



THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

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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 - October 3

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

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 (OLMC)
by Mina and Edwin Torres

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



Monday - October 5

Saint Faustina Kowalska Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

7:30am | †James Netta
by Rosemarie Masters

Tuesday - October 6

Saint Bruno Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

7:30am | †Gordon Ur
by his loving family

Wednesday - October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30am | †Purgatorial Mass Society

Thursday - October 8

7:30am | †Elizabeth and Frank PolICASTRO
by Frank and Ginny Clarke

Friday - October 9

Saint Denis, Saint John Leonardi

7:30am | †Theresa "Terri" Seibert
by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas

Saturday - October 10

8:30am | †Dr. Cezar Dan Malig (OLMC)
by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas

4:00pm | †People of the Parish family

Sunday - October 11

8:30am | †Donald Anderson - Happy Birthday
by Douglas and Angela Anderson

10:00am | †Helen Dudash (OLMC)
by her loving family

11:30am | †Karen Kraph - loving mother-in-law
by Amy Kraph



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday

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

Monday

Galatians 1:6-12
Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8,
9, 10c
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday

Galatians 1:13-24
Psalms 139:1b-3
13-14ab
14c-15
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14
Psalms 117:1bc, 2
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday

Galatians 3:1-5
Luke 1:69-70
71-72, 73-75
Luke 11:5-13

Friday

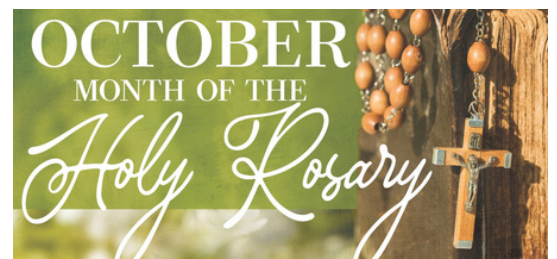
Galatians 3:7-14
Psalms 111:1b-2
3-4, 5-6
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday

Galatians 3:22-29
Psalms 105:2-3
4-5, 6-7
Luke 11:27-28

Next Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4
5, 6
Philippians 4:12-14
19-20
Matthew 22:1-14
or 22:1-10



This week's Altar flowers



at Saint Anthony of Padua are
in honor of Saint Theresa
and

in loving memory of

Ethel Osag

Requested by her loving family



ANGEL OF GOD, MY GUARDIAN DEAR

Dear brothers and sisters,

For the past two Sundays, we have been reflecting on our Lord's teachings about working in God's vineyard. Today's Gospel is about workers who rebelled against their master and killed his son. Because they rejected the master's plan, he took the vineyard from them and entrusted it to others. Our Lord Jesus is reminding us that rejecting God's grace has consequences and that, we His children, are called to bear good fruit in His kingdom.

This week, I want to turn our attention to something beautiful and personal: our Guardian Angels. Last week, we celebrated the Feast of the Archangels on September 29, and then the Feast of the Guardian Angels on October 2. These feasts are not mere traditions. They are reminders of God's care for us. He never leaves us on our own. He constantly surrounds us with His love through the ministry of His angels.

In our secular world, many people struggle with the idea of angels or any spiritual reality. Some laugh at the thought of invisible beings who can interact with us. But the Church has taught, and Scripture shows, that angels are real. They are pure spiritual beings created by God, filled with His glory, and sent to help us.

The word angel comes from the Greek *Angelos*, meaning messenger. Throughout the Bible, we see angels serving God by serving His people. **Archangel Gabriel** announced the birth of our Lord Jesus to Mary and Joseph. **Archangel Michael** fought with and drove Satan out of heaven in the Book of Revelation Chapter 12. **Archangel Raphael** healed Tobit and Sarah in the Book of Tobit chapter 4-8. We read about the Seven Spirits worshiping before God's throne in the Book of Revelation chapter 1.

And of all these roles, one of the most tender is that of the **Guardian Angels**. Inspired by Sacred Scripture, the Church teaches that God gave each of us a guardian angel as a sign of His tender care. Psalm 91 says 'for He has commanded His angels to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone' (Psalm 91:11-12).

Our guardian angels **Protects us** (Daniel 6:22). We can think of those moments when we faced danger but then we were delivered from it and we knew that God was with us. They **Guides us** (Acts 8:26). There are times when we were unsure about what to do or where to go and then we received clarity from the gentle nudge from our guardian angel. They also **Pray for us** (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angel carries our prayers before God and joins them to the worship of heaven. The angels do not force us or override our free will. Instead, they illuminate our imagination, strengthen our conscience, and lead us toward what is good. But we still have to listen, discern, and accept their help.

One of the first prayers that we learned as Catholic children was the Guardian Angel Prayer. It's simple, beautiful, and powerful:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day (night) be at my side, To light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.

Parents and grandparents, I encourage you to bring this prayer back into your homes. Teach it to your children and grandchildren. Let it become part of your family's daily life.

Our society often limits reality to what we can see, measure, or control. The angels are our reminder that the spiritual world is real, active, and closer than we think. Our guardian angels give us confidence that we are never alone. God's presence surrounds us, and His messengers walk with us every step of the way.

May we learn to acknowledge their presence, trust their guidance, and thank God for this gift of His love.

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 Tyke G. Mojica
Requested by his loving family

In loving memory of Theresa "Terri" Seibert
Requested by Marty and Pat Martino

In loving memory of Richard Young
Requested by John and Holly Pagliuca

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

OCTOBER 4 Bishop James Checchio

OCTOBER 5 Reverend Karolus Bale
Reverend Bonfilio Enrique, SJCP

OCTOBER 6 Reverend Joseph Kubiak OFM Cap
Reverend Ignatius Okorogi, SDV

OCTOBER 7 Reverend Jerome Ocampo
Reverend Sebastian Kaithacka CMI

OCTOBER 8 Reverend Gregory Zannetti
Reverend Steven Bolton CO

OCTOBER 9 Reverend Robert Meyers
Reverend Mark Kehoe

OCTOBER 10 Reverend David J. Pekola
Monsignor Richard Lyons



POPE'S INTENTION

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

In-person donations	\$3,340.00
On-line donations	<u>\$1,158.00</u>
Weekly Total	\$4,498.00

September Special Collections

Vocationist Seminarian Fund	\$2,296.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$1,587.00

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link.
Thank you for supporting our parish.



Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the soul of:
Adeline Muzycka - September 14, 2026

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners who died a year ago in 2025:
Julius Weber - October 9
Dorothy Wyzykowski - October 30

Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	Requested by:	
Ronald Beyers	Angela Fowler and Oberhuber family	
Jenny Taranto	Roberta and Paul Marini	
George R. Rebincky	Carmen and Reggie Margiatto	
Adeline Muzycka	Saint Anthony of Padua family	

MINISTRY UPDATES

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FAITH FORMATION



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 FIRST PENANCE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:20PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM

(TOUR OF CHURCH - PARENT AND STUDENT)

LEVEL TWO FIRST COMMUNION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 6:20PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM

LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO CONFIRMATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 6:30PM

LEVEL ONE RITE OF COMMITMENT MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 4:00PM



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 4:00PM

M. Balint, C. and R. Marney

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 8:30AM

A. and D. Anderson, H. Pagliuca

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 11:30AM

M. Amuzie, G. Grispart, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 4:00PM

C. Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 8:30AM

D. Vitaliano

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11-OLMC 10:00AM

G. Clarke

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 11:30AM

M. Trebour



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 8:30AM

C. and C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 11:30AM

A. Boelhower



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

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 Dispoto, 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



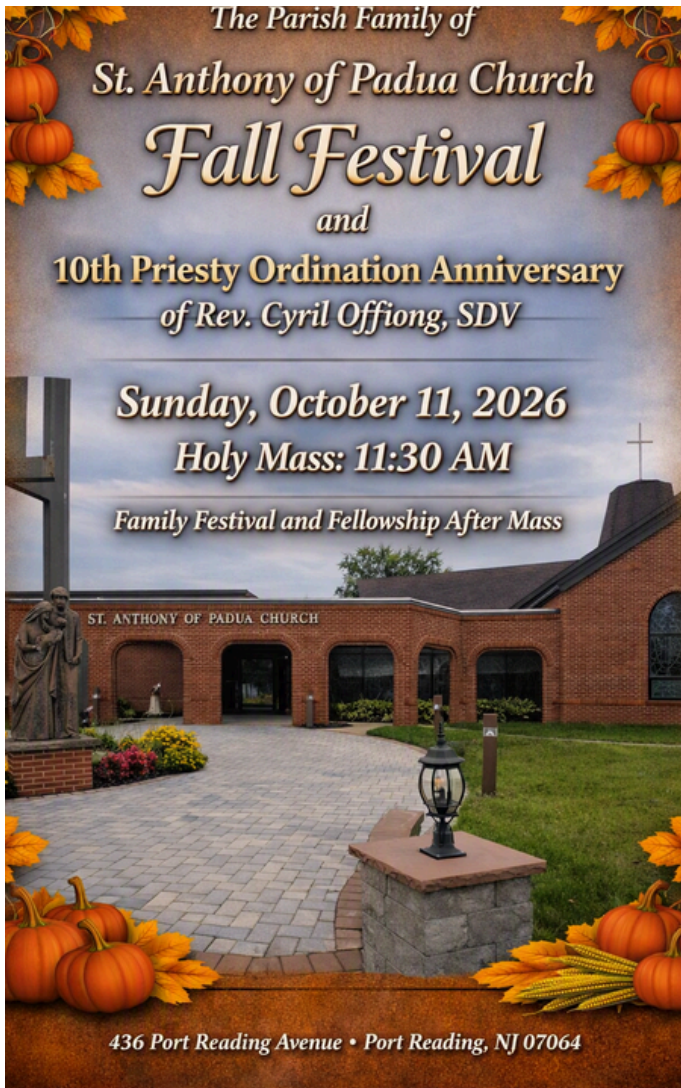
PRAY...

**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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**The Parish office will be CLOSED
on Friday, October 9 and
Monday, October 12**



BIRTHDAY BLESSING - FOR OCTOBER



AS A PARISH FAMILY, WE REJOICE AND CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF LIFE AND LOVE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US ALL. WE OFFER TO ALL THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH OUR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS THAT GOD MAY CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.



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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2

Monday - October 5 CLOTHING DRIVE CONTINUES

12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall
6:20pm | Level 1 Penance and
Level 2 First Communion | Church

Tuesday - October 6

9:30am | Food Pantry Sorting | Father Milos Hall
4:30pm | Youth Choir | Church
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Wednesday - October 7

6:00pm | G.I.F.T. | Church

Thursday - October 8

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

Friday - October 9

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

4:00pm - 6:00pm | Fall Festival Set-up | Father Milos Hall

Saturday - October 10

9:00am-12:00pm | Fall Festival Set-up | Father Milos Hall
9:00am | Confession | OMLC
3:00pm | Confession | Church

Sunday - October 11

following 11:30am Mass Fall Festival | Father Milos Hall

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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

through

Wednesday, October 28

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

2026 MASS BOOK

**AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**

Friday	November	20	7:30am
Saturday	November	21	8:30am (OLMC)
Friday	November	27	8:30am
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



Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403

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**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.



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

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

Tickets are being sold after weekend Masses