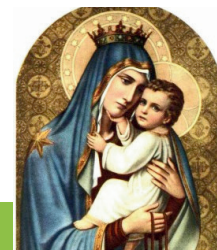


THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 7:30am
Saturday | 8:30am (OLMC)
| 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:30am, 11:30am
10:00am (OLMC)

CONFESSION

Saturday | 9:00am - 9:30am (OLMC)
Saturday | 3:00pm - 3:30pm
Other | By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday | 8:00am - 3:00pm
Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Closed for lunch | 12:30pm - 1:00pm



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault
between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have
won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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OUR MISSION

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua is a diverse community of faith formed in July 2012 when Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Woodbridge (est. 1920) and St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904) merged. We proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church. We are committed to maintaining worship as a powerful experience of God's presence through word, sacrament, music, and community. We have a passion for social justice and our duties toward all people. We enrich the faith of those in need through a variety of ministries. We strive to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love while honoring God's presence in every person.

There are no Strangers at St. Anthony's - Only Friends We Haven't Met!

PRAYER AND READINGS

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - September 5 *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

8:30am | † Deceased members of the
former Altar Rosary Society (OLMC)
4:00pm | † Benjamin Dispoto
by Lorraine DeMarino

Sunday - September 6

8:30am | † Stanley J. and Elisa Gurney
by the Gurney family
10:00am | † People of the Parish family (OLMC)
11:30am | † Lucille Carpenito
by the Huber family

Monday - September 7



Labor Day

8:30am | † Richie Simeone
by wife, Adrienne Simeone

Tuesday - September 8 *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:30am | † James Szatkowski
by Denise and Alan Marek

Wednesday - September 9

Saint Peter Claver

7:30am | † Theresa "Terri" Seibert
by Frank and Ginny Clarke

Thursday - September 10

7:30am | † Theresa "Terri" Clarke
by Ray and Cherri Gumapac

Friday - September 11

Patriot's Day



7:00pm

| † In memory of all the people impacted
by the events of September 11, 2001

Saturday - September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

8:30am | † Violeta and Cristino Abasolo, Jr. (OLMC)
by daughters, Carmela and Alice Abasolo
4:00pm | † Louis N. Masters
by Loretta Napoli

Sunday - September 13

8:30am | † Veronica Mihalek
by Laurie Tulko
10:00am | † Clare Cayce (OLMC)
Ken and Nancy Venutolo
11:30am | † People of the Parish family



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-2

Monday

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalms 5:5-6, 7, 12
Luke 6:6-1

Tuesday

Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30
Psalms 13:6ab, 6c
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-2

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
Luke 6:27-3

Friday

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Psalms 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12
Luke 6:39-4

Saturday

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18
Luke 6:43-4

Next Sunday

Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

CHURCH AND FAITH

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

FALL: CHANGES AND REMEMBRANCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that we have entered the ember months. The holidays (for those who could have one) give way to the busy school and work schedules, and the hot weather begins to cool down. **Fall always feels like a gentle turning of the page.** These changes in nature invite us to appreciate the rhythms of life that God, our loving Father, has built into His creation and to reflect on the transitions taking place in our families and parish community.

This week, students and teachers return to school. Backpacks are filled, classrooms are ready, and families resume busy routines of balancing school, church, work, and social schedules. I thank all who donated to our “Adopt a Backpack” campaign and those who helped prepare the backpacks and supplies; your generosity provided seventy backpacks for our children and families. This week is a moment of hope for our young people and a renewal of the noble vocation of teachers and school staff. In our Catholic spirituality, education is more than the transfer of information; **it is a share in God’s work of forming human hearts and minds for truth, goodness, and beauty.** We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our children with curiosity and courage and strengthen our school staff with patience, wisdom, and joy.

On this first Monday of September, we celebrate Labor Day. We appreciate and give thanks to God for the dignity of human labor. Catholic Social Teaching invites us to see **work not only as a way to earn a living and provide for our families, but also as participation in God’s ongoing act of creation.** In his great encyclical *Laborem Exercens* (1981), St. John Paul II reminds us that work is “a key, probably the essential key, to the whole social question,” and that the value of work is rooted not in the product made, but in the human person who performs it. Every worker, whether in a classroom, factory, office, home, or field, bears the image of God. Every honest work, no matter how hidden or humble, participates in the divine dignity bestowed on us. St. John Paul II challenges us to see work through “the lens of human flourishing.” As we celebrate Labor Day, we pray for those seeking work, those whose labor is overlooked, those who provide work for others, and those who are retired. May all our work contribute to the growth of God’s creation.

This week also marks the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. On that day, New York City and our country experienced unspeakable evil. Many of us still remember where we were and what we were doing when the attacks occurred, and some in our parish may have lost loved ones or know someone who died that day. We remember this day not with anger or resentment, but by entrusting the departed, their families, and all still carrying physical, emotional, or spiritual wounds to God’s love and care. **As individuals, as a community, and as a nation, may we never be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**

To mark this 25th anniversary, I invite all parishioners to join us for a **Mass of Remembrance** on Friday, September 11, at 7 pm. Let us gather as a parish family to pray for the living and the dead and for our country.

May Christ the Teacher bless our students and educators. May Christ the Carpenter of Nazareth bless the work of our hands. May Christ the Healer grant us comfort and peace. Amen.

PARISH LIFE

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VOTIVE CANDLES
BURN CONSTANTLY AS A FORM
OF PRAYER AND ADORATION.
THE CANDLES BURNING THIS
WEEK ARE DEDICATED ...

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

God Bless Michael and Maureen Pagliuca
on their 50th wedding anniversary
Requested by John and Holly

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy
Requested by Karen and Kevin Barnes

In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

SANCTUARY LAMP



TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Benjamin Disputo
Requested by Adrienne Simeone

In loving memory of Terri Seibert
Requested by Stan and Eileen Gurney

God Bless Nancy Deli with good health
Requested by Claudia Trotto

PRAY FOR PRIESTS



SEPTEMBER 6

Bishop James Checchio

SEPTEMBER 7

Monsignor Joseph Kerrigan
Reverend Jeffrey Calia

SEPTEMBER 8

Reverend Keith Cervine
Reverend Zenon Bochnak

SEPTEMBER 9

All Priests
Reverend John Zec

SEPTEMBER 10

Monsignor Sylvester Cronin
Our Holy Father

SEPTEMBER 11

Reverend James Hagerman
Reverend Leon Amosczyk

SEPTEMBER 12

Monsignor John Fell
Reverend Pauly Thek



POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the care of water:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital
resource, so that everyone may have
equal access to it.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Friday, September 18,
from 2:00pm to 7:30pm
Saint Anthony of Padua Church
will host the traveling statue of
Our Lady of Fatima.

All are welcome to join us at:

- 2:00pm - Reception of Statue, initial prayers
to the Blessed Mother
- 2:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3:00pm - Rosary and Litany of the BVM
- 3:30pm to 6:20 pm - Eucharistic Adoration
and Marian Talk
- 6:30pm - Mass and procession with the Statue
of Our Lady of Fatima
- 7:45pm - Refreshments



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

***"The commandments... are summed up in this
saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor
as yourself.'" Romans 13:9***

The challenge of a steward is summed up in
the simple question, "What have I done for my
neighbor?"



STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 2026

In-person donations	\$3,495.00
On-line donations	<u>\$1,498.00</u>
Weekly Total	\$4,993.00

DONATE ONLINE

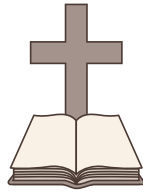
Donating online is easy!
Just aim your phone camera at the
QR Code and follow the link.
Thank you for being so supportive!



MINISTRY UPDATES

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FAITH FORMATION



G.I.F.T. AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

FIRST G.I.F.T. SESSION

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 23

NOTE:

Only those registered can attend

Look for an email with details

**Parents are invited to attend the Fall
Festival preparation meeting on
Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm
in Father Milos Hall**



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 4:00PM

C. Marney, R. Marney, R. Masters

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 8:30AM

S. Gadowski, C. Weiman, E. Weiman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 11:30AM

M. Amuzie, G. Grispart, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 4:00PM

J. Schultz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 8:30AM

V. Clarke

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 11:30AM

C. Amuzie



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 8:30AM

A. Weiman, Al. Weiman

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 11:30AM

A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned Carrots	Pancake Mix
Canned Fruit	Pancake Syrup
Canned Meats	Pasta
Canned Mixed Vegetables	Peanut Butter
Canned Peas	Pork & Beans
Canned Tuna	Rice
Cereal	Tomato Sauce
Jelly	

Always accepted are toiletry and household items, such as:

body wash, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste,

dish detergent, laundry detergent, and paper towels.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

If you know someone who would like assistance,

contact the parish office 732-634-1403

or email: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com

Thank you for your generosity.

PRAY FOR

**OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND, AND MILITARY PARISHIONERS
PRAY...**

**FOR OUR PARISHIONERS RESIDING IN
NURSING HOMES AND CARE CENTERS,
THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:**



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, Heather Marrone Fabio,
Bob Glatt, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson,
Lynn Killmurray, Kathryn Korin, Alfred Leone,
Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph
Meade IV, Richard J. Palasits, Sr., 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

NEWS AND EVENTS

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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.

The next training session is scheduled for new Altar Servers on Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 am.

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



FALL FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 11, 2026

FOLLOWING THE 11:30AM MASS

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

A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm in Father Milos Hall
Hope to see you there!

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

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

NJ BISHOPS' MASS FOR LIFE

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M., J.C.D.
Diocese of Trenton



HOMILIST
Aux. Bishop Pedro
Bonaventura Chao, D.D.
Archdiocese of Newark



NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

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

DIOCESAN BUS TRIP

TO TRENTON, DEPARTING FROM PISCATAWAY

Travel as a group to the Mass & March!
Bus registration is \$20 per passenger.
Reserve your spot now! Seating is limited.
Full itinerary available on registration page.

Scan the QR to register for the Bus Trip, or visit:
Escanea el código para registrarte en el viaje en autobús, o visita:
www.diometuchen.org/events/nj-bishops-mass-for-life



October 4, 2026

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes, praying for our nation, and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

Official locations can be found at:
<https://diometuchen.org/events/lifechain2026>

NEWS AND EVENTS

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - September 7

8:30am | †Mass
12:00pm | Bingo

Parish Office is CLOSED

| Chapel
| Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - September 8

7:30am | † Mass | Chapel

Wednesday - September 9

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel

Thursday - September 10

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel
2:30pm - 6:00pm | Eucharist Adoration | Chapel
3:00pm | Chaplet/Rosary | Chapel

Friday - September 11

7:00pm | †Mass

Parish Office is CLOSED

| Church



Saturday - September 12

8:30am | †Mass | OLMC
9:00am | Confession | OMLC
3:00pm | Confession | Church
4:00pm | † Mass | Church

Food Pantry Collection

Sunday - September 13

8:30am | †Mass | Church
10:00am | †Mass | OLMC
11:30am | †Mass | Church

BIRTHDAY BLESSING - FOR SEPTEMBER



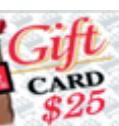
As a parish family, we rejoice and celebrate the gifts of life and love that God has given to us all. We offer to all those celebrating their birthdays this month our best wishes and prayers that God may continue to bless them abundantly in the years ahead.



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



The Parish Office
will be CLOSED
Monday, September 7
in honor of Labor Day
and on
Friday, September 11
in honor of Patriot Day



SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...
for our ongoing fundraiser

Please consider helping Saint Anthony's the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift cards are available in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the parish office.

2026 MASS BOOK

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:

Friday	October	23	7:30am
Monday	October	26	7:30am
Friday	October	30	7:30am
Friday	November	13	7:30am
Monday	November	16	7:30am
Friday	November	20	7:30am
Saturday	November	21	8:30am(OLMC)
Wednesday	November	25	7:30am
Friday	November	27	8:30am
Monday	November	30	7:30am
Tuesday	December	1	7:30am
Thursday	December	3	7:30am
Monday	December	7	7:30am
Tuesday	December	8	10:00am (OLMC)
Thursday	December	10	7:30am
Friday	December	11	7:30am
Monday	December	14	7:30am
Wednesday	December	16	7:30am
Monday	December	21	7:30am
Wednesday	December	23	7:30am