

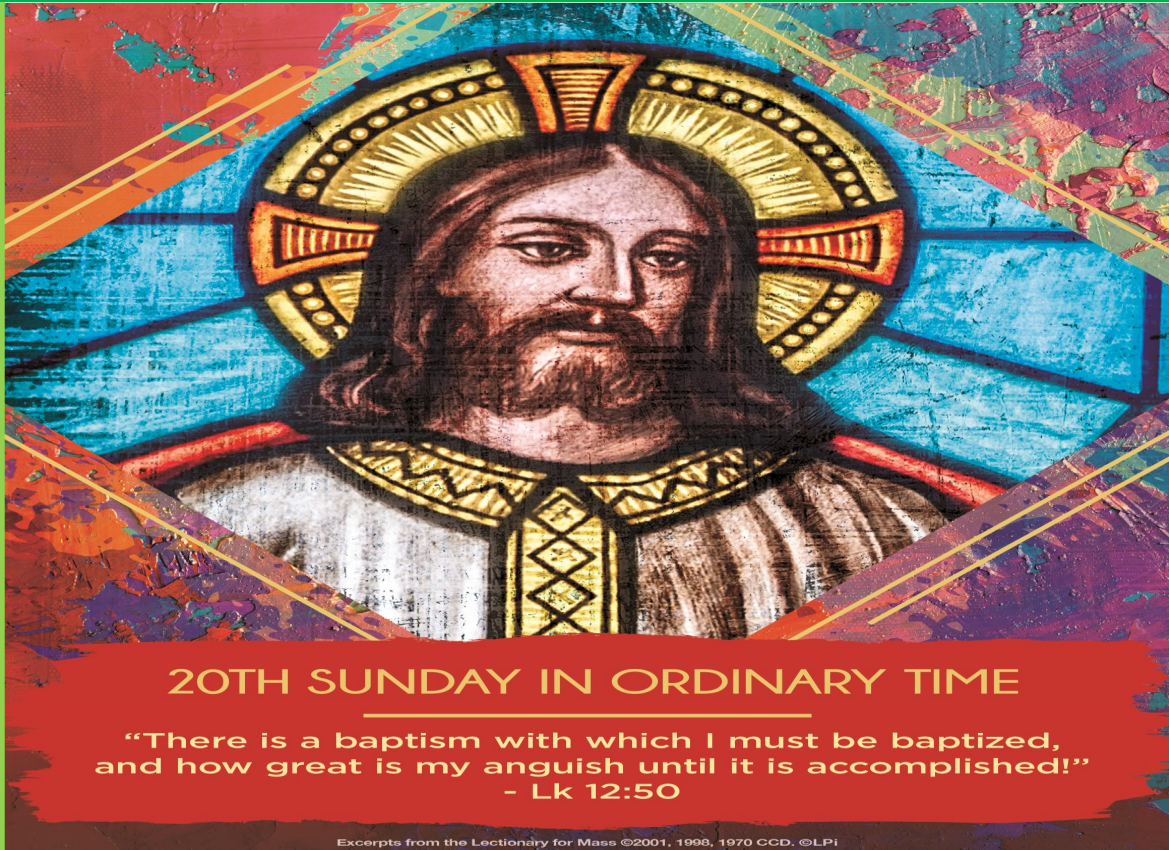


The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"
- Lk 12:50**

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LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM Daily Mass Monday through Friday: 7:30AM
Visit www.saintanthonypadua.org Click on the YouTube link



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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	

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

SALVATION AND THE HERESY OF UNIVERSALISM

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!” (Matthew 12:49)

Dear brothers and sisters,

Last week I reflected with you on the postmodern idea of being a spiritual person but not a religious one. I call it the, “I acknowledge God’s existence, but I am unwilling to live up to the demands of a disciple.” This week, I am reflecting on another equally dangerous ideology that keeps many people away from actively living out their Christian faith. This is the false idea called **“universalism.”** In simply terms, it is the idea that everyone will finally get to heaven, regardless of their state of life, choices, actions, or beliefs. At the core of this heresy is the rejection of hell based on the erroneous understanding of God’s love; a good God cannot send people to hell. In my reflection on the four last things, I noted that hell is not an arbitrary punishment from God. It is neither an invention of the middle ages to scare poor peasant people into religious faith. Hell is the destiny of those who obstinately refuse God’s love. Our modern society is experiencing the resurgence of old, tired, and discredited heresies (belief or idea that oppose revealed truths of the faith) presented as new ideas. Thanks to the acute lack of knowledge of history both in the civil world and, sadly, even in the Church, people fall prey to these false ideas such as the heresy that everyone will go to heaven. Nevertheless, the Church has always rejected this **notion of universal and ultimate salvation.**

Our entrance into heaven, is not simply because we have been baptized and confirmed, or because we are “good” and “nice” people, or because of our generosity. It is our faith in our Savior Jesus Christ and our cooperation with God’s grace that guarantees our salvation. For us Catholics, this means, fidelity to **worship of God** (the highest form of which is the Holy Mass, especially on Sundays and on Holy Days), **prayers** (the daily and regular uniting of our hearts and minds to God), **obedience to God’s commandments, loving God and our neighbors**, etc. All these reflects our faith in Jesus Christ, who alone guarantees our salvation. Saint Paul reminds us, ‘work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For God is the one who, for his good purpose, works in you both to desire and to work. Do everything without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world’ (Philippians 2:12-15). We need to be active in our faith and our journey towards heaven. The opening words of this Sunday’s Gospel, which I quote above, gives us much to hope for. Our Lord Jesus desires that we should all be on fire with His love and through our words and actions, we should set the whole world on fire with His Love that dwells in us. Brothers and sisters, the Church is in dire need of convinced and vibrant Christians who, filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit are able to bring the Goodnews to the world in which we live. We, here in Saint Anthony of Padua and our Lady of Mount Carmel, certainly need our parish family to be set ablaze with this fire of our Lord. How can we set the world on fire if we have no fire within us?

As I write these words, dear brothers, and sisters, I am thinking of the experience of this summer, where many of our families have been absent from Mass, at a shocking rate. I am not referring to those families who have been on vacation and hopefully have been attending Mass where they are or those who have remained local but have been attending Mass elsewhere. I am thinking of those who have stayed away from Mass for no valid reason. I have heard stories like; we have been busy with sports and dance and family gatherings and house remodelling and other sad excuses. All of these activities are good and great for family life, but they can all be achieved while still active in the faith. We go to Mass, and then go out with family and friends. We play sports and dance and then worship God at Mass. We clean and remodel our homes and then thank God for it at Mass. Our greatest encounter with God is in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Every other event and experience should lead us to and around God. It is my hope that these words will inspire each of us to allow the fire of God’s love to move us to actively live out our faith.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

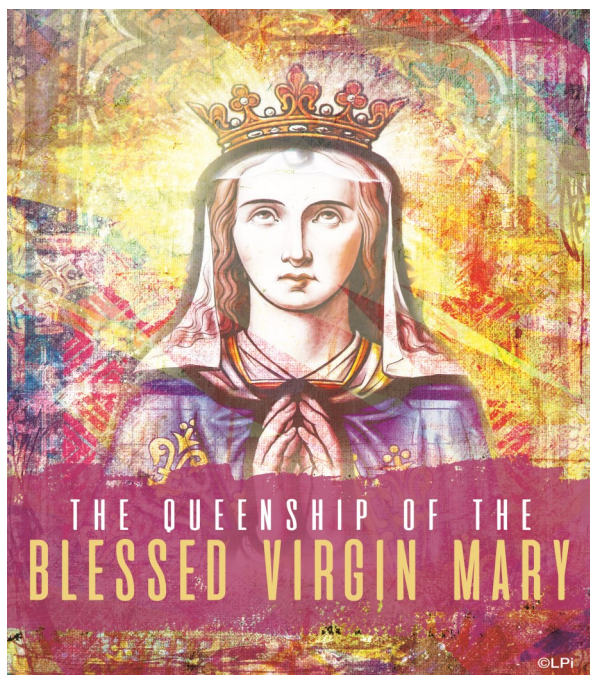
Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race, or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua.

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Monday 7:30AM	August 18 Patricia Borischak Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family	
Tuesday 7:30AM	August 19 Richie Simeone Requested by his loving sister, Rosemarie and brother-in-law, Ray	<i>Saint John Eudes</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	August 20 In thanksgiving Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke	<i>Saint Bernard</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	August 21 Jeff Huber (5 th anniversary) Requested by Mom, Dad, Stacy, Kerri, Karli	<i>Saint Pius X</i>
Friday 7:30AM	August 22 Respect for Life	<i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>



Saturday 4:00PM	August 23 Burton Trebour Requested by Frieda DeSantis	<i>Saint Rose of Lima</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	August 24 Donald and Doris Miller Requested by their family	
11:30AM	Frank Killmurray Requested by Jean and Charles Cheddar	

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	August 23 Lita Aquilizan (living intention) Requested by Hersey	<i>Saint Rose of Lima</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	August 24 People of the parish family	

August 24, 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Psalms 40:2-4, 18 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53
Monday:	Judges 2:11-19 Psalms 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Matthew 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Judges 6:11-24a Psalms 85:9, 11-14 Matthew 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Judges 9:6-15 Psalms 21:2-7 Matthew 20:1-16
Thursday:	Judges 11:29-39a Psalms 40:5, 7-10 Matthew 22:1-14
Friday:	Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Psalms 146:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Psalms 128:1b-5 Matthew 23:1-12
Sunday:	Isaiah 66:18-21 Psalms 117:1b, 2 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 Luke 13:22-30





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 John A. Pauswinski
Requested by his loving family,
Beverly Cuozzo and Christina

In loving memory of my husband, Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by the DeMarino family

GOOD SHEPHERD

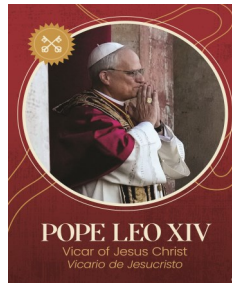
In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,
John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

A living intention for Donald Bragger
Requested by Angela Matchko

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 August:

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

August 18 Reverend John Primich
Reverend John Fredy Triana-Beltran

August 19 Reverend Paul Michalowski
Reverend Edward Czarcinski



August 20 Very Reverend Ronald Jandernoa
Reverend Abraham Lotha

August 21 Reverend Peter Akanath Chakkunny
Monsignor Charles Cicerale

August 22 Reverend Robert Gorman
Reverend Timothy Eck

August 23 Reverend James Considine
Reverend Deniskingsley Nwagwu

August 24 Reverend James Hagerman
Reverend Mhonchan Ezung



If you have a special intention and would like to donate a flower arrangement, contact the parish office for further information.



In a short time summer will be ending,
Eucharistic Adoration will resume again each
Thursday, in the Chapel of Saint Anthony
beginning on September 11 at 2:30pm.

We need your help!

The Blessed Sacrament is required to be secure when out of the tabernacle, therefore someone must remain with the Blessed Sacrament at all times. If you are available to help, coverage is needed in 30 minute intervals from **2:30pm to 6:00pm.** Please contact Angela Fowler at 732- 371-2862 if you can help.

The Chapel is also open for private prayer time.

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 Champion,
Justin Carpentieri, Alyssa Dohanyos,
John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele, Frank Fernandez,
Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson,
Lynn Killmurray, Jonathan Marcela,
Carmen Margiotto, Heather Marrone Fabio,
Robert Joseph Meade IV, Tom Mulvaney,
David Russell, Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen,
Maryann Vyszwan, Matthew Woods



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!

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

Celebração de Ação de Graças pela Ordenação Sacerdotal do
PE. LAURO COLEN SEDLMAYER
Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Priestly Ordination of

Com grande alegria e gratidão a Deus, o Pe. Lauro Colen Sedlmayer convida para celebrar com ele os 40 anos de sacerdócio, marcados por dedicação, amor e serviço à missão recebida. Ele foi ordenado sacerdote na festa de São Miguel Arcanjo, padroeiro da sua ordenação Sacerdotal, 29 de Setembro de 1985.

LOCAL / Location:
Saint Anthony of Padua Church
 436 Port Reading Avenue
 Port Reading, NJ 07064

27 | **6PM**
 Setembro / September | 2025

JANTAR:
 SERVIDO LOGO APÓS A MISSA, SALÃO ANEXO A IGREJA
 PREPARADO PELO RESTAURANTE VALENÇA, ELIZABETH

BUFFER DINNER:
 SERVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS IN THE HALL NEXT TO THE CHURCH
 PREPARED BY VALENÇA RESTAURANT, ELIZABETH

With great joy and gratitude to God, Father Lauro Colen Sedlmayer invites you to celebrate with him 40 years of priesthood, marked by dedication, love, and service to the mission entrusted to him. He was ordained a priest on the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of his ordination, on September 29, 1985.

PREÇOS / PRICES
Adultos / Adults:
\$75.00
Crianças / Children (6-12):
\$40.00

MAIS INFORMAÇÕES / MORE INFORMATION:

Call parish office at 732-634-1403 for tickets.

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 are due back by
Monday, August 18
assembly on Thursday, August 21 at 10:00AM

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

Did you know these saints have a feast day this week?

Saint John Eudes
 AUGUST 19

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux
 AUGUST 20

AUGUST 21
ST. PIUS X POPE

AUGUST 22
The Queenship of Mary
This feast day recognizes Mary as the "Queen of Heaven and Earth" and celebrates her special role in salvation.

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
Wednesday, August 20**

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, August 10, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$4,027.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,195.50
Total.....	\$5,222.50

Special July Collections:

Property & Liability	\$1,537.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,514.00

Note: Vocationist collection moved
from August 24 to September 20

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

Stewardship

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



FAITH FORMATION

**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**

*****REGISTRATION**

is Pass DUE***

Sessions begin on

Wednesday, September 24



**Our second FALL Festival is being planned
for Sunday, October 12
following the 11:30AM Mass**

**If you would like help, share your talents, and
volunteer for this festive event,
please contact the parish office.**

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, August 18 Back Pack/ School Supplies Return

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (doors open at 10:30AM)

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20 Food Pantry Distribution

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Food Pantry Distribution	10:00AM	Back Driveway

Thursday, August 21

Summer Break	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Backpack assembly	10:00AM	Father Milos Hall
AA	8:00PM	Father Milos Hall

Friday, August 22

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

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Coffee and Conversation	following 8:30AM Mass	
Mass	11:30AM	Church
Baptism	1:00PM	Church

ALL PARISHIONERS
are invited to



**Sunday,
August 24 after
8:30AM Mass**



Sunday, November 16
Queen for a Day Tricky Tray Auction

To help prepare for this fundraiser, if you find such items as baskets, home goods, or other items that you no longer have a use for, consider donating them to church. New items can be repurposed for church activities. Contact the parish office with questions 732-634-1403.



This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, August 18 Back Pack/ School Supplies Return

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, August 19

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, August 20

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, August 21

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, August 22

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	August 23	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney D. Scharff
Sunday	August 24	8:30AM	M. Martino D. Mazzarella H. Pagliuca
		11:30AM	G. Grispart B. McCauley B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	August 23	4:00PM	M. Trebour
Sunday	August 24	8:30AM	D. Vitaliano
		11:30AM	L. Casabianca

SERVERS

Sunday	August 24	8:30AM	Q. Valdez
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	August 24	10:00AM	E. Bonus
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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

Good Shepherd Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Windcreek Casino on Tuesday 9/23/2025. Cost is \$45.00 and \$25.00 back in play. Bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:00. Any questions, please call Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.