



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



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MONTH OF THE
ROSAARY



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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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

OCTOBER DEVOTION: TO JESUS, THROUGH MARY

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In our Catholic devotional life, May and October are months of special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October is primarily known as the Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary because of a significant victory at the **Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571**. The Ottoman empire, with its powerful and sophisticated naval fleet, set out to control activities in the Mediterranean region. Their ultimate goal was to conquer Europe and suppress the Christian faith. Pope Pius V knew that the Christian army (also called the Holy League) were outnumbered and projected to lose the battle. He ordered the churches of Rome to be opened for prayer day and night, encouraging the faithful to petition the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the praying of the Rosary. The Christian army defeated the Ottoman Army. The pope credited this victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He added a new feast day to the Roman Liturgical Calendar, October 7th – the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Pope Gregory XIII, who succeeded Pope Pius V, later change the name of this day to the feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

In October, we also commemorate the final apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children at Fatima. On May 13, 1917, our Blessed Mother Mary appeared to Lucia dos Santos (10), Francisco Marto (9) and Jacinta Marto (7). The children did not know who they were seeing. She asked them to return to the site of the apparition for the next five consecutive months at which time she would reveal herself to them. On October 13, the children gathered in the site along with about 70,000 other witnesses. Our Lady appeared as she promised and identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. She urged the people to stop offending God and to live according to the gospel message. The event concluded with a phenomenon known as the “Miracle of the Sun,” where the sun appeared to dance and move erratically in the sky, a spectacle witnessed by the entire crowd of about 70,000 people. The main message of Fatima is a call for **prayer, penance, and sacrifice for the conversion of sinners and for world peace**, focused on devotion to Mary’s Immaculate Heart. Our Lady encouraged the praying of the Rosary daily. The message also includes a warning that if these requests are not heard, the world will suffer a more terrible war and persecution.

“To Jesus through Mary” is a phrase rooted deep in our Catholic spirituality, particularly in the devotional practices outlined by Saint Louis-Marie de Monfort, in his book, **True Devotion to Mary**. It is a method of growing closer to Jesus through a total consecration to Mary, entrusting oneself to Mary’s maternal care and intercession, so as to be formed into a likeness of Christ. Mary, as the Mother of Jesus, is a powerful intercessor, and a model for imitating Christ her Son. She helps those who entrust themselves to her reach her Son more perfectly. Many Christians, even some Catholics, have serious difficulty with the honor and devotion we give to our Blessed Mother. They think that devotion to Mary takes away from the glory that should be given to God and to our Lord Jesus Christ. But nothing could be further from the truth. On the contrary, every dogma, teaching, or devotion given to Mary is meant to teach, emphasize, and direct our attention to our Lord Jesus. In our true devotion to Mary, we hear the instruction which she gave to the servants at the Wedding Feast at Cana in Galilee, “do whatever He (Jesus) tells you” (John 2:5). Throughout the month of October, we will reflect on The Four Marian Dogmas which teaches us the important personal relationship of our Blessed Mother Mary with God and her role in human salvation. They are, the **Immaculate Conception of Mary**, the **Divine Motherhood of Mary**, the **Perpetual Virginity of Mary**, and the **Assumption of Mary into Heaven**. A dogma is a truth that has been infallibly defined by the Church’s Magisterium to be divinely revealed, and which is to be believed by all the faithful. May we rediscover and deepen our devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary. Let us pray the Holy Rosary for our good, the good of our families, the good of the Church and our world.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

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

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

Saturday October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*
4:00PM Joyce Bernius (Happy birthday in Heaven)
Requested by Aunt Laurie Tulko

Saturday October 4 *Saint Francis of Assisi*
8:30AM Deceased Members of the former
Altar Rosary Society

Sunday October 5 *Respect Life Sunday*
World Communion Sunday
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM John and Ethel Osag (79th wedding anniversary)
Requested by their loving family

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World Communion Sunday
10:00AM Dominick Valenzano
Requested by his loving wife, Marge
Love always and forever

Monday October 6 *Saint Bruno*
Saint Marie Rose Durocher
7:30AM Joseph Schneider
Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke

Saturday October 11 *Saint John XXIII*
8:30AM Myra and Isabella Felix
(Living: for good health and conversion)
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac

Tuesday October 7 *Our Lady of the Rosary*
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving sister, Rosemarie
and brother-in-law Ray

Sunday October 12
10:00AM Charles Moricz (25th anniversary in Heaven)
Requested by Margaret Moricz and family

Wednesday October 8
7:30AM Karen Krapf
Requested by her loving mother-in-law,
Amy Krapf

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Thursday October 9 *Saint Denis and Companions*
Saint John Leonardi
7:30AM John Patrick Ur
Requested by his loving family

Friday October 10
7:30AM Renee C. Szatkowski
Requested by Frank and Grace Dispoto

Saturday October 11 *Saint John XXIII*
4:00PM George Marrone
Requested by his loving wife, MaryAnn

Sunday October 12
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM Roberta Stentella (2nd anniversary in Heaven)
Requested by her loving family

Saint Anthony of Padua Altar flowers



Are in honor of Saint Theresa
In loving memory of Ethel Osag
Requested by her loving daughters,
Arlene and Karen



In loving memory of Donald Anderson
Happy Heavenly Birthday, Dad
Requested by
Douglas and Angela Anderson

This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11
Psalms 86:3-6, 9-10
Luke 11:1-4

Saturday: Joel 4:12-21
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Luke 11:27-28

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:2, 11
(Psalms) Jonah 2:2-5, 8
Luke 10:25-37

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b
Psalms 1:1-4, 6
Luke 11:5-13

Sunday: 2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalms 98:1-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10
Psalms 130:1b-4ab, 7-8
Luke 10:38-42

Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16
Luke 11:15-26





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 Brian Fee
Requested by Marie Pagliuca

GOOD SHEPHERD

In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur,
John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

In loving memory of my dear friend and pal,
Richie Simeone
Requested by his dear friend and pal, Sal Ciardiello

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



October, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary

In honor of Our Lady, during the month of October, flowers may be placed by the Blessed Mother (in the church) and by Mary, Comfort of the Troubled (in the narthex) each weekend in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. The flower donation is \$40.00 and may be ordered by calling the parish office.



The parish family of Saint Anthony of Padua welcomes

Rosalie Anne Baszak

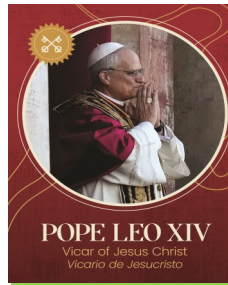
*who received the Sacrament of Baptism,
a sacrament of promise and welcome on
Sunday, September 28, 2025*

*We thank her parents, Brandon and Julianna
(Barcellona) Baszak for choosing life.*

Stewardship

***"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control."
2 Timothy 1:7***

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything—all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?



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

October 6	Reverend David J. Pekola Reverend Joseph Desmond	
October 7	Monsignor Edward O'Neill Monsignor Joseph Kerrigan	
October 8	Reverend Edmund Shallow Reverend Luke Mary Fletcher	
October 9	Reverend Pawel Dziatkiewicz Reverend Dawid Wejnerowski	
October 10	Reverend Nicolas Norena Reverend Thomas Serafin	
October 11	Reverend Douglas J. Haefner Reverend Kevin Kelly	
October 12	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski	



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!



**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
Wednesday, October 15**

**Food Items may be placed in the
church narthex at any time. The
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 28, 2025

In-person donations.....\$5,249.00

On-line donations.....\$1,186.00

Total.....\$6,435.00

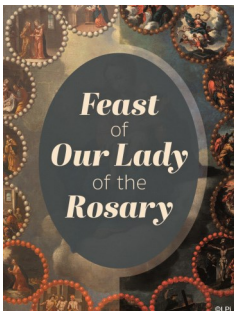
*Thank you for your
continued support of the parish.*

Did you know the feast day of this week?

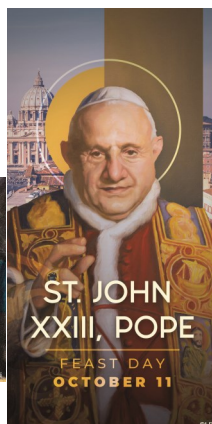
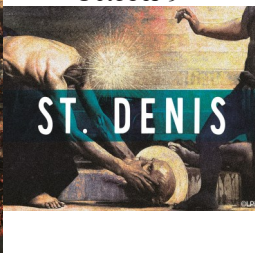
October 6



October 7

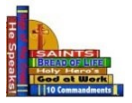


October 9



**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.



FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Level 1 Penance and Level 2

First Communion

Monday, October 6 at 6:20pm

Growing In Faith Together

Wednesday, October 8 at 6:00pm

Mass/Rite of Election and Rehearsal for

Confirmation 2024/2025 candidates

Sunday, October 19 at 11:30am

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation

Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm

G.I.F.T. Mass - October 25 at 4:00pm

Rite of Commitment -

Level 1 Confirmation

Saturday, October 25 at 4:00pm

G.I.F.T. Mass - October 26

at 8:30am and 11:30am

Level 1 Penance and Level 2

First Communion

Monday, October 27 at 6:20pm

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,**

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

PRIZES INCLUDE:

**\$1,000.00 Vacation voucher and luggage,
SoHo fireplace table, foldable griddle, television,
designer purses, appliances, swimming pool,
children's items, gift certificates,
sports events/memorabilia,
and much, much more!!!**

pizza, hot dogs, snacks, soda and water
(Available for Purchase)

Tickets on sale in the parish office October 1st

436 Port Reading Ave Port Reading, NJ 07064

Phone (732)-634-1419 www.saintanthonyapadua.org
Gambling Problem Call 1-800-GAMBLER



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

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Somerset Hills)
500 US Highway 22, Bridgewater
(908) 725-0552

12:10 p.m. Opening Mass
Followed by Adoration

Wednesday, October 8, 2025
St. Ambrose (Raritan Bay)
83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge
(732) 679-5666

9:00 a.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
Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication
acarlisle@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7936

* 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.



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.**
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- 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.....30% 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 • 8pm-11pm
Five Beneficiaries of the Society of the Divine Vocations
Purpose to which entire proceeds will be devoted.
No substitution of the offered price 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



Boscov'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

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, October 6

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, October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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



Friday, October 10

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, October 11 **Clothing Drive Continues**

Fall Festival Set-up	10:00AM	Father Milos Hall
Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church

Sunday, October 12 **Clothing Drive Continues**

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass	11:30AM	Church
Fall Festival	12:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Saturday, October 11

ROSARY RALLY

12 noon to 2:00PM

**In the front yard of OMLC
(weather permitting)**



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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, October 6

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, October 7

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, October 8

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, October 9

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, October 10

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, October 11

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Confession	9:00AM	Church
Rosary Rally	12:00PM	Front Yard

Sunday, October 12

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	October 11	4:00PM	M. Balint A. and F. Fowler
Sunday	October 12	8:30AM	V. Clarke S. Gadowski M. Martino
	October 12	11:30AM	B. Cuozzo B. McCauley L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday	October 11	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	October 12	8:30AM	G. Onukwugha G.C. Onukwugha
	October 12	11:30AM	J. Baszak

SERVERS

Sunday	October 12	8:30AM	C., C. Onukwugha Q. Valdez
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at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	October 12	10:00AM	C. Dizon
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**Counting Team—October 13
A. and F. Fowler**

**Parish office will be CLOSED
on Monday, October 13
for Columbus Day**