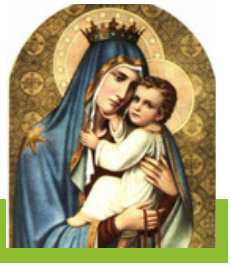


THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



OCTOBER 25, 2026 | 30TH 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



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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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 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

Monday - October 26

7:30am | †Soledad G. Olaso
by Alexa Mojica and Dallin Eggert

Tuesday - October 27

7:30am | †Charles Ballance
Happy anniversary in Heaven
by his loving wife, Joan

Wednesday - October 28 ***Saint Simon, Saint Jude***

7:30am | †Dominick Valenzano
Happy 80th birthday in Heaven
by his loving wife, Margie and sons,
Dom, Jr. and Tracy and Tommy and Carrie

Thursday - October 29

7:30am | †Janice Ciardiello
by her loving husband, Sal

Friday - October 30

7:30am | †Alice Capelli
by Francis and Virginia Clarke

Saturday - October 31

8:30am | † -Theresa Seibert - (OLMC Mass)
by Jonathan and Maria Dizon

4:00pm | †Thomas Stuppiello
by the Shanley family

Sunday - November 1 ***All Saints Day***

8:30am | †Richie Simeone
by his loving wife, Adrienne

10:00am | †The Canada and Gumapac families - (OLMC Mass)
by Cherrie and Ray Gumapac

11:30am | †Roberta Stentella - 3rd anniversary
by her loving family



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday
Ephesians 4:32-5:8
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke13:10-17

Tuesday
Ephesians 5:21-33
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5
Luke13:18-21

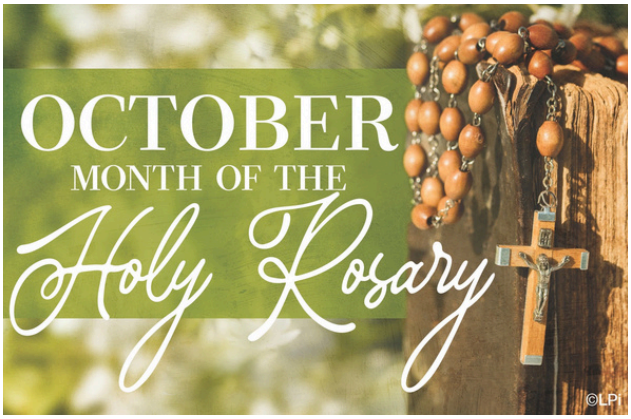
Wednesday
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalms 19:2-3, 4, 5
Luke 6:12-16

Thursday
Ephesians 6:10-20
Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10
Luke 13:31-35

Friday
Philippians 1:1-11
Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday
Philippians 1:18b-26
Psalms 42:2, 3, 5cdef
Luke 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a



Pray the Rosary
Friday, October 30, at
8:00am in the Chapel
All are welcome!





FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

POPE LEO XIV, HEALTH SCARES, AND THE POWER OF PRAYER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Two Sundays ago, Pope Leo XIV announced that he would undergo surgery to remove a small, early-stage lung nodule. Following the procedure, which went well, the pope was also diagnosed with lung cancer. **His openness in sharing his condition and requesting the prayers of the faithful touched many people and stands as a powerful witness to his humility and faith during this time of uncertainty.** I am confident that countless people stormed the gates of heaven on his behalf.

I admired the pope's transparency. Our modern world often hides weakness and vulnerability. Pope Leo reminds us that **illness is not a sign of weakness or failure**. Rather, it is part of the human condition that touches every person, regardless of status, age, or position. Even the Successor of St. Peter must walk the path of suffering, dependence, and trust in God.

Many families in our parish can relate to the pope's experience. We all know someone facing cancer, chronic illness, surgery, or a serious medical diagnosis. Some are caring for aging parents. Others are accompanying loved ones through difficult treatments. Still others carry burdens that few see: anxiety over test results, financial strain, exhaustion from caregiving, or grief brought on by a long illness. In these moments, we need the comfort and support of our Christian community and its prayers.

Recently, an emotional father shared his health condition with me and asked for my prayers. Through tears, he said, "Father, I want to be there for my little girl as she grows up." Those words pierced my heart. **He seemed less worried about himself and more concerned about being present for his child.** This father reminded me of Pope Leo. Like the Holy Father, he was not afraid to be vulnerable and to seek the prayerful support of others.

Behind every medical report is a human person created in the image and likeness of God. The Church teaches that suffering should never be faced alone. Our Lord Jesus showed compassion to the sick. He touched lepers, restored sight to the blind, and comforted the afflicted. He calls His disciples to do the same.

Compassion is more than sympathy. Derived from the Latin words cum ("with") and pati ("to suffer"), it literally means "to suffer with." We accompany those who hurt not merely with words, but with our presence, our prayers, and our love.

Those who are suffering can also allow their circumstances to become a powerful witness of faith. Sharing our difficulties with others, as the pope did, and requesting prayers allows others to turn to God on our behalf. Our perseverance amid trials can inspire others to trust more deeply in the goodness and providence of God.

I pray that Pope Leo's example will inspire us not to carry our burdens alone. When we are faced with difficult diagnoses and grim prognoses, may we never lose sight of the power of prayer.

Today, we pray not only for Pope Leo XIV, but also for all those living with serious health conditions, their families, and their caregivers. United in prayer, we entrust all our sick relatives and friends to the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. **May those who suffer find hope, consolation, strength, and renewed trust through the compassion and prayers of the Christian community.**



VOTIVE CANDLES

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

GOOD SHEPHERD

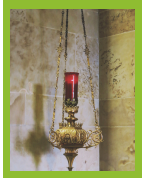
In loving memory of Gordon and Ann Ur
and John Patrick and Owen
Requested by their loving family

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



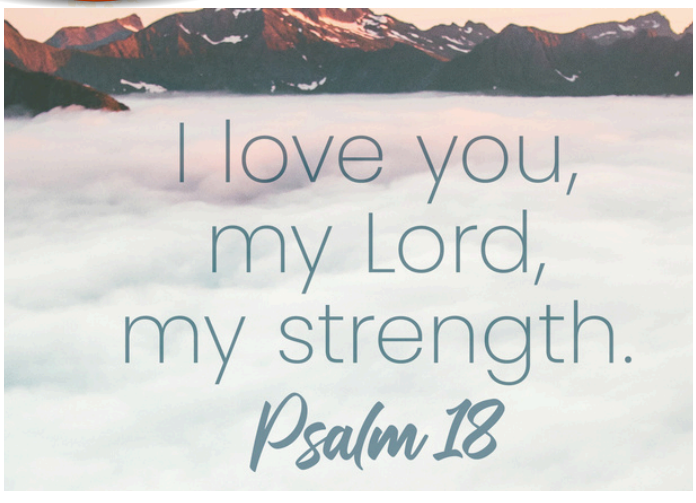
TABERNACLE

In loving memory of my wife,
Janice Ciardiello
Requested by her loving husband, Sal



All Soul's Day

Monday, November 2
Mass is at 6:30pm
If you would like to have a remembrance poster for a deceased family member displayed during the month of November, visit the parish office to pick-up a poster and return it by Monday, October 26



PRAY FOR PRIESTS



OCTOBER 25	Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski
OCTOBER 26	Reverend J. Philip Vadakkekara Reverend Alexander Carles
OCTOBER 27	Reverend Peter Tan ReverendGustavo Rodriguez-Perez
OCTOBER 28	Reverend Roy Quesea Reverend Leopoldo Salvania
OCTOBER 29	Monsignor John Gordon Reverend Krystain Burdzy
OCTOBER 30	Reverend Edward Czarcinski Reverend Slawomir Romanoski, CSsR
OCTOBER 31	Reverend Eugeniusz Fasuga, CSsR Monsignor Joseph Curry



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Matthew 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 2026

In-person donations	$3,053.00
On-line donations	$1,280.00
Weekly Total	***$4,333.00***

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2026

In-person donations	$4,283.00
On-line donations	$1,260.00
Weekly Total	***$5,543.00***

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!

MINISTRY UPDATES

FAITH FORMATION

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

G.I.F.T

WEDNESDAY, MOVEMBER, 11 AT 6:00PM
BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE FOOD PANTRY

G.I.F.T. MASS WEEKEND
NOVEMBER 28 AT 4:00PM AND SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 8:30AM AND 11:30AM

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LEVEL ONE FIRST PENANCE AND LEVEL TWO COMMUNION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AND 23 AT 6:20PM
IN FATHER MILOS HALL

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LEVEL ONE AND TWO CONFIRMATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AND 30
AT 6:20PM IN FATHER MILOS HALL

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 **4:00PM**
A. And F. Fowler, R. Masters

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **8:30AM**
S. Gadomski, C. and E. Weiman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **11:30AM**
M. Amuzie, B. McCualey, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 **4:00PM**
J. Schultz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **8:30AM**
G. Clarke

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1-OLMC 10:00AM
M. Poos

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **11:30AM**
C. Amuzie



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **8:30AM**
A. Weiman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 **11:30AM**
A. Boelhower



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 7 AND 8

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
- Stuffing
- Turkey gravy



ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

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

SAVE THE DATE

Breakfast with Santa in Father Milos Hall December 12th, 2026



Father William J. Smith, our former pastor cordially invites parishioners to join him for Mass as he celebrates the 45th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination at his home parish Immaculate Conception Church 15 South Street, Spotswood, NJ on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 5 o'clock pm



THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2

Monday - October 26

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

Tuesday - October 27

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

Wednesday - October 28 **Clothing Drive Ends**

Thursday - October 29

8:00am | Clothing Drive pick-up
2:30pm - 6:00pm | Eucharist Adoration | Chapel
3:00pm | Chaplet/Rosary | Chapel

Friday - October 30

8:00am | Rosary | Chapel

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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 ends:

Wednesday, October 28

Volunteers are welcomed to help load the truck at 8:00am on Thursday, October 29.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

2026 MASS BOOK

AS OF OCTOBER 20, THE FOLLOWING DAYS ARE OPEN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST A MASS INTENTION:

Wednesday	December	30	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.

