



The Parish Family
of
Saint Anthony of Padua



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First Sunday of
ADVENT



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December 3, 2023

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday 7:30AM	December 4 Joseph Carnevale Requested by daughter, Ginny Clarke	<i>Saint John Damascene</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	December 5 Vincent Martino Requested by Terri Seibert	
Wednesday 7:30AM	December 6 Purgatorial Mass	<i>Saint Nicholas</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	December 7 Former deceased neighbors on Sherry Street Requested by George T. Miller	<i>Saint Ambrose</i>
Friday 6:30AM	December 8 Special Intention	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
12:15PM	Stephen Jankowski Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Golden	
7:00PM	Michael and Rose Simeone Requested by son, Richie and daughter-in-law, Adrienne	
Saturday 4:00PM	December 9 <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> Muriel C. Makely on her 100 th birthday Requested by daughter, Adrienne and son-in-law Richie	
Sunday 8:30AM	December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> Joseph and Angeline Hayko Requested by daughter, Eileen and son-in-law, Stanley	
11:15AM	AnnaMarie Ottaviano Prencipe Loving husband, Nicholas	



Advent Wreaths

at Saint Anthony of Padua Church
is donated for a Special Intention
requested by Marie Pagliuca

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
is donated in loving memory of Vittoria Popolo
requested Gary and Maria Poos and family

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Friday 8:00AM	December 8 Mary Szuhay Requested by the parish family	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday 8:30AM	December 9 <i>Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin</i> Brandon Barrett Requested by Lita Aquillzan	
Sunday 9:45AM	December 10 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> People of the parish family	



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37
Monday:	Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Psalms 98:1-4 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38
Saturday:	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalms 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8





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 Worship Site

TABERNACLE

In loving memory of my dear parents, Maria and Carmen, and my loving brother, Victor
Requested by Albina D'Alessio

In loving memory of Joan Duffy
Requested by brother, Marty and wife, Patricia Martino

In loving memory of my parents,
Michael and Rose Simeone
Requested by son, Richie
and daughter-in-law, Adrienne

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of our sister, Michaela Camilleri
on her 76th birthday in Heaven
Love, Mildred, Janet, and Mary Dee

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

In loving memory of Carmen Pagliuca
Requested by his loving wife, Eleanor

In loving memory of William and Gertrude Leahy
Requested by Karen and Kevin Barnes



Weekly Holy Hour with Father Smith at Saint Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00PM
Tuesday, December 12 at 5:15PM

Parish Office Hours

Monday 8:30AM - 2:00PM
Tuesday 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Wednesday 8:30AM - 2:00PM
Thursday 8:30AM - 2:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays

Pope Francis' Intention for December:

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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| December 4 | Reverend Nalaka Silva
Monsignor Sylvester Cronin |
| December 5 | Reverend Joseph A. Krajewski
Reverend John Gloss |
| December 6 | Reverend John Barbella
Reverend Timothy Gatitu IMC |
| December 7 | Reverend John Werner
Reverend J. Michael Venditti |
| December 8 | All Priests |
| December 9 | Reverend John O'Kane
Monsignor William Benwell |
| December 10 | Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski |



Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the souls of:
George M. Marrone, Jr. - October 29, 2023

One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the
parishioners who died a year ago in 2022:
Edith Doru Amuzie - December 7
Stephanie Krawcheck - December 20
Margaret Meek - December 24
Lawrence Miloscia - December 25
Valerie Engroff - December 26



Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	requested by:
Maria Geczo	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Russel George Norby	Margaret and Robert Gargiulo
George M. Marrone, Jr.	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
George M. Marrone, Jr.	Charles and Jean Cheddar
Anne Grega	Eileen and Stanley Gurney
Elizabeth (Betty) Hochfelder	Peggie and Carmen Margiotto
Cesar Alfonso Armas	Frank and Angela Fowler
Theresa Marie Nolan	Brenda J. Cuntala

Mission Mass

The souls of:	requested by:
George M. Marrone, Jr.	Peggie and Carmen Margiotto

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, December 4

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, December 5

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, December 6

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, December 7

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

Mass 8:00AM Church

Rosary 8:30AM Church

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, December 9 Jesse Tree Gifts due back

Mass/Novena 8:30AM Church

Sunday, December 10 Jesse Tree Gifts due back

Mass 9:45AM Church

Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 9 4:00PM R. Masters
R. McNamara

Sunday, December 10 8:30AM S. Gadomski
D. Mazarella
11:15AM B. Cuozzo
L. Palasits

READERS

Saturday, December 9 4:00PM R. Simeone

Sunday, December 10 8:30AM G. Onukwugha
11:15AM G. Grispart

SERVERS

Saturday, December 9 4:00PM B. Banko

Sunday, December 10 8:30AM A. Weiman
A. Weiman

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READER

Sunday, December 10 9:45AM V. Ruskai

COUNTING TEAMS

Sunday December 10
Team #2 L. Palasits, Bob Sorbanelli

Pray for our brave soldiers and their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially:



Anonymous request, Fred Burns, Lucille Carpenito,
Cheryle Cacace, Cayden DeNoyelles,
Steven Drakoulis, Bela Geczo, Gail Golden,
Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Judith Hupka,
Lynn Killmurray, Theresa McGuinn, Bianca Morrell,
Anita Olah, Steve Olah, Frank Tricklel

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, December 4

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall

Mass/Novena 7:30AM Chapel

Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall

(Doors open at 10:30AM)

G.I.F.T. 6:30PM Church

Tuesday, December 5

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall

Mass/Novena 7:30AM Chapel

Children's Choir 4:30PM Church

Adult Choir 6:30PM Church

AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, December 6

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall

Mass/Novena 7:30AM Chapel

Christmas Friendship Dinner Meeting
6:30PM Father Milos Hall

Holy Hour with Father Smith

7:00PM Chapel

Saint Nicholas Raffle 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Thursday, December 7

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall

Mass/Novena 7:30AM Church

Eucharist Adoration 2:30PM Chapel

Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel

Confessions 6:00PM Chapel

AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Friday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall

Mass 6:30AM Church

Mass 12:15PM Church

Mass 7:00PM Church

Saturday, December 9

Jesse Tree Gifts due back

Confessions 3:00PM Chapel

Mass 4:00PM Church

Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, December 10

Jesse Tree Gifts due back

Mass 8:30AM Church

Mass 11:15AM Church

AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall



Wednesday, December 6 at 8:00PM
the Feast of Saint Nicholas Raffle

Tickets are \$20.00 each

Tickets are available at the parish office!

6 Visa gift cards			
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

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY



With your generous food donations including frozen turkeys, our November food distribution was able to assist 49 families (120 people). The distribution team wished each family a Happy Thanksgiving!

The next Food Pantry Collection is December 2 and 3

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit	Canned meat
Canned soup	Canned potatoes
Canned vegetables, peas, carrots, mixed	
Cereal	Instant Potatoes
Jelly	Oatmeal
Pancake mix	Pancake syrup
Pasta	Pasta sauce
Peanut butter	Rice
Tomato sauce	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.



Stewardship

*"...Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come."
Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

Light the Advent Wreath at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site



Beginning this weekend at each Mass during the Advent season we would like to invite an individual, family, organization, or ministry to light a candle on the Advent wreath at the beginning of Mass. You will meet with the celebrant in the sacristy before Mass for instructions and process in with him.

In order to prepare accordingly, please fill out the form below (**circle choice**) and return to the parish office or you may put in the collection basket.

Thank you for enhancing the spirit of the Holy season of Advent in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Name: _____

Phone : _____

Email Address: _____

Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th 9:45am

Third Sunday of Advent, December 17th 9:45am

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24th 9:45am

Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Second Sunday of Advent December 10th 8:30am
11:15am

Third Sunday of Advent December 16th 4:00pm
December 17th 8:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23rd 4:00pm
December 24th 8:30am



Birthday Blessing for December

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.



FAITH FORMATION

G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs 2023-2024

G.I.F.T. Session
Monday, December 4 at 6:30PM
in Church

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation
Monday, December 11 at 6:30PM
in Father Milos Hall

Level 1 First Penance
and Level 2 First Communion
Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30PM
in Church

REMINDER:
Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation bulletins
must be signed and placed in the yellow
container after Mass



Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, November 12, 2023

In-person donations.....\$3,190.00
On-line donations.....\$1,193.00
Total.....\$4,383.00

Sunday, November 19, 2023

In-person donations.....\$4,181.00
On-line donations.....\$1,095.50
Total.....\$5,276.50

Sunday, November 26, 2023

In-person donations.....\$3,546.00
On-line donations.....\$ 993.00
Total.....\$4,539.00

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - OCTOBER

Maintenance \$1,786.00
Property and Liability \$1,347.00
World Mission \$1,349.00

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

Diocese of Metuchen Filipino Apostolate

Simbang Gabi 2023

A devotional 9-day series of Masses honoring the Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. All are welcome!!!

MARY, OUR GUIDE ON THE JOURNEY TO SYNODALITY AND EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL
(Masses start at 7PM, unless otherwise noted)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI-METUCHEN

OUR LADY OF FATIMA-PISCATAWAY, SAINT BARTHOLOMEW-EAST BRUNSWICK,
SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE-EDISON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (4PM)- SOMERVILLE, NATIVITY OF THE LORD (6PM)-
MONROE, SAINT BERNADETTE- PARLIN, ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY-HACKETTSTOWN

QUEENSHIP OF MARY-PLAINSBORO, SAINT HELENA-EDISON,
SAINT FRANCES CABRINI-PISCATAWAY

SAINT MATTHIAS (6PM)- SOMERSET, **SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA-PORT READING,**
SAINT CECILIA-MONMOUTH JUNCTION

SAINT JAMES-WOODBRIDGE, MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-HILLSBOROUGH
SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX-BRIDGewater,

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES-SAYREVILLE

SAINT CECILIA-ISELIN, CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART-SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
SAINT AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY- KENDALL PARK

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH-ANNANDALE

MISA DE GALLO DECEMBER 16-24 AT 5AM AT SAINT LADISLAUS CHURCH, NEW BRUNSWICK



CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER



**Monday, December 25
From 1:00PM to 3:00PM**

***Don't be alone this Christmas...
Come meet your neighbors!***

All are welcome 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

There is **NO CHARGE** for the dinner.

In order to properly prepare for the dinner
and (if you require local transportation),
the team would appreciate a phone call to the
**parish office at 732-634-1419
by Monday, December 18.**



Leave a message and someone
will return your call.



CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER Meeting

Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30PM

Preparations are now underway for our annual
CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER
held at Saint Anthony of Padua Church
on Christmas Day.

Assistance is needed in many ways - before the event
- the day of the event - and after the event. For those
not familiar with the ministry, a festive holiday dinner
with all the trimmings is prepared for all who
pre-register and wish to attend. Let us remember,
many people may be alone, may be having temporary
financial difficulties, may be estranged from family
or who might not be physically capable of preparing
a meal.

If you would like to volunteer and bring joy to our
parish friends and family on this blessed holiday, call
732-634-1403.

THE JESSE TREE



In order to meet our commitment to our
beneficiary agencies, **all gifts must be
wrapped and returned to:**

**Saint Anthony of Padua Church
no later than the 11:15AM Mass
next Sunday, December 10.**

In this way, the gifts may be sorted and packed to be
picked up and distributed in time for Christmas.

If you took 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.**

***Thank you for your
understanding and cooperation.***

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
During the 11:15AM Mass**

All children are welcome to participate.

Practice Dates are:

Monday, December 11 at 6:00PM

Thursday, December 14 at 6:00PM

Saturday, December 16 at 10:00AM

