



The Parish Family of
Saint Anthony of Padua
celebrates

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi



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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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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	CLOSED during July and August

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

Summer Musings

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday, we officially entered the summer season, a time when familiar routines begin to shift. Schools wind down, families travel, young people prepare for new stages of life, and others seek new job opportunities. Parish life also takes on a different pace. Yet summer offers more than a break in the calendar. Its longer days and lingering light invite us to notice the people and graces we often hurry past. Whether we rest at the beach, sit in a backyard chair, or enjoy relaxed conversation with friends and neighbors, this season invites us to make room for the beauty of creation, the gift of family and friendship, and the quiet presence of God in ordinary moments.

God teaches us the holiness of rest, not as an escape from life, but as a way of returning to Him with renewed hearts. Sacred Scripture tells us that “on the seventh day God completed the work He had been doing; He rested on the seventh day from all the work He had undertaken. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work He had done in creation” (Genesis 2:1-3). Our Lord Jesus also withdrew to quiet places to pray and invited His disciples to “come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). Summer can become a kind of Sabbath for the heart, a time in which we allow God to restore what has grown tired within us.

The summer season coincides with Ordinary Time in the Church’s calendar. The word “ordinary” can sound plain or uneventful, but in the life of faith it points to ordered and steady growth. The green vestments remind us that holiness often grows quietly. Simple actions like a family prayer before a trip, a meal shared with patience and joy, or a visit to someone who is lonely are everyday ways that God’s grace grows and deepens in us.

As a parish priest, I find the summer months to be a welcome time for renewal after the full pace of Lent and Easter, First Communion, Confirmation, the feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, our parish patronal feast, and regular activities of parish life. Still, the Church’s mission continues. The sick need comfort, the grieving need hope, the poor need care, and all of us need the nourishment of the Eucharist. My religious community wisely schedules our annual retreat at this time of year, giving us space for prayer and renewal. I look forward to this season of grace, and next week I will share with you the fruits of my retreat.

I know that not everyone has the luxury of extended rest or travel. Still, whatever our family or work circumstances may be, may each of us find a little time each day to renew body, soul, and spirit.

I want to recommend three simple practices for a fruitful summer. 1) Keep Sunday holy, 2) Maintain your Sunday worship obligation of love to God, and 3) If you travel, keep Sunday Mass a priority. Thankfully, in most places, there is a Catholic church nearby; [Masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) can help you find the nearest parish so you can worship the Lord and remain nourished by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Pray with intention. Choose one devotional practice and stay with it: read one, two, or three books of the Bible, follow a Catholic podcast on a spiritual theme, or pray the Holy Rosary each day for specific intentions.

Witness gently. Look for simple, natural opportunities to speak of the Lord Jesus with kindness. Sometimes a brief word of encouragement, a prayer offered for someone, or a sincere reminder that Jesus loves them can become a seed of grace.

May God bless you and your loved ones with a peaceful, joyful, restful, and grace-filled summer. May these days renew your body, quiet your heart, deepen your faith, and help you recognize the presence of God in the ordinary moments of life.

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 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	
Monday 7:30AM	June 29 Robert Yackavitch Requested by Joan Calabrese	<i>Saint Peter and Paul</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	June 30 Richie Simeone Requested by his dear friend and pal, Sal Ciardiello	<i>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	July 1 Purgatorial Mass	<i>Saint Junipero Serra</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	July 2 Frank and Margaret Szabo Requested by the Modeszto family	
Friday 7:30AM	July 3 Bob Sorbanelli, Jr. Living Mass intention - Happy Birthday Requested by Linda Marie Marmora	<i>Saint Thomas the Apostle</i>
Saturday 4:00PM	July 4 Deceased members of the Napoli family	<i>Independence Day</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	July 5 Theodore Surick Requested by Marie and Norman Steele	
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 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	
Saturday 8:30AM	July 4 Deceased members of the former Altar Rosary Society	<i>Independence Day</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	July 5 Deceased members of the Gumapac family Requested by Ray and Cheri Gumapac	

This Week's Scripture Readings

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
Monday:	Acts 12:1-11 Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Psalms 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 Psalms 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday:	Amos 7:10-17 Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Matthew 9:1-8
Friday:	Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalms 117:1bc, 2 John 20:24-29
Saturday:	Amos 9:11-15 Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Matthew 9:14-17
Sunday:	Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 Romans 8:9, 11-13 Matthew 11:25-30



**The Parish Office will be
CLOSED Friday, July 3
in honor of our country's
250th anniversary.**



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 Stephen Terebetsky
Requested by Adrienne Simeone

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

Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the soul of:
Maria Gaborit - April 28, 2026
Lynda Corbett - May 16, 2026



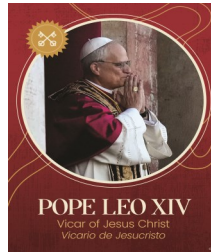
One Year Anniversary

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
Jeffrey Pagliuca - July 6
Patricia A. Mroz - July 14



Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	requested by:
Maria Gaborit	Saint Anthony of Padua Parish family
Benjamin Disposto	Mary Cataldo and family
Lynda Corbett	Saint Anthony of Padua Parish family
Eugene Fowler	Brother, Frank and Angela Fowler
Kalman Papp	Mario and Helene Dilorio
Elizabeth Kokolus	Diane and John Lenart
John Finnegan	Sister, Joan Ballance and family



For respect for human life.

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

June 29	Reverend J. Phillip Vadakkekara Reverend Alexander Carles
June 30	Reverend Peter Tran Reverend Gustavo Rodriguez-Perez
July 1	Reverend Roy Quesea Reverend Leopoldo Salvania
July 2	Our Holy Father
July 3	Monsignor John Gordon Reverend Krystain Burdzy
July 4	Reverend Edward Czarcinski Reverend Slawomir Romanoski
July 5	Bishop James Checchio

Stewardship

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matthew 10:37

We all have loved ones in our lives; people who we cannot imagine being without. Each of those loved ones is a gift from a loving God. We must not however place these special people at a level above God Himself. God is to be our center-most point from which all blessings radiate.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, June 21, 2026

In-person donations.....	\$4,115.00
On-line donations.....	<u>\$1,520.00</u>
Total.....	\$5,635.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Peter's Pence Collection

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a world-wide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See, and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and Sisters. Please be generous today.

For more information, visit www.oboladisani Pietro.va/en.html

Corpus Christi Feast Day - Benediction and Procession Sunday, June 7



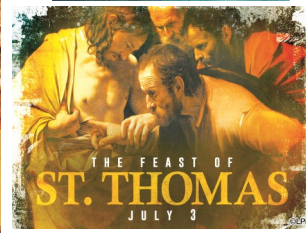
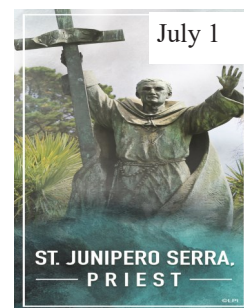
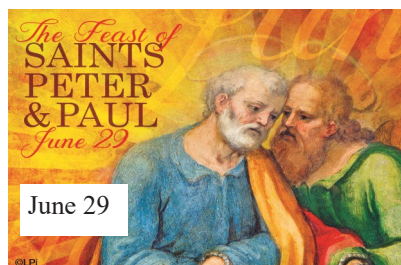
2026 Mass Book

As of June 23, the following days are open if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Thursday	August	6	7:30am
Friday	August	7	7:30am
Saturday	August	8	8:30am (OLMC)
Monday	August	17	7:30am
Tuesday	August	18	7:30am
Thursday	August	20	7:30am
Sunday	August	23	10:00am (OLMC)
Tuesday	August	25	7:30am
Friday	August	28	7:30am
Sunday	August	30	10:00am (OLMC)

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403

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



Congratulations 2026 Graduates



Blake Joseph Borges
Rutgers University, New Brunswick
School of Business
Master of Business Administration, Financial Analytics
Son of Joseph and Anne Russo Borges
Grandson of Pat and Al Russo

Mckenna Rose O'Connor
DePaul Catholic High School, Wayne, NJ
Love, Nanny & Poppy

Gianna M. Farina
Springfield College, Massachusetts
School of Physical Education
Master of Science, Strength and Conditioning
Daughter of Ronald and Amy Russo Farina
Granddaughter of Pat and Al Russo

Evan James Satterthwaite
Spotswood High School
Grandson of Mary and Tom Balint

Ashston Seniakevgch
Woodbridge High School
Great Grandson of Terri Seibert

Ronald R. Farina, Jr.
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Martin Tuchman School of Management
Bachelor of Science, Business Cum Laude
Son of Ronald and Amy Russo Farina
Grandson of Pat and Al Russo

Brendan Shafer
The College of New Jersey
Mechanical Engineering
Son of Joanne Shafer
Grandson of Marty & Patricia Martino

Dylan Fowler
Lenape Valley Regional High School
Grandson of Francis & Angela Fowler

Corinna Shafer
Redbank Catholic High School
Daughter of Joanne Shafer
Granddaughter of Marty & Patricia Martino

Vincent Luke LaMorte
Morris County Vocational School District High School
Nephew of Cathy Bensco

Olivia Rae Vargas
Mt. Lakes High School
Mount Lakes, NJ
Daughter of Suzanne Ashby
Granddaughter of John and Virginia Ashby

Georgia Martino
Ponte Vedra Florida High School
Daughter of Drs. Marty & Jaime Martino
Granddaughter of Marty & Patricia Martino

Daniel Vega
G. Harold Antrim Elementary School,
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
Love, GiGi & Uncle Frank

Edward Mullen
Iselin Middle School
Son of Ashley Mullen

Anthony Weiman
Avenel Middle School
Son of Christina & Eric Weiman



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, June 29

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

Tuesday, June 30

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Wednesday, July 1

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, July 2

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

Continuing with our past practice, we will not have Eucharist Adoration during July and August. Adoration will resume on September 10. Thank you all for your continuing devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Have a wonderful summer!

Friday, July 3

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

Saturday, July 4

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

Sunday, July 5

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, Allison Cohen, 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, 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.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	July 4	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler R. Masters
Sunday	July 5	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson S. Gadomski
		11:30AM	M. Amuzie G. Grispart L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday	July 4	4:00PM	J. Schultz
Sunday	July 5	8:30AM	G. Onukwugha G. C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	C. Amuzie

SERVERS

Sunday	July 5	8:30AM	C and C Onukwugha Q. Valdez
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	July 5	10:00AM	M. Poos
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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.

On Wednesday, June 17, our Food Pantry donations were able to assist 27 families (65 people).

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

info.StAnthony1@gmail.com.