



## The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



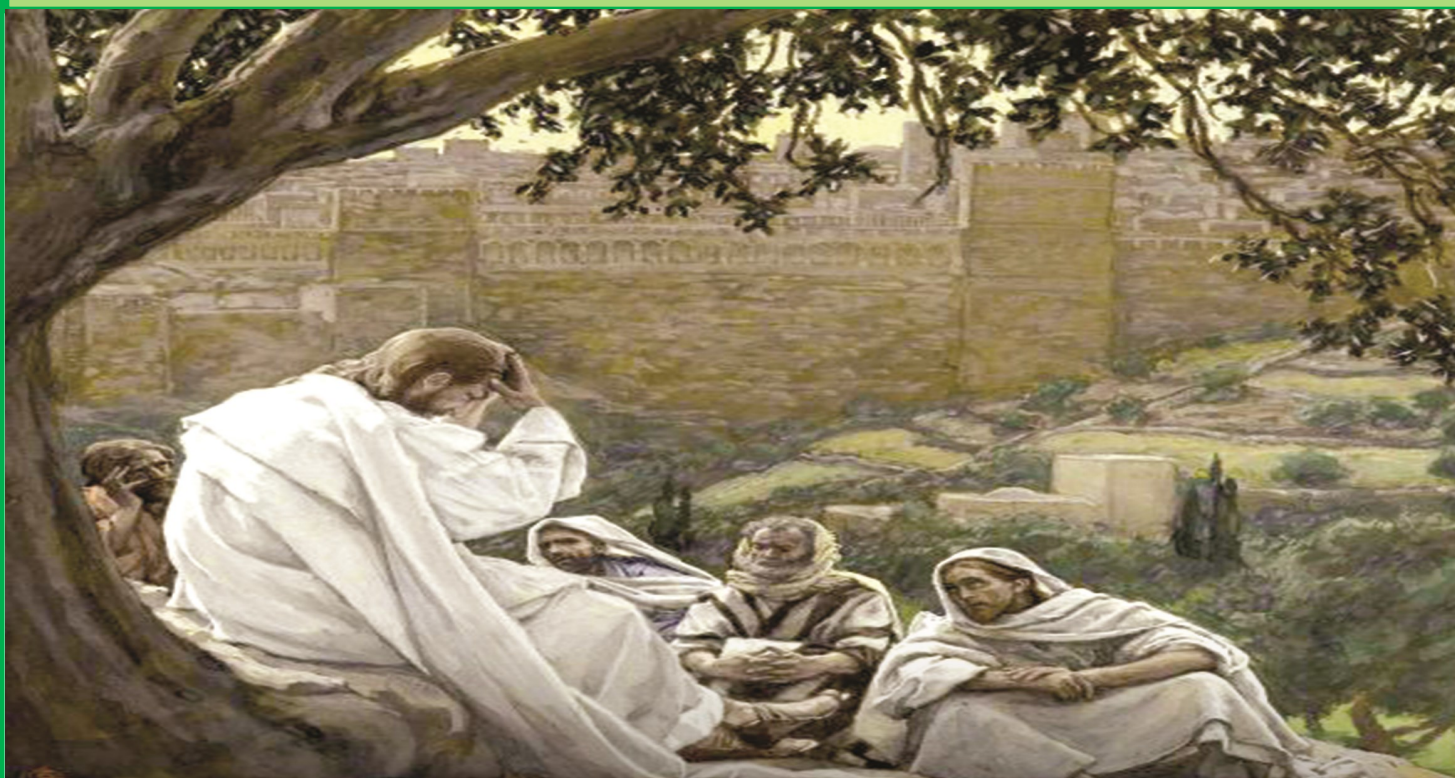
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### 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15**

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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**

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 16, 2025**



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

## DO NOT BE AFRAID

“The only fear we should have is the fear of the Lord.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

There is a quote from President Franklin D. Roosevelt that says, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.” He went on to describe fear as “nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.” This quote comes from a speech President Roosevelt delivered during the Great Depression a time of immense economic hardship and despair. He sought to instill courage and perseverance in the people at a time of panic and uncertainty, so that they would not fall into fear and despair. Fear, after all, often leads us to retreat and inaction, becoming the greatest obstacle to overcoming the challenges we face.

This week we celebrate the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Sunday we will conclude the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. As we near the end of the liturgical year, the Church turns our attention to the ultimate purpose of our lives on earth; to prepare ourselves for union with God. There are many things in our world that can disturb our peace. We can either stand firm against these challenges, or we can allow fear to take hold of our hearts and weaken our relationship with God. The readings for this Sunday, especially the Gospel, challenge us to stand up to fear. Our Lord Jesus reminds us that in this life there will be many things that threaten our peace; things that frighten us and cause anxiety. Yet He tells us: “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end” (Luke 21:9).

The phrase “Do not be afraid” echoes throughout the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments, as God continually reassures His people. This command is not an encouragement to suppress fear, it is an invitation to trust in God’s presence, power, and promises. We all face different fears about our families, our health, our relationships, our economy, and our political realities. These can weigh heavily on our hearts. Yet the Lord calls us to trust that He is in control.

To paraphrase President Roosevelt’s quote, we can say with Scripture: The only fear we should have is the fear of the Lord. This holy fear, one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, is not a sense of terror, but a deep awe and wonder before the glory of God. It helps us understand that God is awesome, sovereign, and trustworthy. Another gift we need in difficult times is Fortitude (Courage). Courage is not an absence of fear, but the strength to move forward in doing good, even in the face of fear. When the Lord tells us not to be afraid, He is not ignoring our worries; rather, He is inviting us to place our trust in Him.

I always remember you in my prayers, dear brothers and sisters, as you endure the difficulties of our times and strive to provide for your families. I ask the good Lord to sustain you in your faith, strengthen your courage, and bless your daily tasks. I share with you and encourage you, if possible, to memorize and pray Psalm 23 often.

**“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the path of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

May the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts always.

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

**Sunday 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

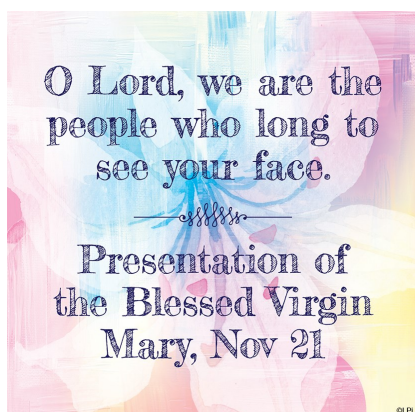
**Monday November 17** *Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*  
7:30AM Jose Perlas  
Requested by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas

**Tuesday November 18**  
7:30AM Eleanor Pagliuca  
Requested by Colleen, Betti, and Rich

**Wednesday November 19**  
7:30AM Richie Simeone  
Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

**Thursday November 20**  
7:30AM Jeffrey Pagliuca  
Requested by Bette Sullivan

**Friday November 21**  
7:30AM Respect for Life



**Saturday November 22** *Saint Cecilia*  
4:00PM People of the parish family

**Sunday November 23**  
8:30AM Owen  
Requested by his loving family

11:30AM John and Ethel Osag  
Requested by daughters,  
Arlene Pederson and Karen Brenner

### at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

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

**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

**Saturday November 22** *Saint Cecilia*  
8:30AM Imre Herczeg, Sr.  
Love, wife, Maria and family

**Sunday November 23**  
10:00AM Monina and Erwin Gumapac and EJ  
Requested by Mom and Dad Gumapac

**November 16, 2025**  
**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### This Week's Scripture Readings

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

**Monday:** 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63  
Psalms 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158  
Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Maccabees 6: 18-31  
Psalms 3:2-7  
Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31  
Psalms 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15  
Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Maccabees 2:15-29  
Psalms 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59  
(Psalms) 1 Chronicles 29:10b-12  
Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Maccabees 6:1-13  
Psalms 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19  
Luke 20:27-40

**Sunday:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Psalms 122:1-5  
Colossians 1:12-20  
Luke 23:35-43







## 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 husband, Richie Simeone  
 Requested by his loving wife, Adrienne

Neil Panariello, Sr.  
 Requested by Janet Larsen

Neil Panariello, Sr.  
 Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Belogh

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

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

In loving memory of Julius Weber  
 Requested by Karen Brenner

### **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

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

### **Sunday, November 9, 2025**

In-person donations.....\$3,330.00  
 On-line donations.....\$1,228.00  
 Total.....\$4,558.00

### **OCTOBER COLLECTIONS**

Property	\$1,276.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,406.00
World Mission	\$1,405.00
Maintenance	\$1,674.00

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

## **Stewardship**

*"Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."*  
**2 Thessalonians 3:9**

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

## HAPPY FEAST OF *St. Cecilia* **TO THE MUSICIANS IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



November 22



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### **PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**

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| November 17 | Reverend Edward Struzik<br>Reverend Steven Bloton          |
| November 18 | Monsignor Seamus Brennan<br>Reverend Lukasz Blicharski     |
| November 19 | Reverend Leonard Rusay<br>Reverend Robert Lynam            |
| November 20 | Reverend Dennis Weezorak<br>Reverend Jojappa Thippabathini |
| November 21 | Reverend Michael Crummy<br>Reverend Raymond Nacarino       |
| November 22 | Reverend Peter Tran<br>Monsignor Edward Puleo              |
| November 23 | Reverend J. Philip Vadakkekara<br>Reverend Joseph Kabali   |



### *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

(gifts)

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 (green ornaments)



**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 a message.



*Thank you for your continued  
support and generosity!*



Our church was beautifully decorated in red, purple, and white for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - **All Souls' Day** on Sunday, November 2.



## **FAITH FORMATION** **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

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

Level One and Level Two Confirmation

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**Weekend - November 29 and 30**

G.I.F.T. Masses

### **SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH**



This year, the pageant will be held at 6:30pm on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>**

All Children Are Welcome to participate!

We need Narrators, Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Angels,  
Shepherds, Sheep, Kings, and more.

*Each and every part is important in telling the beautiful story of Jesus' birth.*

Part assignments for the pageant:	Tuesday, December 2nd	6:00pm – 7:00pm <i>Approximately</i>
Practice	Thursday, December 4th	6:00pm – 7:00pm <i>Approximately</i>
Practice	Thursday, December 11th	6:00pm – 7:00pm <i>Approximately</i>
Practice & Costumes	Thursday, December 18th	6:00pm – 7:00pm <i>Approximately</i>

If you would like to participate, please return this form to the parish office ASAP  
or join us on **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00pm in the church.

Please contact Christina Weiman @ [christinaquaglia@comcast.net](mailto:christinaquaglia@comcast.net) with any questions.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## ***Breakfast with Santa***

Join us for our pancake breakfast!

**Saturday, December 13**

**from 9:30am - 11:30am**

**Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Pastries, and  
More!**

**Basket Raffles, Crafts, Games, Face  
Painting, Photos with Santa**

***Tickets will be \$5—sold after Mass  
or by calling the church office***

**Saint Anthony of Padua Church**

**436 Port Reading Ave.**

**Port Reading, NJ 07064**

**732-634-1403**

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



In conjunction with the tree lighting:

**Saturday, December 6 at 6:00<sup>PM</sup>**  
**“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 11 - 152 Tickets have been sold.***



## *This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua*

### Monday, November 17

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>BINGO</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Father Milos Hall</b>
	(doors open at 10:00AM)	
<b>Level One and Level Two Confirmation</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Church</b>

### Tuesday, November 18

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

### Wednesday, November 19      **Food Pantry Distribution**

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Chapel</b>
<b>Food Pantry distribution</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Outside back of Hall</b>
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Father Milos Hall</b>

### Thursday, November 20

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

### Friday, November 21

<b>Mass</b>	<b>7:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
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### Saturday, November 22

<b>Confession</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>NA</b>	<b>7:30PM</b>	<b>Father Milos Hall</b>

### Sunday, November 23

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Mass</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>

*Counting Team—November 24*  
*L. Casey, A. Fowler, P. Russo*

## *This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

### Monday, November 17

<b>NA</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Basement</b>
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### Tuesday, November 18

<b>NA</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Basement</b>
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### Wednesday, November 19

<b>NA</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Basement</b>
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### Thursday, November 20

<b>NA</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Basement</b>
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### Friday, November 21

<b>NA</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>	<b>Basement</b>
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### Saturday, November 22

<b>Mass</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Confession</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Church</b>

### Sunday, November 23

<b>Mass</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Church</b>
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## *Liturgical Minister Schedule*

### *at Saint Antony of Padua*

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>C. and R. Marney, D. Scharff</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>S. Gadomski, M. Martino, D. Mazzarella</b>
	<b>November 23</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>M. Amuzie, B. Cuzzo, B. Sorbanelli</b>

### READERS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>G. Grispart</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>C. and GC. Onukwugha</b>
	<b>November 23</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>C. Amuzie</b>

### SERVERS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 22</b>	<b>4:00PM</b>	<b>B. Banko</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>	<b>C. and C. Onukwugha, Q. Valdez</b>
	<b>November 23</b>	<b>11:30AM</b>	<b>A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese</b>

### *at Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

### READER

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 23</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>V. Ruskai</b>
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## **2026 - Mass Book**

**is available in the parish office Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm**

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.**