



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



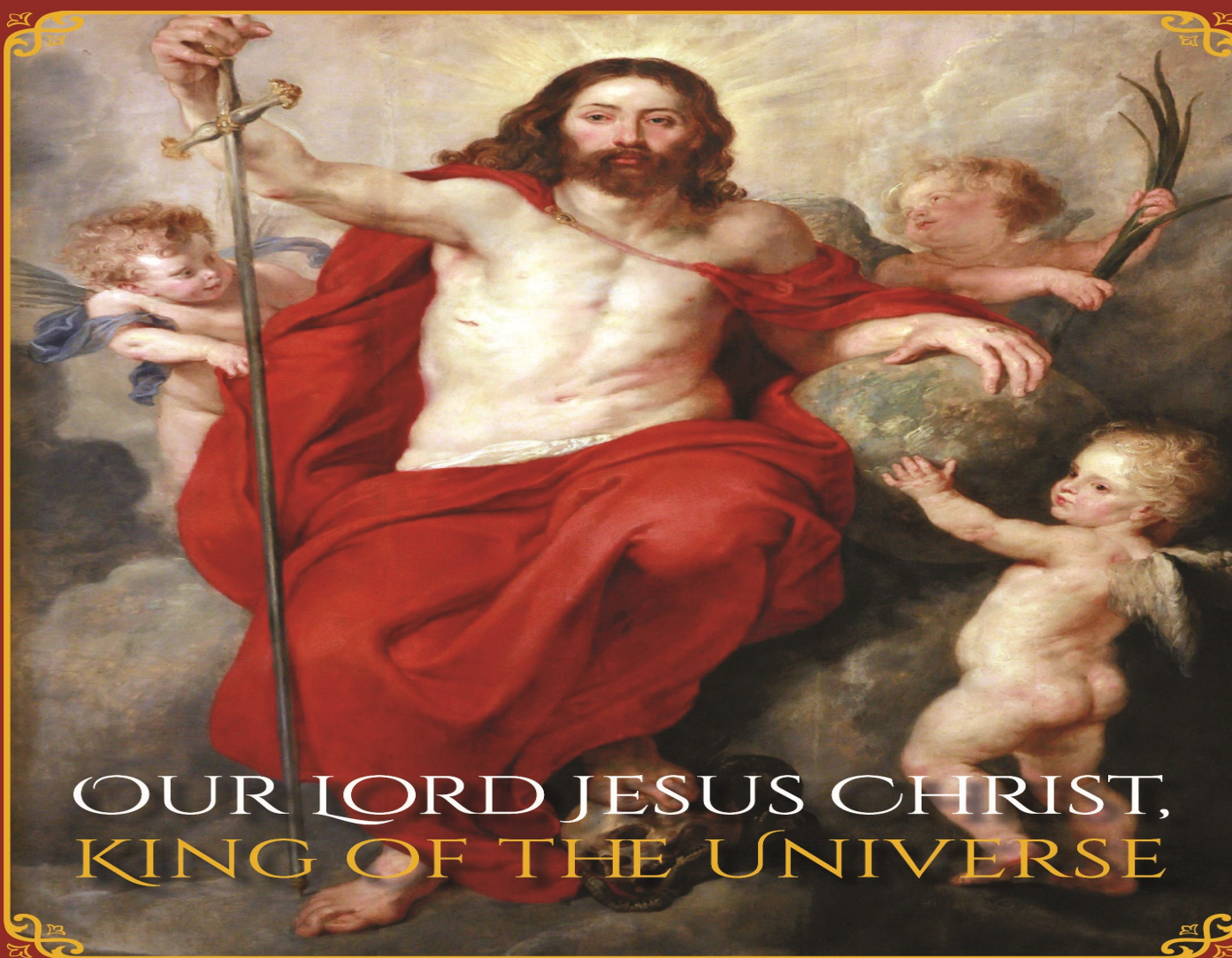
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Parish Office Hours

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	

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 23, 2025



From the desk of Fr. Cyril Offiong, SDV

YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Dear friends,

We have reached the last Sunday and the last week of the Church's liturgical year. We celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In this feast, we affirm that our Savior Jesus Christ is our sole Lord, the one to whom we owe our deepest loyalty. For many in America, given our nation's roots in rebelling against the English monarchy, the concept of "kingship" often brings to mind notions of authority, luxury, and control, images that may make it difficult to fully grasp what it means for Christ to be our king and the true nature of His kingdom. Let us turn to Scripture for guidance.

In the Gospel of Matthew, we read that the Magi asked, "where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:2). Jesus is recognized as the promised descendant of King David, anticipated to restore Israel to the glory of God.

On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where He was celebrated as a king, the son of David, whose arrival had been long awaited. During the Good Friday Passion reading, according to Saint John, Pilate questions Jesus about His kingship. Jesus responds, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). So, our Lord Jesus is king, but what does it truly mean to call Jesus our King?

Throughout history, the Church has always proclaimed Jesus Christ as the King over all creation. The contemporary observance of the Feast of Christ the King was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to rising secularism and atheism, which sought to exclude Christ and His teachings from public life. As was true then, and remains so today, worldly powers often attempt to place themselves above divine authority, even when their laws conflict with God's will. The celebration of Christ the King is a reminder that while earthly governments may change Christ's reign is eternal. **We must allow Christ to govern every aspect of our lives:** He should rule our **minds**, leading us to accept His teachings and truths; reign over our **wills**, inspiring us to obey God's commands; reside in **our hearts**, encouraging us to love God above all else; and guide our **bodies**, so that we use them for spiritual growth and as instruments of righteousness, as the Apostle Paul wrote.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray that God's kingdom may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Christ's kingship is not about territory or political power, but about His supreme authority and spiritual rule over all things. In the Gospel of John chapter seventeen, Jesus says that **believers are in the world but not of the world**. We participate in daily life, working, enjoying recreation, building relationships, and making use of the good things of life, but these blessings should never distract us from our devotion to the Lord. To say that Christ is our king is to say that our loyalty to Him surpasses all other attachments, including family, work, country, and even our own desires.

In the 1920s during the fierce persecution of the Church in Mexico, when the Church refused to submit to an atheistic government, the faithful boldly declared Christ as their ultimate leader. The fourteen-year-old Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio and Blessed Father Miguel Pro who, went to their deaths defiantly declaring this battle cry **"Viva Cristo Rey!"** Today, we join them in proclaiming, **"Long live Christ the King!"**



Blessed Father Miguel Pro



Christ the King



Saint Jose Sanchez del Rio

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

Sunday November 23 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30AM Owen
Requested by his loving family

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

Monday November 24 *Saint Andrew Dung-Lac*
7:30AM Patricia Borischak
Requested by brother, Frank and Ginny Clarke

Tuesday November 25 *Saint Catherine of Alexandria*
7:30AM Janice Ciardiello
Requested by her loving husband, Sal

Wednesday November 26
7:30AM Albert Chukusy
Requested by his friend, Bette Sullivan

Thursday November 27 *Thanksgiving Day*
8:30AM People of the parish family

Friday November 28
7:30AM Mildred Lopez
Stash and Debbie Znamierowski

Saturday November 29
4:00PM John Romeo
Requested by his sister, Ann

Sunday November 30 *First Sunday of Advent*
8:30AM Diana Quaglia
Requested by John and Holly Pagliuca

11:30AM People of the parish family

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer begins 20 minutes before Mass on Saturday

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
(Living Mass)
Requested by mom and dad Gumapac

Saturday November 29
8:30AM Lajos and Margit Wellner
Requested by Anna Czum and family

Sunday November 30 *First Sunday of Advent*
10:00AM Dominick Valenzano
First Thanksgiving in Heaven
Requested by his loving wife, Marge
and son, Dom Jr. and wife, Tracy
and son, Tommy and wife, Carrie

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



*Saint Anthony of Padua
Altar flowers
are in loving memory of
John and Ethel Osag*

*Requested by their loving daughters,
Karen Brenner and Arlene Pedersen*

This Week's Scripture Readings

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

Monday: Daniel 1:1-6, 8-20
(Psalms) Daniel 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday: Daniel 2:31-45
(Psalms) Daniel 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday: Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Psalms) Daniel 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday: Daniel 6:12-28
(Psalms) Daniel 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28

Friday: Daniel 7:2-14
(Psalms) Daniel 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday: Daniel 7:15-17
(Psalms) Daniel 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

Sunday: Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalms 122:1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44





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 Jeanette Pauswinski
Requested by her loving daughter, Beverly Cuzzo

In loving memory of Patricia Borischak
Happy birthday in Heaven
Requested by Elizabeth Farrell and family

In loving memory of Renee Griffin
Requested by Marie Pagliuca

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

Happy Heavenly birthday John Osag
Requested by his 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 John Hornyak
Requested by Claudia Trotto

In loving memory of John Hornyak
Requested by Maryann Marrone

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, November 16, 2025

In-person donations.....\$4,068.00
On-line donations.....\$1,145.50
Total.....\$5,213.50

Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Stewardship

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

November 24	Reverend Sean Winters Reverend Francis Hilton
November 25	Reverend Edmund Luciano III Reverend Monsignor William J. Fadrowski
November 26	Reverend John Polyak Reverend Thien Ban (Joseph) Ho
November 27	Reverend Michael Krull Reverend Jonathan Toborowsky
November 28	Reverend Juan Carlos Gaviria Reverend John Barbella
November 29	Reverend John Stec Reverend Alexander Carles
November 30	All Priests



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!*

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. Beginning Monday, December 1, you may reserve additional Masses (one for Saturday or Sunday, and one for a weekday).

Thank you for your cooperation.

Christmas Tree Reservation Form



Saint 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
 Saint 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



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



This year, the pageant will be held at 6:30pm on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

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 2nd at 6:00pm in the church.**

Please contact Christina Weiman @ christinaquaglia@comcast.net with any questions.

CHILD NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

CHILD NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

CHILD NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ AGE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____



CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER

Don't Be Alone This Christmas... Come meet your neighbors!!!



ALL ARE WELCOME (Families, Couples, Singles)

TO SHARE DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND A LARGE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP AT:

Saint Anthony of Padua Church Father Milos Parish Hall
 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading

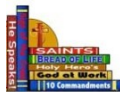
DATE: Thursday, December 25, 2025 TIME: 1:00pm- 3:00pm

There is NO CHARGE for the dinner, however, a call by Thursday, December 18
 would be appreciated to properly plan the meals.



PLEASE CALL: SAINT ANTHONY'S CHURCH 732-634-1419 LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO YOU

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION MAY BE AVAILABLE. (If you need transportation, let us know no later than Sunday, December 17)



FAITH FORMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Weekend - November 29 and 30

G.I.F.T. Masses

Monday- December 1 at 6:30pm

Level 1 and 2 Confirmation

Wednesday - December 10 at 6:00pm

G.I.F.T. Masses



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!

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

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

As of November 13 - 161 Tickets have been sold

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,
BRUCE STREET SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF,
SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA and
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
PARISH FAMILIES

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

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

The next Food Pantry Collection Is December 6 and 7

**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.

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

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.**

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, November 24

Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
BINGO	12:00PM	Father Milos Hall (doors open at 10:00AM)

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

Mass/Novena	7:30AM	Chapel
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Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day



PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED

Mass	8:30AM	Church
AA	8:00PM	Father Milos Hall

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29 Jesse Tree Continues

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

Sunday, November 30 Jesse Tree Continues

Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass	11:30AM	Church

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, November 24

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Tuesday, November 25

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Wednesday, November 26

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Friday, November 28

NA	11:00AM	Basement
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Saturday, November 29 Jesse Tree Continues

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

Sunday, November 30 Jesse Tree Continues

Mass	10:00AM	Church
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

at Saint Antony of Padua

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	November 29	4:00PM	J. Barcellona, C. and E. Weiman
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Sunday	November 30	8:30AM	S. Gadowski, M. Martino, H. Pagliuca
	November 30	11:30AM	G. Grispart, B. McCauley, L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday	November 22	4:00PM	G.I.F.T. Mass
Sunday	November 23	8:30AM	G.I.F.T. Mass
	November 23	11:30AM	G.I.F.T. Mass

SERVERS

Saturday	November 29	4:00PM	A. Weiman
Sunday	November 30	8:30AM	C., C., and C. Onukwugha
	November 30	11:30AM	A. Boelhower, F. Calabrese

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

READER

Sunday	November 30	10:00AM	C. Torres
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Counting Team—December 1

A. and F. Fowler

