

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – C

MARCH 23, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



I shall cultivate
the ground
around it and
fertilize it

LUKE 13:8

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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

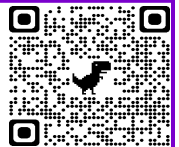
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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
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Newark, NJ 07107

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973-481-1991

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973-759-1417

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, March 22

8:00a Vivas & Mercado Families Blessing
5:30p Carla Gates (Birthday) by David

SUNDAY, March 23

8:00a Mario & Giovanna Stoppiello by Emilia Percio
10:30a Felicitas Amarra (100th Birthday) by Rita Olac & BimBim
12:15p Yolanda Libaton by Estela Ocampo
5:30p People of the Parish (**Filipino Mass**)

MONDAY, March 24

7:00a Carmen Tiu by Daisy Tiu
8:00a Jesus Tiu by Daisy Tiu

TUESDAY, March 25

7:00a Joy Tiu by Daisy Tiu
8:00a JoAnn D'alessio by Debbie.

WEDNESDAY, March 26

7:00a BB Tiu by Daisy Tiu
8:00a Raphael Cruz Sr. by Daisy Tiu

THURSDAY, March 27

7:00a Encarnacion Cruz by Daisy Tiu
8:00a Michael Kastner by Bob & Patti Lawless

FRIDAY, March 28

8:00a Michael Kastner by Leonora & Abraham
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 29

8:00a Theresa & Arthur D'Ambola by Anna Marie
5:30p Maria De Fatima Pinheiro by Family

SUNDAY, March 30

8:00a Teresa & Domenick Peluso by Grace Pennella
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Thomas W. Sibia by Family

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 22 - March 29, 2025

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intentions of
Doris Gomez

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Intentions of
People of the Parish

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, 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, John Buglione, Michael Profenno, Kaitlyn Vega, Grace Pennella

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 3,837.00

(March 15 & 16, 2025, excluding online)

Special Collections - \$ 384.00

(Central & Eastern Europe)

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." (Proverbs11:24)

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

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Parish Secretary

Emiliano "Bambi" Cabanig
Maintenance

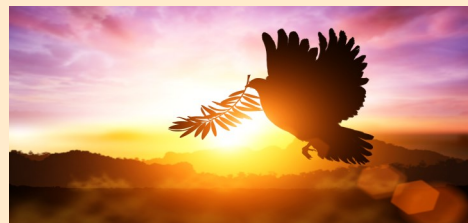
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REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



MICHAEL K. KASTNER

Third Sunday Of Lent

Luke 13:1-9

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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Here's
What's
Happening!

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Filipino Mass & Fellowship

5:30pm

Church & Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

**ADORATION PLUS
ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

11:00am

Ferraro Hall

Word Circle

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

BINGO

7:30pm

School

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

BINGO

12:30pm

School

MONDAY, MARCH 31

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

6:00pm

Church



Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 6PM.

In case you missed the chance to make confession at The Anniversary Celebration of our St. Anthony of Padua Society meeting last week, you have another opportunity at our Lenten Penance Service. The Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year. What better time than Lent to reconcile with God and to ask for His forgiveness, as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Make this year's LENT special by attending our Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7pm. Meditating on the Passion of the Lord will give you a new perspective on life.

WHY SING IN THE SHOWER WHEN YOU CAN SING IN CHURCH??



Where everyone can get a chance to hear your beautiful voice. Karen Notare, our Music Minister, will be announcing practice days and times for St. Anthony's Choir soon! Easter will be here before you know it; 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!

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

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

March 23, 2025

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

March 30, 2025

*Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Reagan Ocampo*

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, March 23, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **ANNABELLE & ISRAEL FELICIANO & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **TONI LYN CARSILLO-BUNK & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!



Join us this Jubilee Year for an Exhibition of Sacred Relics of over 500 Saints!

Blessed religious articles and handkerchiefs will be available for a modest donation for you to touch the Sacred Relics and bring their grace home.

The faithful are invited to pray in our church.
CONFESSION - ROSARY - DIVINE MERCY - MASS



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Announcing the MARCH Winner of the 2025 Calendar Raffle

EDWARD EDGHILL

Ticket #090

Congratulations to you EDWARD. You are the February 2025 Calendar Raffle Winner. The next drawing will be on April 20 in Ferraro Hall (1:30 PM)

Join us, or watch the drawing on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/stanthonybelleville>

Good Luck to the Next Winner!

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

There will be no 2nd Collection next week, March 29 & 30. We request those who missed giving their offerings and contributions in the past weeks to make their "catch-up." Thank you so much!

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 5 & 6 – Easter Flowers

April 12 & 13 – Holy Land

April 19 & 20 – Easter Gift

April 26 & 27 – Catholic Home Missions

May 10 & 11 – Monthly Assessment

May 17 & 18 – Catch-up

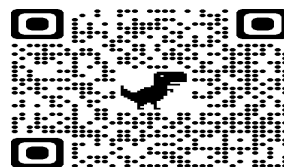
May 28 & 29 – Ascension

May 31 & June 1 – Monthly Assessment

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT — SECOND NOTICE — REGARDING COLLECTION ENVELOPES

As you may already know, we have an ongoing problem with the delivery of collection envelopes. This problem is not the fault of the company that mails the envelopes nor is it any fault of the church. The issue is with the post office and it seems to be unresolvable. Therefore, we encourage everyone to use the online collection system, VANCO. (Link and QR Code below). If you are not amenable to this, we will publish upcoming collection schedules in the bulletin. In this way, you can prepare your donations and please use an envelope either from home or at church. If your donation is cash, please write your full name and phone number clearly on the envelope or your parishioner number so we can properly record it. Your cooperation in this matter is so very much appreciated as this ongoing problem needs to be resolved as quickly as possible. Thank you and may God bless you and your families always.

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(click the link in Parish Online Giving)



Tree of Life Leaf Memorials

Have you ever noticed our Tree of Life Memorial at the church entrance by the sacristy?

This special memorial tree was created for us by Sanford Werfel Studios and first introduced for our 100th Anniversary. Since then we have had a good amount sold. But, there are still some available leaves.

Based on the original price and procedure, each leaf would cost \$1,200 (which could be paid over a period of 12 months). Once payment is completed, we will send the leaf to the original artist to engrave it with your personal inscription.

Purchasing one of these memorial leaves would give your loved one or family a permanent remembrance at our church and, of course, help our parish in this time of need. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Final Call for the Treasures of Italy Jubilee Pilgrimage!

This is the last week to join our once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Italy during this Jubilee Year! We are nearing capacity with almost 40 pilgrims, and only a few seats remain. The final and full payment deadline is this Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Please note: *Reservations cannot be guaranteed after this date, and those who do not submit full payment by March 27 will risk losing their spot.*

Don't miss this incredible opportunity! Contact Fr. Nol immediately for more details.