



Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 14:11

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

6:30 am *English*
8:00 am *Spanish*
9:30 am *English*
11:00 am *Spanish*

Monday - Thursday

7:00 am *English*

Thursday

7:30 pm *Spanish*

Friday

5:15 pm *English*

Saturday

4:00 pm *English (Sunday Vigil Mass)*

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Chapel*
Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Church*
Friday 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm *Chapel*
Saturday 11:00 am – 11:45 am *Church*
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm *Church*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

BAPTISM

Saturday at 12:00 pm | Every third in English | Every fourth in Spanish

MARRIAGE

Diocesan rules require registered parishioners to contact the Pastor at least 8 months in advance. *Classes are required.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office at 508-993-1691 for a Minister of Care to bring communion to those who are in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes. This can be arranged on a regular basis. Anointing of the Sick (performed by a priest) can be received at any time during a serious illness.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Chapel*; Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm *Church*
Friday 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm *Chapel*; Saturday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm *Chapel*

FAITH FORMATION *(For youth and children)*

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm at Immaculate Conception School - 136 Earl Street New Bedford, MA.

OCIA *(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)*

If you or anyone is interested in the Catholic Faith or in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish Office at 508-993-1691.

SUNDAY AUGUST 31, 2025

Welcome to Saint Anthony's

If you are new to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, please know how welcome you are to worship God with us. The motto of our parish is written in Latin over the front entrance: "The hardworking people of St. Anthony have built this Temple to the Lord." We know that we have been blessed with one of the most beautiful church most people have ever seen and that the Lord demands more of those who have been given more. Our goal is to allow the Lord to build with us a parish community of "living Stones" even more beautiful than the physical edifice in which we have the awesome privilege to worship Him. We would love you to become part of that building project!



Parish Staff

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Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE | Ext. 102

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Fr. Jeff Obniski, IVE

Fr. Mario Rojas, IVE

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Deacon Eduardo Borges

Deacon Jeremias Carranza

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office@saintanthonybn.org

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Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172

music@saintanthonybn.org

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Luis Sicajau | Ext. 113

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Mother Maria Aeiparthenos Berry, SSVM | 774 849 0986
ccd@saintanthonybn.org

Sacristan Sr. Annette Brassard | Ext. 112

Remember them in your prayers!

Eternal Rest

We are asked to pray for the sick, especially for

*Grace Gonsalves, Henrique Trindade, Lucille Connolly,
Diane Barksdale, Hunt Barksdale, Rob Jardin, Adrien
Aube, Jose Soares, Loretta Hevey, Thomas Sargent, Robert
Keegan, Sandra & Family, Manuel Debrito
Alan Edwards and Jose M. Carcamo, Nataly Alvarado,
Madaleine Mendoza.*

That the Lord may give them health and strength

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY

4:00pm

AUGUST 30

Int. Maria Transito

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

AUGUST 31

†Joe Oliveira

Pro Populo

†Theresa Quintin

†Edgar Pucha, IVE

MONDAY

7:00am

SEPTEMBER 1

†Etelvina Trejo

TUESDAY

7:00am

SEPTEMBER 2

†Emilio & Maria Dasilva

†Manuel Couto

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

SEPTEMBER 3

†Antonio M. Pimentel

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

SEPTEMBER 4

†Antonio Ciriaco

†Andres Aj

FRIDAY

5:15pm

SEPTEMBER 5

†Fernando do Couto

SATURDAY

4:00pm

SEPTEMBER 6

†Armindo de Melo

SUNDAY

6:30am *English*

8:00am *Español*

9:30am *English*

11:00am *Español*

SEPTEMBER 7

†Antonio Manuel

Int. Maria Antonia Suarez

Pro Populo

Int. Carlos Mejia

Sanctuary Lamp

Will burn the month of September in memory of

†Normand & Rhea Dumont
& Mary Binette

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2025 YEAR C

22ND SUNDAY	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb
ORDINARY TIME	12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
Aug 31	
MONDAY	<i>Labor Day</i>
Sept 1	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1+3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
TUESDAY	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Sept 2	
WEDNESDAY	<i>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i>
Sept 3	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
THURSDAY	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Sept 4	
FRIDAY	<i>Saint Teresa of Calcutta</i>
Sept 5	Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39
SATURDAY	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6+8/Lk 6:1-5
Sept 6	
23RD SUNDAY	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14+17/Phlm 9-
ORDINARY TIME	10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Sept 7	

Pastor's message

In a world that seeks power and dominion and rejects the weak and vulnerable, the Gospel of this Sunday offers a valuable opportunity for reflection. Jesus speaks about the virtue of humility, saying, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." What, then, are the conditions according to Jesus for humbling ourselves? We should always

so that we may be repaid not by the world, but by God. He says, "Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Mat. 6:3. St. Thomas Aquinas describes humility thus: "a humble man is so called because he is, as it were, 'humo acclinis'" [Literally, 'bent to the ground'] when a man, considering his own failings, assumes the lowest place according to his mode: thus Abraham said to the Lord (Genesis 18:27), "I will speak to my Lord, whereas I am dust and ashes." On this way humility is a virtue. (ST II-IIae Q116 a1.)

The saints are a good example of humility because they renounced to the world and some of them to care for the sick, the vulnerable the illiterate. Humility and holiness goes together. St. Theresa of Avila in the interior castle, VI, ch 10, # 7 reflects, "Once I was pondering why our Lord was so fond of this virtue of humility, and this thought came to me — in my opinion not as a result of reflection but suddenly: It is because God is supreme Truth; and to be humble is to walk in

truth, for it is a very deep truth that of ourselves we have nothing good but only misery and nothingness.."



Our Blessed Mother was exalted because, in her own words, God looked upon her lowliness. Her words are filled with humility and truth.

The world needs humility to change perspectives and live in peace and harmony; otherwise, we will be abased because those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

May those in power, especially in the Middle East and Eastern Europe, work on being a little more humble to bring peace.

Happy Sunday and may God bless you all.

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE



take the lowest place wherever we go, unless we are invited to take the place of honor beforehand, of course. Some people look for prestige or pretend to be someone they're not. Second, there is the desire to be recognized by others or to be repaid with praise or recognition. Jesus wants us to do everything

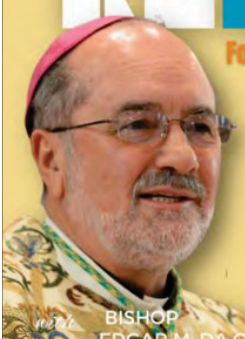


Are you a catholic married couple ready to inspire others? Become a Marriage Ministry Mentor in the Diocese of Fall River. Receive training, formation, guidance, and resources and help prepare engaged couples for their Sacrament of Matrimony. If interested, please contact Irina Robinson, Family and Respect Life Director, at irobinson@dioc-fr.org / 508-669-7966 or Deborah LeDoux, Family and Respect Life Coordinator at dledoux@dioc-fr.org / 508-658-2956.

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News and Events

Parish Bazaar

As we planned for the next parish bazaar we need your generosity. Please donate gift cards, children toys, new items you would like to donate.

Saint Anthony Food Pantry

Volunteers are always needed. Feel free to come to see if that is for you. Thursdays from 10am to 11:30am. For permanent volunteers you will need to do the Safe environment training.

OCIA Classes

If you or someone you know you like to know more about the Catholic Church, or receive the Sacrament of Confirmation as adult, please call the secretary for enquiries. We meet every Sundays after the 9:30am Mass.

Legion of Mary

The meetings of The Legion of Mary will resume in September.

Office Closed

The office will be closed on September 1st, in observance of Labor Day week.!



Back to CCD

FAITH FORMATION

Classes start: **Tues. Sept 9th** (grades 6th thru 9th)
Wed. Sept. 10th (K thru 5th grade)

Location to Register and Classes:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 136 EARLE ST.

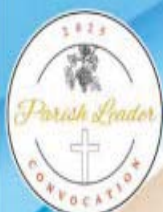
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SAT. Aug. 16th from 10 AM to 1 PM
SUN. Aug. 17th from 10 AM to 1 PM
SAT.. Aug. 30th from 10 AM to 1 PM
SUN.. Aug. 31st from 10 AM to 1 PM

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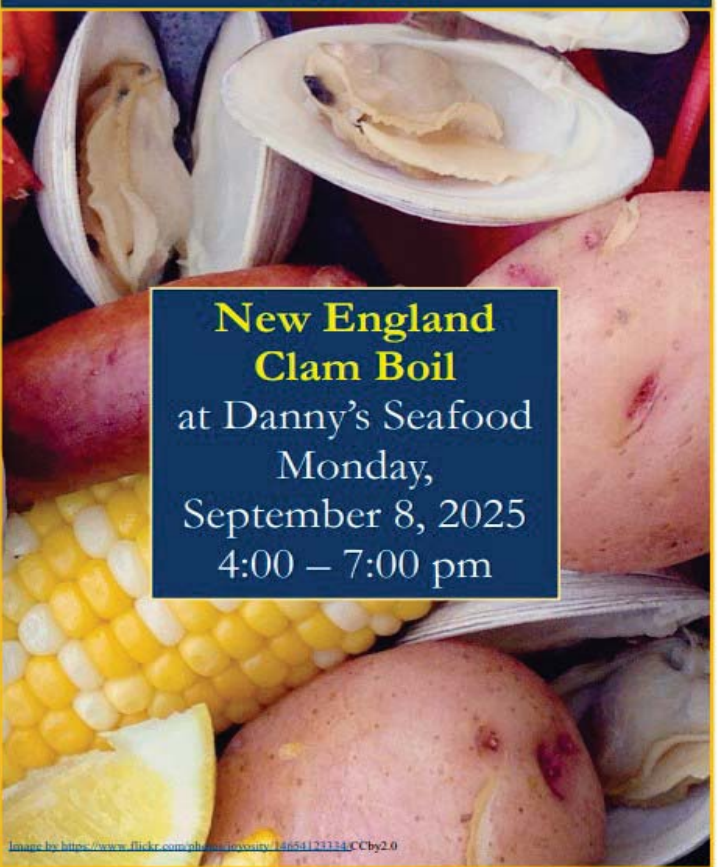
Parish Leader CONVOCATION



Saturday, September 6, 2025
St. John Neumann, 157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown

Commencement and Development for all Parish, Catechetical, & Ministry Leaders, Catechists and Volunteers ahead of Catechetical Sunday with:

The Father Michael J. McGivney Council of the Knights of Columbus, Presents...



New England Clam Boil
 at Danny's Seafood
 Monday,
 September 8, 2025
 4:00 – 7:00 pm

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Tickets are \$50 each for all you can eat! (Take-Out Available)
 Gift Card & 50/50 Raffles at Dine-in Event
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Announcement

“Friday August 22, 2025 our parish was blessed to have visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.”

In 1999, the tilma was removed from its glass frame and a high-resolution digital image was made from the original image. The digital image was blessed by St. Pope John Paul II. From that digital image, only four “Missionary Images” were produced and are the exact size of the original tilma—4’ x 6’. These Images were blessed certified and commissioned by the Rector of the Basilica Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera, Primate of Mexico.

The image that has visited thousands of parishes around the nation made its way to St. Anthony of Padua and our program for the day began with Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and the celebration of the holy Mass, followed by the talk provided by Jane Wilcox who has been the guardian of the image in our diocese in 6 different occasions.

A strong sense of Our Lady’s presence was felt during and after the talk. It was a true blessing and we all were graced by Her in a very unique way. There were tears of joy, healings and peace felt as everyone had the opportunity to approach the image to touch, kiss and pray before her. The speaker Jane Wilcox provided an eye-opening message for America of today concluding the message with Hope. The request to have Mother return was immediately manifested after the program concluded with the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

Thanks to Fr. Mariano for giving us the blessing to have our Mother visit St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

Mission: Since Aug.17, Our Mother has been visiting parishes, Catholic Schools, Senior Centers in Somerset and in New Bedford, as well as personal homes. Mother will leave our diocese on Sept. 8, so please include in your prayers those who will have the encounter with Mother as well as those who already had the opportunity.

God willing, She will return next year and the Legion of Mary are already taking names of those who would want the visit of Our Lady to your home.

For information call the parish secretary at the rectory.



Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025

Weekly Collection		\$ 5,396.35
Renovation		\$ 2,578.25
Candle Shrines		\$ 287.25

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Upcoming Second collections

09/14 CATHOLIC SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID
09/28 RETIREMENT FACILITY FOR PRIESTS

Announcement

We are back



Sale of Coffee & Donuts will start, Sunday September 7th after 8:00 am & 9:30am Mass
We hope to see you there. !

Annual Fall Indoors Yard Sale

When: October 4th
9am to 3pm
October 5th
9am to 1pm

No drop off till the week of sept.29th

SALVATION OF SOULS



WE NEED YOU!



CATECHISM

Catechism Help needed:

- Catechists to teach Adults, Children, and Youth
- Assistants in set-up and classroom
- Security/hall monitor

*Days available: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday

*Instruction provided

Contact: Mother Maria Aeiparthenos

774-849-0986 or ccd@saintanthonyb.org



Mensaje del P. Mariano

En un mundo que promueve el poder, el dominio y el rechazo de los débiles y vulnerables, el Evangelio de este domingo es una buena reflexión. Jesús habla de la virtud de la humildad y de buscar siempre el último lugar «Porque todo el que se enaltece será humillado, pero el que se humilla será enaltecido». ¿Cuáles son, entonces, las condiciones, según Jesús, para ser humildes? Ocupar siempre el último lugar dondequiera que vayamos, a menos que, por supuesto, se nos invite de antemano a ocupar un lugar de honor. Hay quienes buscan prestigio o fingen ser lo que no son. Mostrar siempre tal cual somos, sin fingimiento en toda verdad. En segundo lugar, al deseo de ser reconocidos por los demás o de recibir elogios o reconocimiento, Jesús quiere que hagamos todo lo posible para que no recibamos el pago del mundo, sino de Dios. Dice: «Bienaventurados serán ustedes, porque no recibirán recompensa. Porque recibirán su recompensa en la resurrección de los justos». Y con razón Jesús también enseña

que, al dar limosna, no debemos dejar que nuestra mano izquierda vea lo que hace nuestra derecha; cfr. Mat. 6:3. Santo Tomás de Aquino describe la humildad así: «Un hombre humilde se llama así porque es, por así decirlo, 'humo acclinis'» [literalmente, 'inclinado hasta el suelo'] cuando un hombre, considerando sus propias fallas, asume el lugar más bajo según su modo: así dijo Abraham al Señor (Génesis 18:27): «Hablaré a mi Señor, mientras soy polvo y ceniza». De esta manera, la humildad es una virtud. (ST II-IIae Q116 a1.) Los santos son un buen ejemplo de humildad porque renunciaron al mundo y algunos de ellos para cuidar a los enfermos, los vulnerables y los analfabetos. La humildad y la santidad van de la mano. Santa Teresa de Ávila, en el Castillo Interior, VI, cap. 10, n.º 7, reflexiona: «Una vez reflexionaba sobre por qué nuestro Señor apreciaba tanto esta virtud de la humildad, y me vino a la mente este pensamiento —en mi opinión, no como resultado de una reflexión, sino de repente—: Es

porque Dios es la Verdad suprema; y ser humilde es andar en la verdad, pues es una verdad muy profunda que por nosotros mismos no tenemos nada bueno, sino solo miseria y nada».



Nuestra Santísima Madre fue exaltada porque, según ella misma, Dios ha contemplado su humildad. Sus propias palabras están llenas de humildad y verdad.

El mundo necesita que nos humillemos para cambiar el mundo, que cambiemos de perspectiva para vivir en paz y armonía; de lo contrario, nos humillaremos, porque quien se exalta será humillado.

Que los poderosos que están en guerra ahora mismo, especialmente en Oriente Medio y Europa del Este, se esfuercen por ser humildes para traer la paz. Feliz domingo y que Dios los bendiga a todos. P. Mariano Varela.



Convocatoria de Líderes Parroquiales - 6 de septiembre a las 9:00 a. m. en la Iglesia de San Juan Neumann

La Convocatoria de Líderes Parroquiales es uno de los dos días de desarrollo profesional del año para líderes pastorales y catequéticos, así como para sus catequistas y voluntarios. Este año, este día también servirá como la celebración diocesana del Jubileo de los Catequistas. El día incluirá una misa con el obispo da Cunha, desayuno, almuerzo y un discurso del obispo da Cunha.



AVISO IMPORTANTE:

A todos los miembros de los grupos de oración y voluntarios de Nuestra Iglesia San Antonio les pedimos que por favor pasen a la oficina de la Parroquia a renovar el Cori para el año 2025-2026, la oficina esta abierta de lunes a Viernes de 8:30am a 4:30pm si necesita mas informacion por favor llame a la oficina (508) 993-1691

Rosario de Los Jueves

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Comunidad Maria Puerta del Cielo: 09/11/2025
Comunidad San Kilian: 09/18/2025

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Inicio de clases: martes 9 de septiembre (6.º a 9.º grado)

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PRÓXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTISMO Y FECHA DE LOS MISMOS

Septiembre 2025

Charlas: Viernes 5 de Sept. 2025 a las
7:30pm en el Salón Parroquial



Bautismo: Sábado 27 de Sept. 2025 a las
12:pm En La Iglesia Principal.

Apostolado Matrimonial

CHARLAS DE MATRIMONIO

SABADO 20 Y 27 DE SEPTIEMBRE 2025

&

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