

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – C

MARCH 16, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

This is my *chosen* Son
Listen to *Him*.

LUKE 9:35



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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

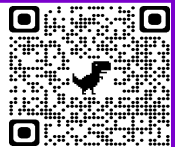
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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, March 15

8:00a Peace in the World

5:30p Genevieve (Jean) Giordano by Family

SUNDAY, March 16

8:00a Jean & Joseph Iannia by Donna, Paula & Lenny Iannia

10:30a Jane Gotwalt by Gary, Ron & Kenny

12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 17

7:00a Maria Tutela by Tom Collucci

8:00a Alfreda Surigao (Healing) by Leonora

TUESDAY, March 18

7:00a In Honor of St. Joseph by Sigall Family

8:00a Narcisa Cabanig by Emiliano Cabanig Jr.

WEDNESDAY, March 19

7:00a Eligio Noguera by David & Carla Gates

8:00a Joseph & Janet Benucci by Al Figarelli

THURSDAY, March 20

7:00a Lauren Mercado (Birthday)

8:00a Marcel & Jonel (Birthday) by Emma Anonuevo

FRIDAY, March 21

8:00a Vivas & Mercado Families Blessing

7:00p Stations of the Cross

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)

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 16 - March 22, 2025

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intentions of
People of the Parish

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

Ash Wednesday Collections - \$ 1,098.00

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 4,143.21

(March 8 & 9, 2025, including online)

Special Collections - \$ 1,388.00

(Monthly Assessment)

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 Cuzzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

A SIMPLE LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your
world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of
outward focus; seeking you in
those we often ignore.

Second Sunday Of Lent

Luke 9:28b-36

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 16

**1st Communion Parents'
Meeting**

9:00am

Ferraro Hall

**3rd Drawing
Calendar Raffle 2025**

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

**Sts. Patrick & Joseph
Celebration**

3:00pm

Ferraro Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Feast Committee Meeting

7:30pm

Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

St. Anthony Society Meeting

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Filipino Mass & Fellowship

5:30pm

Church & Ferraro Hall

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

March 16, 2025

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

Marcch 23, 2025

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

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, March 9, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **TINA & TONY FEO & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **ANNABELLE & ISRAEL FELICIANO & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SOCIETY FIRST ANNIVERSARY

All Parishioners are invited to join as we celebrate the First Anniversary of our St. Anthony of Padua Society on March 18, 2025 at 7:00pm in Ferraro Hall. Come and find out what its all about. Our main goal is to grow closer to Our Lord and what better way than to receive the sacraments. You will have the opportunity to make a good confession and to talk about how we can change the world through our faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

There will be no 2nd Collection next week, March 22 & 23. 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

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 UPDATE

(as of March 12, 2025)

Base Goal—\$21,446.80

Stretch Goal—\$25,736.16

Total Pledged = \$11,865.00

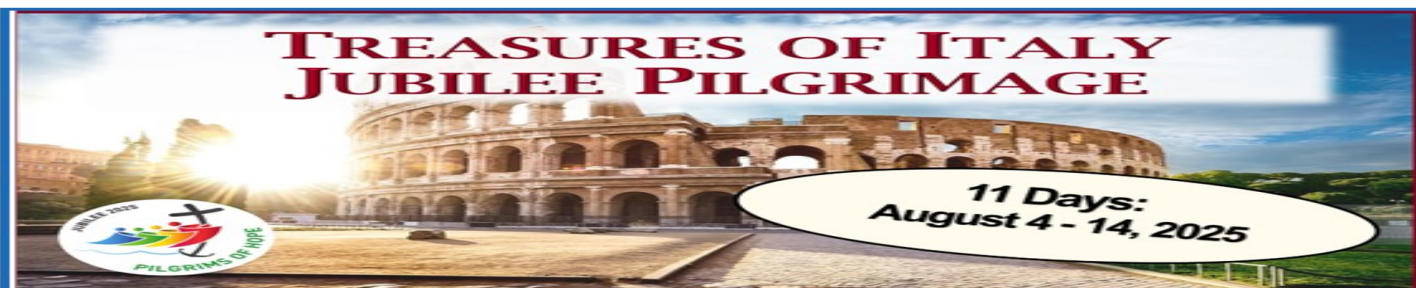
% of Goal Reached (in Pledges) = 55.32%

Amount Received = \$9,901.00

Number of Contributors = 19 pax/family

*For those who have already made and paid their pledges, thank you so much!!!
Otherwise, kindly make your pledges and pay them to the archdiocese or to our parish office **before June 30, 2025.***

Final Call: 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy!



Seats are still available for this special spiritual journey. The Jubilee Year, celebrated every 25 years, is a unique time of grace and renewal in the Church, offering pilgrims the opportunity for spiritual growth and indulgences. We already have almost 30 participants, including two priests, joining this pilgrimage! Submit your reservation as soon as possible to secure your spot. The reservation fee is \$800 per person, with **full payment due by March 27, 2025.** Departure is set for August 4, 2025. Don't miss this blessed opportunity to experience Italy's rich spiritual heritage and partake in this rare and sacred celebration.

For more information or to reserve your place, please contact Fr. Nol or Fr. Adrian or the parish office.

The Veiling of Images and Crosses

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Veiling

The third typical edition of the Roman Missal provides a rubric at the beginning of the texts for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which allows that: "the practice of covering crosses and images in the Church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent is permitted, according to the judgement of the Conferences of Bishops. Crosses remain veiled until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; images remain veiled until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." In 2001, the USCCB approved an adaptation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal allowing for the veiling of crosses and images in this manner.

The option of veiling images and crosses is left to the discretion of the local pastor and is not a required practice. If it is decided to cover crosses and statues, it is not to be done until the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Unveiling

Crosses are unveiled following the Good Friday liturgy. Since the cross is the focus of attention on Good Friday, it is logical that all crosses would be unveiled after the celebration of the Passion of the Lord for the veneration of the faithful.

Statues are unveiled before the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The veiling and unveiling of statues is not done as part of any liturgy, including the Easter Vigil. Statues are to be unveiled before the Easter Vigil begins.

Veils

While liturgical law does not prescribe the form or color of such veils, they have traditionally been made of simple, lightweight purple cloth, without ornament.

Holy Thursday

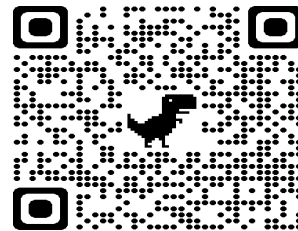
The concluding rubrics following the Mass of the Lord's Supper (41) indicate that "at an opportune time the altar is stripped and, if it is possible, crosses are removed from the church. It is fitting that crosses which remain in the church be veiled." After the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, then, it is permitted to cover crosses if this has not been done at the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional. The decision to cover the crosses is left up to the discretion of the local pastor.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT 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.



www.saintanthonybelleville.org
(click the link in Parish Online Giving)

CALLING ALL AMATEUR VOCALISTS!!



Now is your chance to make your debut! Karen Notare, our Music Minister, is now holding tryouts for St. Anthony's Choir! With the Easter Season upon us, you can make a difference. Our Church will resound once more with the beautiful voices of choir members as they sing praises to the Lord. The entire Parish will once again be worshipping Our Lord joyfully and reverently under Karen's direction. **So, contact Karen at 908/745.1344 or email her at karennotare@aol.com**