



## The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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### THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

To those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me.  
- Jn 2:16-17

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UNITED IN PRAYER  
THIS VETERAN'S DAY  
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE  
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO  
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,  
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE  
WITH HONOR.  
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
SUFFERED IN MIND  
AND BODY FROM THE  
RAVAGES OF WAR.  
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND  
HEALINGS UPON OUR  
VETERANS TODAY  
AND ALWAYS.



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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**

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**November 9, 2025**



*From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV*

## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the Mother of all the Churches)

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday, we commemorate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the Basilica of St. John in Laterano). Most people are familiar with Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, where the pope presides over major events of the Church (The memorial of its dedication is on November 18). As grand as Saint Peter's Basilica is, it is not the most important building in the Church. Every diocese has a Cathedral. This is the Church which has within it, the **Cathedra** (Latin word for the bishop's chair). Saint John Lateran Basilica, as it is popularly called, is the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rome and has the ancient Cathedra (see picture below) of the Pope who is the Bishop of Rome and by this fact, he is the head of the Church, the Body of Christ, here on earth. Today, we celebrate the dedication of this great Basilica (see picture below).

Catholics worldwide commemorate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica annually on November 9. Even when this feast falls on a Sunday, as it does this year, the feast is still observed. It is considered the "mother and head of all churches in Rome and the world" because it is the oldest and highest-ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. Pope Sylvester I consecrated the Lateran Basilica in 324 AD. It was originally built on land donated by Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Roman emperor. The basilica has served as the official ecclesiastical seat of the Pope for centuries.

The celebration of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica is not just about honoring a historical building. It helps us reflect on three significant themes of our faith: the **unity of the Church**, the **ministry of the pope** and the **importance of the church building**. Our Lord Jesus prayed that we His Church may be one as He and the Father are one (see John 17:21). Celebrating the feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, the mother church of Rome and a symbol of the unity of the Church, draws our attention to the unity for which Christ prayed. We reflect on our call to unite in mind and in heart so that together we may witness to the power of our faith. The basilica represents the universal Church, and its dedication is a call for Christians to renew their commitment to unity in faith and love.

This feast also helps us to reflect on the **Petrine Ministry** – that is, the ministry of the pope as the successor of Saint Peter. The chair of the bishop in the Cathedral symbolizes the teaching, governing and sanctifying authority of the bishop over the diocese. In celebrating this feast, we unite ourselves under the leadership of the Pope. And so, we pray for Pope Leo XIV, the 267<sup>th</sup> successor of the Blessed Apostle Peter, to whom our dear Lord Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom of heaven and to preside in love over His Church.

This celebration also helps us reflect on the important place that the Church building has for us Christians. As a family of God, we gather in the Church **to worship God, offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and share our faith with our fellow believers**. The Church is not just a physical structure, but the people who form the Body of Christ. The celebration of the Dedication of this Basilica emphasizes the spiritual temple that is built from living stones—each member of the Christian community.



The facade of Basilica



The High Altar



The Cathedra



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

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

**Morning Prayer** - begins 20 minutes before weekday Mass

**Morning Prayer** begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

**Saturday November 8**  
4:00PM Andrea Pacifico  
Requested by Jo and Nick Cinelli

**Saturday November 9**  
8:30AM Michael Amuzie  
Living Mass intention  
Requested by his loving family

11:30AM Richard Sova and Francis Aleszczyk  
Requested by Elizabeth Sova Aleszczyk

**Monday November 10** *Saint Leo the Great*  
7:30AM Patricia Borischak  
Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family

**Tuesday November 11** *Saint Martin of Tours*  
*Veteran's Day*



7:30AM Michael and Jill Raychel  
Living Mass intention  
Requested by Ed Gorman

**Wednesday November 12** *Saint Josaphat*  
7:30AM Joseph Schneider  
Requested by Frank and Ginny Clarke

**Thursday November 13** *Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini*  
7:30AM Robert G. Heruska  
Requested by the Heruska family

**Friday November 14**  
7:30AM James V. Burke, Jr.  
Requested by Shirley Read

**Saturday November 15** *Saint Albert the Great*  
4:00PM People of the parish family

**Saturday November 16**  
8:30AM Uzo Amuzie  
Living Mass intention for our wonderful son  
Requested by his mom and dad,  
Chichi and Michael Amuzie

11:30AM Margaret and Joseph Baumlin  
Requested by their children

**Saturday November 8**  
8:30AM George, Sr. and Eileen Miller  
Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.

**Sunday November 9**  
10:00AM Iriaida Candelaria  
Living Mass intention for good health  
Requested by Ray and Cherie Gumapac

**Saturday November 15** *Saint Albert the Great*  
8:30AM Brandon Barrett  
Requested by Lita Aquilizan

**Sunday November 16**  
10:00AM Glen Bernabe  
Requested by Rowena Bernabe and family

**November 9, 2025**  
**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**



### Altar flowers

at Saint Anthony of Padua  
are in loving memory of our fathers  
*Stanley J. Gurney and Joseph F. Hayko*  
and  
for all living and deceased Veterans  
who proudly served our country  
Requested by  
*Stanley M. and Eileen Gurney*



### Altar flowers

at Saint Anthony of Padua  
are in loving memory of our father,  
*Edward T. Kierstead*  
Requested by Christine and Michael Figueiredo,  
Michele and Matthew Weber, and grandchildren



## 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 our sister, Theresa Darone on her 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Heaven

Love, sisters, Mildred, Janet, and Mary Dee

In loving memory of my wife, Janice Ciardiello

Requested by her loving husband, Sal

In loving memory of Barbara Broehl

Requested by Dolores Tulko

### **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, John Trotto

Requested by Claudine Trotto

In loving memory of our dear brother, John Trotto

Requested by MaryAnn and Nora

### ***Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving***

#### **Sunday, November 2, 2025**

In-person donations.....\$4,981.00

On-line donations.....\$1,370.50

Total.....\$6,351.50

*Thank you for your continued support of the parish.*

### ***Stewardship***

***"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1Corinthians 3:16***

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we temples of the Holy spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

### ***This Week's Scripture Readings***

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



Monday: Wisdom 1:1-7  
Psalms 139:1b-10  
Luke 17:1-6

Friday: Wisdom 13:1-9  
Psalms 19:2-5b  
Luke 17:26-37

Tuesday: Wisdom 2:23-3:9  
Psalms 34:2-3, 16-19  
Luke 17:7-10

Saturday: Wisdom 18:14-16;  
19:6-9  
Psalms 105:2-3,  
36-37, 42-43  
Luke 18:1-8

Wednesday: Wisdom 6:1-11  
Psalms 82:3-4, 6-7  
Luke 17:11-19

Sunday: Malachi 3:19-20a  
Psalms 98:5-9  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12  
Luke 21:5-19

Thursday: Wisdom 7:22b-8:1  
Psalms 119:89-91,  
130, 135, 175  
Luke 17:20-25

### ***PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS***

November 10 Reverend James Kyrpczak  
Reverend Daniel Sloan

November 11 Reverend Charles Kelly  
Reverend John Szczepanik

November 12 Reverend Vicente Montiel  
Reverend Brian Nolan

November 13 Reverend Lancelot McGrath  
Reverend Thomas Ryan

November 14 Reverend Edgardo Abano  
Reverend Slawomir Romanoski

November 15 Reverend Charles Sabella  
Reverend Jeffrey Calia

November 16 Reverend Charles O'Connor  
Reverend A. David Chalackal



#### ***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!***

## Christmas Tree Reservation Form



**St. Anthony of Padua**  
**436 Port Reading Avenue,**  
**Port Reading, NJ 07064**  
**732- 634-1403**



\_\_\_\_\_ *Memorial for Deceased*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Dedicated to Loved Ones Living*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Family Christmas Greeting*

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

Please have the plaque read as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Cost: \$150 per tree



Use this form to pay by cash or check made payable  
to St. Anthony of Padua Church.

**Reservations must be made by November 30**

**Tree lighting ceremony will be on  
Saturday, December 6 at 5:15PM**

**Light refreshments follow**



## THE JESSE TREE



In keeping with the spirit of sharing our joy in Jesus' birth, our parish family is invited to participate in the Jesse Tree. The beneficiaries of our special generosity this year will be:



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

(blue light bulbs)

Adult and child clients of Catholic Charities - Diocese of Metuchen

### BRUCE STREET SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

(snowman/snowflake tags)

A day school for children between the ages of 3 and 14 years with profound deafness



### SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA and OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH FAMILIES



**ALL GIFTS must be WRAPPED  
and RETURNED by  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**

so our ministry may sort and distribute the gifts to the agencies prior to Christmas Day. If you take a Jesse Tree tag and for whatever reason are not able to obtain the gift designated on it, please return the tag to the tree.

**Each recipient has only one tag, and if your tag and/or gift is not returned, we do not have a gift for that person.**

If you have any questions or concerns, call Chris and Debbie Mazzarella through the parish office at 732-634-1403 to leave them a message.



*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*





**FAITH FORMATION  
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Monday, November 10 at 6:20pm**

Level 1 Penance, Level 2 First Communion

**Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00pm**

G.I.F.T.

**Monday, November 17 at 6:30pm**

Level One and Level Two Confirmation

**2026 - Mass Book**

is available at each location during the time indicated.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site  
Saturday, November 15 (9:00am to 10:00am)**

**Saint Anthony Church  
Saturday, November 15 (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.**

**Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 13**

**TIME - 9:30 - 12noon**

**Keep watching the bulletin for more information!**

**If you have any questions, please email Julianna Baszak at [barcellonaj1@gmail.com](mailto:barcellonaj1@gmail.com).**

**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**



In conjunction with the tree lighting:

**Saturday, December 6 at 6:00PM**  
**"T'was the drawing before Christmas"**  
**The Feast of Saint Nicholas**

**Tickets are \$20.00 each**

***Tickets are available at the Parish office!***

6 Visa gift cards			
1 <sup>st</sup> prize	\$1,000	4 <sup>th</sup> prize	\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	\$500	5 <sup>th</sup> prize	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	\$250	6 <sup>th</sup> prize	\$250

*Tickets are in the mail, call the parish office at 732-634-1403 if you have not received them.*

***As of November 4, 2025 - 70 tickets have been sold.***



Joseph A. DeMarino, a life-long resident and parishioner of Saint Anthony of Padua, was honored posthumously with the naming of the recently constructed Port Reading Cypress Park on West Avenue. Although Thursday, October 30, brought a very windy and rainy day, the Cypress Park Center brought many family, friends, and former co-workers to celebrate the former Mayor of Woodbridge Township and former Sheriff of Middlesex County for his dedication to our community.

## This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

### Monday, November 10

**Mass** 7:30AM **Chapel**  
**BINGO** 12:00PM Father Milos Hall  
 (doors open at 10:00AM)  
 Level One First Penance and Level Two First Communion  
 6:20PM Church

### Tuesday, November 11 **Veteran's Day**



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

### Wednesday, November 12

**Mass** 7:30AM **Chapel**  
**G.I.F.T.** 6:00PM Church

### Thursday, November 13

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

### Friday, November 14

**Mass** 7:30AM **Church**

### Saturday, November 15 **2026 Mass Book Opens**

**2026 Mass Book** 10AM to 12PM Father Milos Hall  
**Confession** 3:00PM **Church**  
**Mass** 4:00PM **Church**  
**NA** 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

### Sunday, November 16 **Jesse Tree begins**

**Mass** 8:30AM **Church**  
**Mass** 11:30AM **Church**  
**Queen for a Day Auction** 1:30PM Father Milos Hall  
 (doors open)

**Donations of turkeys are welcomed  
 for the next Food Pantry Distribution  
 which is  
 Wednesday, November 19**



In appreciation for all your time and dedication as a food pantry volunteer, Woodbridge Township "We Feed" presented Saint Anthony's Food Pantry with the Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Citation. July Mulvaney accepted this award on behalf of all our Food Pantry volunteers on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers.*



## This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Monday, November 10

**NA** 11:00AM **Basement**

### Tuesday, November 11 **Veteran's Day**

**NA** 11:00AM **Basement**

### Wednesday, November 12

**NA** 11:00AM **Basement**

### Thursday, November 13

**NA** 11:00AM **Basement**

### Friday, November 14

**NA** 11:00AM **Basement**

### Saturday, November 15 **2026 Mass Book Opens**

**Mass** 8:30AM **Church**  
**2026 Mass Book** 9:00AM - 10:00AM **Church**  
**Confession** 9:00AM **Church**

### Sunday, November 16 **Jesse Tree begins**

**Mass** 10:00AM **Church**

## Liturgical Minister Schedule

*at Saint Antony of Padua*

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday** November 15 4:00PM  
 M. Balint, A. and F. Fowler  
**Sunday** November 16 8:30AM  
 M. Amuzie, V. Clarke, D. Mazzarella  
 November 16 11:30AM  
 J. Kondrk, B. McCauley, L. Palasits

### READERS

**Saturday** November 15 4:00PM M. Trebour  
**Sunday** November 16 8:30AM C. Amuzie  
 November 16 11:30AM J. Baszak

### SERVERS

**Sunday** November 16 8:30AM  
 C And C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez  
 November 16 11:30AM  
 A. Boelhower

*at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

### READER

**Sunday** November 16 10:00AM B. Perlas

## Counting Team—November 17

*N. Cinelli, L. Huber*



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.