



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"For you will be repaid at the
resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14**

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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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

**“You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You”
Saint Augustine of Hippo**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In my encounters with people, as a priest, I find that in the hierarchy of needs that people express, the top two are a desperate search for the meaning of life and a deep desire for peace of mind. During this summer season, many young people have graduated from one phase of school to a higher one, high school seniors prepare for college or other professions, and college graduates begin the great search in the “job market.” Some young and not so young people contemplate God’s call to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. It is often difficult navigating the questions, doubts, despair and confusion that come with these experiences. Without proper guidance and a deep prayer life, one easily falls for the cheap and quick fix which leaves one sad and empty. Without the foundation and support of our faith, young people drift away from the Lord and ultimately abandon the serious practice of the faith. Only in God do we find our true purpose in life.

As I reflect on this reality, I think of Saint Monica and Saint Augustine, whose memorial we celebrated last Wednesday and Thursday, respectively. This mother and son duo teach us a lot about the search for meaning in life and the support and perseverance in the faith. Saint Augustine was raised by his Christian and prayerful mother Saint Monica and a pagan father, Patricius. Augustine did not embrace his mother’s faith. For many years, he engaged in numerous immoral relationships, joined different cults, and lived a hedonistic life. Augustine was searching for something in his life, though at the time he did not know what it was. Through all these experiences, his mother Monica persevered in prayer for almost twenty years for him. Divine providence finally prevailed. While seeking to further his career and fame as a rhetorician, Augustine traveled to Milan which had the great school in rhetoric. There he met the future Saint Ambrose, who was bishop of Milan. Through his influence, Augustine embraced the faith and with this newfound grace from God, Augustine found peace of mind and a sense of purpose. Augustine would later reflect on Psalm 4 verse 6 which asks a question and also offers a response **‘what can bring us happiness, many people ask. Let the light of your face shine on us O Lord.’** Joy is what his soul was looking for. When the soul lacks peace, joy and purpose, it seeks consolation in many destructive ways that turn our hearts away from God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that **“the desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for”** (CCC 27). After his baptism and instruction in the faith and filled with the fire of God’s love, Augustine was ordained a priest and later chosen as bishop of the city of Hippo which is in present day Algeria. Saint Augustine wrote many books on the faith. In “The Confessions”, which is a kind of autobiography, he discussed his journey from a wasted youthful life to a life of grace. While reflecting on his own journey and how God’s grace led him to the truth. Augustine writes one of his most famous and most quoted lines, **“there exists within every human soul a quiet ache, an unspoken longing that stirs beneath the surface of daily life. This yearning, elusive yet persistent, is the echo of a profound truth: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”**” God created us in His own image and likeness. We were made for relationship, for communion, for the endless depths of divine love. In seeking God, our hearts find rest, not in the vanishing shadows of the world, but in the eternal light of God in which we were created to dwell. We are made for worship, and our souls must worship something. If we do not worship the true and living God, we will worship other things, like family, fame, work, sports, relationships, pleasure, etc.

Perhaps, there are many of us who have been praying for children and grandchildren, friends, and loved ones. Considered a personal devotion to Saint Monica and Saint Augustine. Continue to persevere in your own witness of faith and love. Pray for your loved ones and lift them up to the Lord daily. In His own divine plan, God our loving Father will draw their hearts and minds back to His love.

May every restless longing lead us, gently and faithfully, back to the source of all peace, who is God our eternal joy.

Saint Augustine and Saint Monica, pray for us.

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 September 1 *World Day of Prayer*
8:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

Tuesday September 2
7:30AM Stanley J. Gurney and Joseph F. Hayko
a Heavenly Father's Day
Requested by Stanley and Eileen Gurney

Wednesday September 3
7:30AM Purgatorial Mass



Thursday September 4
7:30AM Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by Karen Brenner

Friday September 5
7:30AM Patricia Borischak
Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family

Saturday September 6
4:00PM Carmen Pagliuca
Happy Birthday in Heaven
Requested by daughter, Marie

Sunday September 7
8:30AM Mary Romano
Requested by Laurie Tulko

11:30AM Frank and Olga Iacovone
Requested by the
Kondrk and McQueeney families

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday September 6
8:30AM Deceased members of the
former Altar Rosary Society

Sunday September 7
10:00AM People of the parish family

August 31, 2025
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Psalms 96:1, 3-5, 11-13
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday: Colossians 1:1-8
Psalms 52:10-11
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday: Colossians 1:9-14
Psalms 98:2-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday: Colossians 1:15-20
Psalms 100:1b-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday: Colossians 1:21-23
Psalms 54:3-4, 6, 8
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday: Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalms 90:3-6, 12-17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



*The parish family of
Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes*

Leon Cyrus Gerity

*who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on
Sunday, August 24, 2025*

*We thank his parents, Leon and Samantha
for choosing life.*

*Saint Anthony
Altar flowers*

*In loving memory of
Joan Anderson
Happy Heavenly Birthday*

*Requested by
Douglas and Angela*



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 our "Champ"

Happy birthday

Requested by John and Holly Pagliuca and 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

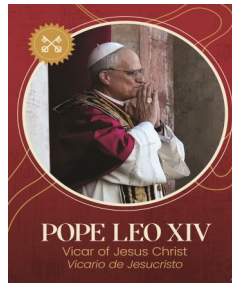


In a short time summer will be ending,
Eucharistic Adoration will resume again each
Thursday, in the Chapel of Saint Anthony
beginning on September 11 at 2:30pm.

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.



Pope's Intention for September:

For our relationship with all of
creation. Let us pray that, inspired
by Saint Francis, we might
experience our interdependence with
all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

September 1 Reverend Gilbert Z. Starcher
Reverend Michael Saharic

September 2 Reverend Louis F. Stingel
Reverend John Gloss



September 3 Our Holy Father

September 4 Reverend John Hillier
Monsignor William Benwell

September 5 All priests
Reverend Waldemar Wieladek

September 6 Reverend Leon Aniszczuk
Reverend Vincent P. Chen

September 7 Bishop James Checchio

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.**



One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners who
died a year ago in 2024:

Joseph Fugaro, Sr.—September 7

Andres Nano Palomares—September 15

Kathleen Miesowicz—September 25

Purgatorial Mass Society

Name: Requested by:
Anthony Ramos The Parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua

The **Corona Self Help Center** is a free in-patient recovery home dedicated to helping young men overcome drug and alcohol addiction. They focus on the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of individuals, with a vision to continuously improve the recovery process for those struggling with addiction.

On weekend of **September 13 and 14**, representatives will visit our parish, to share their mission - to prevent addiction and its severe consequences through testimonies. As a non-profit organization, the center has a fundraiser and sells T-shirts.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Do you know someone who has a problem with drugs AND WANTS TO STOP USING?
The Corona Self Help Center, Inc.
Drogadictos Anónimos



FREE SERVICES
Not only does a drug addict destroy his life,
He ignores it!

CALL US! WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
Group
Manhattan
1810 Brooklyn Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210
www.daamerica.org
1 (718) 507-7459

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
Second FALL FESTIVAL
Save the date:
Sunday, October 12, 2025
to be held following the
11:30AM Mass
in Father Milos Hall and on Parish grounds

Featuring Free Food
and
Fun for ALL!!!

Many helpful hands and ideas are needed to plan this parish event!

If you would like to help, share your talents, and volunteer for this festive event, then contact the parish office at 732-634-1403

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES



JUBILEE 2025



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Radio icon Kevin Matthews shares the inspiring story behind his book "Mary's Roadie" and how a broken statue of Mary changed his life.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840

7:00 PM: Praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, talk and book signing with Kevin Matthews



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

108th Anniversary of the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

674 Mountain View Road E, Asbury, NJ 08802

12:30 PM: Talk by Kevin Matthews

1:15 PM: Holy Mass with celebrant, Most Rev. James F. Checchio



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

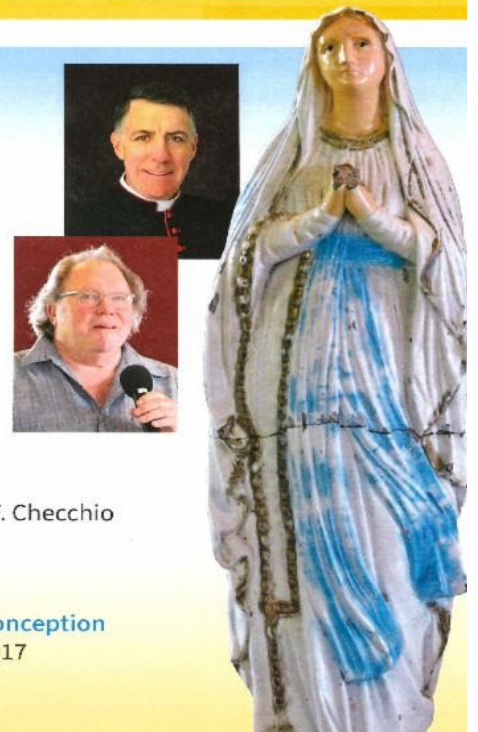
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, DC 20017

with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA

Bishop of Diocese of Metuchen, NJ

SCAN FOR MORE INFO:



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

**Due to early submission of the bulletin, donations
for August 17 will be posted at a later date.**

Stewardship

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fund-raising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with him.

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the priests who have ministered to us through our lives, the ones who baptized us, gave us communion, offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith. May they know your goodness and our gratitude! Amen.



FAITH FORMATION

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

PARENT MEETINGS:

Monday, September 15 in Church

at 6:00pm Level 1 First Penance

and Level 2 First Communion

at 7:00pm Level 2 Confirmation

at 7:30pm Level 1 Confirmation

A schedule of sessions will be distributed.

Growing In Faith Together

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00pm



Summer Service Project

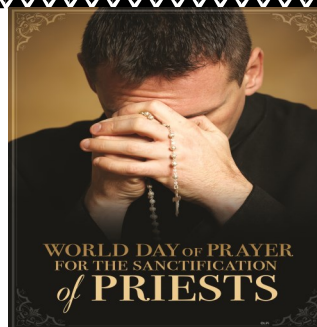
Adopt a "backpack"



Thank you to all who contributed to this program with donations. Six parishioners worked together to assemble 57 backpacks. The children will be given school supplies as they start a new school year. Backpacks are being distributed to families of our parish community, Food Pantry, and to Catholic Charities.



THANK YOU



September 1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE SANCTIFICATION
of PRIESTS

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, September 1 Labor Day

Mass	8:30AM	Chapel
Parish Office	CLOSED	
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (doors open at 10:30AM)



Tuesday, September 2

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

Wednesday, September 3

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, September 4

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

Friday, September 5

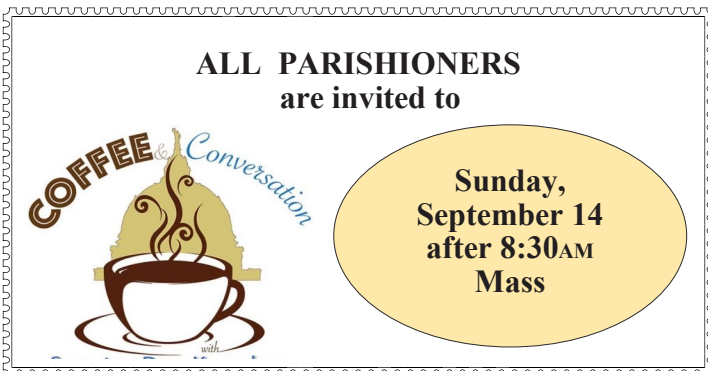
Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7 Grandparents Day

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



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, September 1 Labor Day

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, September 2

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, September 3

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, September 4

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, September 5

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7 Grandparents Day

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	September 6	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney H. Pagliuca
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Sunday	September 7	8:30AM	C. and E. Weiman D. Mazzarella
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11:30AM B. Cuzzo
J. Kondrk
B. McCauley

READERS

Saturday	September 6	4:00PM	D. Vitaliano
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Sunday	September 7	8:30AM	C. Mazzarella
		11:30AM	L. Casabianca

SERVERS

Sunday	September 7	8:30AM	A. and A. Weiman
		11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	September 7	10:00AM	M. Poos
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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.