



**The Parish Family
of
Saint Anthony of Padua**



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MONSIGNOR PAFNOUTI WASSEF, PAROCHIAL VICAR
JOEY PERLAS, DEACON PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

second sunday of
ADVENT



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December 10, 2023

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday 7:30AM	December 11 Joe Gyenes Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.	<i>Saint Damasus I, Pope</i>
Tuesday 7:30AM	December 12 Jeff Huber Requested by his Mom and Dad	<i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	December 13 A special intention	<i>Saint Lucy</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	December 14 Maryann Selenko Requested by Sheryl Alcobendas	<i>Saint John of the Cross</i>
Friday 7:30AM	December 15 Mary Carnevale Requested by daughter, Ginny and Frank Clarke	
Saturday 4:00PM	December 16 Andi and Pat Pacifico Requested by sister, Jo and Nick Cinelli	
Sunday 8:30AM 11:15AM	December 17 Dorothy and Nazareth Barcellona Deacon Peter and family People of the parish family	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>

*Flowers for the Blessed Mother
at Saint Anthony of Padua
are*

*in loving memory of
Joseph and Angeline Hayko
on their birthdays in Heaven*

*Requested by daughter,
Eileen and Stanley Gurney*



at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Saturday 8:30AM	December 16 Ray and Cherie Gumapac on their 59 th wedding anniversary Requested by their children and grandchildren
Sunday 9:45AM	December 17 Michael Czum Requested by Anna Czum and family

December 10, 2023
The Second Sunday of Advent



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday:	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalms 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8
Monday:	Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Wednesday:	Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday:	Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15
Friday:	Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Psalms) Luke 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28





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 Diane Mansmann
Requested by Pat Russo

In loving memory of George Marrone, Jr.
Requested by Marty and Pat Martino

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of Daniel Dugan
Requested by Marie Pagliuca

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



Eucharistic Adoration
is held on Thursdays
from 2:30PM to 6:00PM in the Chapel.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM.
Consider joining us for an hour with Jesus. All are welcome!

Additional people are welcome to sit with our Lord
from 4PM to 6PM.

If you are available, contact Angela Fowler at 732-371-2862.

Weekly Holy Hour with Father Smith at Saint Anthony of Padua

Tuesday, December 12 at 5:15PM
Thursday, December 21 at 5:00PM

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

December 11	Reverend Timothy A. Christy Monsignor Seamus Brennan
December 12	Reverend Edmund Shallow Monsignor Richard Lyons
December 13	Reverend Stanley Gromadzki Reverend Charles O'Connor
December 14	Reverend Michael Tabernero Reverend Mark Kehoe
December 15	Reverend Michael Sharic Reverend Deniskingsley Nwagwu SDV
December 16	Reverend Peter Suhaka Reverend Maurice Carlton
December 17	Reverend Kenneth Murphy Reverend Henry Hemmerling



Stewardship

"Prepare the way of the Lord..."
Mark 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, December 3, 2023

In-person donations.....	\$3,506.00
On-line donations.....	<u>\$1,260.50</u>
Total.....	\$4,766.50

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

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, December 11

NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, December 12

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, December 13

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, December 14

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, December 15

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, December 16

Mass/Novena 8:30AM Church

Sunday, December 17

Mass 9:45AM Church

Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 16 4:00PM A. and F. Fowler

Sunday, December 17 8:30AM O. and R. Sandoval
11:15AM C. and E. Weiman

READERS

Saturday, December 16 4:00PM R. McNamara

Sunday, December 17 8:30AM G. Onukwugha
11:15AM G.I.F.T. Mass

SERVERS

Saturday, December 16 4:00PM B. Banko

Sunday, December 17 8:30AM Q. Valdez
11:15AM A. Weiman

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READER

Sunday, December 17 9:45AM M. Dizon

COUNTING TEAMS

Sunday December 17
Team #3 J. Cinelli, C. Huber, R. McNamara

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 Trickel

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, December 11

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall
(Doors open at 10:30AM)
Pageant Practice 6:00PM Church
Confirmation Level One and Two 6:30PM Father Milos Hall

Tuesday, December 12

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
Children's Choir 4:30PM Church
Holy Hour with Father Smith 5:15PM **Chapel**
Adult Choir 6:30PM Church
AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, December 13

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM **Chapel**
Level One Penance and Level Two Communion 6:30PM Church

Thursday, December 14

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 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 15

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall
Mass 7:30AM **Church**

Saturday, December 16

Pageant Practice 10:00AM Church
Confessions 3:00PM **Chapel**
Mass 4:00PM **Church**
Men who Care NA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, December 17

Mass 8:30AM **Church**
G.I.F.T. Mass/Pageant 11:15AM **Church**
AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**The next Food Pantry Distribution is
December 20**



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.**

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



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: _____

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: _____

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

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



**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

THANK YOU

to everyone who participated in the annual Saint Anthony's

FALL Clothing Drive



Your contributions raised over \$400!!!

We look forward to the upcoming Spring Clothing Drive!



FAITH FORMATION

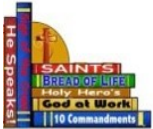
G.I.F.T. and Sacramental Preparation Programs 2023-2024

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.



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	CATHEDRAL OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI-METUCHEN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16	OUR LADY OF FATIMA-PISCATAWAY, SAINT BARTHOLOMEW-EAST BRUNSWICK, SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE-EDISON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (4PM)- SOMERVILLE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (6PM)-MONROE, SAINT BERNADETTE- PARLIN ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-HACKETTSTOWN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18	QUEENSHIP OF MARY-PLAINSBORO, SAINT HELENA-EDISON SAINT FRANCES CABRINI-PISCATAWAY
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19	SAINT MATTHIAS (6PM)- SOMERSET SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA-PORT READING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20	SAINT CECILIA-MONMOUTH JUNCTION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21	SAINT JAMES-WOODBRIDGE, MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-HILLSBOROUGH SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX-BRIDGewater
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22	OUR LADY OF VICTORIES-SAYREVILLE SAINT CECILIA-ISELIN, CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART-SOUTH PLAINFIELD
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23	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 Volunteer Form

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. And what would a feast be
without a delicious dessert. ***If you would like to
donate a dessert, it can be dropped off in
Father Milos Hall on Saturday, December 23.***

If you would like to volunteer and bring joy to our
parish friends and family on this blessed holiday,
call 732-634-1403, place this form in the collection
basket, or bring it to the parish office.

Christmas Concert with the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 ~ 7:00PM
at SAINT JAMES CHURCH
149 GROVE STREET
WOODBIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Join us for a magical evening of music with
Father Alphonse Stevenson conducting the
Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea.

There's no better way to start the Christmas
season than to experience Father Alphonse
and his 42-piece orchestra and distinguished
vocalists. Be sure to get your tickets early for
this annual sell out!

Tickets \$50/\$30

The parish staff will assign seats in the order
reservations are received. To order tickets, please
visit our website at stjamesonline.org. Questions?

Call the parish office: 732-634-0500 x100.