



THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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 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



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday

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

Monday

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Tuesday

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a
Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Wednesday

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Psalms 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
Luke 7:36-50

Friday

1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Psalms 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49
Psalms 56:10c-12, 13-14
Luke 8:4-15

Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

Sunday - September 13

Grandparent's Day

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



Monday - September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

7:30am | +Theresa "Terri" Seibert
by the Morning Mass family

Tuesday - September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30am | +Michael Velasco - First Heavenly Birthday
by Ria Mojica

Wednesday - September 16

Saint Cornelius, Pope Saint Cyprian

7:30am | +Richie Simeone
by his wife, Adrienne

Thursday - September 17

Saint Robert Bellamine Saint Hildegard of Bingen

7:30am | +Theresa "Terri" Seibert
by Jay and Colleen Barcellona and family

Friday - September 18

7:30am | +Salvatore and Coladonato
by Amy Krapf

Saturday - September 19

Saint Januarius

8:30am | +Clare Cayce
by Ken and Nancy Venutolo
4:00pm | +Theresa Krawczyk
by Linda and Ricky Fennessy

Sunday - September 20

8:30am | +People of the Parish family
10:00am | +Clare Cayce
by Ken and Nancy Ventuolo
11:30am | +Vincent R. Martino - 66th Wedding Anniversary
by his wife, Rose



ALTAR FLOWERS

*at Saint Anthony of Padua Church
are donated in prayful memory of the
September 11th twenty-fifth anniversary*



CHURCH AND FAITH

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel continues our Lord's teaching on reconciliation. Last Sunday, we heard how to address sin within the community: through one-on-one conversations, by including one or two witnesses, and finally by bringing the matter to the Church. If these steps do not result in reconciliation, the offender is to be treated as a Gentile or tax collector. This means that the person is regarded as outside the faith community and cut off from communion.

In this Sunday's Gospel, after hearing this teaching on reconciliation, Peter asks, **"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"** Peter suggests seven times because seven symbolizes completeness, fullness, and spiritual perfection. But our Lord answers with the eternal mercy of God: **"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22)**. Seventy-seven here signifies endless mercy. Forgiveness is not meant to be measured with a calculator. It is meant to become the way a disciple lives.

Reflecting on my ministry of hearing confessions, offering spiritual counseling, and walking my own journey of faith, I realize that one of our greatest spiritual battles is forgiveness. It is often easier to serve in our communities, pray for others, or give to the poor, than to forgive a personal wound. We often struggle to forgive because **we fear that forgiveness makes light of our pain.**

Our Lord Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant: a servant who was forgiven a huge and impossible debt but refused mercy to someone who owed him a far lesser amount. He uses this parable to contrast our sins against God with the sins of other human beings against us. We willingly receive God's forgiveness while still holding tightly to resentment and the desire to make others pay. Our Lord Jesus does not ask us to ignore the injustices that we or others face, or the real pain caused by sin. Rather, He invites us to bring our wounded hearts into the mercy of God, our loving Father.

In chapter six of St. Matthew's Gospel and chapter eleven of St. Luke's Gospel, our Lord Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray—a prayer that most of us have prayed a thousand times. Do we ever pause to reflect on the words, "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us"? We are asking to receive the same mercy we are called to extend. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Lord cancels the debt we could never repay; then He sends us to forgive others from the mercy we ourselves have received.

Whenever I read this Gospel passage, I am always drawn to the fact that the Master (God) was not as angry and offended by the debt (sin) of the servant (we believers) as He was by the fact that this same servant refused to forgive the debt of his fellow servant (those who offend us).

This week, may we all think about those we have kept imprisoned in our hearts. The journey to forgiveness always begins with prayer. When we pray for those who have hurt us, the Lord not only touches their hearts; He also heals our own hearts and gently moves us to forgive. **When we forgive from the heart, we do not excuse evil; we refuse to let bitterness have the final word.** We become more like the God who has first forgiven us.

Lord Jesus, you have forgiven us with mercy beyond measure. Soften our hearts, heal our wounds, and teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.



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

In memory of John Sarisky (Woodbridge Police Auxiliary officer) who served Saint Anthony's Parish family for more than 25 years.
Requested by Stanley and Eileen Gurney

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 Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of Theresa "Terri" Seibert
Requested by the DeMarino family



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

PRAY FOR PRIESTS



SEPTEMBER 13 Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski

SEPTEMBER 14 Reverend John O'Kane
Reverend John Kattattu Chacko, VC

SEPTEMBER 15 Reverend Thomas Ryan
Reverend Alvaro Palacios Arregui, IMC

SEPTEMBER 16 Monsignor William Venwell
Reverend Michael J. Bihuniak

SEPTEMBER 17 Reverend John Sicheloff
Monsignor Andrew Szaroleta

SEPTEMBER 18 Reverend Charles O'Connor
Reverend Lancelot McGrath

SEPTEMBER 19 Reverend Tholitho
Very Reverend Brian Nolan



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's"
Romans 14:7-8

The message is clear; we belong to God alone. All that a steward does is therefore done for the Lord. Whenever we assist others, we are God's own messenger, bringing His presence to those we serve.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Due to early submission, donations will be announced in an upcoming bulletin.



DONATE ONLINE

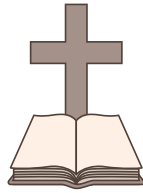
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Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link.
Thank you for being so supportive!



MINISTRY UPDATES

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FAITH FORMATION



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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (PARENTS MEETING)

**6:00PM - LEVEL 1 FIRST PENANCE AND
LEVEL 2 FIRST COMMUNION
(PARENTS ONLY)**

**6:45PM - LEVEL 2 CONFIRMATION
(PARENTS AND STUDENTS)**

**7:15PM LEVEL 1 CONFIRMATION
(PARENTS AND STUDENTS)**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

FIRST G.I.F.T. SESSION

**NOTE: ONLY THOSE REGISTERED CAN ATTEND
LOOK FOR AN EMAIL WITH DETAILS**



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 4:00PM

J. Barcellona, V. Clarke, D. Scharff

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 8:30AM

S. Gadomski, D. Mazzarella, H. Pagliuca

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 11:30AM

G. Grispart, B. McCauley, L. Palasits



READERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 4:00PM

C. Barcellona, M. Wendel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 8:30AM

G. and G.C.. Onukwugha

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20-OLMC 10:00AM

C. Dizon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 11:30AM

M. Trebour



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 8:30AM

C.C.&C. Onukwugha

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 11:30AM

A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned Carrots

Canned Fruit

Canned Meats

Canned Mixed Vegetables

Canned Peas

Canned Tuna

Cereal

Jelly

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Pasta

Peanut Butter

Pork & Beans

Rice

Tomato Sauce

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 Disposto, 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!

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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH



YARD SALE

Support Our Youth Pilgrimage to World Youth Day

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 • 8 AM – 3 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Church

436 Port Reading Avenue,
Port Reading, NJ 07064

HOW YOU CAN ASSIST

**DONATE ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION
FOR SALE**

**VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS
SORTING & PREPARATION DAYS**

SAT. SEPT. 19, 10AM- 1PM

FRI. SEPT. 25, 6PM - 7PM

YARD SALE DAY

SAT. SEPT. 26, 8AM - 3PM

**CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION
732-634-1403**

**WYD
SEOUL
2027**

**CHRISTMAS
SPECTACULAR**

Starring **RADIO CITY
ROCKETTES**

**VOCATIONIST WORLD YOUTH DAY
GROUP FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Proceeds benefit Young people attending the World Youth Day,

**RADIO CITY, NEW YORK
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • 8PM
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 7PM**

Cost \$110 which includes show tickets, transportation and light snack.

✉ vocationdirectorusa@gmail.com | ☎ (401) 359-0574

NEWS AND EVENTS

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - September 14

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel
12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - September 15

7:30am | † Mass | Chapel
9:00am | Food Pantry Sorting | Father Milos Hall
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Wednesday - September 16 Food Pantry Distribution

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel
10:00am-12:00pm | Food Pantry | Father Milos Hall

Thursday - September 17

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

Friday - September 18 Our Lady of Fatima Reception

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



Saturday - September 19

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

Sunday - September 20

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



2026 MASS BOOK

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**

Friday	October	23	7:30am
Friday	October	30	7:30am
Friday	November	13	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
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
Sunday	December	27	10:00am(OLMC)
Monday	December	28	7:30am
Wednesday	December	30	7:30am
Thursday	December	31	7:30am
Thursday	December	31	4:00pm



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



**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.