Thursday	August	27	7:30am
Saturday	August	29	8:30am (OLMC)
Sunday	August	30	10:00am (OLMC)

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



Did you know special days for this week are...



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, June 22

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

Tuesday, June 23

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Wednesday, June 24

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Knights of Columbus	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday, June 26

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Rosary	following 7:30AM Mass	

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

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

Vyszwany, Matthew Woods, Donna Zeoli



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.

SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ... our ongoing fundraiser

Please consider helping Saint Anthony's the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift cards are available in a variety of denominations and may be purchased in the parish office.



Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	June 27	4:00PM	C. and E. Weiman D. Scharff
Sunday	June 28	8:30AM	V. Clarke S. Gadowski H. Pagliuca J. Kondrk B. McCauley B. Sorbanelli
		11:30AM	

READERS

Saturday	June 27	4:00PM	J. Schultz
Sunday	June 28	8:30AM	D. Vitaliano
		11:30AM	G. Grispart

SERVERS

Saturday	June 27	4:00PM	A. and Al. Weiman
Sunday	June 28	8:30AM	C. C. and C. Onukwugha

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	June 28	10:00AM	L. Quiray
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FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Food Collection Weekend of July 11 and 12

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.