

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12:15PM

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM
Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 530PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime

Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.

All mails addressed to:

St. Anthony Parish Office
750 N. 7th Street
Newark, NJ 07107

Telephone
973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

Website:
www.saintanthonybelleville.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, April 20

8:00a Anna Sessa by Anna Marie
5:30p Salvatore "Sam" Mollica by Daughters

SUNDAY, April 21

8:00a Anna & Enrico Pennella by Grace
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Sulpicia Vivas by Rey & Norie Ramos

MONDAY, April 22

7:00a Antonio Austria by Lulu Sychua
8:00a Ralph DiPasquale by Marie

TUESDAY, April 23

7:00a Elena Llave by Edeza
8:00a Alma Tadina Quinio (Healing) by Cecile Fabe

WEDNESDAY, April 24

7:00a Antonio Tieng by Edna Tan
8:00a Nicholas Trabucco by Wife & Children

THURSDAY, April 25

7:00a Margaret Raimondi by Gilda Raimondi
8:00a Roselina Llave-Chavez by Rose & Noli Chavez

FRIDAY, April 26

8:00a Oscar & Lourdes Sychua (Anniversary)

SATURDAY, April 27

8:00a Teresita Sychua by Lulu & Oscar
5:30p Isidro Huerta by Mimi Lambon

SUNDAY, April 28

8:00a Ramon & Magdalena Villablanca (Anniversary)
10:30a Rocco Ferrante Jr. by Karen Notare
12:15p Joyce & Barn Risoli (Anniversary)
5:30p People of the Parish (Filipino Mass)

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

April 21 - April 27 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the intention of

People of the Parish

The Altar Candles will be offered in memory of

Doris Gomez

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered in memory of

Arthur Del Mauro

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Angela Aiello, John Buglione, Freddie Valese, Michele Mercado Domingo, Monica Serchio, James DeFago Sr., Nicholas Castellano, Ralph Salzano, Feliciano Lima, Empson Venturi, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Dee Comito, Cristina Lope Rosello

Please call the parish office if you need to be kept in next month's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 2,775.20

(April 13-14, 2024 including online)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY! PLEASE CONTINUE TO
SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (LUKE 6:38)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo, SSL
Pastor

Ann Marie Kastner
Co-Director of Religious Education

Mari Ippolito, B.A.
Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth Director

Cristian Esguerra
Office Manager & Bookkeeper

Leonora DiLauro-Ragab
Parish Secretary

Emiliano "Bambi" Cabanig
Maintenance

Karen Notare
Music Director

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez
Board of Trustees

Joseph Zarra
Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuzzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**ANGELO DOMENICK
FRANK S. CHOLOSKI**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

John 6:30-35

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 21

FOURTH CALENDAR RAFFLE DRAW

130pm

Ferraro Hall & Livestream on FB

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, MIDDAY PRAYER & BENEDICTION

8:30 am-12:00 nn

Little House

WORD CIRCLE PRAYER

700pm

Ferraro Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Line Dancing

700pm

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28

FILIPINO MASS WITH FELLOWSHIP AFTER

530pm

Church & Ferraro Hall

MARCH 2024

Monthly Financial Report (Operational Fund)

Deficit Forwarded **(59,069.83)**

RECEIPTS

Collections/Offerings	
Regular: Sundays & Holy Days	26,518.80
Special: Assessment	1,191.00
Regular Fund Raising	8,861.68
Perquisites	300.00
Candles, Stable & Gift Shop	846.00
Donations	240.00
TOTAL	37,957.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries (Priests, Full & Part Time Workers)	17,244.00
Food & Provisions	738.83
Gas & Electric	
Church & Lake Street House	1,135.46
Office & Rectory	953.45
School	3,051.99
Water	
Church & Lake Street House	61.73
Office & Rectory	56.61
School (Credit \$14.30)	00.00
Telephone & Internet	
Church	134.33
Office & Rectory	526.48
School	265.81
Supplies	
Church	1,291.68
Office & Rectory	432.01
Religious Education Program	41.00
Equipment Rentals	1,185.45
Health Insurance & Pension	3,032.05
Transportation & Insurance	186.33
Repair & Maintenance	
Church	559.87
Rectory	682.22
School	326.09
Representations	378.94
Property Insurance	5,411.83
Archdiocesan Assessment	2,000.00

TOTAL **39,694.19**

DEFICIT **(1,736.71)**

DEFICIT (to be forwarded) **(60,806.54)**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, April 27 & 28 there will be a second collection for Mission Appeal. As always, thank you for your generous support.

MISSIONS WEEKEND

April 27-28, 2024

A Maryknoll missionary priest, who served in Cambodia & Tanzania, will visit to our parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal. He will be speaking in all the Masses next weekend. Anyone who would like to donate by check, please make it payable to St. Anthony of Padua with a memo, for *Maryknoll*.

Atlantic City BUS TRIP

ONLY A FEW SEATS LEFT!!

The Multi-Cultural Ministry has initiated a bus trip to Atlantic City this coming May 5, 2024 (Sunday). The bus will leave at 8am and the meeting place will be at the school parking lot. This is an additional fund-raising activity for St. Anthony of Padua Parish. We need your support on this endeavor. Thanks and get flyers in the vestibule. Call the Parish Office for tickets. 973.481.1991.

ST. ANTHONY'S MOTHER'S DAY MASS & BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 12, after the 8:00 AM Mass
Come to Mass at 8:00 AM to Honor Your Mother

After Mass Enjoy a Delicious Hot Breakfast
Pick up a ticket order form at church

**Invite Your Mom, Your Grandmother, Your Godmother and Your Siblings—
Make This an Extra Special Day**

ANNUAL APPEAL 2024 UPDATE

(as of April 17, 2024)

Base Goal—\$21,091.00

Stretch Goal—\$24,018.55

Total Pledged = \$15,818.00

% of Stretched Goal Reached (in Pledges) = 65.86%

Amount Received = \$5,419.66

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **ECO FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **AVERHOFF FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

April 21, 2024

Joseph Bunk-Grant
Ryan Paurom
Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi

April 28, 2024

Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Reagan Ocampo
Lucas Tiankee

FLORES DE MAYO

Month long devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

****Catechetical activity for children and teens****

starts on **May 4, 2024** and every Saturday of May
at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

The children will present flowers to our Blessed Mother. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and their families to spend time together honoring Mary. Our CCD student participation is strongly encouraged. Please join us in this beautiful tradition!

PROCESSION: & MASS: Sunday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Friday, May 31 & Saturday June 1

Fun for all the Family

"Mark Your Calendar"



CONGRATULATIONS



Our 14 Candidates for Confirmation getting ready before Mass last Sunday, April 14, 2024.



Our 2024 Confirmands posed with Bishop Manny Cruz, the presiding prelate and with Fr. Nol Docabo & Fr. Adrian Surigao our parish priests.

GIVING IS EASY

As the months of vacation or going away are at hand, let me remind you, my dear parishioners and friends, that supporting our parish is only a click away. We offer convenient online giving, so you never have to worry about leaving your cash or checkbook at home. You can make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts. Get started by visiting our online donation page at www.saintanthonybelleville.org.

Or, if you're having difficulty using online giving, please make sure that your weekly offerings or gifts are counted in by sending them in advance or use your catch up envelopes when you come back home to our parish.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration and continued support to our parish. —FrNol