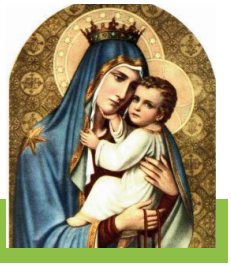


THE PARISH FAMILY OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



NOVEMBER 15, 2026 | 33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday | 7:30am (St. Anthony)
Saturday | 8:30am (OLMC)
| 4:00pm (St. Anthony)
Sunday | 8:30am, 11:30am (St. Anthony)
|10:00am (OLMC)

CONFESSION

Saturday | 9:00am - 9:30am (OLMC)
Saturday | 3:00pm - 3:30pm (St. Anthony)
Other | By Appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday |8:00am - 3:00pm
Friday | 8:00am - 12:00pm
Closed for lunch |12:30pm - 1:00pm



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'" – Mt 25:21

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OUR MISSION

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua is a diverse community of faith formed in July 2012 when Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Woodbridge (est. 1920) and St. Anthony of Pad ua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904) merged. We proclaim the "Good News" of Jesus Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church. We are committed to maintaining worship as a powerful experience of God's presence through word, sacrament, music, and community. We have a passion for social justice and our duties toward all people. We enrich the faith of those in need through a variety of ministries. We strive to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love while honoring God's presence in every person.

There are no Strangers at St. Anthony's - Only Friends We Haven't Met!

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Saturday -November 14

8:30am | †A special intention for Father William J. Smith as he celebrates his 45th Ordination anniversary (OLMC Mass) by John and Holly Pagliuca

4:00pm | †Margaret and Joseph Baumlin by their family

Sunday - November 15

8:30am | †People of the Parish family

10:00am | †Uzo Amuzie - Living intention (OLMC Mass) by his loving Mom, ChiChi and Dad, Mike

11:30am | †John and Ethel Osag by their loving family

Monday - November 16 ***Saint Margaret of Scotland***

7:30am | †Soledad G. Olaso by Cassie and Kenny Brid

Tuesday -November 17 ***Saint Elizabeth of Hungary***

7:30am | †Jose Perlas by Deacon Joey and Beth Perlas

Wednesday - November 18 ***The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul***

7:30am | †Eleanor and Carmen Pagliuca Happy anniversary in Heaven by Marie Pagliuca

Thursday - November 19

7:30am | †Theresa "Terri" Seibert by Pat Russo

Friday - November 20

7:30am | †Annette Colterelli by Lisa Zigle

Saturday -November 21 ***The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8:30am | †Avelino Espiritu (OLMC Mass) by Ray and Cherie Gumapac

4:00pm | †Father C. Galassi, Attilio and Maria Rotili on their 100th wedding anniversary by daughter, Jean and Charlie Cheddar

Sunday - November 22

8:30am | †People of the Parish family

10:00am | † Helen Harangozo (OLMC Mass) by Margaret Moricz

11:30am | †Richard Sava and Francis Aleszcky by Liz Aleszcyk



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday
Revelation 1:1-4, 2:1-5
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday
Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22
Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
Luke 19:1-10

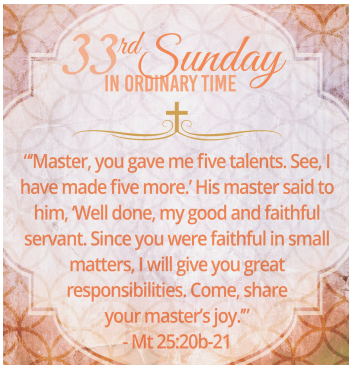
Wednesday
Revelation 4:1-11
Psalms 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday
Revelation 5:1-10
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Luke 19:41-44

Friday
Revelation 10:8-11
Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday
Revelation11:4-12
Psalms 144:1, 2, 9-10
Luke 20:27-40

Next Sunday
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalms 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46





FROM THE DESK OF FATHER CYRIL

THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
This week, I ask you to keep our former and beloved pastor, Fr. Robert Lynam (Fr. Bob), in your prayers as he faces his health challenges. He wrote the letter below to share his journey with us.

"Whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross and follow me"
Matthew 16:24-25).

More than a year ago, I went to Saint Peter's Hospital in New Brunswick for medical testing. The doctor noticed a lesion on my liver and referred me to a doctor at Morristown Hospital. The doctor has been a true gift from God, supporting me throughout this journey. After testing, it was determined that the tumor was cancerous. Because of the nature of this cancer, there was no conventional treatment available. The tumor would have to be monitored while preparations were made for the treatment that could ultimately save my life: a liver transplant. In April 2026, I went to NYU and met with the transplant team, and they explained the situation and the journey ahead of me.

In August, I had other procedures done, and radiation was delivered directly into the tumor. I later had an MRI that showed a cavity where the tumor had been. Other tumors could still develop, so the need for a transplant remained.

I have come a long way over this past year, and I feel great. My blood counts and liver functions remain good, and there is no deterioration in my overall condition. The doctor said I am a strong candidate for the transplant.

I continue to meet with my doctors, but I do not know when the transplant will take place. The transplant team has suggested that it may take place during the first quarter of 2027, but ultimately, I wait for the phone call.

God does not will anything bad in our lives. Yet some things happen beyond our control. That is where faith becomes essential. Faith does not mean that we will never suffer. It means that we are not alone. We can place our crosses into the hands of Jesus and allow Him to transform suffering into prayer and fear into trust. That is what I am trying to do.

St. Anthony of Padua was my first pastorate. I will always hold a special place in my heart for the parish family, and that is why I wanted to share my cross with you. I know that I do not walk this journey alone. I walk with Jesus Christ, with Mary, with the saints, with family and friends, and with my parish family of St. Augustine of Canterbury. I am asking the parish family of St. Anthony of Padua to be a part of my journey and especially for your prayers!

As we pray for Fr. Bob, let us be strengthened in our faith when we too struggle in life. Faith is not an escape from the challenges of life. Rather, it is the strength to stand firm in the hope of God's grace as we carry our crosses daily and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, in weakness and in strength.

The journey through serious health challenges can sometimes feel lonely. As Christians, however, we draw comfort from knowing that fellow travelers on our faith journey are lifting us up in prayer to our Lord and supporting us spiritually.

Loving Father, please lay Your healing hands on Your servant, priest, and our brother, Fr. Bob.
Amid his health uncertainties, grant him Your peace and joy.
Amen.



VOTIVE CANDLES

BURN CONSTANTLY AS A FORM OF PRAYER AND ADORATION. THE CANDLES BURNING THIS WEEK ARE DEDICATED ...

GOOD SHEPHERD

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

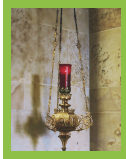
May God Bless Father Smith as he celebrates his 45th Ordination anniversary
Requested by Stanley and Eileen Gurney

CROSS OF SAN DOMIANO

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

In loving memory of Carmen, Eleanor,
and Jeffrey Pagliuca
Requested by their loving family

SANCTUARY LAMP



TABERNACLE

In loving memory of my dear friend Albina D'Alessio, Happy birthday with the Lord.
Requested by Pat Russo

In loving memory of a dear friend,
Terri Seibert
Requested by Dave and Barbara Ziskoski



Advent begins on Sunday, November 29

One advent wreath each for Saint Anthony's Church and Chapel and one advent wreath for Our Lady of Mount Carmel are available for a special intention or in a memory of a loved one.
If you would like to donate one of these Advent wreaths, then contact the parish office at 732-634-1403.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

NOVEMBER 15 Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski

NOVEMBER 16 Reverend Robert Pinnisi
Reverend Stanley Gromadzki

NOVEMBER 17 Reverend Damien Breen
Reverend James DeFillipps

NOVEMBER 18 Reverend Waldemar Wieladek, CSsR
Reverend Deniskingsley Nwagwu, SDV

NOVEMBER 19 Reverend Jose Lim
Reverend Jose Lorente

NOVEMBER 20 Reverend David E. Keyes
Reverend Michael Crummy

NOVEMBER 21 Monsignor Charles Cicerale
Monsignor Eugene Prus



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 2026

In-person donations	$4,365.00
On-line donations	$1,410.00
Weekly Total	***$5,775.00***

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you for supporting our parish.

MINISTRY UPDATES

FAITH FORMATION



G.I.F.T. AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

G.I.F.T

G.I.F.T. MASS WEEKEND
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AT 4:00PM AND
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
AT 8:30AM AND 11:30AM

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LEVEL ONE FIRST PENANCE AND
LEVEL TWO COMMUNION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 6:20PM
IN FATHER MILOS HALL

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LEVEL ONE AND TWO CONFIRMATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AND
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
AT 6:30PM IN FATHER MILOS HALL



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 4:00PM
J. Barcellona, R. Master, D. Scharff

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 8:30AM
A. and D. Anderson, S. Gadomski

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 11:30AM
M. Amuzie, G. Grispart, L. Palasits



READERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 4:00PM
C. Barcellona, M. Wendel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 8:30AM
G. and G.C. Onukwugha

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22-OLMC 10:00AM
M. Poos

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 11:30AM
J. Ramos



ALTAR SERVERS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 8:30AM
C., C., and C. Onukwugha

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 11:30AM
A.Boelhower, F. Calabrese, M. Casey



FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:

Canned Fruit	Pork & Beans	Peanut Butter
Canned Meats	Rice	Pork & Beans
Canned Tuna	Tomato Sauce	Rice
Cereal	Pancake Mix	Tomato Sauce
Jelly	Pancake Syrup	

Always accepted are toiletry and household items, such as: body wash, soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and paper towels.

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

If you know someone who would like assistance,
contact the parish office 732-634-1403
or email: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com

PRAY FOR

OUR SICK, HOMEBOUND, AND MILITARY PARISHIONERS

PRAY...
FOR OUR PARISHIONERS RESIDING IN NURSING HOMES AND CARE CENTERS, THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:



Cristino E. Abasolo III, Anonymous, Nancy C. Bunavage, John Campion, Justin Carpentieri, Allison Cohen, Steven DeNoyelles, Beth Dispoto, Alyssa Dohanyos, John Dohanyos, Mark Emanuele, Heather Marrone Fabio, Bob Glatt, Larry Golden, Kim Hickman, Keeba Johnson, Lynn Killmurray, Kathryn Korin, Alfred Leone, Jonathan Marcela, Heather Marrone Fabio, Robert Joseph Meade IV, Richard J. Palasits, Sr., David Russell, Rami Shehadek, Janet Strunak, Millie Sutphen, Maryann Vyszwany, Matthew Woods, Donna Zeoli



PRAY...
FOR ALL THE BRAVE MILITARY PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY AT HOME OR ABROAD. WE ALSO PRAY FOR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

PRAY FOR PEACE



Christmas Tree Reservation Form
Trees will be displayed in front of Saint Anthony of Padua Church and Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Memorial for Deceased _____
Dedicated to Loved Ones Living _____
Family Christmas Greeting _____

Please have the plaque read as follows:

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Contact:
Name:_____
phone #:_____
email:_____

Cost: $150 per tree
Pay by cash or make checks payable to
St. Anthony of Padua Church
(in memo line WYD 2027)
Reservations due by Friday, November 27.



THE JESSE TREE



In keeping with the spirit of sharing our joy in Jesus' birth, our parish family is invited to participate in the Jesse Tree. The beneficiaries of our special generosity this year will be:

Bruce Street School for the Deaf
A day school for children between the ages of 3 and 14 years with profound deafness.

Saint Anthony of Padua and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish families

ALL GIFTS must be WRAPPED and RETURNED by Sunday, December 13

If you take a Jesse Tree tag and for whatever reason are not able to obtain the gift designated on the tag, please return the tag to the tree. Each recipient has only one tag, and if your tag or gift is not returned, we will not have a gift for that child.

Any questions or concerns, call Chris or Debbie Mazzarella through the parish office at 732-634-1403 to leave them a message.



Thank you for your continued support and generosity for our children!

THE WEEK AHEAD

NOTE: Mass schedule/intentions are found on page 2

Saturday - November 14 **Jesse Tree Begins**

Monday - November 16

12:00pm | Bingo | Father Milos Hall
6:20pm | Level One Communion and Level Two Confirmation | Father Milos Hall

Tuesday - November 17

4:30pm | Youth Choir | Church
6:00pm | Breakfast with Santa Meeting | Father Milos Hall
6:30pm | Adult Choir | Church

Wednesday - November 18

10:00am-noon | Food Pantry Distribution | Father Milos Hall

Thursday - November 19

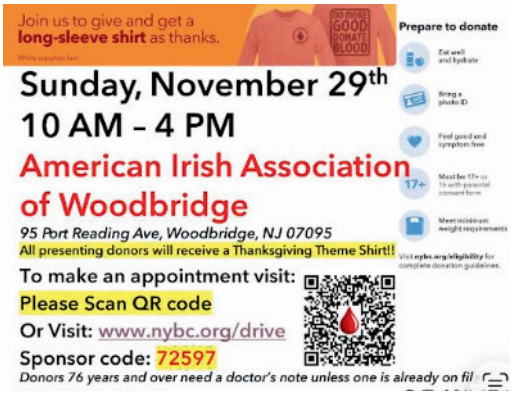
2:30pm - 6:00pm | Eucharist Adoration | Chapel
3:00pm | Chaplet/Rosary | Chapel

Saturday - November 21

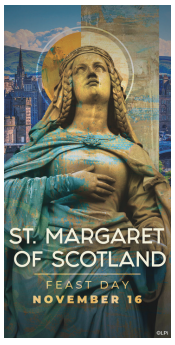
9:00am | Confession | OMLC
3:00pm | Confession | Church

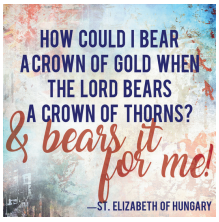


Blood Drive



Did you know the feast days for this week are...?





November 17







November 18

The **2027 Mass Book**
will be available beginning on
Saturday, November 14
at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
from 9:00am - 10:00am
at Saint Anthony of Padua
from 10:00am - 12:00pm

To accommodate as many parishioners as possible, we ask that you observe the following guidelines:

1. Each family will be limited to three (3) Masses - two (2) Saturday or Sunday Masses and (1) weekday Mass.
2. Masses may be requested for the living or the deceased.
3. Donation for each Mass is $10.00. All checks should be made payable to Saint Anthony's Church.
4. If you are making intentions for "Mr. and Mrs." have their first names available so the celebrant can mention them by their first names during Mass.
5. If you do not have the opportunity to come during the above mention dates and times, the parish office will continue to record 2027 Mass intentions during office hours.
6. Beginning **Monday, December 7**, you may reserve additional Masses (one for Saturday or Sunday, and one for a weekday).Thank you for your cooperation.

