



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE CARDINAL (HUMAN/MORAL) VIRTUES

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that 'a virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself...The goal of a virtuous life is to become like God' (CCC 1803). Last week, we reflected on the Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Charity (Love). They are called theological because they come from God. This week, we are reflecting on what we call the Cardinal Virtues: **Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance**. These are also called the Human or Moral Virtues. They are called Human virtues, because we acquire them through human effort, that is, our repeated practice and living out of these virtues. The Book of Wisdom states, 'if one loves righteousness, whose works are virtues, She teaches moderation and prudence, righteousness and fortitude, and nothing in life is more useful than these' (Wisdom 8:7). Our modern culture exalts freedom, independence, and the right to do whatever makes us happy. All these leads to the chaos, individualism, egoism, and sadness that we experience. The Cardinal virtues are truly antidotes for our modern world.

Prudence is the virtue that helps us to discern the true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Prudence is about discipline in life. With our advancement in science and technology and with more and more options available to us, we often struggle with the right choice to make. The virtue of prudence helps us to choose those things that will work for our good, within our means and that will last. We need prudence in our relationships, in our finances, our health, and other areas of our life. The prudent person is one who applies his or her reason in decision making. Prudence is often called the "mothers of all virtues" because it guides the other virtues by setting the rule or measure of how to act.

Justice is the moral virtue that involves giving to others what is due to them. To God, we owe worship and obedience (true religion) and to our fellow human beings, we owe respect for their rights and dignity. Justice is not vengeance, as our modern world tends to see it. Vengeance is for God. The virtue of justice is the disposition and habit that allows us to give others what rightfully belongs to them and to promote what works for their well-being. The Catechism teaches that 'the just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor' (CCC 1807).

Fortitude 'is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life' (CCC 1808). More than ever, we need the virtue of fortitude. We are surrounded by fear, distress, and pressure from all sides. Sometime, even faithful Christians are tempted to give up. The virtue of fortitude enables us to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions.

Temperance 'is the moral virtue that moderates the attraction of pleasures and provides balance in the use of created goods. It ensures the will's mastery over instincts and keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable' (1809). One of the strongest vices that our modern society faces is hedonism. This is the idea that pleasure is the ultimate guide to life. We often hear people say, do whatever makes you happy. The virtue of temperance directs our senses, emotions, and appetites, not simply towards what makes us happy, but towards what is truly for our good in the present and in the future. The temperate person lives by what makes him or her a fruitful person.

We do not acquire these virtues overnight nor by simply by willing or desiring them. The great Doctor of the Church, Saint Thomas Aquinas, describes virtue as a habit, which is to say, we acquire virtue by practicing them over and over again until they become part of us. The Human virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance are acquired 'by education, by deliberate acts, and by a perseverance ever renewed in repeated efforts are purified and elevated by divine grace' (CCC 1810). If we desire to live a genuinely happy life, let us be prudent in our decision making, let us be just in our relationship with others, let us stand strong in the face of our fears and weaknesses and let us curb our passions and appetites.

'Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you' (Philippians 4:8-9).

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.

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Monday 7:30AM	July 21 Janice Ciardiello Requested by her loving husband, Sal	<i>Saint Lawrence</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	July 22 Respect Life	<i>Saint Mary Magdalene</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	July 23 Joseph Schneider Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke	<i>Saint Bridget</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	July 24 Mary Romano Requested by the DiLauro family	<i>Saint Sharbel Makhlu</i>
Friday 7:30AM	July 25 Gordon Ur Requested by his loving family	<i>Saint James</i>
Saturday 4:00PM	July 26 Eleanor Pagliuca Requested by the DiSpoto family	<i>Saint Joachim and Saint Anne</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	July 27 People of the parish family	
11:30AM	Chi Chi Amuzie (In celebration of her 60 th birthday) Requested by her loving family	



at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	July 26 Rodolfo F. Mariano Requested by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas	<i>Saint Joachim and Saint Anne</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	July 27 Margaret Kopelock Requested by Anne Ferrante Ghosh	

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalms 15:2-5 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42
Monday:	Exodus 14:5-18 (Psalms) Exodus 15:1b-6 Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Song of Songs:3:1-4a or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 Psalms 63:2-6, 8-9 John 20:1-2, 11-18
Wednesday:	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 Psalms 78:18-19, 23-28 Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday:	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Psalms) Daniel 3:52-56 Matthew 13:10-17
Friday:	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalms 126:1b-6 Matthew 20:20-28
Saturday:	Exodus 24:3-8 Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday:	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalms 138:1-3, 6-8 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13



Parish Office Hours

Monday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Tuesday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Wednesday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Thursday	8:30AM - 3:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays	

LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM

Daily Mass Monday through Friday: 7:30AM

Visit www.saintanthonyofpadua.org

Click on the YouTube link



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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 Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by Stanley and Eileen Gurney

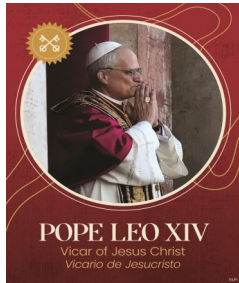
GOOD SHEPHERD

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



Pope's Intention for July:

For formation in discernment.
Let us pray that we might again
learn how to discern, to know how
to choose paths of life and reject
everything that leads us away from
Christ and the Gospel.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

July 21	Reverend Jeffrey Calia Reverend Charles O'Connor
July 22	Reverend A. David Chalackal Reverend Edward Struzik
July 23	Reverend Steven Bolton Monsignor Seamus Brennan
July 24	Reverend Lukasz Blicharski Very Reverend Leonard Rusay
July 25	Reverend Robert Lynam Reverend Dennis Weezorak
July 26	Reverend Jojappa Thippabathini Reverend Michael Crummy
July 27	Reverend Raymond Nacarino Reverend Peter Tran

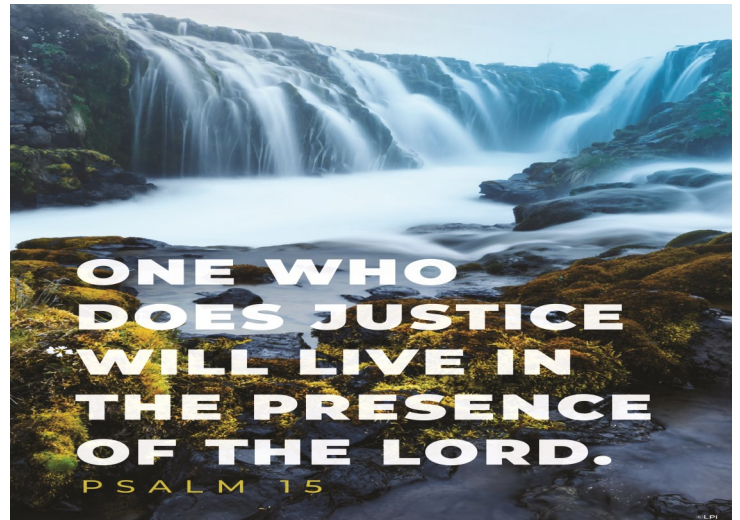


First Banns of Marriage

The intent of Marriage
has been announced between

C'asia Miles and Genaro Prencipe

to enter into the Covenant of Marriage at
Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
Port Reading, NJ
on
August 9, 2025



Pray ...

for our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound, especially:



Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous,
John Carpenito, Lucille Carpenito, John Campion,
Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos,
Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez, Larry Golden,
Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray,
Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio,
Robert Joseph Meade IV, Janet Strunak,
Millie Sutphen

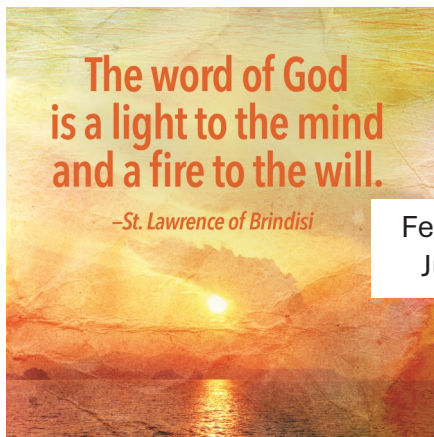
Pray ...



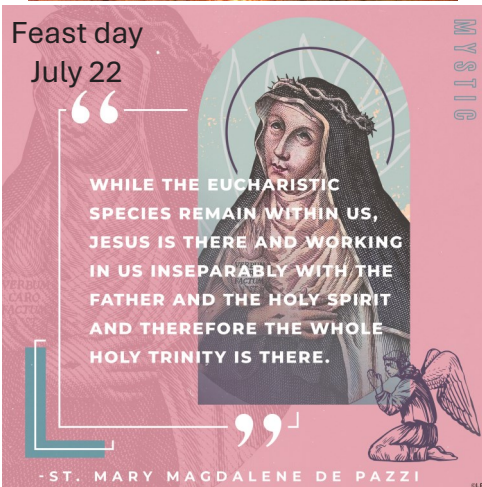
for all the brave military personnel, especially the men and women in uniform of our parish family who are serving our country at home or abroad. We also pray for their family members.

If you would like to add a loved one to the Pray list, contact the parish office.

Pray for Peace!



Feast day
July 21



Summer Service Project

Adopt a "backpack"



During the month of August the parish family is invited to participate in our annual "Adopt a Backpack Project". This program assists families in preparing their children with school supplies and backpacks as they begin a new school year in September. The backpacks will be distributed to families of our parish community, Food Pantry, and to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.



Here is how you can help???

In order to get the items needed for each backpack, we are asking you to purchase one of the suggested items: Backpack, color (markers or pencils), construction paper, crayons (8 jumbo or 24 count), erasers, gift card (5 Below), glue sticks, highlighters, notebooks (one subject), pencils, pocket folders, ruler, soft pencil case.



This process should allow for a variety of items to fill the backpacks. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase these supplies.



Donations may be placed in the narthex from
Monday, July 28 to Monday, August 18
Assembly on Thursday, August 21

Thank you for your generosity and support of our
ADOPT A BACKPACK PROJECT!

In order to keep the parishioners up-to-date with parish activities and announcements, the parish office has a "Constant Contact" list. To receive periodic updates, submit your email address, phone number, and name. (Please PRINT clearly. This information will not be shared.)

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

This information may be dropped off:

- at the parish office
- placed in the weekend collection baskets
- emailed to info.StAnthony1@gmail.com

Should you have any questions, call the office at 732-634-1403.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Collection is
August 2 and 3**

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit	Canned potatoes
Cereal	Chili
Instant Potatoes	Jelly
Pancake mix	Pancake syrup
Pasta sauce	Peanut butter
Rice	Soup
Spanish beans	Tuna fish

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

If you know someone who needs assistance, contact the parish office or email:
info.StAnthony1@gmail.com.

**Thank you for your continued generosity to
Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.**

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, July 13, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$2,986.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,225.00
Total.....	\$4,211.00

Special Collections in June

Property and Liability	\$1,418.00
Maintenance	\$1,712.00
Catholic Communication	\$1,211.00
Peter Pence	\$1,295.00

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

Stewardship

*"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."
Colossians 1:25*

We are all called to evangelize - to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like Saint Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



**Registration for NEW and returning families is
underway for our Faith Formation programs,
Growing in Faith Together - G.I.F.T. and
Sacramental Preparation programs for**

Level 1 Penance

Level 2 Communion

and

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation.

**Please note: Our G.I.F.T. sessions will be held on
Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30pm.**

**Our Sacramental Preparation programs will be
held on Monday evenings.**

***** Update *****

**Information and registration is
available in the parish office and can be
found on the parish website at
www.saintanthonypadua.org**

**In order to prepare accordingly,
REGISTRATION is DUE
on or before AUGUST 1.**

**Sessions will begin on
Wednesday, September 17**

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, July 21

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	CANCELLED	

Tuesday, July 22

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, 23

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel

Thursday, July 24

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	8:00PM	Father Milos Hall

Friday, July 25

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Rosary	8:00AM	Chapel

Saturday, July 26

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church
NA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Sunday, July 27

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass	11:30AM	Church
Baptism	1:00PM	Church

Update your PARISH RECORDS

If your address, phone, or email have
changed, contact the parish office
at 732-634-1403
or email info.stanthony1@gmail.com



SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...
for 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 can be purchased in the parish office.



Welcome summer!

To find a local Mass when you are travelling
search **MassTimes.org**



This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, July 21

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, July 22

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, July 23

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, July 24

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, July 25

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, July 26

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

Sunday, July 27

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	July 26	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler H. Pagliuca
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Sunday	July 27	8:30AM	C. and E. Weiman S. Gadomski
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11:30AM	B. Cuzzo B. McCauley L. Palasits
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READERS

Saturday	July 26	4:00PM	D. Vitaliano
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Sunday	July 27	8:30AM	G. and G.C. Onukwugha
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11:30AM	L. Casabianca
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SERVERS

Sunday	July 27	8:30AM	A. and A. Weiman
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11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese
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at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	July 27	10:00AM	V. Ruskai
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