



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua

celebrates

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi



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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

Dear Brothers and Sister,

Very often, we are asked to contribute to the charitable works of the Church, our Diocese, or other organizations that care for the poor and most vulnerable in our community. Perhaps you may wonder if your donations actually make a difference in peoples lives. In May of this year, we organize the **Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign**, that supports the ministry of **Life Choices Resource Center in Metuchen**. This week I received a beautiful letter of gratitude from them, sharing with us the fruit of our contribution. My heart was filled with great joy and I decided that, for my reflection this week, I will share this letter with you so that you may know that your contributions actually bear fruit. I thank almighty God for the grace He gives to many of you to share God's blessings with others. May God bless you all.



life choices
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***Saving Babies &
Families over 41 Years!***



July 28, 2026

Saint Anthony of Padua Church
Fr. Cyril Offiong
436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, NJ 07064

Dear Father Cyril,

Thank you so much for hosting our Baby Bottles Blessings Campaign at St Anthony's! Through the generosity of your parish family, you raised an amazing \$2,270.21! Your support helps us offer lifesaving services to women and families in our community to guide them toward choosing Life and experiencing God's love.

During the past year, we have received more than 1,000 calls and text messages to our 24-hour hotline. We provide these young women *and* men with help, support and hope, all without judgement. As you know, your donations also help us provide material needs to our clients. This month we received a call from a young mom with two children who lost her job and was struggling. We were able to assist her and she sent this message, *"Hello, good evening. I am writing this brief message because, while putting away the diapers and wipes at home, I found the envelope you left with the ShopRite gift card. You have no idea how moved I was, it brought me to tears. It was a tremendous blessing for me and my daughters at this very moment; only God knows my current needs and the difficult journey I am going through. I thank you and the foundation with all my heart for this miracle. May God bless you abundantly, always."*

Thanks to you and your parish, we are able to keep our doors open and provide these services to those HE entrusts to us.

We SO appreciate the **many years** that St. Anthony's has graciously supported **Life Choices RC**! Please know that you and your parishioners are in our prayers of Thanksgiving. May God bless your priesthood as well as your support of this ministry. Also, we are most grateful for your amazing staff for their dedication and commitment to Life Choices and the baby bottle campaign.

Gratefully yours,

Jo Ann Gerling

Jo Ann Gerling
Chairman of the Board

*"Yet Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay and
You our Potter: we are all the work of Your hand." — Isaiah 64:7*

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 August 1 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*
4:00PM Robert Yackavitch
Requested by Joan Calabrese

Sunday August 2
8:30AM Donald and Doris Miller
Requested by their family

11:30AM Adele Tortoriello
Requested by Mary and Tom Balint

Monday August 3
7:30AM Stephen Terebetsky
Requested by Michele and Ashley Dispoto

Tuesday August 4 *Saint John Vianney*
7:30AM Charlie Ball
Requested by his loving wife, Joann

Wednesday August 5
7:30AM Purgatorial Mass

Thursday August 6 *Transfiguration of the Lord*
7:30AM Rececca Rajadnya (Healing Mass)
Requested by Bernadette Rajadnya

Friday August 7 *Saint Sixtus II Pope*
7:30AM Anthony Fontanos *Saint Cajetan*
Requested Bernadette Rajadnya

Saturday August 8 *Saint Dominic*
4:00PM William and Arlene Smith
Requested by their loving daughters,
Cheryl and Linda

Sunday August 9
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM Adele Tortoriello
Requested by Doris Lazur

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday August 1 *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*
8:30AM Deceased members of the former
Altar Rosary Society

Sunday August 2
10:00AM People of the parish family

Saturday August 8 *Saint Dominic*
8:30AM Eileen and George T. Miller, Sr.
Requested by their son, George T. Miller, Jr.

Sunday August 9
10:00AM Frank Zuffanieri
Requested by Lisa Quiray

This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 55:13
Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

Monday: Jeremiah 28:1-17
Psalms 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jeremiah 31:1-7
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13
Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Friday: Nahum 2:1, 3;3:1-3, 6-7
Deuteronomy 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday: Hebrews 1:12-2:4
Psalms 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-112, 13-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



*The Intent of Marriage
is announced for the first time between*

Vanessa Galvach and Robert Vanco

*to enter into the Covenant of Marriage
at*

*Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
Port Reading, NJ
on Thursday, August 20, 2026*



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

Birthday blessing for Esther Vitaliano as she celebrates her 100th birthday. May God continue to bless her with good health and happiness!

Love, Holly and John Pagliuca

GOOD SHEPHERD

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,
 John Patrick and Owen

Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of my dear friend and pal,
 Richie Simeone

Requested by his dear friend and pal, Sal Ciardiello

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:

Veronica Mihalek - June 17, 2026

Lucille Carpenito - June 30, 2026

Anna Y. Smith - July 4, 2026

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the
 parishioners who died a year ago in 2025:

David Kalisch - August 17

Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:

Ernesto Diaz

Rafael Figueroa

Albina D'Alessio

Cheryle Cacace

Veronica Mihalek

Lucille Carpenito

Anna Y. Smith

requested by:

Angelo and Anna Ramos and family

Maureen Schwabacher

her loving friend, Pat

Paul and Roberta Marini

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish family

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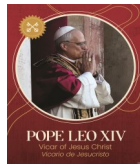
Saint Anthony of Padua Parish family



Stewardship

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over - twelve wicker baskets full. " Matthew 14:19-20

If we follow Jesus, there will always be more than enough. The young man gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish, and with that Jesus was able to feed thousands with plenty left over.



For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

August 3	Reverend Andrzej Wieliczko Reverend Raymond Nacarino
August 4	Reverend Ronal Vega Pastrana Reverend Lauro Sedlmayer
August 5	Reverend John Stec Reverend Guy Selvester
August 6	Reverend A. David Chalackal Reverend Kevin Kelly
August 7	Reverend Thien Ban (Joseph) Ho Reverend Justin Akkara
August 8	Reverend David Kosmoski Reverend Michael Saharic
August 9	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski



FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

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 - Level 1 Penance Level 2 Communion and Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation

Information and registration is available in the parish office, or on the narthex information table, or it can be downloaded from the parish website at
<http://www.saintanthonyofpadua.org>

NOTE: Registration forms are due back no later than August 3.

A late fee of \$25.00 will be incurred after that date.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, July 26, 2026

In-person donations.....\$3,530

On-line donations.....\$1,263

Total.....\$4,793

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.



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 27 to Sunday, August 16** (Assemble Thursday, August 20 at 9:30am)



Thank you for your generosity and support of our

ADOPT A BACKPACK PROJECT!



2026 Mass Book

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

Thursday	August	27	7:30am
Friday	August	28	7:30am
Monday	August	31	7:30am
Tuesday	September	1	7:30am
Wednesday	September	9	7:30am
Thursday	September	10	7:30am
Friday	September	11	7:30am
Monday	September	14	7:30am
Thursday	September	17	7:30am
Monday	September	21	7:30am
Saturday	September	26	8:30am (OLMC)
Friday	October	9	7:30am
Monday	October	12	7:30am
Wednesday	October	14	7:30am
Friday	October	16	7:30am
Saturday	October	17	8:30am (OLMC)
Monday	October	19	7:30am
Friday	October	23	7:30am
Saturday	October	24	8:30am (OLMC)
Monday	October	26	7:30am



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403

2026 MISSIONS APPEAL **CFIC CHILDREN'S MISSION IN CONGO**

Dear Brothers and sisters, every year, our Diocese assigns a Missionary Group to visit our parish and share with us the work of their mission. This helps us to understand and share in the missionary work of the Church.

On the weekend of August 22 & 23, **Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC** will visit us. He is a missionary priest of the community of the **Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC)**. They are a Religious Congregation of Pontifical right which aims to demonstrate Christ's love for humanity. They were founded in 1857 by Blessed Luigi Maria Monti in Rome, Italy. The CFIC Priests and brothers serve as doctors, nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists, chaplains, teachers, and preachers, in 27 different countries in the world. The CFIC's Emmanuel Stabulum Delegation mission in the Congo promotes the charism of their founder, to care for the sick and suffering, and educates the young, abandoned, orphaned, and poor children.

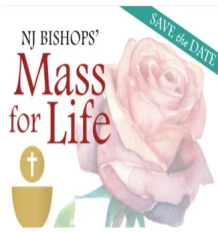
Ongoing unrest in this region marked by civil war, deep poverty, and family breakdown has left countless children in urgent need, seeking refuge and hope in their schools and orphanages. Some have been displaced by conflict; while others carry the hidden pain of separation, abandonment, and broken homes. With limited resources, these missionaries struggle to meet the growing needs of those who depend on them each day.

As always, we will be invited to support this mission of mercy. Your generosity can place food before a hungry child, provide water to the thirsty, offer shelter to the homeless, and keep a vulnerable child in school. In doing so, you live out the words of our Lord "I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35-40.

A Second Collection will be taken on the weekend of August 22 & 23 to Benefit this Mission. Thank you.



In our Diocese and Community



Date: Thursday, October 8, 2026
Location: Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
(Diocese of Trenton)
151 N. Warren St.
Trenton, NJ
Time: Mass will begin at 9:30am

The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11:00am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral.

The Diocese of Metuchen will be running a bus trip from the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center departing at 7:15am. Registration is required as space is limited.

For more information visit:

<https://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life>



Come join us *in person* in
Mantoloking - October 9-11

(one virtual session (Friday evening) and two
full days in person (Saturday/Sunday))



Get away to the
shore together
this fall!

St Joseph By the Sea,
Mantoloking, NJ

A Non-Residential
Experience for married
couples
(commute from home or
stay nearby in a hotel)

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Questions? Contact Tom and Ruth:
(732) 904-9636

Contact Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer at 908-753-2091
or their website at www.msmhope.org for more information.

Tuesday, August 18 from 7-9pm

ABIDING WITH GOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY

presented by Patrick R. Manning, Ph.D. More than a pious string of words, prayer is spending time with the One we love and who loves us. Join us for this evening retreat where we will explore, experience, and discuss together a variety of contemplative practices that deepen and extend our prayer throughout the whole day so we can enjoy God's love and peace whether we are at church, home, work, or on the go. Hybrid.

Wednesday, August 19 from 2-3pm

HOUSE OF PRAYER STITCHERS OF HOPE Join us as we stitch for hope and create blankets, hats, and more for our partners helping cancer patients, veterans, and young mothers with babies: Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, Lyons VA, and The Center for Great Expectations.

Wednesday, August 19 from 7-7:30pm

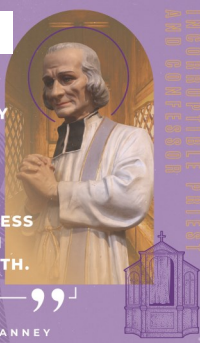
VIRTUAL PRAYER FOR PEACE Join us on Zoom for 30 minutes of contemplative prayer as we pray for peace.

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

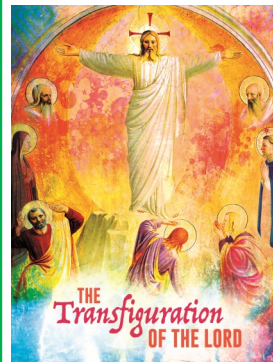
August 4

“
TO PRAY
AND TO
LOVE,
THAT
IS THE
HAPPINESS
OF MAN
ON EARTH.
”

ST. JOHN VIANNEY



August 6



The Transfiguration
OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a
bright cloud cast a shadow over
them, then from the cloud came a
voice that said, “This is my beloved
Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.”
- Mt 17:5

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August 7



**ST. SIXTUS II,
POPE, AND
COMPANIONS**

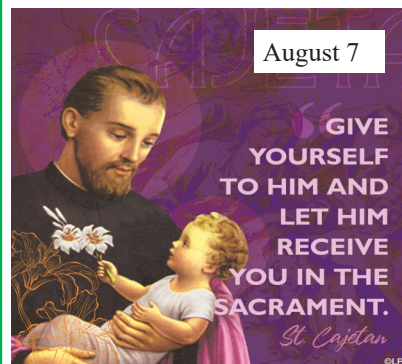
August 8



**ARM YOURSELF
WITH PRAYER
rather than
A SWORD;
WEAR HUMILITY
rather than
FINE CLOTHES.**
- St. Dominic

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August 7



**GIVE
YOURSELF
TO HIM AND
LET HIM
RECEIVE
YOU IN THE
SACRAMENT.**
St. Cajetan

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This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, August 3			Backpack donations continue
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel	
Bingo	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall	(Doors open at 10:30AM)
Tuesday, August 4			
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel	
Wednesday, August 5			
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel	
Thursday, August 6			
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel	
Friday, August 7			Parish Office Closed
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel	
Saturday, August 8			
Confession	3:00PM	Church	
Mass	4:00PM	Church	
Sunday, August 9			
Mass	8:30AM	Church	
Mass	11:30AM	Church	

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, August 8		
Mass	8:30AM	Church
Confession	9:00AM - 9:30AM	Church
Sunday, August 9		
Mass	10:00AM	Church

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!

Pray ...

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

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage, 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.

Pray for Peace!

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	August 8	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney R. Masters
Sunday	August 9	8:30AM	V. Clarke C. and E. Weiman
		11:30AM	G. Grispart B. McCauley B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	August 8	4:00PM	C. Smith
Sunday	August 9	8:30AM	G. and GC. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	L. Casabianca

SERVERS

Sunday	August 9	8:30AM	A. and Al. Weiman
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	August 9	10:00AM	J. Dizon
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Birthday Blessing for **AUGUST**

As a parish family we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God many continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Food Collection is August 1 and 2

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.