



The Parish Family of Saint Anthony of Padua



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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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December 31, 2023

Mass Intentions

at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before daily Mass

Monday	January 1	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>
9:00AM	People of the parish family	
Tuesday	January 2	<i>Saint Basil the Great Saint Gregory Nazianzen</i>
7:30AM	George and Eileen Miller Requested by son, George T. Miller	
Wednesday	January 3	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
7:30AM	Purgatorial Mass Society	
Thursday	January 4	<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
7:30AM	People of the parish family	
Friday	January 5	<i>Saint John Neumann</i>
7:30AM	People of the parish family	
Saturday	January 6	<i>Saint Andre Bessette</i>
4:00PM	James Mahon Requested by Judith Nicolich	
Sunday	January 7	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
8:30AM	Marie and John Santorelli Requested by son, Robert	
11:15AM	People of the parish family	

at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site

Morning Prayer: 20 minutes before Saturday Mass

Saturday	January 6	<i>Saint Andre Bessette</i>
8:30AM	Deceased members of the former Altar Rosary Society	
Sunday	January 7	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
9:45AM	Charles and Helen Volk Requested by Magda and Maggie Herczeg	

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



This Week's Scripture Readings

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
Monday:	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 John 2:22-28 Psalms 98:1-4 John 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 John 2:29 - 3:6 Psalms 98:1-3, 6 John 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 John 3:7-10 Psalms 98:1, 7-9 John 1:35-42
Friday:	1 John 3:11-21 Psalms 100:1-5 John 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 John 5:5-13 Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20 Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38



Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)

May God's peace be upon
you and remain with you
throughout the year.



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

For our parents in Heaven "Happy Birthday"
Clara and Michael Camilleri
Love, daughters, Mildred, Janet, and MaryDee

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



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, January 4 at 5:00PM
Tuesday, January 9 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

Mark your calendar
Sunday,
January 7 after
8:30AM Mass

**ALL
PARISHIONERS
are invited to**

**Coffee &
Conversation**

Pope Francis' Intention for January:

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church



PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

- January 1 Our Holy Father
- January 2 Reverend Gustavo Rodriguez-Perez
Reverend Stanislaw Slaby CSsR
- January 3 Reverend Edmund Luciano III
Reverend Dawid Wejnerowski
- January 4 Reverend Thomasaiah Mallavarapu CMF
Reverend James De Fillipps
- January 5 Reverend Gregory Zannetti
Monsignor Raymond Cole
- January 6 Reverend Damien Breen
Reverend Robert Lynam
- January 7 Bishop James Checchio



Rest in Peace

Remember in your prayers the souls of:
Ethel Feinberg – October 15, 2023
Thomas Cozine - December 1, 2023
John Rucando - December 2, 2023
Annamae Zeher - December 15, 2023



One Year Anniversary

Keep in your prayers the
parishioners who died a year ago in 2023:
Bernadine M. Wickes - January 11
James Krissak – January 25



Purgatorial Mass Society

The souls of:	requested by:
Ruth Torkildsen	Peggie and Carmen Margiotto
Ethel Feinberg	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family
Cesar Alfonso Armas	Frank and Angela Fowler
Elizabeth (Betty) Hochfelder	Peggie and Carmen Margiotto
John Rucando	Saint Anthony of Padua parish family

Our loved ones have been enrolled into the Saint Anthony's Perpetual Mass Society. They will be remembered in a special Mass the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30AM at Saint Anthony of

This Week at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

<u>Monday, January 1</u> Happy New Year		
NA	12:05PM	Basement
<u>Tuesday, January 2</u>		
NA	11:00AM	Basement
<u>Wednesday, January 3</u>		
NA	11:00AM	Basement
<u>Thursday, January 4</u>		
NA	11:00AM	Basement
<u>Friday, January 5</u>		
Mass	8:00AM	Church
NA	11:00AM	Basement
<u>Saturday, January 6</u>		
Mass	8:30AM	Church
Holy Family Prayer Group	6:00PM	Church
<u>Sunday, January 7</u>		
Mass	9:45AM	Church

Liturgical *Minister Schedule*

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 6	4:00PM	A. and F. Fowler
Sunday, January 7	8:30AM	O. and R. Sandoval
	11:15AM	B. Mcauley
		J. Mulvaney

READERS

Saturday, January 6	4:00PM	R. McNamara
Sunday, January 7	8:30AM	G. Onukwughu
	11:15AM	G. Grispart

SERVERS

Saturday, January 6	4:00PM	B. Banko
Sunday, January 7	8:30AM	Q. Valdez



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

READER

Sunday, January 7	9:45AM	G. Clarke
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COUNTING TEAMS

Monday, January 8	L. Casey, A. Fowler, P. Russo
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Wishing
you and your
family a...



This Week at Saint Anthony of Padua

<u>Monday, January 1</u> Happy New Year		
Parish Office	CLOSED	until January 2
Study Hall	CLOSED	until January 2
Mass	9:00AM	Church
Bingo	CLOSED	
<u>Tuesday, January 2</u>		
Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
AA	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall
<u>Wednesday, January 3</u>		
Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Chapel
<u>Thursday, January 4</u>		
Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Church
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
<u>Friday, January 5</u>		
Study Hall	6:30AM	Father Milos Hall
Mass	7:30AM	Church
Rosary	8:00AM	Church

<u>Saturday, January 6</u> FOOD DRIVE		
Confessions	3:00PM	Chapel
Mass	4:00PM	Church
Men who Care NA group	7:30PM	Father Milos Hall

<u>Sunday, January 7</u> FOOD DRIVE		
Mass	8:30AM	Church
Mass	11:15AM	Church
AA	7:00PM	Father Milos Hall

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

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The next Food Pantry Collection is January 6 and 7

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

*"... as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you must forgive."*
Colossians 3:13

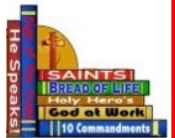
Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone — a family member, a friend, or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Stewardship: God's Plan for Giving

Sunday, December 17, 2023

In-person donations.....	\$4,580.00
On-line donations.....	\$1,040.00
Total.....	\$5,620.00

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



FAITH FORMATION

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

G.I.F.T.

Monday, January 8 at 6:30PM in Church

Level 1 and Level 2 Confirmation - Teaching Mass Parents and Students
Monday, January 22 at 6:30PM in Church

Level 1 First Penance and Level 2 First Communion
Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30PM in Church

REMINDER:

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



2023 Contributions to Saint Anthony of Padua Church Financial Request Form

The parish office needs at least ten (10) business day for your requests to be processed.

The parish office has until January 31, 2024 to process your request.

For example, if the parish office staff receives your request on February 5, it will be available on or after February 19; if the request is submitted on February 12, it will be available on or after February 26. Keep this in mind when you choose to submit your financial statement request, especially if you need it for your 2023 income tax forms.

Financial Contributions Request for 2023

Please send me a listing of contributions I/we made to Saint Anthony's for 2023

NAME: _____ ENVELOPE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE INDICATE: _____ CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
_____ BUILDING FUND
_____ CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
_____ OTHER _____

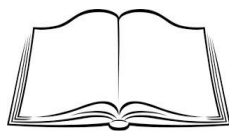
We do not list contributions or special collections without an envelope number.
If you do not use your envelopes we have no record of any donations you might have made.

This statement will not include any contribution you might have made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. That information may be obtained by calling the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990.

Return the completed request form in the collection basket or at the parish office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

2024 MASS BOOK
for Saint Anthony of Padua
and Our Lady of Mount Carmel worship sites.



If you would like to have a Mass scheduled for a loved one, visit the parish office during office hours. The stipend is \$10 and may be paid in cash or check (made payable to Saint Anthony of Padua.)



**SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS ...
for our ongoing fundraiser**

Consider helping Saint Anthony's the next time you shop. For each gift card purchased, our parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift cards are available in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the parish office.

Dear Parishioners:

If you use the envelopes provided to you bi-monthly or you donate online, we thought it might be helpful to provide you with a one page reference for 2024. All collections noted with an:

* are funds sent directly to the Diocese of Metuchen and not retained for use by Saint Anthony of Padua.

** collections are designated for the Social Ministries in our parish

If you are not aware Saint Anthony of Padua provides on-line giving. You have the option to manage your contributions on-line. It helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass (vacation, weather, illness). You can start, stop, and change your contributions at any time. This service is safe and secure and convenient for you.

To register:

Just go to our website:

www.saintanthonypadua.org

1. Click on the on-line giving registration.
2. Complete the online registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact the OSV support center at 1-800-348-2886 option 2. They will be happy to assist you.

Fund	Collection Date
Weekly Offertory	All year
Property & Liability	monthly
Mission Coop (to be scheduled)	
Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)	1/01/2024
Together in Charity*	1/07/2024
Foundation Catholic Education*	1/21/2024
Parish Maintenance and Repair	1/28/2024
Catholic Spirit*	2/04/2024
Ash Wednesday**	2/14/2024
Parish Utility Assistance	2/25/2024
Parish Debt Reduction	3/03/2024
Easter Flowers	3/17/2024
Retired Diocesan Clergy*	3/24/2024
Holy Thursday**	3/28/2024
Good Friday/Holy Land*	3/29/2024
Easter Sunday	3/31/2024
Catholic Relief Services*	4/28/2024
Mother's Day Novena	5/05/2024
Development of the People*	5/12/2024
Catholic Communication Campaign*	5/19/2024
Parish Maintenance and Repair	5/26/2024
Father's Day Novena	6/09/2024
Parish Maintenance and Repair	6/30/2024
Parish Debt Reduction	7/21/2024
Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)	8/15/2024
Parish Maintenance and Repair	8/25/2024
Peter Pence*	9/08/2024
Parish Utility Assistance	9/29/2024
Parish Debt Reduction	10/13/2024
World Mission Sunday*	10/20/2024
Parish Maintenance and Repair	10/27/2024
All Saints (Holy Day)	11/01/2024
All Souls Novena	11/02/2024
Works of Mercy*	11/17/2024
Christmas Flowers	12/01/2024
Retirement for Religious*	12/08/2024
Christmas	12/25/2024