

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Luke 6:20



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

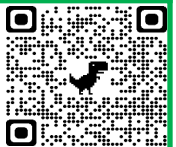
8AM, 1030AM & 1215PM

Weekday

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

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

SACRAMENTS



Confession

Saturday 430-515pm 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, February 15

8:00a Virginia D'Anton by Valerie Lasky

5:30p Genevieve "Jean" Giordano by Family

SUNDAY, February 16

8:00a Owen & Lucille Dennis by Donna, Paula & Lenny Iannia

10:30a Clodualdo Campos by Mary Ann

12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 17

8:00a Grace Pangan by Evangeline Go

TUESDAY, February 18

7:00a Diana Jack (Healing) by Juliet Mathew

8:00a Rocco & Josephine Catenacci by Maria & Family

WEDNESDAY, February 19

7:00a Nene Cayetano by Maria Sabate

8:00a Feliciano Lima (Healing) by Miriam

THURSDAY, February 20

7:00a Dan Noguera (Birthday) by David & Carla Gates

8:00a Feliciano Lima (Healing) by Miriam

FRIDAY, February 21

8:00a Sheila Bartolome (Birthday) by Emma Anonuevo

SATURDAY, February 22

8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Leonora

5:30p Cindy Lesmana by Eddie Byrnes & Family

SUNDAY, February 23

8:00a Alfreda Surigao (Healing) by Bingo Workers

10:30a Maria De Fatima Pinheiro by Family

12:15p Carlos Vazquez by Leonora

5:30p People of the Parish (**FILIPINO MASS**)

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 16 - February 22, 2025

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS for
Sherrie Chavez

The Altar Candles will be offered for Birthday Blessings for
Adel Liave

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Frank Papaiani, Bobby Collina, Amelia Collina, Zenaida Baltazar, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Judy Batson, Elisa Ortiz, Remedios Uy, Alfreda Surigao, Rita Charles, James De Fago III, Patrick Sitton, Gustavo Caceres, Billy Juliano, Nita Andre

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 3,663.18

(February 8 & 9, 2025, including online and catch-up collections)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH!**

"One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, only suffers wants." (Proverbs 11:24)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo, SSL
Pastor

Rev. Jose Adrian Surigao, MA
Parochial Vicar

Ann Marie Kastner
Co-Director of Religious Education

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

Maria Granda
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 Cuozzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

PRAYER FOR COUPLES

O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, dwell in our hearts and be our King; grant us by Your grace to love each other truly and chastely, even as You have loved Your spotless Bride, the Church, and have given Yourself up for her.

AMEN.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**SECOND DRAW
CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025**

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**MOVIE NIGHT
THE CHOSEN
(SEASON 4, EPISODE 1)**

7:00 pm

Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**SOCIETY OF ST.
ANTHONY OF PADUA
MEETING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**FINANCE COUNCIL
MEETING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**FIRST COMMUNION
PARENTS' MEETING**

9:00am

Ferraro Hall

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

February 16, 2025

**Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Reagan Ocampo**

February 23, 2025

**Samantha Llaban
Chloe Llaban
Joseph Bunk-Grant
Clarie Anya**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

The Second Collection this Sunday and next Sunday, February 22-23, is for snow removal and other winter-related expenses. We hope for your understanding and generous support. Thank You Very Much!

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, February 16, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **MICHELLE & RAMON SANTIAGO & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **ELIZABETH & AKMAL ROZIER & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!



CALLING ALL AMATEUR VOCALISTS!!

Once again Karen Notare, our Music Minister, will be holding tryouts for St. Anthony's Choir! With the Easter Season upon us, you can make a difference. Help make this Easter Season extra special by sharing your talent. Music makes everything better and with a devoted choir under Karen's direction our entire Parish will once again be worshipping Our Lord joyfully and reverently.

So, contact Karen at 908/745.1344 or email her at karennotare@aol.com

LET'S CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS 2025

Shrove Tuesday, March 4 in Ferraro Hall

After the 6:00PM RITE OF MAKING OF THE ASHES

Mark your calendar now!

**FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING
AND "Best Costume Prize"**

Only \$30 per person (children under 14 FREE)



RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Call the Parish Office—Don't Miss This Fun Event

TREASURES OF ITALY JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE



**11 Days:
August 4 - 14, 2025**

Dear Parishioners, Friends, and Fellow Pilgrims,

I am writing to remind you that our pilgrimage to Italy, scheduled for August 4 to 14, 2025, is drawing near. This special journey, timed to coincide with the 2025 Jubilee Year, offers an extraordinary opportunity for spiritual renewal and exploration of Italy's rich religious heritage. As one of the most significant highlights, we will have the privilege of passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, a powerful act of grace and renewal.

As the reservation deadline of March 27, 2025 approaches, I encourage you to secure your place on this sacred journey. Kindly submit to me your completed reservation form, a copy of your passport photo, and a deposit of \$800 per person. Once your deposit has been processed, you will have the flexibility to either pay the remaining balance in full or arrange a staggered payment plan by coordinating directly with NAWAS.

This pilgrimage is more than just a journey; it is a profound opportunity to deepen our faith, strengthen our community, and reflect on the blessings we receive through God's mercy. I sincerely hope that you will join us for this transformative experience.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance with the registration process, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

With prayers and blessings,

FrNol

	\$4759 FROM NEWARK <small>(Air/land tour price is \$4229 plus \$530 gov't taxes/airline surcharges)</small>	
FLORENCE * ASSISI * LANCIANO * SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO * MONTE SANT'ANGELO SORRENTO * POMPEII * MONTE CASSINO * ROME * PAPAL AUDIENCE		
<small>INCLUDING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THROUGH THE HOLY DOORS OF ST. PETER'S BASILICA IN VATICAN CITY & THE OTHER THREE MAJOR BASILICAS</small>		

TAX SEASON IS UPON US

In preparing your tax return for this year, you may need a statement of donations you made to the church in 2024.

Please contact the Parish Office to request a letter for this purpose.

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

The Annual Appeal 2025 campaign is underway. As we may know, Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission throughout the entire Archdiocese of Newark - namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Please consider making your pledge today.

Our parish BASE GOAL this year is \$21,446.80

CRITICAL SUPPORT NEEDED

My dear parishioners and friends,

As many of you have experienced, we've had three rounds of snowfall this week. While none of the storms were severe, the cost of keeping our parish properties safe and accessible through snow removal is significant. These efforts are necessary not only for convenience but, more importantly, for everyone's safety.

In the past week, we've incurred substantial costs for snow removal, alongside the rising heating and electricity expenses during these winter months. To provide transparency, here is a breakdown of our recent expenses:

Snow Removal: \$7,280 (for four snowstorms, not including the first three snowfalls)

Heating and Electricity: \$17,813.94 (December 2024 - \$8,224.39, January 2025 - \$9,589.55)

These represent some of the highest winter expenses we've faced in the past five years, and with winter still upon us, we anticipate further costs.

At the same time, our weekly collections have averaged only \$3,163.72 over the past eight weeks, whereas we ideally aim for an average of \$4,000 to help meet our regular expenses. This shortfall has made it challenging to keep up with the costs, and I kindly ask for your assistance to help us manage during this time.

A few years ago, I made a similar request, and now, due to these extraordinary winter costs, I find myself reaching out to you again. When bad weather is forecasted, pastors often face the difficult decision of whether to cancel services or hold them for the few who can safely attend. While attendance is affected, the larger concern is its impact on our collections, which are vital to the parish's operations.

In light of this, I am personally appealing to all parishioners for additional support. While there will not be a second collection this weekend, the Finance Council and I have decided to hold second collections over the next three weekends specifically to address snow removal and winter-related expenses.

For those unable to attend Mass in person, I encourage you to consider using our secure online giving platform. This convenient option ensures that your contributions can continue, even when the weather prevents us from gathering. Currently, fewer than 30 parishioners use this service regularly, but it offers great ease for both you and the parish year-round.

I humbly ask you to consider making a special contribution during this challenging time. Your generosity and continued support mean the world to us. May God bless you abundantly!

FrNol