



THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 | 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Monday - September 28 *Saint Wenceslaus Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions*

7:30am | †Richie Simeone
by his dear friend, Sal

Tuesday - September 29 *Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

7:30am | †Thomas J. Farrell
by Frank and Ginny Clarke

Wednesday - September 30 *Saint Jerome*

7:30am | †Felica Perlas
by Deacon Joey and Beth

Thursday - October 1 *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus*

7:30am | †Donald Miller, Jr.
by his family

Friday - October 2 *The Holy Guardian Angels*

7:30am | †John and Helen Cheddar
by Charlie and Jean

Saturday - October 3

8:30am | †Deceased Members of the former
Altar Rosary Society

4:00pm | †John and Ethel Osag
by daughters, Arlene Pedersen and
Karen Brenner

Sunday - October 4 *Respect Life Sunday*

8:30am | †People of the Parish family

10:00am | †Dr. Cezar Dan Malig
by Mina and Edwin Torres

11:30am | †Phyllis Matchko
by daughters, Angela and Michelle



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday

Job 1:6-22
Psalms 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5
John 1:47-51

Wednesday

Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Psalms 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15
Luke 9:57-62

Thursday

Job 19:21-27
Psalms 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14
Luke 10:1-12

Friday

Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Psalms 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

CHURCH AND FAITH

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

SPIRITUAL U-TURN

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel gives us a story that could easily play out in any of our families. A father asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. One son says, "so way," but later changes his mind and does the work. The other son says, "sure, dad," but never actually shows up. Our Lord Jesus uses this everyday moment to teach us something important about our journey with God: our words and intentions matter, but so do our actions.

We have all been both sons at different times in our journey of faith. Sometimes we resist what the Lord asks of us. We say yes to God but never follow through and we fail in our commitment to God. There have also been times when we later turn back and do God's will. This is what repentance is all about. Our Lord Jesus teaches us that God cares about the direction of our hearts, not just the words we speak.

We often feel pressure to look perfect, say the right things, and keep up appearances, even when doing so goes against our faith. This parable is a reminder that authenticity is more important to God. He wants disciples who choose what is right, even when it is hard, unpopular, or inconvenient. God desires hearts willing to repent, change course, and try again.

The father in the parable does not close the door on the son who first said no. He waits. He hopes. He believes that a change of heart is possible. And when the son finally shows up in the vineyard, the father rejoices. This is how God looks at us. Our mistakes do not disqualify us. What matters is the courage to rise from them, to return, and take even one small step toward God.

In my ministry, I meet people who have fallen away from the life of faith. They are sorry for offending God, turning away from Him and falling away. But they believe that they have gone too far away for God to receive them back: "Oh Father, you do not know what I have done in my life!"

During my homily, last Sunday, I asked about the meaning of the "vineyard" that our Lord Jesus speaks about. Some people said represents heaven and others said that is the Church. Actually, the vineyard is the world and our everyday life: our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our businesses, our friendships, and everywhere the Lord has put us. These are the places where we, the disciples of the Lord, are called to work to bring God's love and His word to those around us.

As we hear this Gospel and consider the responses of the two sons, let us also think about our own "yes" to God. Not only the yes we speak with our lips, but the yes we express through our actions. Every day is a fresh chance to show up in God's vineyard. Every day is a chance to begin again.



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 loving memory of our Mother, Phyllis Matchko
Requested by her daughters, Angela and Michelle

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 my dear friend and pal, Richie Simeone
Requested by Sal Ciardiello

In loving memory of Alfred F. Russo as he celebrated his 83rd birthday with the Lord
Requested by wife, Pat and family

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

“THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS. WHEN YOU SEE A PRIEST, THINK OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.”



PRAY FOR PRIESTS



- SEPTEMBER 27** Reverend Jerome Johnson
Reverend John Grimes
- SEPTEMBER 28** Reverend Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC
Reverend Thomas W. Lanza
- SEPTEMBER 29** Reverend Peter R. Cebulka, CO
Reverend Michael Krull
- SEPTEMBER 30** Monsignor Edward O'Neill
Reverend Lukasz Blicharski
- OCTOBER 1** Reverend Pawel Dziatkiewicz, SDB
Very Reverend Thomas Walsh
- OCTOBER 2** Reverend Peter Suhaka
Reverend George Targonski
- OCTOBER 3** Reverend Krzysztof Kaczynski
Reverend Matthew Paratore

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to those of others.”

Philippians 2:4-5

Stewardship is often confused with volunteering. Stewardship is not primarily an activity, but an attitude - a way of life. Giving of our time, talent, and treasure involves a change of attitude. It is important to think of giving as a sign of how blessed we are and how using our gifts and talents for the good of others demonstrates our gratitude to God.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

In-person donations	\$3,588
On-line donations	\$1,130
Weekly Total	\$4,718

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



G.I.F.T.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 6:00PM

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 4:00PM AND SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 25 AT 8:30AM AND 11:30AM
(G.I.F.T. FAMILY MASS)**

LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO CONFIRMATION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 6:30PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 6:30PM

LEVEL ONE FIRST PENANCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:20PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM

(TOUR OF CHURCH - PARENT AND STUDENT)

LEVEL ONE RITE OF COMMITMENT MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 4:00PM

LEVEL TWO FIRST COMMUNION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:20PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 4:00PM

C. and R. Marney, D. Scharff

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 8:30AM

V. Clarke, C. and E. Weiman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 11:30AM

B. Cuzzo, B. McCauley, L. Palasits



READERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 4:00PM

T. Casey

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 8:30AM

A. Weiman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 OLMC 10:00AM

M. Poos

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 11:30AM

J. Baszak



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 8:30AM

A. Weiman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 11:30AM

A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 3 AND 4

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

**On September 16, with your generosity we
distributed food to 49 families (130 people).**

THANK YOU!

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026
FOLLOWING 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

Monday, 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

NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2

Monday - September 28

12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - September 29

4:30pm | Youth Choir | Church
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Wednesday - September 30

7:30pm | Knights of Columbus | Father Milos Hall

Thursday - October 1

2:30pm - 6:00pm | Eucharist Adoration | Chapel
3:00pm | Chaplet/Rosary | Chapel

Saturday - October 3

9:00am | Confession | OMLC
3:00pm | Confession | Church



FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

During this fundraiser, we are collecting:

- Wearable and useable clothing for men, women, and children
- Shoes (place in separate bag)
- Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags
- Household items: linens, towels, blankets (no quilts), sheets
- Small toys, stuffed animals, bikes, strollers

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, place ALL ITEMS in a tightly tied plastic garbage bag.

Drop-off at the Parish office (during office hours) or in the narthex. This campaign is offered from:

Thursday, October 1 to Wednesday, October 28

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

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

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

Tickets are being sold after weekend Masses

2026 MASS BOOK

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 22, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**

Friday	November	13	7:30am
Friday	November	20	7:30am
Saturday	November	21	8:30am (OLMC)
Friday	November	27	8:30am
Monday	November	30	7:30am
Monday	December	7	7:30am
Thursday	December	10	7:30am
Friday	December	11	7:30am
Monday	December	14	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

Blessing of the Animals



October 3rd



Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:30am.

St. Anthony of Padua

10:30am

