



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

is the day that the worldwide
Catholic Church renews its
commitment to the
missionary movement.



LIVESTREAM EVENTS from SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Weekend Mass Sunday: 11:30AM

Daily Mass

Monday through Friday: 7:30AM

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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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE DIVINE MOTHERHOOD OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are continuing our reflection on the Four Marian Dogmas. Let us remember that the Four Marian Dogmas 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. Last week, we reflected on the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the revealed truth that in view of God's plan to take on human flesh and dwell among us as a human being, God prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary and freed her, from the moment of her conception, from the stain of original sin, so that she might be the pure, holy, and acceptable vessel to carry the Son of God in her womb. This week, I am reflecting on the Dogma of the Divine Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Many Catholics would be familiar with the Council of Nicaea of 325AD, from where we received the Nicene Creed which we profess on Sundays and Solemnities. This council settled the controversy about the true nature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Council affirmed the truth that our Lord Jesus is truly God and truly Man. However, most of us may not be familiar with another important council in the life of the Church. In the year 431AD, the Church, gathered in council, in the city of Ephesus, in modern day Greece, solemnly defined the Dogma of the Divine Motherhood of Mary. This dogma teaches that our Blessed Mother Mary is to be rightly called the Mother of God. The Greek word used at this council is "**Theotokos**", which can literally be translated as the "God-bearer". Just like in our contemporary society, so also at this time, many people opposed this teaching because, as they claim, it makes Mary superior to God. Famous among those who rejected this title of our Blessed Mother was a Bishop named Nestorius. He insisted that Mary, as human being, could give birth only to a human being, and not to God. He taught that Mary should be called "**Christotokos**" meaning "Christ-bearer". The Church rejected this idea and held on to the title Mother of God.

By affirming that Mary is the Mother of God, the church recognizes the full divinity of our Lord Jesus from the moment of His conception. To call Mary Mother of God, we declare the fact that the baby conceived in and born of the womb of the Virgin Mary was and is God. Our Lord Jesus did not become God after He was born of the womb of Mary. **He is God before and after the Incarnation (God taking human flesh) and the Nativity (God being born of Mary's womb).** After celebrating the mystery of the nativity of our Lord on Christmas Day, on January 1, eight days later, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. This dogma is not about the divinity of Mary, nor does it diminish the truth of Christ. Rather, it is an invitation to contemplate the unique and profound relationship between Mary and God, as well as her pivotal role in the mystery of salvation. This title honors not only the dignity of Mary but also emphasizes the intimate union between the human and divine in the person of Christ. As believers, we are encouraged to approach Mary with reverence, acknowledging her special vocation as the chosen vessel through whom God entered the world in human form.

Reflecting on this dogma helps us to deepen our appreciation for the Incarnation, reminding us that God's love for humanity is so great that He chose to be born of a woman, embracing our human experience. **In Mary's "yes" to God, we see a model of faith and trust, inspiring us to respond generously to God's call in our own lives.** We profess this truth at Mass on Sundays and Solemnities. Having professed our Lord Jesus to be God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten not Made, Consubstantial (of one substance) with the Father, we then profess that this same God-Jesus Christ was incarnate of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the dogma of Divine Motherhood becomes an integral part of the Christological dogma.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

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

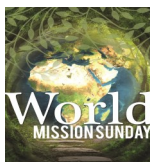


at Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Morning Prayer - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

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

Sunday October 19
8:30AM Diana Quaglia
Requested by Douglas and Angela Anderson



11:30AM People of the parish family

Monday October 20 *Saint Paul of the Cross*
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello
Requested by her loving husband, Sal

Tuesday October 21
7:30AM Jack Krapf
Requested by his loving wife, Amy

Wednesday October 22 *Saint John Paul II*
7:30AM Respect for Life



CONFIRMATION

5:00PM Confirmation Class

Thursday October 23 *Saint John of Capistrano*
7:30AM Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving sister, Rosemarie and brother-in-law Ray

Friday October 24 *Saint Anthony Mary Claret*
7:30AM Eileen, George T. Miller, Sr.
Requested by son, George T. Miller, Jr.

Saturday October 25
4:00PM Monsignor Edward Puleo
Requested by Judy Mulvaney

Sunday October 26
8:30AM People of the parish family
11:30AM Vincent R. Martino
Requested by his loving wife, Rose

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

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

Saturday October 25 *Saint*
8:30AM Maria Szabo
Requested by Magda Herczeg and daughter, Maggie

Sunday October 26
10:00AM Aida Rabago
Requested by her loving husband, Victor Rabago

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Congratulations

**Father Cyril on your First Anniversary
at Saint Anthony of Padua and
Our Lady of Mount Carmel!**



This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Romans 4:20-25
(Psalms) Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Psalms 40:7-10, 17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18
Psalms 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Romans 6:19-23
Psalms 1:1-4, 6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Romans 7:18-25a
Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
Luke 12:54-59



Saturday: Romans 8:1-11
Psalms 24:1b-4b, 5-6
Luke 13:1-9

Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



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*

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

Rosary Rally participants Saturday, October 11



Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, October 12, 2025

In-person donations.....\$3,544.00

On-line donations.....\$1,103.00

Total.....\$4,647.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

PROPERTY & LIABILITY \$1,370.00

MAINTENANCE \$1,616.00

NATIONAL SHRINE \$1,354.00

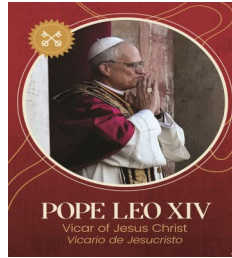
Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..."

2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!



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 20	Reverend Karolus Bale Reverend John Pringle	
October 21	Reverend Ignatius Okoroji Reverend Edgar Madarang	
October 22	Reverend Stanislaw Slaby Reverend Michael J. Bihuniak	
October 23	Reverend Larrydom Magdasoc Reverend Nalaka Silva	
October 24	Reverend Kenneth Kolibas Monsignor Daniel Herlihy	
October 25	Reverend Thomas Aenekatt Reverend John Kattattu Chacko	
October 26	Monsignor Raymond Cole Reverend Gustavo Rodriguez-Perez	



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 Vyszwany, 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!



FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Monday, October 20 at 6:30pm

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation

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G.I.F.T. MASS WEEKEND

Saturday, October 25 at 4:00pm

(with Level 1 Confirmation Rite of Commitment)

Sunday, October 26 at 8:30am and 11:30am

***Families will check in at registration table

***Fill out your family prayer intention for Mass

***Families are encouraged to participate in the Mass

by reading, being an usher, banner bearer

or gift bearer.

Please email Holly at hols019@yahoo.com if you

can participate by Monday, October 20.

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Monday, October 27 at 6:20pm

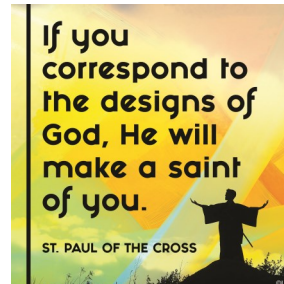
Level 1 First Reconciliation

Student and Parent Tour of Church

Level 2 First Communion

Did you know the feast days for this week?

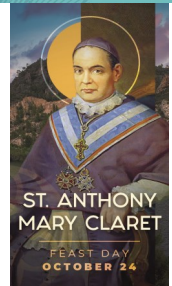
October 20



October 22



October 23



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

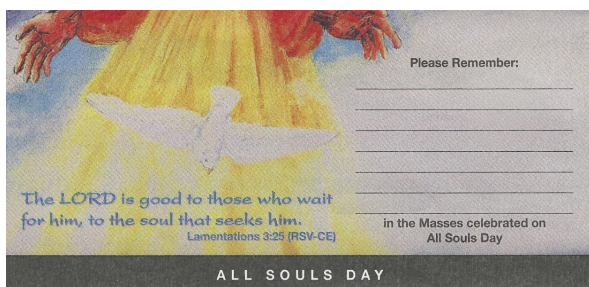
and

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.

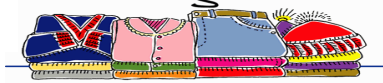
We hope you can join us on the Feast of All Souls!
Be assured of our continued prayers and love!

Please remember to return your All Souls' Day envelope to the parish office along with the names of your departed loved ones by Thursday, October 30, so that the names will be prepared for Mass offerings throughout the Month of November.



FALL

Clothing Drive



If you have any 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.

Items are due back on or before
Monday, October 27, 2025.

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
(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



**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

- 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: 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 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



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 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

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

Wednesday, October 22

Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
Confirmation Mass 5:00PM **Church**

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24

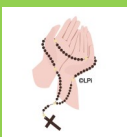
Mass 7:30AM **Church**

Saturday, October 25 **Clothing Drive due back 10/27**

Confession 3:00PM **Church**
G.I.F.T. Mass / Rite Commitment Level 1 Confirmation
 4:00PM **Church**
 NA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, October 26 **Clothing Drive due back 10/27**

G.I.F.T. Mass 8:30AM **Church**
G.I.F.T. Mass 11:30AM **Church**



The Rosary will be prayed on
 Friday, October 31 at 8:00AM
 All are welcome!



Our weekly fundraiser is in need of VOLUNTEERS on Mondays. If you are interested in helping with this exciting activity, contact the parish office for more information.

LIKE TO SING?? WANT TO SING??

Saint Anthony's Choirs need singers!

CHILDREN: Tuesdays at 4:30PM
 Contact: Sue Arva 732-406-9170

ADULT: Tuesdays at 6:30PM
 Contact: Kathie Rusyn 732-881-1310
 ALL are WELCOME!!!

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, October 20

NA 11:00AM Basement

Tuesday, October 21

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, October 22

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, October 23

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, October 24

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

Mass 10:00AM **Church**

Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday October 25 4:00PM
 J. Barcellona, D. Mazzarella, J. Mulvaney

Sunday October 26 8:30AM
 S. Gadowski, G. Grispart, M. Martino

October 26 11:30AM
 B. Cuzzo, B. McCauley, B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday October 25 4:00PM C. Mazzarella

Sunday October 26 8:30AM Family Mass

October 26 11:30AM Family Mass

SERVERS

Sunday October 26 8:30AM
 C. and C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez

October 26 11:30AM
 A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday October 26 10:00AM G. Clarke

Counting Team—October 27

S. and E. Gurney



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.