



The Parish Family of
Saint Anthony of Padua
celebrates

The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28



We're on FACEBOOK, come and check us out!

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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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE GREAT COMMISSION

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Next weekend, we will welcome Fr. Benny Mekkatt, CFIC, to our parish for this year’s Missionary Cooperative Plan. Fr. Mekkatt is a priest of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. Each year, the Diocese of Metuchen, like dioceses across the country, sends a missionary to each parish. This helps us to participate in the missionary work of the Church. This offers me the opportunity to reflect with you on **our Baptismal call to Mission in the world.**

After His life, teaching, healing, death, and resurrection, and before He ascended to the Father, our Lord Jesus told His disciples to go into the world and make disciples of all nations. This is what we call the Great Commission. Through our baptism, we also share in this mission: to bring God’s word to others, to share God’s love with our neighbors and friends, and to make Christ known to those who do not yet know Him. **Missionary work is not simply a good thing to do; it is our identity and our mission as Catholics.**

When I was a young boy growing up in my home parish in Calabar, Nigeria, periodically, we would receive a missionary magazine. I was always drawn to a quote on the back of it. It said, **“Some people Give to the missions by Going, while others Go to the missions by Giving.”** That statement stayed with me as I grew older and began to think seriously about my vocation. Many Irish priests, nuns, and lay people went to Nigeria to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They brought the light and love of God to many people in my hometown and country. Because of their missionary work, I am here today as a Catholic, a religious, a priest, and a missionary, trying my best to share the Gospel here in the United States. I am one of those who **“Gives to the missions by Going.”** My religious life and priesthood are gifts to the missionary work of the Church. Many of you faithful members of the Church cannot go to other places to carry out this mission because of family, work, school, health, or other reasons. The missions appeal we have each year is a chance to be among those who **“Go to the missions by Giving.”**

As we welcome our missionary preacher to our parish next weekend for this year’s Missionary Cooperative Plan, I hope and pray that it will remind us that the Gospel is not something we keep to ourselves like a treasure in a box. It is a gift we share with others so that God’s kingdom may grow on earth.

As a parish family, we can take part in the mission of the Church by **praying for vocations** to the priesthood and religious life and encouraging our young brothers and sisters to consider serving God in this way. We can also help **promote the Church’s missionary work** so more people will realize their role in the mission of evangelization. We can also **offer financial support** to help missionaries bring care and assistance to those in need.

We will have a second collection to support the missionary work of Fr. Mekkatt’s community. This is not just an annual collection. Through our donations, we stand with those who are less privileged and help them experience God’s love through our charity.

May our loving God, who has called us to share His love with the world, bless us and bring joy to others through our prayers and support.

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 15 *Assumption of the Blessed Mother*
4:00PM Patricia Kelly (16th) and Tom Mulvaney (1st)
Requested by their loving sister,
Judy Mulvaney

Sunday August 16
8:30AM Tyke G. Mojica
Requested by his loving family

11:30AM People of the Parish family

Monday August 17
7:30AM Lisa Casper
Requested by Peggy Gassert

Tuesday August 18
7:30AM Michael Velasco
Requested by Alexa Mojica and Dallin Eggert

Wednesday August 19 *Saint John Eudes*
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his dear friend, Sal Ciardiello

Thursday August 20 *Saint Bernard*
7:30AM Thomas and Trish O'Connor
Living Mass intention 21st wedding anniversary
Requested by Mom and Dad

Friday August 21 *Saint Pius X, Pope*
7:30AM Jeff Huber (6 years in Heaven)
Requested by Mom, Dad, Stacy,
Kerri, and Karli

Saturday August 22 *The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
4:00PM Charlotte Polhamus
Requested by her friends

Sunday August 23
8:30AM People of the Parish family
11:30AM John T. and Lucille Carpenito
Requested by Margaret Gill

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday August 15
8:30AM William Dudash
on his 100th birthday
Requested by his loving family

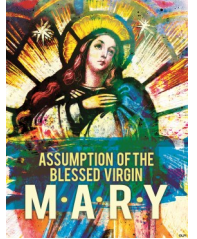
Sunday August 16
10:00AM Frank Zuffranieri
Requested by
Jonathan and Ching Dizon

Saturday August 22



8:30AM Respect Life at all stages

Sunday August 23
10:00AM Diane Natividad
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-23
Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10
Deuteronomy 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28
Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalms 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Psalms 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalms 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



Banns of Marriage
is announced for the third time between
Vanessa Galvach and Robert Vanco

who intend to enter into the Covenant of Marriage in
Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church
Port Reading, NJ
on Thursday, August 20, 2026
Please keep them in your prayers.



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 husband, Richie
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of Tyke G. Mokica
Requested by his loving family

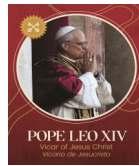
GOOD SHEPHERD

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



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 16 Very Reverend Leonard Rusay
Reverend Jan Bernas

August 17 Reverend John Rozembajger
Monsignor David Fulton

August 18 Reverend Michael Frago
Reverend Daniel Sloan

August 19 Reverend Sean Broderick
Reverend Michael Tabernero

August 20 Monsignor Gregory Malovetz
Reverend Grzegorz Podsiadko

August 21 Reverend Thomas Odorizzi
Reverend John Szczepanik

August 22 Reverend Peter Ssekajugo
Reverend Peter (Van Ai) Phan



Altar Server TRAINING

We are encouraging parents, grandparents, and family members to guide their children (who have received First Communion) to consider becoming a part of the Altar Server ministry.

Two training sessions are scheduled for new Altar Servers on Saturday, August 29 and Saturday, September 26.

New Altar Servers will be installed on Sunday, October 25 at the 11:30am Mass.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, August 9, 2026

In-person donations.....\$4,454.00
On-line donations.....\$1,270.00
Total.....\$5,724.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

"Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed." Isaiah 56:1

A steward is keenly aware of the need for justice. It is the Lord's justice practiced by a steward that delivers the poor.

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!



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.saintanthonypadua.org>

NOTE:

Registration forms were due back by August 3.

A late fee of \$25.00 will now be incurred.



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.

Donations may be placed in the narthex from
Monday, July 27 to Sunday, August 16

If you would like to help assemble the backpacks, join us on

Thursday, August 20 at 9:30am.

Items are being distributed on Tuesday, August 25 from 9:30am to 12:00pm

Thank you for your generosity and support of our

ADOPT A BACKPACK PROJECT!



2026 Mass Book

As of August 11, the following days are open if you would like to request a Mass intention:

Friday	August	28	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
Friday	October	9	7:30am
Monday	October	12	7:30am
Friday	October	16	7:30am
Saturday	October	17	8:30am (OLMC)
Friday	October	23	7:30am
Saturday	October	24	8:30am (OLMC)
Monday	October	26	7:30am
Friday	October	30	7:30am
Thursday	November	5	7:30am
Friday	November	13	7:30am
Saturday	November	14	8:30am (OLMC)



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



The Parish Family of
St. Anthony of Padua

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA & OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL • DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

Donations
Appreciated!

**JOIN US
FOR OUR**

CAR WASH!



**SATURDAY,
AUGUST 29TH**



9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Church

436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, NJ

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

*The St. Anthony Youth Pilgrimage to
World Youth Day in South Korea*



**Refreshments & Snacks
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**



♥ **HELP THE CHILDREN OF ST. ANTHONY GET TO WORLD YOUTH DAY!**

2026 MISSIONS APPEAL CFIC CHILDREN'S MISSION IN CONGO

Next weekend **Fr. Benny Mekkatt**, a priest of the Congregation of the Sons of the Immaculate Conception (CFIC) will visit us. For this year's Missions Appeal. 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 Stablum 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.

As always, we will be invited to support this mission of mercy. Your generosity will help to feed those who are hungry, provide clean water for communities in need and give shelter to the homeless. In doing so, you live out the words of our Lord "I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matthew 25:35-40.

There will be a Second Collection next weekend to Benefit this Mission. Thank you for your support.



In our Diocese and Community



If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart
HEB3:15

HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP

CORDIALLY INVITES EVERYONE TO ATTEND
CATHOLIC LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
(a Parish Renewal Weekend Experience)

Saturday September 12, 2026
Sunday September 13, 2026

Registration starts
Saturday, at 8:00AM

Our Lady of Peace
(Parish center)

25 Jackson Ave. Edison, NJ

Includes:

Baptism of the Holy Spirit
(A Renewal of the Sacraments of
Baptism and Confirmation)

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament
Faith Sharing
Confession

Celebration of the Eucharist
Celebrant and Spiritual Adviser:
Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

Conducted by: KFI-LSS ministry
Moderator: James Sathoo
Music: People's Praise Band
(visit us at kfinistry.org)



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FREE REGISTRATION, FREE MEAL
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!



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ONGOING FAITH FORMATION

POPE LEO XIV MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY

ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON
IN THE TIME OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

13 week Adult Faith Formation course
with Fr. Glenn Comandini, STD

Pope Leo's first encyclical examines how
digitalization, AI and robotics
challenge humanity.

The Holy Father proposes a path
which safeguards human dignity
and the common good.

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM

Sept. 10 - Dec. 10, 2026

omitting Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving

Registration is \$25

for all 13 classes and includes a
printed copy of *Magnificent*
Humanity. Books will be picked up
on the first day of class.

Learn more at www.diometuchen.org/events/magnificent-humanity

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center

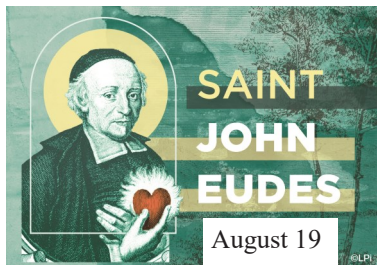
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For questions, contact magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543

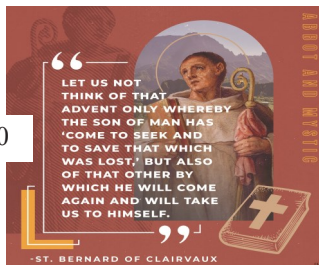
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Did you know special days for this week are...



August 20



August 21



**Simple Ways to
Celebrate
the Feast of the
Queenship of Mary
at Home on August 22**



**Step 1: Enthroned Mary in your
Home**
Place a statue or image of Mary in an
honored, visible place in your home
with flowers and candles.



**Step 2: Consecrate Your Household
to Mary, Queen of Heaven**
Recite the **Act of Contrition**
Pray 3 **Hail Marys**
Pray 3 **Glorias**
Pray the invocation "**Mary Immaculate
Queen: Triumph and Reign**" three times
End with the **Act of Consecration**



"The purpose of the Feast [of the
Queenship of Mary, August 22] is that all
may recognize more clearly and venerate
more devoutly the merciful and motherly
sovereignty of her who bore God in her
womb." **Ven. Pope Pius XII**
(Who established the Feast)

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Food Pantry Sorting	9:30AM	Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, August 19

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Food Pantry Distribution	10:00AM	Father Milos Hall
Knights of Columbus	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Thursday, August 20

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Back pack Assembly	9:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Wedding	1:30PM	Church

Friday, August 21 **Parish Office Closed**

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday, August 23

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, John Campion, Justin Carpentieri, Allison Cohen, Jean Dean, Steven DeNoyelles, Beth Disputo, 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.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	August 22	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney D. Scharff
Sunday	August 23	8:30AM	H. Pagliuca C. and E. Weiman
		11:30AM	M. Amuzie J. Kondrk B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	August 22	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	August 23	8:30AM	D. Vitaliano
		11:30AM	J. Baszak

SERVERS

Sunday	August 23	8:30AM	A. and Al. Weiman
		11:30AM	F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

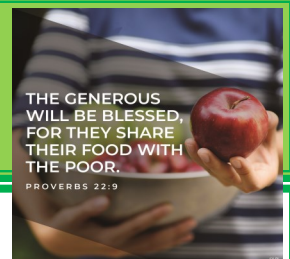
READER

Sunday	August 23	10:00AM	C. Torres
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FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Food Distribution is

Wednesday, August 19



ITEMS MOST NEEDED:

CANNED GOODS:

BEANS, CARROTS, CORN,
FRUIT, GREEN BEANS, MEATS,
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.



The Food Pantry Ministry staff **THANK YOU** -
the parishioners for all your food and monetary donations.
We are looking for **volunteers for the 3rd Wednesday of every month**
from 10am to 11am or from 10am to 12pm to assist our clients.
If you are interested, contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.