

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat.

JOHN 12:24

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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:

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Newark, NJ 07107

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973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, March 16

5:30p Anthony Calzone Jr. by Anita Benenato

SUNDAY, March 17

8:00a Jean & Joseph Iannia by Donna, Paula & Lenny
10:30a Birthday Thanksgiving by Josephine DiLauri
12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 18

7:00a Remy Frisina
8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Vicki Del Guercio

TUESDAY, March 19

7:00p Joseph & Jenneth Benucci by Al Figarelli
8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Carmen Fornarotto

WEDNESDAY, March 20

7:00a Pasqual & Rose Gencarelli by Rosina Coppola & Family
8:00a Marcel & Jonel (Birthday) by Emma

THURSDAY, March 21

7:00a Sal & Assunta Gencarelli by Rosina Coppola & Family
8:00a Carla Gates (Birthday) by David

FRIDAY, March 22

8:00a Jimmy & Joe Coppola by Rosina & Family
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 23

8:00a Thanksgiving by Carmelita Asor
5:30p Lydia Salzano by Angela Cuozzo-Zarro

SUNDAY, March 24

8:00a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera
10:30a Mario & Giovanna Stoppiello by Emilia Percio & Family
12:15p Thomas W. Sibilis by Family
5:30p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 17—23, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered in memory of

Lydia Salzano

The Altar Candles will be offered in memory of

Lydia Salzano

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered in memory of

Lydia Salzano

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Nida Andre, Patricia Chideo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Elvira Varquez, Jonel Francisco, Theoprolia Parras, Thomas Moore, Jackie & Chris Hosford, John Buglione, Freddie Valesse, Michele Mercado Domingo, Monica Serchio, James DeFago Sr., Nicholas Castellano

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collections - \$ 3,072.38

March 10, 2024 (online included)

Black & Indian Collections - \$ 630.00

March 10, 2024 (online included)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT!**

"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

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 Cuozzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



MARIE STRUMOLO BURKE

Unless a Grain of Wheat....

JOHN 12:20-33

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Meeting with Communion Parents

9:15 am

Ferraro Hall

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17

**St. Patrick/St. Joseph
Celebration**

3:00 pm

Ferraro Hall

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17

RAFFLE DRAWING

1:30 pm

Ferraro Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 18

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

6:00 pm

Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm

Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP

1:30 pm

Ferraro Hall

2024 Calendar Raffle

**OUR MARCH DRAWING
TODAY, SUNDAY**

MARCH 17

1:30 PM

Ferraro Hall

**LIVESTREAM ON
FACEBOOK**

facebook.com/stanthonybelleville

MOTHERS' DAY 2024

**PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR
OUR ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY
COMMUNION BREAKFAST!**

SAVE THE DATE!!

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

**AND INVITE YOUR MOTHER,,
GRANDMOTHER AND GODMOTHER!**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 23 & 24**, there will be no second collection. But there will be a special collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday, March 29. Thank you so much for your unceasing support to our parish.

ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

The Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties - 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.

*Our parish BASE GOAL this year is \$21,091
and STRETCH GOAL is \$24,018.55*

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **COLLUCCI FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **ALBERTO 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)

March 17, 2024

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Lucas Tiankee

Samantha Llaban

March 24, 2024

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

Atlantic City BUS TRIP

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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR 8th GRADE CCD SERVICE PROJECT

Donations for our 2024 CCD Service Project will be collected at Church or at the CCD Office at the School on Sunday mornings. This year the 8th Graders will be accepting donations for Foster Pets. They would like pet food, toys, collars, leashes, blankets, towels, pet supplies, cleaning items, etc. Thank you for your kind and generous cooperation to support our CCD students.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 @ 7pm

In Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

Please be sure to attend this very holy service as we commemorate the crucifixion and death of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we approach the high point of the Paschal Triduum, this is a time to reflect and meditate on His Passion through readings, prayer and song.



With the CCD Family, everyone is invited to participate in our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, **March 18, 2024**, at **6PM**.

The Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year. Lent is the best opportune time to reconcile with God and to ask for His forgiveness, as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

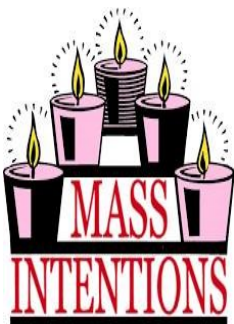
SING! AND PRAY TWICE!!

JOINING A CHOIR CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE!

A 2008 joint Harvard/Yale study of a choir in Connecticut actually found that singing in a choir can boost your endorphins and decrease stress. Our Music Director, Karen Notare, is conducting tryouts for the Easter season. It will be here before you know it and you can make a difference. Why not use the gift God gave you to give Him praise and glorify Him. Everyone will be encouraged to sing along worshipping Our Lord joyfully and reverently under Karen's professional direction. JOIN TODAY AND SING YOUR HEART OUT!

Contact Karen at 908.745.1344 or email her at karennotare@aol.com

MASS BOOK STILL OPEN



Our 2024 Mass Book is still open -- please call the office at 973.481.1991 to request our earliest date. Always remember your loved ones whether living or deceased. The Mass is the highest form of prayer you can offer. God bless you and your families and all the Lord's blessings to you in 2024.

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week we pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, we reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.

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