



**The Parish Family
of
Saint Anthony of Padua**



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Blessings
on
**CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY**



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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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

SUMMER MUSINGS

My dear brothers and sisters,

This week, Summer will give way to Fall. Vacations are over (for those who could afford it), children are back to school, and we have also resumed our Faith Formation process (GIFT). As a parish priest, I find that I have a somewhat love-hate relationship with summer. On the one hand, I enjoyed the downtime that summer provides. For about two months, I had very few meetings and commitments. I took the time to plan for the next physical year. I reviewed the Church's liturgical calendar and the cycle of readings for the next few weeks. I reflected on the successive themes for homilies in the coming months. And yes, I also took some time for leisure and "to do absolutely nothing," or at least I tried to do so, with some success, since I am always looking for the next thing to do. On the other hand, I was deeply saddened by some realities. Attendance at Mass and participation in the Sacraments were at a low level, more than I have ever experienced. While it is true that some families were on vacation and others were away for some work or other commitments, many others stayed away. I reached out to a few families, and I received responses such as, "we have been busy fixing the house," or "Rosie has been engaged with dance events," or "Tommy has been busy with sports." Whatever happened to the First Commandment, "I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other God before me," or the Third Commandment, "remember to keep holy the Lord's Day." Someone also told me, "although I have not been to Mass in a while, I still believe in God, and I still practice my faith." Friends, we cannot and should never judge the state of another person's soul, but it is a huge self-deception to intentionally stay away from Mass, the highest form of worship, and still claim that I am practicing my faith. It is an "obligation of Love" to God, who loves us and wants communion with us, for every Catholic to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days. At Mass, we worship God, who in turn nourishes us with His Word and with His Body and Blood, strengthening us with the grace to continue our journey of life. All these issues gave me much to think about. I kept wondering, if it is tough to get people motivated for the one week, how will we make it through the rest of the year? However, the old saying is true, that **no one has ever solved any problem by simply worrying about it**. And so, rather than complain or become jaded, I brought these issues to the Lord in prayer. I spent many times before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I asked Him for help. Three fruits came out of my summer musings: **Bible Study, Youth Ministry, and Volunteer Drive (or Ministry Fair)**.

Firstly, Saint Jerome, the great 4th-century Church Father said that **'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'** We intend to begin a Bible Study Series later this fall. Some parishioners have already shown interest. We will share more details on this later. I encourage everyone, either personally or as a family, to make plans to be part of this endeavor that will help us grow in our faith. We all need to familiarize ourselves with the Word of God, so that we may live according to His will.

Secondly, it is often said that **children and youth are the future of the church**. While there is some truth to this, this idea often pushes their response to the faith away from the present into the future. I prefer to say that **our children and our youth are the treasures of the present**. We also intend to begin a Youth Ministry that will offer a post-confirmation fellowship and growth in the faith. We will need the help of every parishioner. If you have a young family member or know a family with youths and young adults, or if you know anyone who will benefit from this youth ministry, please feel free to share their contact information with me, and I will reach out to them. We have already identified some of our young people who will help to begin this ministry. We will also need volunteers and chaperones to assist with the well-being of our young people.

Lastly, **we are in dire need of volunteers in our parish**. I have often praised and celebrated the family and community atmosphere of our parish and the generosity that we show in the care of the poor and those in need. But we lack volunteers to help with some duties for the smooth running of our parish. We are also planning to host a Volunteer/Ministry Drive; to showcase all the areas we need volunteers and how each one of us can help. Please keep these three projects in your prayers.

May our Good Lord prosper the work of our hands and bless the thoughts of our hearts.

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

Saturday September 20 *Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon*
Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang

4:00PM Helen Cheddar
Requested by her son, Charles
and Jean Cheddar

Sunday September 21 *Catechetical Sunday*
8:30AM People of the parish family

11:30AM Ocheze Amuzie (Living Intention)
Requested by her loving family

Monday September 22
7:30AM Respect for Life

Tuesday September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello
Happy birthday in Heaven
Requested by her loving husband, Sal

Wednesday September 24
7:30AM Doctor John R. Pauswinski
Requested by his loving sister, Beverly Cuozzo

Thursday September 25
7:30AM Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by Frank and Grace Disposito
and family

Friday September 26 *Saint Cosmas, Saint Damian*
7:30AM Phyllis Matchko
Requested by Kathleen Hudanish

Saturday September 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul*
4:00PM Bill Bunavage
Requested by his loving wife, Nancy,
William, and Jessica

Sunday September 28
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM Alfred Russo
Birthday in Heaven
Requested by her loving wife, Pat and children

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday September 20 *Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gon*
Saint Paul Chong Ha-sang

8:30AM Selma Parza
Requested by the Holy Family Prayer Group

Sunday September 21 *Catechetical Sunday*
10:00AM Araceli Bernabe
Requested by Rowena Bernabe and family

Saturday September 27 *Saint Vincent de Paul*
8:30AM Elizabeth Herczeg
Requested by Maria Herczeg

Sunday September 28
10:00AM Pasquale and Vittoria Poplolo
Requested by Gary and Maria Poos and family



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This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: Amos 8:4-7
Psalms 113:1-2, 4-8
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Ezra 1:1-6
Psalms 126:1b-6
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Psalms 122:1-5
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9
(Psalms) Tobit 13:2-4, 7-8
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8
Psalms 149:1b-6a, 9b
Luke 9:7-9

Friday: Haggai 2:1-9
Psalms 43:1-4
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a
(Psalms) Jeremiah 31:10-12b, 13
Luke 9:43b-45

Sunday: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalms 146:7-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31





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 my brother,
Doctor John R. Pauswinski

Requested by his loving sister, Beverly Cuzzo

In loving memory of my husband, Richie Simeone

Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

In loving memory of Doctor Thomas Mulvaney

Requested by Beverly Cuzzo

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of my husband, Jasper P. Hickman
on his 15th anniversary in Heaven

Requested by his loving wife, Janet and daughter, Kim

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



Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays from 2:30PM to 6:00pm
in the Chapel of Saint Anthony.

We need adorers !

When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, at least
one person must be present.

If you can to commit to a specific 30 minute slot
please contact Angela Fowler
at **732- 371-2862**.

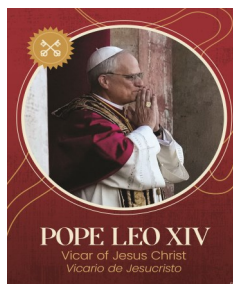
The Chapel is also open to all.



**"CATECHISTS ARE
PEOPLE WHO KEEP
THE MEMORY
OF GOD ALIVE;
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE
IN THEMSELVES
AND THEY ARE
ABLE TO REVIVE
IT IN OTHERS."**

- POPE FRANCIS

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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 22 All Priests

September 23 Reverend Grzegorz Podsiadlo
Our Holy Father

September 24 Reverend John Grimes
Reverend Vincente Salas

September 25 Reverend Peter Suhaka
Monsignor John Gordon

September 26 Reverend Andrzej Wieliczko
Reverend Louis Mattina

September 27 Reverend Anthony Sirianni
Reverend John O' Kane

September 28 Reverend Thomas W. Lanza
Reverend Frank Fellrath



Pray ...



**for our parishioners residing in nursing
homes and care centers, the sick and
homebound, especially:**

Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous,
Nancy C. Bunavage, 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,
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!

TIME FOR FALL CLEANING?

Saint Anthony's will be conducting our annual

FALL Clothing Drive



We are collecting:

- * Wearable and useable clothing for men, women, and children
- * Shoes
- * Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags
- * Household items: linens, towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, curtains
- * Small toys (2 feet or less)
- * Stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, strollers

**Place ALL ITEMS
in TIGHTLY TIED
PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS
ready for pick-up.**

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

the parish office
(during office hours)
or in the narthex from

**DROP-OFF DATES:
Wednesday, October 1
through
October 29, 2025**



Join the Vocationists for our Annual
Vocation Support Fundraiser

Ad Journal

- Business Advertisement
- Personal Good will message
- Message in memory of loved one

**RAHWAY
AUTO BODY, INC.**
Since 1945 Lic. #01670A

- Drawing at Dinner Dance
- One ticket = \$5
- One Booklet = \$20 (2 free tickets)
- Tickets available in pews and at parish office

Society of the Divine Vocations
SUPER 50/50 Raffle
1st Prize.....25% of the Total Proceeds
2nd Prize.....10% of the Total Proceeds
3rd Prize.....5% of the Total Proceeds
Drawing Location
Birchwood Manor, 111 N. Jefferson Rd, Whippany, NJ 07981
Drawing Date - November 8th, 2025 • 6pm-11pm
For Benefit of the Society of the Divine Vocations
Purpose to which entire proceeds will be devoted.
No substitution of the offered prize may be made.

- Saturday November 8, 2025 - 6pm - 11pm
- At The Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ
- Cost \$100

Includes
Open Bar* 5 Course Dinner* Cocktail Hour* Dessert* Coffee*
Dancing*
Transportation available
Call the Parish office 732-634-1403 for more information



**Saint Anthony of Padua & Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Parish Family**

Blessing of the Animals



Saturday October 4, 2025

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:30am**

**St. Anthony of Padua
10:30am**



Bosco's
FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS
Wednesday, October 22, 2025

25% off* shopping pass
* lowest sale price IN-STORE ONLY

TICKETS \$5.00 EACH ON SALE NOW
Call Bette at 732-636-2788

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry Collection is
October 4 and 5

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, September 7, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,525.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,360.50
Total.....	\$4,885.50

Donations for Sunday September 14, 2025 will be published in next weekend's Bulletin

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.



FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Growing In Faith Together Family Session

Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00pm

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation

Monday, September 22 at 6:30pm

Level 1 Penance and Level 2 First Communion

Monday, September 29 at 6:20pm



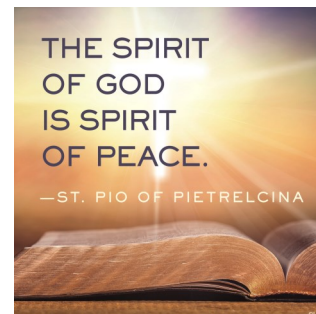
The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes

Isabella Valentina Moy

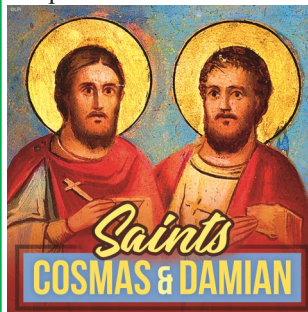
*who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on
Sunday, September 7, 2025*

*We thank her parents, Nicholas and Darlene
(Ultwater) Moy for choosing life.*

Did you know these religious figures have a feast day this week?



September 26



September 27



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, September 22

Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
BINGO 12:00PM Father Milos Hall
 (doors open at 10:00AM)
 Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation Session
 6:30PM Church

Tuesday, September 23

Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
 Youth Choir 4:30PM Church
 Adult Choir 6:30PM Church
 AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, September 24

Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
 G.I.F.T. 6:00PM Church

Thursday, September 25

Mass 7:30AM **Church**
 Eucharistic Adoration 2:30PM **Chapel**
 Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM **Chapel**
 AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall



Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

Confession 3:00PM **Church**
Mass 4:00PM **Church**
Father Lauro's 40th Anniversary Mass
 6:00PM **Church**
 Father Lauro's 40th Anniversary Dinner
 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, September 28

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, September 22

NA 11:00AM Basement

Tuesday, September 23

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, September 24

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, September 25

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, September 26

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, September 27

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

Sunday, September 28

Mass 10:00AM **Church**

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Anthony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday September 27 4:00PM
 J. Barcellona, A. and F. Fowler

Sunday September 28 8:30AM
 S. Gadomski, C. and E. Weiman

September 28 11:30AM
 J. Kondrk, B. McCauley, L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday September 27 4:00PM C. Barcellona

Sunday September 28 8:30AM C. Mazzarella
 September 28 11:30AM G. Grispart

SERVERS

Saturday September 27 4:00PM B. Banko

Sunday September 28 8:30AM A. and A. Weiman

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday September 28 10:00AM C. Torres

Counting Team—September 29

S. and E. Gurney



Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October ?????, 2025

at Saint Anthony of Padua at 10:00AM
 at the Bell Tower

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 following 9:45AM Mass



Saturday, October 11

ROSARY RALLY

12 noon to 2:00PM

Join our parish family as we unite with our
 brothers and sisters all over the world to honor
 Mother Mary and appeal for Peace.

Where: In the front yard of OMLC
 (weather permitting)

Snacks, drinks, and fellowship afterwards.