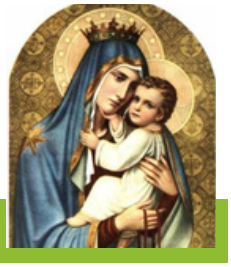


THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



NOVEMBER 8, 2026 | 32ND 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



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

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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!

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

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

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

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

11:30am | †People of the parish family

Monday - November 9 ***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***

7:30am | †Tyke G. Mojica
by his loving family

Tuesday -November 10 ***Saint Leo the Great***

7:30am | †Richie Simeone
by his loving wife, Adrienne

Wednesday - November 11 ***Saint Martin of Tours Veterans Day***

7:30am | †All living and deceased military personnel who proudly served and protected our country
by Stanley and Eileen Gurney

Thursday - November 12 ***Saint Josaphat***

7:30am | †Andrew Kurucz, Sr.
by his loving son, Andy Kurcz

Friday - November 13 ***Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini***

7:30am | †Florante F. Cruz
by Cecilia Torres

Saturday -November 14

8:30am | †A special intention for Father William J. Smith as he celebrates his 45th Ordination anniversary (OLMC Mass)
by John and Holly Pagliuca

4:00pm | †Margaret and Joseph Baumlin
by their family

Sunday - November 15

8:30am | †People of the Parish family

10:00am | †Uzo Amuzie - Living intention
by his loving Mom, ChiChi and Dad, Mike

11:30am | †John and Ethel Osag
by their loving family



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Monday
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Tuesday
Titus 2:1-8, 11-14
Psalms 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29
Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday
Titus 3:1-7
Psalms 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Luke 17:11-19

Thursday
Philemon 7-20
Psalms 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Luke 17:20-25

Friday
2 John 4-9
Psalms 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Luke 17:26-37

Saturday
3 John 5-8
Psalms 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 118:1-8

Next Sunday
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



This week's Altar flowers at Saint Anthony of Padua are in loving memory of our father, Edward T. Kierstead requested by his loving daughters, Christine and Michele and family



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM IS HERE; COME OUT AND MEET HIM

Examining Spiritual Blindness and Slumber

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
During morning prayer in our Vocationist Communities, the prayer leader says: **"Behold, the Bridegroom is here; come out and meet Him."** Everyone responds: **"Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."** This invocation is inspired by the parable of the Ten Virgins, in this Sunday's Gospel. It reminds us to remain spiritually awake to the Lord's presence among us.

Our Catholic families and the Church as a body can easily become spiritually asleep and blind to the deeper realities of the faith and this prevents us from recognizing God's presence and action in our lives.

Our Lord Jesus speaks of ten virgins—five wise and five foolish—who went out to welcome the bridegroom to the wedding feast. The groom arrived late at night and only five had enough oil for their lamps. All ten knew about the bridegroom, but only the wise prepared in advance. Our Lord Jesus teaches that faith requires not just showing up but also being ready.

Sacred Scripture always uses wedding imagery to express God's relationship with His people. The bridegroom represents Christ, the virgins signify the Church, and the oil symbolizes elements like prayer, Sacred Scripture, the sacraments, acts of charity, forgiveness, and trust in God's will. which sustains our relationship with God. Union with God requires a life of grace and faithful discipleship.

Spiritual blindness dims our awareness of God and our need for Him. Work, entertainment, success, politics, and technology can distract us from God's presence. Spiritual slumber grows slowly through neglect and indifference, and, like the foolish virgins, we assume that there is always time in the future to pray, deepen our faith, or answer God's call. We can grow tired, become distracted in faith, and fall asleep. In the parable, all ten virgins fell asleep. But those who had prepared could wake up and fulfill their responsibility.

Families often provide material comforts and prepare children for academic and professional success while neglecting family prayer, Sunday Mass, participation in the sacraments, and conversations about faith.
As a Church, we can also prioritize programs, buildings, or finances over holiness and discipleship. Even regular Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments must be accompanied by a living relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. We can be physically present yet spiritually unprepared.

Let us consider these spiritual practices that can help us remain awake and alert in the Lord:
1. Daily Prayer: St. Teresa of Avila calls prayer "an intimate sharing between friends." Spending at least five to ten minutes daily in prayer will sharpen our spiritual vision and awareness of God's presence.

2. Daily Examination: St. Ignatius of Loyola encourages us to give thanks, recognize God's work in our day, acknowledge our sins and failures to love, and seek His grace for tomorrow. This reveals blind spots and fosters conversion.

3. Frequent Reception of the Sacraments: Pope St. John Paul II taught that the Eucharist makes Christ's sacrifice present and leads us toward conversion. Regular Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and frequent confession heal spiritual blindness and renew our vision of ourselves, others, and God through faith.

This week, let us ask ourselves: How am I keeping my lamp burning? What am I doing each day to grow closer to Christ? May we remain faithful and vigilant, with hearts ready to welcome Him and hear His joyful invitation: "Come into the feast."

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13).



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 our Dad, William Smith on his 100th birthday in Heaven
Requested by his lovinig daughters, Cheryl and Linda

In loving memory of our dear brother, John Trotto - Happy birthday
Requested by MaryAnn and Nora

In loving memory of my loving husband, John
Happy birthday and miss you always
Requested by wife, Claudia Trotto and daughters, Theresa and Claudine





BIRTHDAY BLESSING - FOR NOVEMBER

AS A PARISH FAMILY, WE REJOICE AND CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF LIFE AND LOVE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US ALL. WE OFFER TO ALL THOSE CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH OUR BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS THAT GOD MAY CONTINUE TO BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

NOVEMBER 8 Bishop James Checchio

NOVEMBER 9 Reverend John Fredy Triana-Beltran
Reverend David Skoblow

NOVEMBER 10 Reverend Damian Tomiczek SDS
Reverend Glenn Comandini

NOVEMBER 11 Reverend James McGuffey
Reverend Mhonchan Ezung

NOVEMBER 12 Reverend Vincente Salas
Reverend Timothy Eck

NOVEMBER 13 Reverend John Primich
Reverend Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR

NOVEMBER 14 Reverend Charles Sabella
Reverend Randy Gamboa-Espinoza

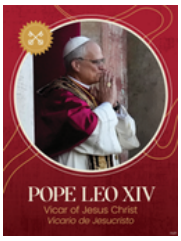


STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

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".

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1, 2026

In-person donations	$4,603.00
On-line donations	$1,428.00
Weekly Total	***$6,031.00***

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

G.I.F.T. MASS WEEKEND
SATURDAY, 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
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 6:20PM
IN FATHER MILOS HALL

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



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 4:00PM
M. Balint, A. and F. Fowler

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 8:30AM
V. Clarke, C. and E. Weiman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 11:30AM
G. Grispart, L. Palasits, B. Sorbanelli



READERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 4:00PM
T. Casey

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 8:30AM
A. Weiman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15-OLMC 10:00AM
C. Torres

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 11:30AM
M. Trebour



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 8:30AM
Q. Valdez, G. Watkins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 11:30AM
A.Boelhower



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY SORTING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 2:30PM

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.

Our annual JESSE TREE will be in the narthax beginning the November 14 and 15. Details to follow. We hope for your continued support and generosity for our parish children and community during the holiday season.



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 9

12:00pm	Bingo	Father Milos Hall
2:30pm	Food Pantry Sorting	Father Milos Hall
6:30pm	Level two First Communion and Level Level one First Penance	Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - November 10

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

Thursday - November 12

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

Saturday - November 14

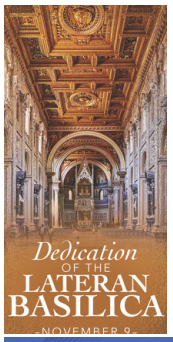
9:00am	Confession	OMLC
3:00pm	Confession	Church



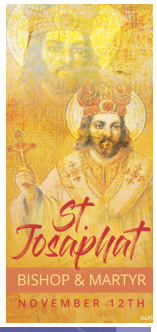
Advent begins on Sunday, November 29
One advent wreath for Saint Anthony's Church and one advent wreath for Our Lady of Mount Carmel are available for a special intention or in a memory of a loved one.

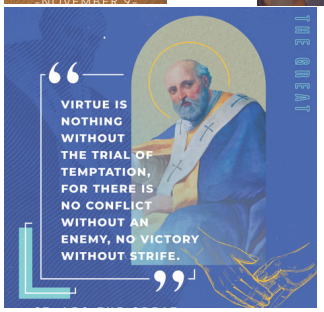
If you would like to donate one of these Advent wreaths, then contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.

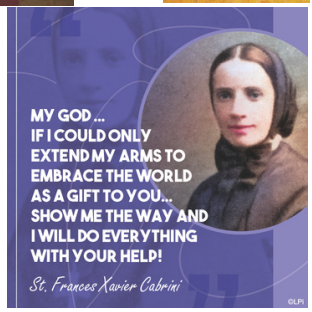
Did you know the feast days for this week are...?











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.

