



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



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NATIVITY

of the Lord



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A Christmas Gift

Christmas is the time of year, giving gifts big and small.

Years ago the received, the best gift of all.

A baby came, on a very cold night,
a child from above.

Put on this earth to teach us things
especially how to love.

His time with us was very short,
that's all it was meant to be.

He walked the earth, not many years, only 33.

He taught us love, He did His best to teach us how to pray.

“Peace on earth, Good will to all”

at Christmas Mass we'll say.



by Grace Riccardi



*During Christmas 2023, may the
gift of the Christ child bring you to
know and experience his greatest
gifts of love, peace, and joy.*

*On behalf of Monsignor Wassef,
Deacon Joey,
Deacon Peter,
the parish staff,
and myself
we wish you and your family a very
Merry Christmas
and
God Bless you all!*



Father Smith

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday 8:30AM 11:15AM	December 25 People of the parish family People of the parish family	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
Tuesday 9:00AM	December 26 People of the parish family	<i>Saint Stephen</i>
Wednesday 7:30AM	December 27 People of the parish family	<i>Saint John the Apostle</i>
Thursday 7:30AM	December 28 Sandy Sacripanti Requested by George T. Miller	<i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Friday 7:30AM	December 29 Ann Ur Requested by her family	<i>Saint Thomas Becket</i>
Saturday 4:00PM	December 30 Rita Cerami Requested by Maryann Scarpelli	
Sunday 8:30AM 11:15AM	December 31 People of the parish family Loretta "Lorie" Nyers Requested by Judy Mulvaney	<i>The Holy Family</i>



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Monday 10:00AM	December 25 People of the parish family	<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>
Saturday 8:30AM	December 30 Father Vincent Cornejo Requested by George T. Miller, Jr.	
Sunday 9:45AM	December 31 Linda Ann Elliassen Requested by Maria Sztancsik	<i>The Holy Family</i>

December 24, 2023
The Fourth Sunday of Advent



This Week's Scripture Readings

Sunday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalms 89:2-5, 27-29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Monday: Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalms 96:1-3, 11-13
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 John 1:5-2:2
Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: 1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 John 2:12-17
Luke 2:36-40

Sunday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalms 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
Luke 2:22, 39-40





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

Merry Christmas to our Dads in Heaven!
Love, Holly and John

Merry Christmas to our Moms, Dads,
and Grandparents in Heaven
Love, Eileen and Stanley

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

In loving memory of the Camilleri and Hickman
families in Heaven on Christmas
Love, Janet and Kim

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

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 25 Our Holy Father
- December 26 Reverend Bede Kim
Reverend Arlindo Da Silva
- December 27 Reverend Juan Carlos Gaviria
Very Reverend Leonard Rusay
- December 28 Reverend Sean Kenney
Monsignor Joseph Kerrigan
- December 29 Reverend James De Fillipps
Reverend Jeffrey Calia CO
- December 30 Reverend Guy Selvester
Reverend Cyril Offlong SDV
- December 31 Reverend John Polyak
Reverend Damian Tomiczek SDS



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 26 at 12:05PM

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	



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 Hafin,
Kim Hickman, Judith Hupka,
Lynn Killmurray, Theresa McGuinn,
Anita Olah, Steve Olah,
Frank Trickel

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry Collection is January 6 and 7



ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned fruit
Canned soup
Canned vegetables, peas, carrots, mixed
Cereal
Jelly
Pancake mix
Pasta
Peanut butter
Tomato sauce

Canned meat
Canned potatoes
Instant Potatoes
Oatmeal
Pancake syrup
Pasta sauce
Rice
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 and support of Saint Anthony's Food Pantry.
Your kindness and contributions have assisted more than 300 families
who have experience some difficulties in 2023.**

Stewardship

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"
Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, December 10, 2023

In-person donations.....	\$3,499.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,578.00
Total.....	\$5,077.00

The Rosary will be recited on

Friday, January 5, 2024 at 8:00AM

at Saint Anthony of Padua

All are welcome!

Livestream (in both the church and the chapel) of daily Mass has resumed as of Monday, December 11.

Visit www.saintanthonypadua.org

Click on the YouTube link



Thank you to the Don Bosco Knights of Columbus, Port Reading, NJ for their support in upgrading this system.

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Monday, December 25

Mass 10:00AM Church
NA 12:05PM Basement

Tuesday, December 26

NA 11:00AM Basement

Wednesday, December 27

NA 11:00AM Basement

Thursday, December 28

NA 11:00AM Basement

Friday, December 29

NA 11:00AM Basement

Saturday, December 30

Mass 8:30AM Church

Sunday, December 31

Mass 9:45AM Church

Liturgical Minister Schedule

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 30 4:00PM B. and C. Marney

Sunday, December 31 8:30AM A. and D. Anderson
11:15AM L. Palasits
B. Sorbanelli

READERS

Saturday, December 30 4:00PM T. Casey

Sunday, December 31 8:30AM C. Mazzarella
11:15AM G. Grispart

SERVERS

Saturday, December 30 4:00PM B. Banko
Sunday, December 31 8:30AM A. and A. Weiman

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READER

Sunday, December 31 9:45AM N. Alvarez

This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

Monday, December 25

Parish Office CLOSED reopens January 2
Study Hall CLOSED reopens January 2
Mass 8:30AM Church
Mass 11:15AM Church
Christmas Friendship Dinner 1:00PM Father Milos Hall

Tuesday, December 26

Mass 9:00AM Chapel
Holy Hour with Father Smith 12:05PM Chapel
AA 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Wednesday, December 27

Mass 7:30AM Chapel

Thursday, December 28

Mass 7:30AM Church
Confessions 6:00PM Chapel
AA 8:00PM Father Milos Hall

Friday, December 29

Mass 7:30AM Church

Saturday, December 30

Confessions 3:00PM Chapel
Mass 4:00PM Church
Men who Care NA group 7:30PM Father Milos Hall

Sunday, December 31

Mass 8:30AM Church
Mass 11:15AM Church
AA 7:00PM Father Milos Hall

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Mass 9:00AM Church



The PARISH OFFICE is CLOSED and REOPENS TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

STUDY HALL is CLOSED and REOPENS TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!