

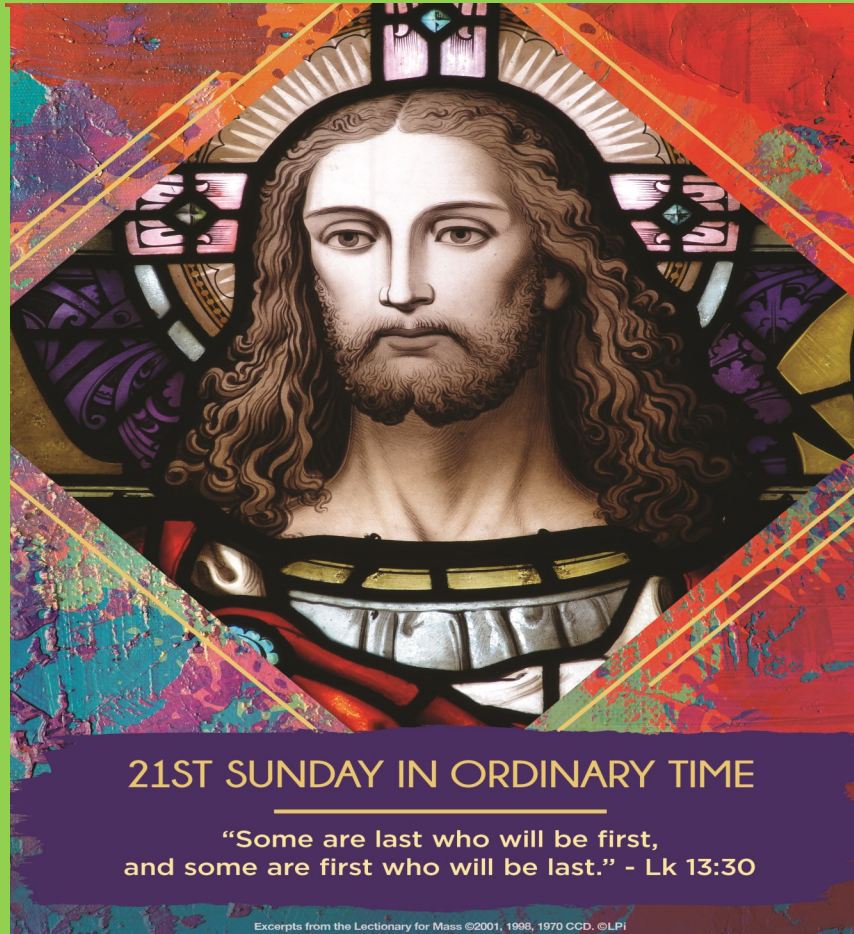


# The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



**Parish Office: 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading, New Jersey 07064**  
**Phone: 732-634-1403 • [www.saintanthonypadua.org](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org)**

**Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV, Administrator**  
**Fr. Bill Smith, K.C.H.S., Pastor Emeritus**  
**MSGR. PAFNOUTI WASSEF, PAROCHIAL VICAR**  
**MICHAEL BRUCATO, DEACON   JOEY PERLAS, DEACON   PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON**




## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Some are last who will be first,  
and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:30**

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### LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

**Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM**  
Visit [www.saintanthonypadua.org](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org)

**Daily Mass Monday through Friday: 7:30AM**  
Click on the YouTube link 

### *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



**CONTACTS:** [www.saintanthonypadua.org](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org)  
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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 24, 2025**

Dear Holly,

You began working with Father Robert Lynam (in the mid 1990's), then Father Michael Krull (from 1995 to 2003), Father William Smith (2003 to 2024), and Father Cyril Offiong (2024 to present), and most recently Deacons - Mickey Coppola, Michael Brucato, Joey Perlas, and Peter Barcellona, and countless other priests and deacons in thirty years.

Over those years, you have been an inspiration to our parish family in that you have shared your talents, skills, dedication to your faith, work ethic, and passion for our entire community. The work relationships and friendships that were built during your tenure especially with all the programs and events you have tirelessly coordinated have touched so many. In addition to the countless baptisms, communions, confirmations, weddings, and funerals, you have also guided parishioners through joyous times and sad times. You can continue to reflect upon and remember all the parish family members that have touched your life. These members include the many descendants of the original founders of this parish, parents, teachers, volunteers, township members, community leaders, and charitable organizations that you have partnered with throughout the years. All had a part in creating the beautiful setting we have today. And we would be amidst if we did not mention how the parish children were influenced and taught the Catholic way of life by such programs as Sacramental preparation, Growing In Faith Together, God's Little Helpers, and Vacation Bible School. These programs, enabled you to work with many people to share religious teachings. For one week in July, Vacation Bible School provided fun-filled learning experiences for the children. Here is a listing of those annual creative themes.

#### Vacation Bible School

1993	Creation
1994	God's Storybook - the Bible
1995	Saints Celebration
1996	Get Fit with Jesus
1997	Come Home to God's House
1998	WWJD
1999	Open Wide the Doors to Christ Jubilee
2000	Let the Son Shine in and Let Your Love Shine
2001	Odyssey of Faith
2002	Peacing together 10 Years
2003	A Ride on the Reading Railroad - Bible School
2004	Follow the Yellow Brick Road
2005	Growing Strong in God's Gym
2006	Cruising to the Magic Kingdom
2007	Under the Big Top
2008	Footprints in the Sand
2009	Christmas in July
2010	Climbing the Tree of Thanks
2011	Easter Treasures
2012	Unlocking the Past - Celebrating 20 years
2013	Up, Up, and Away - Faithful
2014	Fill the Ark
2015	Board the Padua Express Bus
2016	Who's Knockin' at the Door?
2017	Jesus Lights the Way
2018	Light a Fire in the Heart of our World

Thank you, for all you have contributed to make our parish a family-friendly place. We know you will remain an integral part of our parish family. Celebrate your 30 years of monumental accomplishments, enjoy your retirement, and may God bless you always,

The Parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua

# 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 August 25** *Saint Louis  
Saint Joseph*

7:30AM Roberta Nobes-Finch  
Requested by her loving father, Bob,  
and sister, Nancy

**Tuesday August 26**  
7:30AM Alfred Russo (58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)  
Requested by his loving wife, Pat

**Wednesday August 27** *Saint Monica*  
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello  
Requested by her loving husband, Sal

**Thursday August 28** *Saint Augustine*  
7:30AM Richie Simeone  
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

**Friday August 29** *The Passion of Saint John  
the Baptist*  
7:30AM Jeffrey Pagliuca  
Requested by Colleen and Jay  
Barcellona and family

**Saturday August 30**  
4:00PM Diana Quaglia  
Requested by Mary and Tom Balint

**Sunday August 31**  
8:30AM Stanley J. and Elisa Gurney  
Requested by the Gurney family  
11:30AM Helena Marie Forgione  
Requested by Mellie and Garry Sutphen



*Saint Anthony of Padua  
Altar flowers are  
in Thanksgiving of  
Holly Pagliuca for her  
30 years of dedicated service  
to our parish community.*

### at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

**Morning Prayer** begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

**Saturday August 30**  
8:30AM John Moricz  
Requested by Katalin Grof

**Sunday August 31**  
10:00AM People of the parish family

**August 24, 2025**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 66:18-21  
Psalms 117:1b, 2  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Psalms 149:1b-6a, 9b  
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Psalms 139:1-3, 4-6  
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Psalms 139:7-12b  
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13  
Psalms 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17  
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
Psalms 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12  
Matthew 6:17-29

Saturday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11  
Psalms 98:1, 7-9  
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Psalms 68:4-7, 10-11  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



The Rosary will be recited on  
**Friday, August 29 at 8:00AM**

at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

**All are welcome!**





## 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 Tonia Marrone on her  
 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Heaven

Requested by MaryAnn Marrone

In loving memory of Phyllis and Frank Matchko  
 Requested by their daughters, Angela and Michele

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

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

Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of Elizabeth Balcombe  
 Requested by Carl, Stanley, and Eileen Gurney

### **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

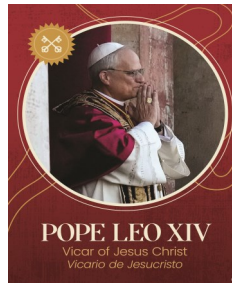


In a short time summer will be ending,  
 Eucharistic Adoration will resume again each  
 Thursday, in the Chapel of Saint Anthony  
**beginning on September 11 at 2:30pm.**

**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.

We have received information on the death of Mr. David John Kalisch, who went to his eternal reward on Sunday August 17. David was the husband of Georgette and the Father of Reverend Jonathan Kalich, OP, Kimberly, and Christina. David was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Church in Woodbridge. The Wake Service will be on Thursday August 28 from 2:00 – 4:00pm and 6:30 – 8:30pm at Demarco Funeral Home in Jamesburg. The Funeral Mass will take place at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Friday, August 29 at 11:00am followed by burial at Holy Trinity Cemetery. Let us pray for the repose of the soul of our brother David and for the consolation of his family.



## 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 25 All Priests

August 26 Reverend Piotr Grzeskiewicz  
 Reverend Lauro Sedlmayer

August 27 Monsignor David Fulton  
 Monsignor Randall Vashon

August 28 Reverend Gilles Njobam  
 Reverend Sean Broderick

August 29 Reverend Robert Meyers  
 Reverend Czeslaw Zalubski

August 30 Reverend Abraham Orapankal  
 Reverend Thomassaiah Mallavarapu

August 31 Reverend Arlindo DaSilva  
 Reverend John Alvarado



### **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,  
 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, 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**  
*Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Priestly Ordination of*

**PE. LAURO COLEN SEDLMAYER**

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.

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.



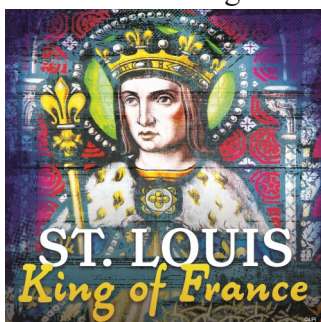

August 23



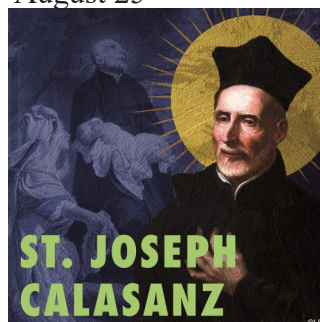
*Did you know these saints have a feast day this week?*



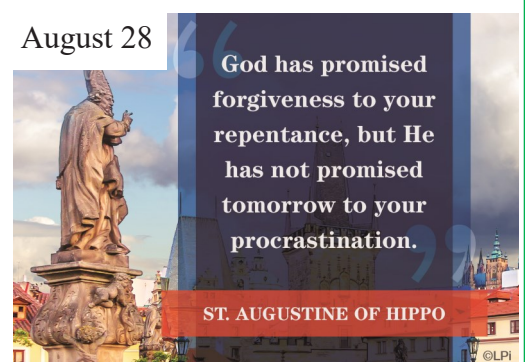
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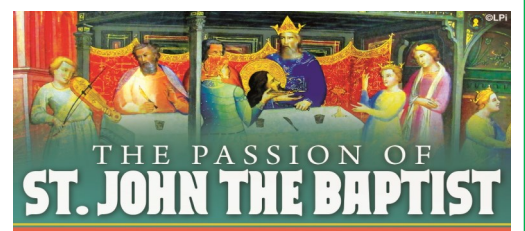
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## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Collection is  
September 6 and 7**

### 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 17, 2025**

In-person donations.....	\$3,318.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,163.00
Total.....	\$4,481.00

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

## Stewardship

*"For behold, some are last who will be first  
and some are first who will be last."  
Luke 13:30*

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?



## 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](http://www.saintanthonypadua.org)**

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION is Past DUE\*\*\***

**Sessions begin on**

**Wednesday, September 24**

**Saint Anthony Study Hall  
closed on Friday, August 22**

After 17 years of dedicated and fun-filled service to Saint Anthony of Padua parish family and local community children, Saint Anthony Study Hall and Summer Break program **will not** be back in operation. Much appreciation and gratitude are extended to the program director, Frank Cacace, Vanessa Jimenez, and all the counselors, assistants, and volunteers who provided guidance, educational and creative activities for those years to every attendee. Thank you for all you have done to serve our local parish community.



## *This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua*

### Monday, August 25

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

### Tuesday, August 26

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

### Wednesday, August 27

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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### Thursday, August 28

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

### Friday, August 29

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Rosary	8:00AM	Church

### Saturday, August 30

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

### Sunday, August 31

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

## *This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

### Monday, August 25

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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### Tuesday, August 26

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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### Wednesday, August 27

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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### Thursday, August 28

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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### Friday, August 29

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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### Saturday, August 30

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

### Sunday, August 31

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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## *Liturgical Minister Schedule*

### *at Saint Anthony of Padua*

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	August 30	4:00PM	M. Balint C. and E. Weiman
Sunday	August 31	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson M. Martino
		11:30AM	M. Amuzie B. Cuzzo L. Palasits

#### READERS

Saturday	August 30	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	August 31	8:30AM	G. and G.C. Onukwugha
		11:30AM	C. Amuzie

#### SERVERS

Sunday	August 31	8:30AM	C. C. and C. Onukwugha
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## *at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

#### READER

Sunday	August 31	10:00AM	L. Quiray
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### **Sunday, November 16 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.



### 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 in Hopelawn at 10:00am.

Any questions, call Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.

## *In Our Diocese & Community*



**Port Reading Fire Department  
Ladies Auxiliary  
is sponsoring a**

**Craft & Vendor Event**

**at**

**the Acacia Center  
95 Port Reading Avenue  
Woodbridge, NJ**

**on October 4, 2025  
from 11am to 5pm**

**This is a fundraiser for the  
Saint Barnabas Burn Unit**

**Vendor application requests  
through email only.**

**PRFDLADIES1@GMAIL.COM**