



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner
returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him,
"Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I mentioned in last week's reflection, during this month of October, I will be reflecting on the Four Marian Dogmas. These are the revealed truths of our faith about our Blessed Mother Mary's personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation. That is to say, what God chose to do in, with and through her, to bring about His work of redemption of humanity. This week, I will reflect on the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. The Church, from its earliest days, has always held to the belief that our Blessed Mother Mary was conceived immaculately. However, it was on December 8, 1854, that Pope Pius IX solemnly and formally defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. In His Apostolic Constitution, *Inefabillis Deus*, Pope Pius XII declared, 'accordingly, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, for the honor of the Holy and undivided Trinity, for the glory and adornment of the Virgin Mother of God, for the exaltation of the Catholic Faith, and for the furtherance of the Catholic religion, by the authority of Jesus Christ our Lord, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own: "We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and Constantly by all the faithful."'

The Immaculate Conception is not about Mary conceiving our Lord Jesus Christ in her womb. Rather, it is about Saint Anne conceiving Mary. Because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve, sin entered the world, and all humanity became subject to the stain of original sin. But, because of God's plan that the Blessed Virgin Mary should bring forth into the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, the same almighty God preserved Mary from original sin, so that she would be the perfect and spotless vessel, capable of carrying in her womb the Savior of the world. It is important to remember that all devotion, title, and honor that is given to the Blessed Virgin Mary are always meant to emphasis the truth about our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Blessed Mother was, therefore, preserved from original sin because of the Holiness, Divinity, Purity, and Majesty of the Son which she was to carry in her womb. Only a pure and perfect vessel would be capable of bearing such glory and majesty. Mary's singular holiness is due to the merits of her Son.

For this reason, the Church also calls Mary the "**Ark or the New Covenant**". In the Book of Exodus chapter 25, we find God's instruction on the building of the Ark of the Old Covenant. The Ark symbolized the presence of God among His people. It contained the staff of Aaron (God's authority), the tablet of the Ten Commandments (God's Word), and the fragments of the manna with which God fed His people in the desert (God's food/bread). God commanded that the Ark be constructed with pure Gold, perfect alignments, and particular measurements, thus signifying the sacredness and majesty of the Ark. In the New Covenant, God also created a perfect Ark (Mary) to carry Jesus Christ (the Authority, Word, and Bread of God).

Original sin distorted our original justice (that is our instantaneous ability to know and do God's will in our lives). In Mary's Immaculate Conception, we see in her the life of perfect holiness and union with God for which we hope. This singular grace which our Blessed Mother received at her conception, we receive at our baptism and whenever we go to confession. We ask our Blessed Mother to intercede with her Son for us as we pray,

"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

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

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

Monday October 13 *Columbus Day*
Indigenous Peoples' Day
8:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his dear friend and pal,
Sal Ciardiello

Tuesday October 14 *Saint Callistus*
7:30AM Patricia Borischak
Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family

Wednesday October 15 *Saint Theresa*
7:30AM Stephen Filip Fedison
Requested by his Mom and brothers,
Brian and Eric

Thursday October 16 *Saint Hedwig*
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

Friday October 17 *Saint Ignatius of Antioch*
7:30AM Donald L. Keats, Jr.
Requested by Frank and Grace Despoto

Saturday October 18 *Saint Luke*
4:00PM Steve and Laurette Drakoulis
Requested by Linda, Stephen, and Erick

Sunday October 19 *World Mission Sunday*
8:30AM Diana Quaglia
Requested by Douglas and Angela Anderson
11:30AM People of the parish family

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

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

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

Saturday October 18 *Saint Luke*
8:30AM Brandon Barrett
Requested by Lita Aquilizan

Sunday October 19 *World Mission Sunday*
10:00AM Doris Flores (Living Intention)
Requested by her loving children

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anthony of Padua Altar flowers



In loving memory of
Robert and Stephen Fedison

Requested by
Bernadette, Brian, and Eric Fedison

Flowers for the devotion to the Blessed Mother



In loving memory of
Robert and Stephen Fedison

Requested by
Bernadette, Brian, and Eric Fedison

This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Romans 1:1-7
Psalms 98:1b-4
Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Romans 1:16:1-25
Psalms 19:2-5
Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: Romans 2:1-11
Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Luke 11:42-46

Thursday: Romans 3:21-30
Psalms 130:1b-6b
Luke 11:47-54

Friday: Romans 4:1-8
Psalms 32:1b-2, 5, 11
Luke 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Psalms 145:10-13ab, 17-18
Luke 10:1-9

Sunday: Exodus 17:8-13
Psalms 121:1-8
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2





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 Tom Mulvaney
(Judy Mulvaney's brother)

Requested by MaryAnn Marrone

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Requested by their loving family

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca

Requested by their loving family

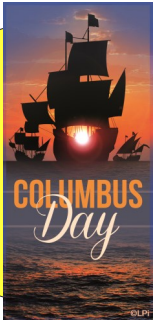
In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy

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 at 732-634-1403.

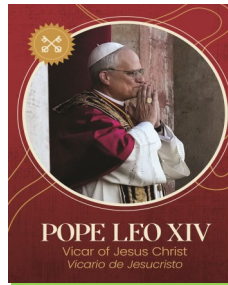


Parish office will be
CLOSED
on Monday, October 13

Stewardship

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.



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 13	Reverend Leopoldo Salvania Reverend J. Michael Venditti
October 14	Reverend Kenneth Brighenti Reverend Michael Frago
October 15	Reverend Ronal Vega Pastrana Reverend A. Gregory Uhrig
October 16	Reverend Joseph A. Krajewski Reverend John Siceloff
October 17	Reverend Jun Joseph Alquiros Reverend Matthew Marinelli
October 18	All Priests
October 19	Monsignor Pafnouti Wassef Reverend Maurice Carlton



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, Steven DeNoyelles,
Beth Dispoto, 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, October 5, 2025

In-person donations.....	\$4,553.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,235.50
Total.....	\$5,788.50

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



FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

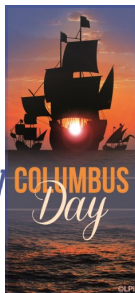
Level 1 Penance and Level 2

First Communion

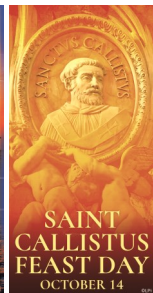
Monday, October 27 at 6:20pm

Did you know the feast days for this week?

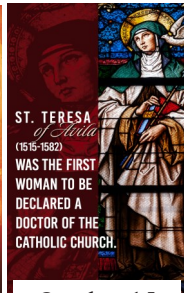
October 13



COLUMBUS
Day



SAINT
CALLISTUS
FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 14



ST. TERESA
of Avila
(1515-1582)
WAS THE FIRST
WOMAN TO BE
DECLARED A
DOCTOR OF THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH.

October 15



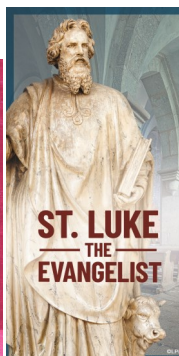
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October 17

“We are not asked
merely to call
ourselves Christians;
we are asked
to be Christians
through our deeds.”

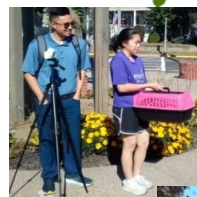


St. Ignatius of Antioch



October 18

Blessing of the Animals



St. Anthony of Padua
10:30am



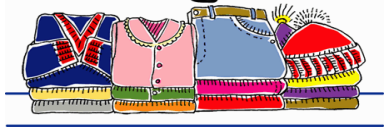
Be a champion for Catholic Charities

As a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES, you are a champion in every sense of the word. Through your financial support, you provide a warm bed for someone who is homeless...food for a hungry child...emergency aid for a disaster victims...and help for a family in crisis; all of which truly makes you a champion in our eyes and in the eyes of those we serve. Please join our team today and become a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES by making a gift or purchasing a raffle ticket.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be payable to Catholic Charities and mailed to *Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191*. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone at 732-562-2432

During our annual

FALL Clothing Drive



fundraiser, 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

If you have any of these items you would like to donate, please place ALL ITEMS in TIGHTLY TIED PLASTIC GARBAGE BAGS and DROP-OFF at the parish office (during office hours) or in the narthex. This campaign continues through **Monday, October 27, 2025.**

Good Shepherd Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Windcreek Casino, Bethlehem, Pa. on Tuesday, November 11. The cost is \$45.00 and \$25.00 back in play. Bus leaves the church parking lot at 10:00. Any questions, contact Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.

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 (18 and Over Only)

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

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!!!**

Note: New items are accepted and donations of baskets are appreciated!

Food: pizza, hot dogs, snacks, soda and water
(are available for purchase)

Tickets on sale in the parish office October 1st

436 Port Reading Ave Port Reading, NJ 07064

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Gambling Problem Call 1-800-GAMBLER



**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

- Drawning 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: 50% 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
For a Benefit 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



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

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, October 13 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Mass	8:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (doors open at 10:00AM)

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
Food Pantry Distribution	10:00AM	Back Driveway/Hall
Knights of Columbus	7:30PM	Church

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

Mass	7:30AM	Church
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Saturday, October 18 Clothing Drive Continues

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church

Sunday, October 19 Clothing Drive Continues

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass/Rite of Election and Rehearsal for Confirmation		
2024/2025 candidates	11:30AM	Church

All Soul's Day Commemoration Mass

Sunday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls. The Church traditionally sets this day aside to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed that they may experience the fullness of God. This Mass will celebrate those people buried from:

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship site on

Sunday, November 2 at 10:00AM

and

Saint Anthony of Padua Church on

Sunday, November 2 at 11:30AM

* If a family member has passed away since November 2, 2024 and you would like to have that person remembered (even though he or she was buried from another Church, call Adrienne at the parish office (732-634-1403) by Thursday, October 23.

* Memorial posters are available at the office or in the narthex for you to place pictures or remembrances in the Church of your loved one.

* Return completed memorial posters to the office by Monday, October 27.

We hope you can join us on the Feast of All Souls!
Be assured of our continued prayers and love!

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, October 13

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, October 14

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, October 15

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, October 16

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, October 17

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, October 18

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

Sunday, October 19

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	October 18	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler, D. Scharff
Sunday	October 19	8:30AM	H. Pagliuca, C. and E. Weiman
	October 19	11:30AM	M. Amuzie, M. Balint, G. Grispart

READERS

Saturday	October 18	4:00PM	C. Mazarella
Sunday	October 19	8:30AM	D. Vitaliano
	October 19	11:30AM	C. Amuzie

SERVERS

Saturday	October 18	4:00PM	B. Banko
Sunday	October 19	8:30AM	A. and A. Weiman
	October 19	11:30AM	A. Boelhower F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	October 19	10:00AM	E. Bonus
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Counting Team—October 20

L. Casey, A. Fowler, P. Russo



**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.