



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



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FATHER WILLIAM J. SMITH, K.C.H.S. PASTOR  
MONSIGNOR PAFNOUTI WASSEF, PAROCHIAL VICAR  
JOEY PERLAS, DEACON PETER BARCELLONA, DEACON

*Third Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**December 17, 2023**

# Mass Intentions

## at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

### Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

<b>Monday</b> 7:30AM	<b>December 18</b> Joseph Carnevale Requested by daughter, Ginny and Frank Clarke
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30AM	<b>December 19</b> Daniel M. Clark Requested by Mary and Tom Balint and family
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30AM	<b>December 20</b> Jun Domingo for continued good health Requested by his loving wife, Jovy Domingo
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30AM	<b>December 21</b> <i>Saint Peter Canisius</i> Claire Curran Miloscia Second anniversary in Heaven Requested by daughter, Colleen and Jay Barcellona and family
<b>Friday</b> 7:30AM	<b>December 22</b> Respect for Life
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00PM	<b>December 23</b> <i>Saint John of Kanty</i> Helen Kurucz Requested by her family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30AM 4:00PM 10:00PM	<b>December 24</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> People of the parish family People of the parish family People of the parish family
<b>Monday</b> 8:30AM 11:15AM	<b>December 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> People of the parish family People of the parish family



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## at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

### Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

<b>Saturday</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 23</b> <i>Saint John of Kanty</i> Luisito Flores Requested by his loving family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:45AM	<b>December 24</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> Milly Milagros Requested by Maria Sztancsik
<b>Monday</b> 10:00AM	<b>December 25</b> <i>Christmas Day</i> People of the parish family

**December 17, 2023**  
**The Third Sunday of Advent**



### This Week's Scripture Readings

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
Monday:	Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Luke 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38
Thursday:	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a Luke 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56
Saturday:	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:57-66
Sunday:	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Psalms 89:2-5, 27-29 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38





## 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 George M. Marrone, Jr.  
Requested by Pat Russo

### **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 Pagliuca  
Requested by his loving wife, Eleanor

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



***Novena in preparation for Christmas  
December 16 –24 after daily Mass***



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

Thursday, December 21 at 5:00PM  
Tuesday, December 26 at 12:00PM

### ***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 18 Monsignor Daniel Herlihy  
Reverend Slawomir Romanoski CSsR
- December 19 Reverend Louis F. Stingel  
Reverend Gilles Njobam CMF
- December 20 Monsignor Raymond Cole  
Reverend Thomas Ryan
- December 21 Reverend Grzegorz Podsiadio SDS  
Reverend Edgardo Abano
- December 22 Reverend Vernon Kohlmann SDV  
Reverend George Targonski
- December 23 Reverend Abraham Orapankal  
Reverend Timothy Eck
- December 24 Reverend John Pringle  
Reverend Stanislaw Slaby CSsR



***Flowers to the Blessed Mother  
at Saint Anthony of Padua***



*are  
in loving memory of  
Claire Miloscia  
  
Requested by daughter,  
Colleen and Jay Barcellona  
and family*



## This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

### Monday, December 18

NA 12:05PM Basement

### Tuesday, December 19

NA 11:00AM Basement

### Wednesday, December 20

NA 11:00AM Basement

### Thursday, December 21

NA 11:00AM Basement

### Friday, December 22

NA 11:00AM Basement

### Saturday, December 23

Mass/Novena 8:30AM Church

### Sunday, December 24

Mass 9:45AM Church

### Monday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

Mass 10:00AM Church

NA 12:05AM Basement

## Liturgical *Minister Schedule* SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 23 4:00PM B. Cuzzo  
R. Masters

Sunday, December 24 8:30AM S. Gadowski  
M. Martino

### READERS

Saturday, December 23 4:00PM E. Alvarez

Sunday, December 24 8:30AM V. Clarke

### SERVERS

Saturday, December 23 4:00PM N. Alvarez

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

### READER

Sunday, December 24 9:45AM B. Perlas

## COUNTING TEAMS

Sunday December 31  
Team #4 N. Cinelli, L. Huber, R. McNamara



## This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

### Monday, December 18

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall  
Mass/Novena 7:30AM Chapel  
Bingo 12:00PM Father Milos Hall  
(Doors open at 10:30AM)

### Tuesday, December 19

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall  
Mass/Novena 7:30AM Chapel  
Children's Choir 4:30PM Church  
Simbang Gabi Mass 7:00PM Church  
AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

### Wednesday, December 20

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

### Thursday, December 21

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall  
Mass/Novena 7:30AM Church  
Parish Office Closes 12:00PM Office  
Eucharist Adoration 2:30PM Chapel  
Chaplet/Rosary 3:00PM Chapel  
Holy Hour with Father Smith 5:00PM Chapel  
Confessions 6:00PM Chapel  
AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

### Friday, December 22

Study Hall 6:30AM Father Milos Hall  
Mass/Novena 7:30AM Church  
Christmas Friendship Dinner Set-up 4:00PM Father Milos Hall

### Saturday, December 23

Decorate Church 9:00AM Church  
Confessions 9:30AM Chapel  
Mass 4:00PM Church  
Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Chapel

### Sunday, December 24

Mass 8:30AM Church  
Children's Choir Prelude and Caroling 3:45PM Church  
Mass 4:00PM Church  
Mass 10:00PM Church  
AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

### Monday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

Mass 8:30AM Church  
Mass 11:15AM Church  
Christmas Friendship Dinner 1:00PM 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.**



***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, Sharon Haflin,  
Kim Hickman, Judith Hupka,  
Lynn Killmurray, Theresa McGuinn,  
Anita Olah, Steve Olah, Frank Trickel

## Stewardship

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “*Rejoice always*” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “*Pray constantly*” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “*Give thanks in all circumstances*” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

### Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Due to earlier submission of the bulletin, our weekly donations will be published at a later date.

Thank you for understanding.



We appreciate all the parish family and friends who supported the Feast of Saint Nicholas Raffle by helping organize, distribute, or purchase tickets.

A special heart-felt **THANK YOU** to everyone and of course -  
**Congratulations** to the winners!!!

### 6 Visa gift cards

1 <sup>st</sup> prize \$1,000	Sharon Britton
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize \$500	Anthony and Julie Pannullo
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize \$250	Bonnie Ann Fenyar
4 <sup>th</sup> prize \$250	Joseph Ward
5 <sup>th</sup> prize \$250	Christopher Modeszto
6 <sup>th</sup> prize \$250	Josephine Cinelli



# 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), call the parish office at 732-634-1419 by Monday, December 18.



## 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.***

**Set-up Date: December 22, 2023 at 4:00PM**

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

Help "Light-up" the  
Saint Anthony of Padua  
Parish Family

# Friendship



by remembering and praying for a living or deceased family member or friend.



Select a solar light bulb, a foam angel, or bring your own (non-breakable) ornament and



write the person's name or a message on it. Place the finished ornament on the "Plaza de San Antonio" tree or leave it in the basket.

**NOTE: ONE ornament per family!**

## 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](http://stjamesonline.org). Questions?

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

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)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19**

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAINT JAMES-WOODBRIDGE, MARY, MOTHER OF GOD-HILLSBOROUGH  
SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX-BRIDGewater  
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES-SAYREVILLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

### **Italian American Association of the Township of Ocean (IAATO)**

#### **50/50 Raffle**

**To benefit the IAATO's scholarship and youth programs**

**Drawing February 10, 2024 at 10:00PM**

**at the IAATO's Clubhouse, The Renaissance, 1110 Highway 35 South, Ocean, NJ**

**RAFFLE TICKETS ONLY \$25.00 per TICKET**

**ONLY 2,000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**

**12 CHANCES TO WIN!**

**GRAND PRIZE - \$10,000 \* (40%)**

**2ND PRIZE - \$5,000\* (20%)**

**(10)\$1,000 PRIZES\* (4% EACH)**

**For more information contact Marty at 732-750-9717 or visit our website at IAATO.com**