



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

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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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE POOR AT YOUR DOORSTEP

Dear brothers and sisters,

the gospel for this Sunday is the famous parable of Lazarus and the rich man (see Luke 16:19-31). Our Lord Jesus teaches us the necessity of caring for the poor and those in need. I would like to focus my reflection on an important detail on Charity that we find in this parable. After describing the lavish lifestyle of the rich man and the sumptuous meal he feasted on daily, the gospel says, ‘and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores’ (Luke 16:20-21). This is an important detail that we can easily miss. The sin of the rich man was not just that he failed to give money or food to the poor Lazarus. **His first sin was that he failed to notice the person in need right at his doorstep.** Love of neighbor, and generosity to the poor begins by **first becoming aware, noticing, and recognizing those in need around us.**

In our very busy and hyper-individualized society, we can easily fail to notice the person in need next to us. When think of the poor, let us not only think of those in need physically or materially, but also those who are emotionally and spiritually in need. There are people who are lonely, experiencing great difficulties, and on the brink of despair, but no one around them, not even their family, neighbors and coworkers, notice their pain. We may be contributing to charity and good causes around the country and around the world, but we may also be oblivious of the needy person next door or the poor person on our commute to work or to school or the troubled person who sits next to us in the pews. At the end of the parable, we read that the rich man and Lazarus both died. Lazarus went to heaven and the rich man to hell. The rich man asked God to send Lazarus to help him quench his thirst and later, to warn his family so that they may not suffer hell like him. The rich man wanted Lazarus to remember him. But God denied his request because in life he did not remember nor recognize Lazarus. Psalm 41 verse 1 says ‘blessed is he who considers the poor; The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.’

As you know, I am originally from Nigeria and I belong to a small tribe called Efik, with the language bearing the same name. In my region of the country, we have a legume plant called “**Ukana**” which grows in a pod. When this plant is mature and ready to be eaten, the pod explodes, and the seeds are scattered far away from the tree where it grows. Based on this action, we developed a saying that, “if you want to benefit from the Ukana tree, you must be distant from it because Ukana is only generous to those far away. We usually use this name to describe people who are obnoxious and unkind to their family and friends, but are being kind and generous to outsiders.

Dear friends, the epidemic of indifference which we struggle with in our society can also be seen in the story of Cain and Abel, the first children of Adam and Eve. Cain killed his brother Able out of jealousy. ‘The LORD asked Cain, “where is your brother Abel?” He answered, “I do not know. **Am I my brother’s keeper?**” (Genesis 4:9). We Christians are called to be our brother’s and sister’s keepers. We look out for the wellbeing of those whom God puts on our path. This does not mean that we have to solve all the problems of the world. It means that we must, first of all, be aware of and recognize those in need who are right at our doorstep. Let us make a conscious effort to be aware of those in need around us.

Our Lady, comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.

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 4:00PM	September 27 Bill Bunavage Requested by his loving wife, Nancy, William, and Jessica	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	September 28 People of the parish family	
11:30AM	Alfred Russo Birthday in Heaven Requested by her loving wife, Pat and children	
Monday 7:30AM	September 29 Richie Simeone Requested by his dear friend and pal, Sal Ciardiello	<i>Saint Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	September 30 Feliza Perlas Requested by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas	<i>Saint Jerome</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	October 1 Purgatorial Society	<i>Saint Therese</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	October 2 Elizabeth and Frank Policastro Requested by sister, Ginny and Frank Clarke	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
Friday 7:30AM	October 3 Donald Miller, Jr. Requested by his family	
Saturday 4:00PM	October 4 Joyce Bernius (Happy birthday in Heaven) Requested by Aunt Laurie Tulko	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i>
Sunday 8:30AM	October 5 People of the parish family	<i>Respect Life Sunday World Communion Sunday</i>
11:30AM	John and Ethel Osag (79 th wedding anniversary) Requested by their loving family	



*Saint Anthony
Altar flowers
are dedicated to*



*Father Laura Sedlmayer
on the 40th anniversary
of his priestly orientation*



at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday 8:30AM	September 27 Elizabeth Herczeg Requested by Maria Herczeg	<i>Saint Vincent de Paul</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	September 28 Pasquale and Vittoria Poplolo Requested by Gary and Maria Poos and family	
Saturday 8:30AM	October 4 Deceased Members of the former Altar Rosary Society	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i>
Sunday 10:00AM	October 5 Dominick Valenzano Requested by his loving wife, Marge Love always and forever	<i>Respect Life Sunday World Communion Sunday</i>

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This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalms 146:7-10 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31
Monday:	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab Psalms 138:1-5 John 1:47-51
Tuesday:	Zechariah 8:20-23 Psalms 87:1b-7 Luke 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Nehemiah 2:1-8 Psalms 137:1-6 Luke 9:57-62
Thursday:	Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Psalms 19:8-11 Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Friday:	Baruch 1:15-22 Psalms 79:1b-5, 8-9 Luke 10:13-16
Saturday:	Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 Psalms 69:33-37 Luke 10:17-24
Sunday:	Habakkuk 1:2-3,; 2:2-4 Psalms 95:1-2, 6-9 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday October 4, 2025
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:30am
St. Anthony of Padua
10:30am





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 wife Janice Ciardiello
 celebrating her birthday in Heaven (9/22)
 Requested by her loving husband, Sal

In thanksgiving

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 Phyllis Matchko
 Requested by Kathleen Hudanish

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

Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the souls of:
 David Kalisch - August 17



Pray for

One Year Anniversary

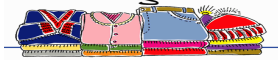
Keep in your prayers the parishioners
 who died a year ago in 2024:
 Steven Drakoulis—October 18

Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	requested by:
David Kalisch	The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Bernadette Pritchard	Charlie and Jean Cheddar
Neil Panariello, Sr.	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Barbara Humphery	Paul and Roberta Marini

FALL

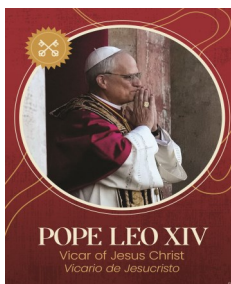
Clothing Drive



We are collecting:

Wearable and useable clothing for men, women, and children; Shoes (place in a separate bag); Clothing accessories: belts, hats, scarves, gloves, handbags; Household items: linens, towels, blankets (no quilts), bed sheets, pillowcases; Small toys (2 feet or less); Stuffed animals, bikes, strollers

Place ALL ITEMS in TIGHTLY TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS and DROP-OFF at the parish office (during office hours) or in the narthex from
Wednesday, October 1 through
Monday, October 27, 2025



Pope's Intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

September 29	Reverend Virgilio Tolentino Reverend Timothy A. Christy
September 30	Reverend Eugeniusz Fasuga Reverend Michael Tabernero
October 1	Reverend Ronald Machado Monsignor Richard Lyons
October 2	Reverend Bonfilio Enriquez Reverend Krystain Burdzy
October 3	Reverend Jose Lorente Reverend James McGuffey
October 4	Our Holy Father
October 5	Bishop James Checchio



Eucharistic Adoration is held on
 Thursdays from 2:30PM to 6:00pm
 in the Chapel of Saint Anthony

The Chapel is also open for private prayer time.



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, Alfred Leone, 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!

Saint Anthony of Padua
Second
Fall Festival
October 12, 2025
Following 11:30
Mass
12:30PM—4:00PM

Father Milos Hall
& parish grounds
Join us for a day
of Family, Fun,

Celebrate Your Family Heritage
by contributing an Ethnic Dish
(Half Catering Tray
with your name and ingredients)

Soda, Water and Apple
Cider Provided

Beer and Wine - BYO

**RSVP by Wednesday, October 1, 2025
as Space is Limited**

**There is NO CHARGE to attend.
In order to plan accordingly fill out form
below and return to the parish office by
October 1.**

Family Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Children: _____

I will contribute an Ethnic Dish:
COLD HOT

I will contribute a dessert _____

Contact Information:

Phone No. _____

Email: _____

I would like to Volunteer on:

Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 am
to set up - YES

Sunday, October 12 to clean up - YES

In Our Diocese & Community



Port Reading Fire Department
Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a

Craft & Vendor Event

**at the Acacia Center
95 Port Reading Avenue Woodbridge, NJ**

on October 4, 2025 from 11am to 5pm
This is a fundraiser for the Saint Barnabas Burn Unit
Vendor application requests through email only.
PRFDLADIES1@GMAIL.COM

Saint Anthony of Padua presents:
QUEEN FOR A DAY TRICKY TRAY AUCTION
Sunday, November 16, 2025

Father Milos Hall
436 Port Reading Ave, Port Reading NJ 07064
Doors Open 1:30pm First Ticket 3:30pm

Admission \$15.00

Includes: 1 sheet for small table prizes, coffee, tea, and cake
18 and Over Only

Tickets on sale in the parish office October 1st

436 Port Reading Ave Port Reading, NJ 07064
Phone (732)-634-1419 www.saintanthonypadua.org
Gambling Problem Call 1-800-GAMBLER

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities
and Put Mercy into Action
50/50 Raffle Drawing—October 31, 2025

We might never know the recipients of our Works of Mercy or the impact our financial gift had on their lives. Consider the family that was helped by Catholic Charities during a period of unemployment and is now on the path to self-sufficiency or, the person whose struggle with addictions is being alleviated through our Catholic Charities' counseling services. Who would guess that becoming a Champion for Catholic Charities by purchasing a raffle ticket could have such far-reaching results. When a community responds in generosity, that is exactly what happens.

By entering our Champions 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. **Over the years, the prize for this raffle has reached as high as \$40,000 each for two lucky winners!** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchase by downloading a raffle for at www.Diometuchen.org/champions and mailing it in with your payment or by call 732-562-2432.

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

**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.

On Wednesday, September 17 we were able to assist 29 families.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, September 14, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,779.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,188.00
Total.....	\$4,967.00

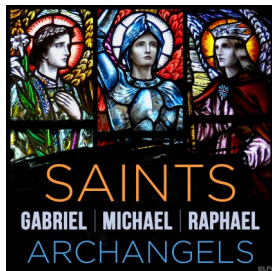
Sunday, September 21, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$3,111.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,200.50
Total.....	\$4,311.50

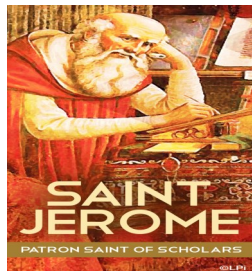
*Thank you for your
continued support of the parish.*

Did you know the feast day of this week?

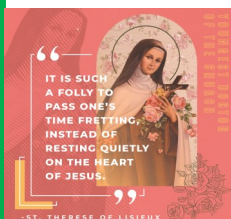
September 29



September 30



October 1

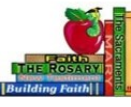


October 2



October 4







**FAITH FORMATION
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Confirmation Prep Session
for 2024/2025 Candidates
Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30pm

Level 1 Penance and Level 2 First Communion
Monday, October 6 at 6:20pm

Growing In Faith Together
Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00pm

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation
Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm



DIocese OF METUCHEN

**Traveling Eucharistic
Rosary Congress**
October 4 - 10, 2025
"My Soul Magnifies the Lord"

Saturday, October 4, 2025
National Blue Army Shrine (Morris Canal) *
674 Mountain View Road E., Asbury
(908) 689-1700
12:15 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Sunday, October 5, 2025
Blessed Sacrament (Somerset Hills)
1890 Washington Valley Rd., Martinsville
(732) 356-4405
12:00 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Monday, October 6, 2025
Our Lady of Fatima (Middlebrook)
501 New Market Road, Piscataway
(732) 968-5555
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Queenship of Mary (Forsgate)
16 Dey Road, Plainsboro
(609) 799-7511
8:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Somerset Hills)
500 US Highway 22, Bridgewater
(908) 725-0552
12:10 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Thursday, October 9, 2025
St. Ann (Round Valley)
6 Church Street, Hampton
(908) 537-2221
8:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Friday, October 10, 2025
Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament (County Seat) *
52 West Somerset Street, Raritan
(908) 722-1489
9:00 a.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration



For more information, please contact
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* Designated by Bishop James E. Checchio as sacred places in the Diocese of Metuchen where the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Holy Year.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, September 29

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall
		(doors open at 10:00AM)
Level 1 Penance and Level 2 First Communion	6:20PM	Church

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Confirmation Prep Session	6:30PM	Church

Thursday, October 2

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



Friday, October 3

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals	10:30AM	Piazza
Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church

Sunday, October 5

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



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.

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, September 29

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, September 30

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, October 1

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, October 2

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, October 3

NA	11:00AM	Basement
Holy Family Prayer	6:00PM	Church

Saturday, October 4

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Confession	9:00AM	Church
Blessing of the Animals	9:30AM	Church Front

Sunday, October 5

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	October 4	4:00PM	C. and R. Marney, D. Scharff
Sunday	October 5	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson, M. Martino
	October 5	11:30AM	M. Amuzie, G. Grispart, B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday	October 4	4:00PM	R. McNamara
Sunday	October 5	8:30AM	G. and G.C. Onukwugha
	October 5	11:30AM	C. Amuzie

SERVERS

Saturday	October 4	4:00PM	B. Banko
Sunday	October 5	8:30AM	C. and C. Onukwugha
	October 5	11:30AM	A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	October 5	10:00AM	M. Poos
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Counting Team—October 6
N. Cinelli and L. Huber