



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."
- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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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	

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

THE BLESSED EVER-VIRGIN MARY

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our reflection on the Four Marian Dogmas, we have reflected on the Immaculate Conception of Mary and her Divine Motherhood. This week, we are reflecting on the dogma of the Perpetual Virginity of our Blessed Mother. Let us remember that **Every teaching and title that the Church gives of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is always meant to teach us something about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

In our devotion, we address our Blessed Mother as the ever-virgin Mary. We say this out of devotion and love for her. But we never think of it as dogma. The expression “perpetual virginity,” “ever- virgin,” or simply “the Virgin Mary” points to the Church’s teaching that Mary conceived our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and after giving birth to Him, she remained a virgin. All these different expressions are meant to uphold the divine origin of our Lord Jesus and to speak of the pure vessel, who alone could be worthy to bear the divine person in her womb. Although this teaching has been in the church since its earliest days, the Church formally and officially declared Mary’s Perpetual Virginity to be a dogma at the Fifth Ecumenical Council in Constantinople in 553 A.D.

While some people may easily accept Mary’s virginal conception and birth of our Lord Jesus, many of our separated brothers and sisters reject the idea that she remained a virgin. They point to passages in scripture that speak of the “brothers and sisters” of Jesus. The Church maintains that our Lord Jesus Christ was Mary’s only child. The “brothers and sisters” of Jesus mentioned in scripture are merely close relatives. This might sound strange to many western (that is Eurocentric) cultures. But Jewish culture as well as other middle eastern, African, and Asian cultures often refer to cousins, extended family members, fellow towns people, or people of the same clan as brothers and sisters. One particular instance is of the apostle who is often called James the younger (distinct from James the brother of John) who is called the “brother of the Lord.” Tradition holds that he is the son of Alpheus and a cousin of our Lord Jesus. Let us also consider what we read in the Gospel of Saint John chapter 19 verses 25 – 27. While our Lord Jesus hung upon the Cross, Mary His mother stood there with John the beloved disciple. Seeing them, our Lord Jesus said to Mary His mother, “**behold your son**” and to the disciple, “**behold your mother.**” The scripture adds that “**and from that hour, the disciple took her into his home.**” If Mary had other children, why would our Lord Jesus give His mother to the Apostle John? It is precisely because she had no other child that He made provision for the care of His ever-virgin Mother. More than this, our Lord Jesus was giving Mary to the whole Church to be our Mother.

The Dogma of the Perpetual Virginity, flowing from Mary’s Immaculate Conception and her Divine Motherhood, emphasizes the Divine Nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. Since Mary conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and without the normal human reproductive process, her virginity remained intact. The virgin birth and Mary’s perpetual virginity are signs of Mary’s consecration to God, single-minded service to Him, and total abandonment to God’s will. Through the centuries, the Church has defended this teaching in the face of opposition. Mary’s perpetual virginity matters because she was given to all of us as our spiritual mother, and a symbol of the Church. All Christians would do well to turn to Our Lady and see in her perpetual virginity a sign of God’s providence.

**Mary, ever-virgin, our Lady Queen of the universe, pray for our salvation and peace,
for you are the Mother of Christ, the Lord and Savior.**

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 4:00PM	October 25 Monsignor Edward Puleo Requested by Judy Mulvaney
Sunday 8:30AM	October 26 People of the parish family
11:30AM	Vincent R. Martino Requested by his loving wife, Rose
Monday 7:30AM	October 27 Charles Ballance (23 rd anniversary in Heaven) Requested by his loving wife, Joan and family
Tuesday 7:30AM	October 28 <i>Saint Simon, Saint Jude</i> Dominick Valenzano (on his first birthday in Heaven) Requested by his loving wife, Marge; son, Dom, Jr. and Tracy; son, Tommy and Carrie
Wednesday 7:30AM	October 29 Richie Simeone Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne
Thursday 7:30AM	October 30 Deborah Grispart Requested by her loving husband, Gerry
Friday 7:30AM	October 31 Patricia Borischak Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family
Saturday 4:00PM	November 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> Laura Blodgett Requested by Mike Martino
Saturday 8:30AM	November 2 <i>All Souls' Day</i> All Souls' Day
11:30AM	All Souls' Day Commemoration Mass



If you requested a Mass to be celebrated, then you may present the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ during that particular Mass celebration. If you would like to fulfill this responsibility, inform one of the Ministers of Hospitality (ushers) before Mass.

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

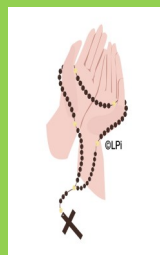
Saturday 8:30AM	October 25 Maria Szabo Requested by Magda Herczeg and daughter, Maggie
Sunday 10:00AM	October 26 Aida Rabago Requested by her loving husband, Victor Rabago
Saturday 8:30AM	November 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> Deceased members of the former Altar Rosary Society
Sunday 10:00AM	November 2 <i>All Souls' Day</i> All Souls' Day Commemoration Mass

October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anthony of Padua Altar flowers



God Bless our Confirmandi
upon receiving the
Sacrament of Confirmation
on Wednesday, October 22, 2025



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

This Week's Scripture Readings

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	Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30 Psalms 13:4-6 Luke 13:22-30	Saturday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 Psalms 24:1b-4ab, 5-6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12a
Monday: Romans 8:12-17 Psalms 68:2, 4, 6-7b, 20-21 Luke 13:10-17	Thursday: Romans 8:31b-39 Psalms 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Luke 13:31-35	Sunday: Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalms 23:1-6 Romans 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 John 6:37-40
Tuesday: Ephesians 2:19-22 Psalms 19:2-5 Luke 6:12-16	Friday: Romans 9:1-5 Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20 Luke 14:1-6	





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 my wife, Geraldine Nobes
 Requested by her loving husband, Bob

In loving memory of my daughter and sister,
 Roberta Nobes Finch
 Requested by her loving father, Bob and sister, Nancy

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

MEMORIAL WALL

In loving memory of my husband, George Marrone
 On his second anniversary in Heaven
 Requested by his loving wife, MaryAnn

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, October 19, 2025

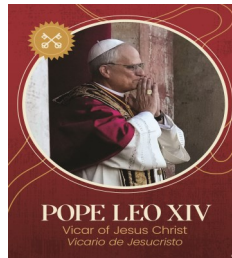
In-person donations.....\$3,430.00
 On-line donations.....\$1,100.50
 Total.....\$4,530.50

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
 and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14*

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.



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 27	Reverend Gerardo Paderon Reverend Alphonsus Kariuki	
October 28	Reverend Jerome Johnson Reverend Bebe Kim	
October 29	Reverend Mauricio Tabera-Vasquez Reverend James Tucker	
October 30	Reverend Gregory Zannetti Reverend Glenn Comandini	
October 31	Reverend Peter Ssekajugo Reverend Leo Bagenda	
November 1	Our Holy Father	
November 2	Bishop James Checchio	



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, James G. Lockheed,
 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!

All Soul's Day Commemoration Mass

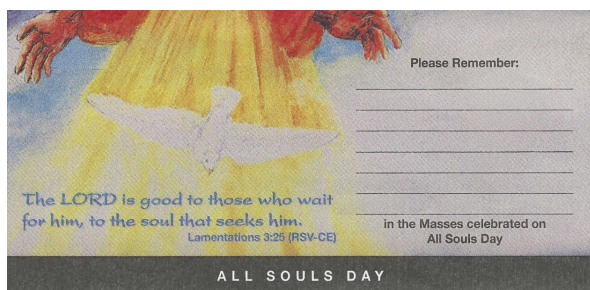
Sunday, November 2, is the Feast of All Souls. The Church traditionally sets this day aside to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed that they may experience the fullness of God. This Mass will celebrate those people buried from:

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)
- * 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.



St. Helena School Fall Bazaar
Date: Saturday, November 1

Time: 9am to 3pm
Location: 930 Grove Ave., Edison, NJ

Free parking, Free Admission, Indoors
Handmade crafts and gifts
Holiday and home décor
50/50
Face painting and tattoos

Breakfast and Lunch seating

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 are on sale in the parish office

436 Port Reading Ave Port Reading, NJ 07064

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Gambling Problem Call 1-800-GAMBLER

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 13

WHAT TIME ? 9:30 - 12noon

Keep watching the bulletin for more information!

There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday,
November 5 at 6:00pm in Father Milos Hall
for those who would like to assist with
Breakfast with Santa!

If you have any questions, please email Julianna
Baszak at barcellonaj1@gmail.com.

FALL **Clothing Drive**

Tomorrow, October 27 is the last day to
drop-off clothing. Thank you to all who
contributed to this fundraiser.

You're invited to a Mass of
**FAREWELL FOR BISHOP
JAMES F. CHECCHIO**

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi

548 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ



The Vocationists Annual Dinner Dance

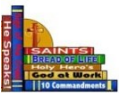
Saturday, November 8, from 6pm-11pm

At the Birchwood Manor, Whippany, NJ

Cost is \$100 per ticket

Transportation is available.

Call the parish office at 732-634-1403
for more information



**FAITH FORMATION
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

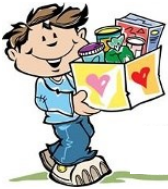
Monday, October 27 at 6:20pm

Level 1 Penance

Parent and Student Tour of Church

Level 2 First Communion

Regular Session



The next Food Pantry Collection is November 1 and 2

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.

On Wednesday, October 15 - 28 families (serving 71 people) were assisted with food items.

Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.

2026 - Mass Book

**For Saint Anthony Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
Saturday, November 15 from 10:00am to 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 one (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 the Mass.
5. If you do not have the opportunity to come during the above mentioned date and time, the parish office will continue to record 2026 Mass intentions during office hours.
6. Beginning Monday, December 1, you may reserve additional Masses (one for Saturday or Sunday, and one for a weekday).

Thank you for your cooperation.

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, October 27

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (doors open at 10:00AM)
Level 1 First Penance - Parent/Student Church Tour	6:20PM	Church
Level 2 First Communion - regular session	6:20PM	Church

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

Mass	7:30AM	Church
Rosary	8:00AM	Church

Saturday, November 1

Confession	3:00PM	Church
Mass	4:00PM	Church
NA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

Sunday, November 2

Mass	8:30AM	Church
All Souls' Day Commemorative Mass	11:30AM	Church



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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, October 27

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, October 28

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, October 29

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, October 30

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, October 31

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, November 1

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

Sunday, November 2

All Souls' Day Commemorative Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	November 1	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler, M. Balint
Sunday	November 2	8:30AM	A. and D. Anderson, D. Mazzarella
	November 2	11:30AM	G. Clarke, H. Pagliuca, C. Weiman

READERS

Saturday	November 1	4:00PM	T. Casey
Sunday	November 2	8:30AM	C. Mazzarella
	November 2	11:30AM	M. Trebour

SERVERS

Sunday	November 2	8:30AM	C. and C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez
	November 2	11:30AM	F. Calabrese, A. Weiman

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	November 2	10:00AM	M. Poos
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Counting Team—November 3
A. and F. Fowler

Daylight Savings time ends on
Sunday, November 2
Clocks will "fall back" one hour changing
from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m.