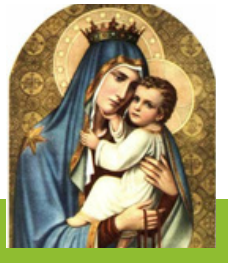


THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



NOVEMBER 1, 2026 | ALL SAINT'S DAY

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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



ALL SAINTS

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

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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 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***

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

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

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

Monday - November 2 ***The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed***

6:30pm | All Soul's Day†

Tuesday -November 3 ***Saint Martin de-Porres***

7:30am | †Thomas J. Farrell
by Frank and Ginny Clarke

Wednesday - November 4 ***Saint Charles Borromeo***

7:30am | †Purgatorial Mass Society

Thursday - November 5

7:30am | †Mary Zuccaro Russo
by daughter-in-law Pat Russo and family

Friday - November 6

7:30am | †Mike Amuzie - Living Mass Intention
by his loving family

Saturday -November 7

8:30am | † Deceased Members of the former Altar Rosary Society (OLMC Mass)

4:00pm | †William Smith
Happy Heavenly 100th birthday
by his loving daughters, Cheryl and Linda

Sunday - November 8 ***Steward Ship Sunday***

8:30am | †Father Bill Smith
45th Ordination anniversary
by Father Bill Smith

10:00am | †Irme Herczeg, Sr. (OLMC Mass)
by the Herczeg family

11:30am | †People of the parish family



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalms 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew5:1-12a

Monday
Wisdom 4:7-14
Psalms 25:6 and 7b, 17-18, 20-21
Romans 5:17-21
Matthew 11:25-30

Tuesday
Philippians 2:5-11
Psalms 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday
Philippians 2:12-18
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday
Philippians 3:3-8a
Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 15:1-10

Friday
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday
Philippians 4:10-19
Psalms 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9
Luke 16:9-15

Next Sunday
Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Matthew 25:1-13

This week's Altar flowers at Saint Anthony of Padua are dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed





FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

THE WAIT IS OVER

A NEW BISHOP AND THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This week I would like to reflect with you on two significant events in the life of our local Church and the universal Church.

On Thursday, October 22, the **Most Reverend Michael Saporito,** was installed as the **Sixth Bishop** of the Diocese of Metuchen. With his installation, he canonically took possession of the Diocese of Metuchen. Providentially, the installation was on the feast day of Pope Saint John Paul II, who erected the Diocese of Metuchen on November 19, 1981.

Bishop Saporito began his homily at the installation Mass saying, **"The wait is over."** He was referring to the fact that we had been waiting for a bishop for almost a year. Later on, he said "I am here to serve. Let us journey together to the Lord." As a local Church, we rejoice and thank God for the gift of our new shepherd. While the seat of the bishop was vacant, the life and mission of the Church continued under **Fr. Jonathan Toborowsky,** our own son from Port Reading, who served as Diocesan Administrator.

The bishop serves a unique role in the Church. As a successor of the Apostles, he is called to teach the faith, sanctify God's people through the sacraments, and govern the local Church. **He is the visible sign of unity who brings together the clergy, religious, and laity into communion with Christ and the universal Church.** His installation, therefore, is not merely ceremonial. It marks the beginning of his ministry as our spiritual father and chief shepherd. Let us pray that Almighty God will grant Bishop Saporito wisdom, humility, and fidelity as he shepherds God's flock.



As we enter the month of November, we reflect on an important teaching of our Catholic faith: **the Communion of the Saints.** The Church exists on three levels.

The Church Militant refers to all of us who are still journeying through this life, striving to follow Christ amid the challenges of life. St. Paul calls us soldiers in the battle, armed with righteousness, faith, and perseverance (cf. Ephesians 6:11-17).
The Church Suffering consists of the souls in Purgatory who died in God's friendship but still require purification from the effects of sin. Since nothing unclean can enter God's Kingdom (Revelation 21:27), God in His mercy provides this final purification before heaven. On November 2, the Church commemorates these souls, and we pray especially for those who have no one to remember them in prayer.
The Church Triumphant are the saints in heaven who were faithful to God on earth and, having **"washed their robes in the Blood of the Lamb"** (Revelation 7:14), now enjoy eternal life and share fully in God's glory. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

These three groups, though distinct, remain united in Christ and together form the one holy Church of God. We, the soldiers on earth, pray for the souls in Purgatory; the saints in heaven intercede for us; and together we worship the same Lord.

Our modern society often leaves many people feeling isolated and alone. The Communion of Saints reminds us that we belong to a family that extends beyond our parish, beyond our nation, and even beyond death itself. We are united in Christ, and our prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity truly matter.

Ultimately, we are all called to be saints. I have always loved the words of the French Catholic novelist Léon Bloy: "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." With our joys and sorrows, strengths and weaknesses, God continues to call us to holiness. When we fall into sin, we seek His mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, rise again through His grace, and continue our journey toward our heavenly homeland.

As we celebrate the arrival of our new bishop and honor all the saints and remember our beloved dead, may we renew our commitment to Christ and encourage one another on the path to holiness. Together, as one Church united in faith, hope, and love, let us journey toward the day when we too will share in the glory of the saints in heaven.



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

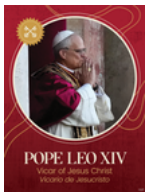
SANCTUARY LAMP



TABERNACLE

In loving memory of Richie Simeone
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

POPE'S INTENTION



"Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less".

Rest in Peace



Remember in your prayers the soul of:
Benjamin Patenia - October 15, 2026
Louise M. Hamilton - October 19, 2026

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the parishioners
who died a year ago in 2025:
Dorothy D. Zullo - November 30



Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	Requested by:
Lillian Sherrod	Angela Fowler and Oberhuber family
Austin Michael Buchanan	Titiali and Henry and family
Sissy Hamilton	Alice Scannell
Louise Hamilton	Carmen and Peggie Margiotto
Benjamin F. Patenia	The Parish family of St. Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Louise M. Hamilton	St. Anthont of Padua Parish family

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

NOVEMBER 1	Holy Father
NOVEMBER 2	Monsignor Raymond Cole Reverend Nalaka Silva
NOVEMBER 3	Monsignor Randall Vashon Reverend John Barbella
NOVEMBER 4	Reverend Joseph A. Krajewski Reverend Kenneth Kolibas
NOVEMBER 5	Reverend Yong Bum Lee Reverend Joseph Kabali
NOVEMBER 6	Reverend Jojappa Thippabathini Reverend Ariel Bautista, Jr.
NOVEMBER 7	Reverend John Alvarado Reverend William Smith



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exallted."
Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money, and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, an depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2026

In-person donations	$3,582.00
On-line donations	$1,693.00
Weekly Total	***$5,275.00***

October Special Collections	
Parish Debt Reduction	$1,585.00
All Soul's Novena	$2,147.00
World Mission Sunday	$1,155.00
Maintenance & Repair	$1,471.00

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you for supporting our parish.

MINISTRY UPDATES

FAITH FORMATION

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

G.I.F.T

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

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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



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. McCauley, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 4:00PM
J. Schultz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 8:30AM
C. Mazzarella

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11-OLMC 10:00AM
C. Torres

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
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 732-634-1403 or 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



Christmas Tree Reservation Form
Trees will be displayed in front of Saint Anthony of Padua Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Memorial for Deceased _____
Dedicated to Loved Ones Living _____
Family Christmas Greeting _____

Please have the plaque read as follows:

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Contact:
Name:_____
phone #:_____
email:_____

Cost: $150 per tree
Pay by cash or make checks payable to
St. Anthony of Padua Church
(in memo line WYD 2027)
Reservations due by Friday, November 27.

SAVE THE DATE

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



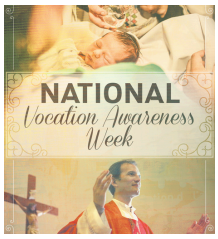




Father William J. Smith, our former pastor, cordially invites parishioners to join him for Mass as he celebrates the 45th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination at his home parish Immaculate Conception Church 15 South Street, Spotswood, NJ on Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 5 o'clock pm

THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2



Monday - November 2
12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - November 3
4:30pm | Youth Choir | Church
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Thursday - November 5
2:30pm - 6:00pm | Eucharist Adoration | Chapel
3:00pm | Chaplet/Rosary | Chapel

Saturday - November 7
9:00am | Confession | OMLC
3:00pm | Confession | Church



Boscov's FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS IN-STORE & ONLINE

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for shopping a Boscov's. We appreciate your donation and hope you had a great day of shopping!



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.



FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

A warm Thank you to all who donated items for our annual Fall clothing drive. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

2026 MASS BOOK

AS OF OCTOBER 22, ALL 2026 MASSES HAVE BEEN RESERVED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND FOR REMEMBERING OR HONORING YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS WITH MASS INTENTIONS.

Come Worship with us!

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.

Contact the parish office at 732-634-1403

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