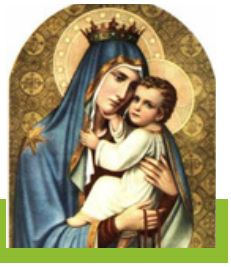


# THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

**THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



**OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## OUR PARISH CONTACTS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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



## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21


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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 Pad ua 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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday - October 17** ***Saint Ignatius of Antioch***

8:30am | †Rey Pasigna - Living Intention - (OLMC)
by Ray and Cherri Gumapac

4:00pm | †Steve Drakoulis
by wife, Linda and children

**Sunday - October 18** ***World Mission Sunday***

8:30am | †Annie Smith
by Patsy, Nina, and Marie DeLauro

10:00am | †People of the Parish family - (OLMC)

11:30am | †Jack Krapf
by wife, Amy Kraph

**Monday - October 19** ***Saint John de Brebeuf Saint Isaac Jogues***

8:30am | †Deceased members of the Nicolich Family
by Judi Nicolich

**Tuesday - October 20** ***Saint Paul of the Cross***

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

**Wednesday - October 21**

7:30am | †Debbie Grispart
by her husband, Gerry

**Thursday - October 22** ***Saint John Paul II, Pope***

7:30am | †Respect for Life at all Stages

**Friday - October23** ***Saint John of Capistrano***

7:30am | †Christopher Bober
by Lewis and Carol Huber

**Saturday - October 24** ***Saint Anthony Mary Claret***

8:30am | †Bert Carriedo (OLMC Mass)
by Ray and Cherrie Gumapac

4:00pm | †Michele Viscaro Celenza
20th anniversary with the Lord
by her dear friends, Holly and Debbie

**Sunday - October 25**

8:30am | †People of the Parish family

10:00am | †Aida Rabago (OLMC Mass)

11:30am | †Joseph Baumlin
by his family



## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**ISunday**
Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

**Monday**
Ephesians 2:1-10
Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Luke 12:13-21

**Tuesday**
Ephesians 2:12-22
Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 12:35-38

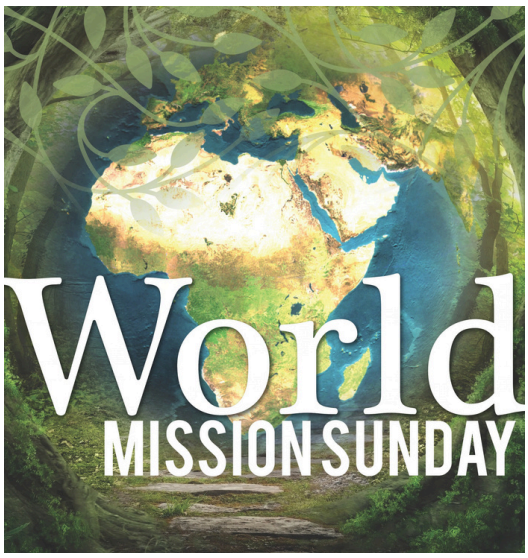
**Wednesday**
Ephesians 3:2-12
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Luke 12:39-48

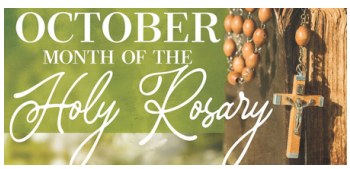
**Thursday**
Ephesians 3:14-21
Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Luke 12:49-53

**Friday**
Ephesians 4:1-6
Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 12:54-59

**Saturday**
Ephesians 4:7-16
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Luke13:1-9

**Next Sunday**
Exodus 22:20-26
Psalms 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40





## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

### THE JOY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Sunday was truly a major highlight of my ministry here in our parish family. We often speak about the love and unity that belong to the Church as the Body of Christ. **Our Annual Fall Festival is always a wonderful occasion to gather as God's holy people.** I am immensely grateful to almighty God for giving us this opportunity to be together—to share our faith in Him, our hope in His promises, and His love with one another. **I am also grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for granting me the privilege and joy of sharing in His eternal priesthood these past ten years.** Unworthy though I am, God called me to serve Him; I said yes; He led me through a long journey of formation; the Church confirmed this call with sacred ordination; and today I am here serving you all.

The entire day was a living witness to the words of **Psalm 133:1: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity."** The warmth and generosity that flowed through us, made the celebration a moment of grace that I will always cherish. The conversations, the sharing of food, the children's activities, and the relaxed atmosphere were truly edifying. The beautiful raffle baskets also gave us an opportunity for fun and friendly competition. **As we continue to emphasize the importance of faithful attendance at Mass—where we worship our almighty God and Father and receive nourishment from Him—it is also important that we have moments to share our love and fellowship with one another.**

Thank you to all who donated food items so abundantly, ensuring that every table reflected the hospitality and cultural heritage present in our parish family. My heartfelt thanks also go to everyone who helped to plan, prepare, decorate, organize, and coordinate the many moving parts of the festival. Your dedication—visible in every detail, every act of service, and every moment of joyful collaboration—made the event not only successful but deeply meaningful. **A special "shout out" to the young families who added so much vitality to our celebration. Your love and energy are a blessing for our parish.** Seeing the children running around and enjoying themselves brings so much joy to our community.

To those who worked behind the scenes, our wonderful parish volunteers, our dedicated parish staff, and our faithful parishioners who helped to set up the hall, decorate, welcome guests, serve food, offer entertainment, and ensure that our families felt at home, please know how profoundly grateful I am. My sincere gratitude also goes to all who stayed afterward to clean up and rearrange the hall. May almighty God, who sees every act of kindness, reward you all abundantly.

The Fall Festival was not simply another celebration; it was a testament to the love we share as a parish family and to the faith that binds us together. I felt so much love as you all shared the joy of my priestly ordination anniversary. You reminded me once again how privileged I am to serve as your parish priest. **My brother, Fr. Emmanuel Offiong, was truly edified, and he asked me to thank you all for "taking care of his younger brother."**

Let us continue our journey of faith and work always to strengthen the kingdom of God in our parish and our community, through our faithful worship, generosity and fellowship with each other.














# Celebrating the 2026 Fall Festival and Father Cyril's 10th Anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination





















## VOTIVE CANDLES

BURN CONSTANTLY AS A FORM OF PRAYER AND ADORATION. THE CANDLES BURNING THIS WEEK ARE DEDICATED ...

*GOOD SHEPHERD*

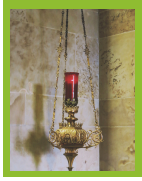
In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur
and John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

*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 my husband, Richie
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne



## *All Soul's Day*

Monday,November 2
Mass is at 6:30pm
If you would like to have a rememberance poster for a deceased family member displayed during the month of November, visit the parish office for the poster during office hours.

## PRAY FOR PRIESTS



**OCTOBER 18** All Priests

**OCTOBER 19** Reverend Roberto Coruna
Monsignor Edward Puleo

**OCTOBER 20** Reverend Matthew Marinelli
Reverend Nicolas Norena

**OCTOBER 21** Reverend Thimothy A. Christy, VG
Monsignor James Moran

**OCTOBER 22** Reverend James Kyrpczak
Reverend Francis Hilton, SJ

**OCTOBER 23** Reverend Vicente Montiel, CMF
ReverendAndrzej Kielkowski, SDS

**OCTOBER 24** Reverend Dawid Malik
Reverend Kenneth Brighenti



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

***"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's". Matthew 22:21***

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Due to Monday's holiday,
donations will be posted in an upcoming bulletin

## 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!

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## *Congratulations*

**Jessica Boelhower and Amy Kraph**
**for receiving the Woodbridge Township Mayor's Volunteer Award for being an outstanding members of the community!**



# MINISTRY UPDATES



## FAITH FORMATION

**G.I.F.T. AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

**G.I.F.T**
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 4:00PM AND SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 AT 8:30AM AND 11:30AM**
**(G.I.F.T. FAMILY MASS)**
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**LEVEL ONE AND LEVEL TWO CONFIRMATION**
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 6:30PM**
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**LEVEL ONE FIRST PENANCE**
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM**
**(TOUR OF CHURCH - PARENT AND STUDENT)**
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**LEVEL ONE RITE OF COMMITMENT MASS**
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 AT 4:00PM**
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**LEVEL TWO FIRST COMMUNION**
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 6:20PM**



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** **4:00PM**
M. Balint, A. and F. Fowler

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **8:30AM**
A. and D. Anderson, D. Mazzarella

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **11:30AM**
L. Palasits, B. McCauley, B. Sorbanelli



## READERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24** **4:00PM**
G.I.F.T. Mass

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **8:30AM**
G.I.F.T. Mass

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25-OLMC 10:00AM**
V. Ruskai

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **11:30AM**
G.I.F.T. Mass



## ALTAR SERVERS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **8:30AM**
C., C., and C. Onukwugha

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25** **11:30AM**
A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese



## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION**
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**In preparation for next month's Thanksgiving Food Distribution, the following seasonal items are suggested donations:**

- Cake mix and cake icing
- Canned or packaged Sweet or White Potatoes
- Canned carrots, corn, mixed vegetables,peas, string beans
- Canned pumpkin
- Corn muffin mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Jello or pudding boxes
- Turkey gravy



**ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:**

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| Canned Fruit | Pork & Beans | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Meats | Rice | Pork & Beans |
| Canned Tuna | Tomato Sauce | Rice |
| Cereal | Pancake Mix | Tomato Sauce |
| Jelly | Pancake Syrup | |

- 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 732-634-1403or 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, 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 Vyszwany, 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***

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2**

**Monday - October 19**

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| 12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall |
| 6:30pm | Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation | Father Milos Hall |

**Tuesday - October 20**

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

**Wednesday - October 21**

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| 10:00am | Food Pantry Sorting | Father Milos Hall |
| 7:30pm | Knights of Columbus | Father Milos Hall |

**Thursday - October 22**

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

**Saturday - October 24 and Sunday-October 25**

G.I.F.T. Commitment Masses

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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 OCTOBER 13, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:**

| | | | |
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| Saturday | November | 21 | 8:30am (OLMC) |
| Friday | November | 27 | 8:30am |
| Friday | December | 11 | 7:30am |
| 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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The **2027 Mass Book**
will be available beginning on
**Saturday, November 14**
**at Our Lady of Mount Carmel**
**from 9:00am - 10:00am**
**at Saint Anthony of Padua**
**from 10:00am - 12:00pm**

To accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we ask that you observe the following guidelines:

1. Each family will be limited to three (3) Masses - two (2) Saturday or Sunday Masses and (1) weekday Mass.
2. Masses may be requested for the living or the deceased.
3. Donation for each Mass is $10.00. All checks should be made payable to Saint Anthony's Church.
4. If you are making intentions for "Mr. and Mrs." have their first names available so the celebrant can mention them by their first names during Mass.
5. If you do not have the opportunity to come during the above mention dates and times, the parish office will continue to record 2027 Mass intentions during office hours.
6. Beginning **Monday, December 7**, you may reserve additional Masses (one for Saturday or Sunday, and one for a weekday).Thank you for your cooperation.