



THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?” Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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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



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 19

Saint Januarius

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

Sunday - September 20

Catechetical Sunday

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

Monday - September 21

Saint Matthew

7:30am | †Theresa "Terri" Seibert
by Bette Sullivan

Tuesday - September 22

7:30am | †Respect for Life at all Stages

Wednesday - September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

7:30am | †Ocheze Amuzie - Living Mass Intention
Happy Birthday - September 25
by Mom, ChiChi and Dad, Mike

Thursday - September 24

7:30am | †Dr. John R. Pauswinski
by his sister, Beverly Cuzzo

Friday - September 25

7:30am | †Alfred F. Russo - Happy Birthday in Heaven
by wife, Pat and family

Saturday - September 26 *Saint Cosmas, Saint Damian*

8:30am | †Reverend Vincent C. Cornejo
by George T. Miller, Jr.
4:00pm | †Bill Bunavage
by wife, Nancy and children

Sunday - September 27

8:30am | †People of the Parish family
10:00am | †Victoria and Pasquale Popolo
by Maria and Gary Poos and family
11:30am | †Alfred Russo - Happy Birthday in Heaven
by wife, Pat, children, and grandchildren



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday

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

Monday

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5
Matthew 9:9-13

Tuesday

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday

Proverbs 30:5-9
Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17bc
Luke 9:7-9

Friday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalms 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday

Ecclesiastes 11:9-12;8
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Luke 9:3b-45

Next Sunday

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32

CHURCH AND FAITH

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

THE CRADLE CATHOLIC, THE MIDLIFE SEEKER, AND THE DEATHBED CONVERT

Dear brothers and sisters,

In this Sunday's Gospel, the parable of the **Workers in the Vineyard** helps us see that faith is a gift from God, received in different ways. The landowner goes out at **dawn**, at **nine o'clock**, at **midday**, at **three o'clock**, and at **five o'clock** and invites people to work in his vineyard. At the end of the day, he gives everyone the same wage. Naturally, the workers who started early think this is unfair. But the landowner asks them, "Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15). Jesus is showing us something very important: **God's mercy is not limited by time. No one is too late for God.**

Some of us are **"Cradle Catholics"** (workers who began at dawn). We have been Catholics all our lives. We were raised with the sacraments, Sunday Mass, and the rhythm of Catholic life. It does not mean the journey has always been easy. We have also known struggles, disappointments, and moments when faith seemed dry and heavy. Like the workers who began at dawn, cradle Catholics have carried the heat of the day, and God has been with us through it all. We need the grace of perseverance to continue our work in God's vineyard.

There are others who receive the faith as **"Midlife Seekers"** (workers who began later at various times of the day). Some turn to God because life's questions become louder than the answers. They may have drifted or simply lived without noticing God's quiet invitations. Then, in the heat of the day, they hear God's call to step into His vineyard with renewed purpose. In the United States and around the world, we are seeing what many call a **"Catholic Resurgence."** People of all ages are returning to the faith or embracing it for the first time. Often, a crisis, a conversation, a friend's invitation to Mass, or something they hear online opens a door in their heart and leads them to the Lord. Their coming later does not make their faith less real. It is simply the moment when God's grace touches their hearts.

And then there are those who receive the faith on their **"deathbed"** (workers who began at five o'clock, the last hour of work). The **"Good Thief"** on the cross asked our Lord Jesus for mercy and was welcomed into God's kingdom. **Emperor Constantine** delayed baptism until his deathbed. **Oscar Wilde**, the famous Irish poet and playwright, was also received into the Catholic Church on his deathbed in 1900. Their stories remind us that, even at the end of life, God, who is always waiting, can still reach the human heart. Their late arrival is not a failure. It is a miracle of mercy.

St. Augustine, who also came to faith later in life, puts it beautifully in The Confessions (Book X, Chapter 27): **"Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient and ever new. Late have I loved You. You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You."** The glory of God's generosity and mercy is that, **in the end, we all receive the same wage: God Himself.** Each one is welcomed, not because of when they arrived, but because of the generosity of the One who called them.

So let us ask the Lord to make our parish a true vineyard of grace: a place where lifelong Catholics are strengthened, returning seekers are welcomed, and latecomers are received with joy. May we worship our God, who is **Beauty ever ancient and ever new.**



HABEMUS EPISCOPUM: WE HAVE A BISHOP

On Tuesday September 15, it was announced that His Holiness Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Michael A. Saporito, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, as Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen. We are gratefully to almighty God for this gift. Keep our bishop-designate in your prayers, for a fruitful and faithful ministry among us. Details of His installation will be forthcoming.

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

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

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

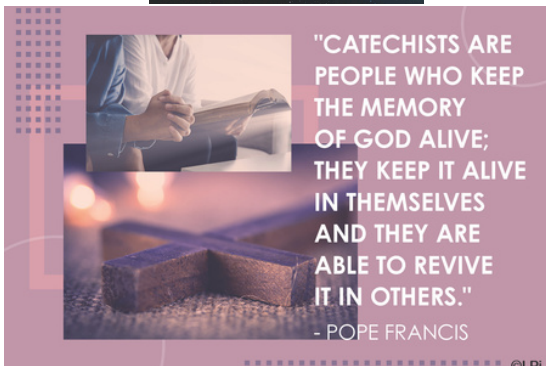
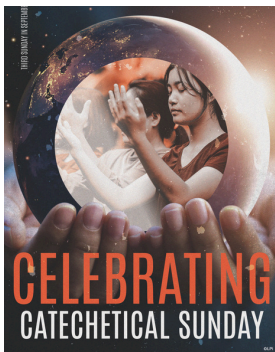
In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

SANCTUARY LAMP



TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Janice Ciardiello as she
celebrated her 80th birthday with the Lord
Requested by husband, Sal



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!



PRAY FOR PRIESTS



- SEPTEMBER 20** Reverend Edward Struzik
Reverend Robert Lynam
- SEPTEMBER 21** Reverend Jan Armelson Magcawas
Reverend Thomas Serafin
- SEPTEMBER 22** All Priests
- SEPTEMBER 23** Reverend Dennis Weezorak
Reverend Giles Njobam CMF
- SEPTEMBER 24** Reverend Stanislaw Slaby CSSR
Reverend Richard Rusk
- SEPTEMBER 25** Reverend Jason Pavich
Reverend Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez
- SEPTEMBER 26** Reverend Robert Gorman
Reverend Antony Arockiadoss

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"So when the first came they thought they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner... 'My friend,' he said, 'I am doing you no wrong...Are you envious because I am generous?' "
Matthew 20:9-15

As God's servants, the gifts we receive from God are not a result of the work we do, but a result of God's generosity. Our stewardship should mirror the generosity of the estate owner. Stewards give without questioning what they will get in return.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

In-person donations	\$4,454.00
On-line donations	\$1,375.00
Weekly Total	\$5,829.00

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

In-person donations	\$4,737.00
On-line donations	\$1,580.00
Weekly Total	\$6,317.00

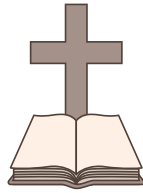
AUGUST SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Assumption of Mary	\$1,266.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,361.00

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 26 4:00PM
M. Balint, A. and F. Fowler

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 8:30AM
A. and D. Anderson, D. Mazzarella

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 11:30AM
M. Amuzie, J. Kondrk, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 4:00PM
C. Smith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 8:30AM
C. Mazzarella

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27-OLMC 10:00AM
E. Bonus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 11:30AM
G. Grispart



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 8:30AM
Q. Valdez

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 11:30AM
A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 3 AND 4

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 Disposito, 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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World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage Fundraiser



HOW YOU CAN ASSIST

DONATE ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION FOR SALE

VOLUNTEER A FEW HOURS

SORTING & PREPARATION DAY

FRI. SEPT. 25, 6PM - 7PM

YARD SALE DAY

SAT. SEPT. 26, 8AM - 3PM

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

732-634-1403



CELEBRATE OUR PARISH FAMILY'S THIRD FALL FESTIVAL AND FR. CYRIL'S 10TH PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

AT THE 11:30AM MASS

Featuring Food, Fun, and Fellowship

- Celebrate your family heritage by contributing an ethnic food. (Mention the name of the food)
- Soda, water, and apple cider will be provided.

Beer and Wine - BYO

There is no charge to attend.

DONATION & VOLUNTEER FORM

To help us plan accordingly, please fill out the form below and return to the parish office by

Friday, October 5

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Email: _____

of people attending: adults___ #children___

I will contribute an ethnic food: Cold___ Hot___

Name of Food _____

I will contribute a dessert: _____

I would like to volunteer to help on:

Friday, October 9 from 4pm-6pm _____

Saturday, October 10 from 9am-12pm _____

Sunday, October 11 clean afterwards _____

Thank you

Any questions, contact the Parish office,
732-634-1403



NEWS AND EVENTS

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - September 21

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

Tuesday - September 22

7:30am | † Mass | Chapel
4:30pm | Youth Choir | Church
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Wednesday - September 23

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel
6:00pm | G.I.F.T. | Church
7:30pm | Knights of Columbus | Father Milos Hall

Thursday - September 24

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

Friday - September 25

7:30am | †Mass | Chapel
8:00am | Rosary | Chapel

Saturday - September 26

8:30am | †Mass | OLMC
9:00am | Confession | OMLC
10:00am | Altar Server Meeting | Church
3:00pm | Confession | Church
4:00pm | †Mass | Church

Sunday - September 27

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

2026 MASS BOOK

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**

Friday	October	23	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
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

SAVE THE DATE

Tickets are being sold after weekend Masses



**ONE DAY ONLY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

• 25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403



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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.