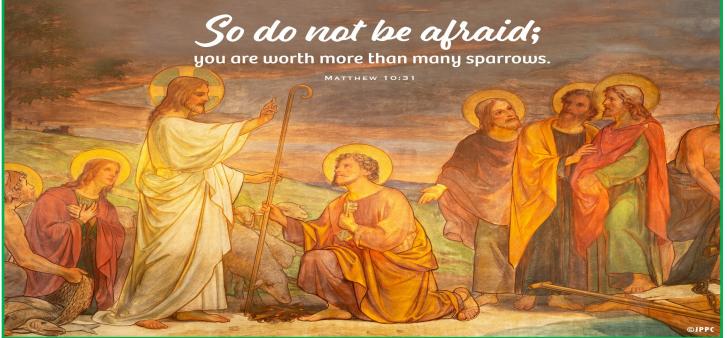
JUNE 25, 2023

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 530PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12NN

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM

Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 5PM

Filipino Mass

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



Confession

SACRAMENTS

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

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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.



<u>SATURDAY, June 24</u> 5:30p Jayme Palma by Julie Palma

SUNDAY, June 25

8:00a Giovanna & Mario Stoppiello by Emilia Percio Fam. 10:30a Louis Della Volpe Jr. by Barbara Jean & Family 12:00n Antonio Calungsod by Diana 5:00p People of the Parish

<u>MONDAY, June 26</u> 7:00a Carlo de la Rama (Thanksgiving) 8:00a Manuel De Roma by Maria Sabate

<u>TUESDAY, June 27</u> 7:00a Carlo de la Rama (Thanksgiving) 8:00a Fr. Gino de la Rama (Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY, June 28 7:00a Carlo de la Rama (Thanksgiving) 8:00a Fr. Gino de la Rama (Thanksgiving)

<u>THURSDAY, June 29</u> 7:00a Mary John by Juliet & John 8:00a Alma Quinio (Healing) by Cecile Fabe

<u>FRIDAY, June 30</u> 8:00a Fr. Gino de la Rama (Thanksgiving)

<u>SATURDAY, July 1</u> 8:00a Maria Suvino by Connie Mattia 5:30p Felice Marino by Marino Family

SUNDAY, July 2 8:00a Maria & Miguel Percio by Emilia Percio Fam. 10:30a Romeo Montas by Jay Montas 12:00n People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

June 25—July 1, 2023 The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of

Anthony D. Uzzolino The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special Intention of

Doris Gomez
The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of
Robert Choloski

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Gerry Baltazar, Lorraine Snowman, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Patricia Chideo, Norma Jaramillo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Mercy Solante, Roger Forshage, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Jaxson & Jacob Rivera, Feliciano Lima

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections

(June 11, 2023 including online)

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

3.376.84

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ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 UPDATE

(as of June 16, 2023)

Goal this year is \$21,091

Total Pledged = \$26,515

% of Goal Reached (in Pledges) = 138.49%

Amount Received = \$22,322.86

Number of Contributors = 57 pax/family

For those who have already made their pledges, thank you so much! Otherwise, kindly make your pledges or contributions to the archdioese or to our parish office **<u>before June 30, 2023</u>**.

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

Sr. Gloria Doria, M.P.F. Office Receptionist

> Fidel Legaspi Maintenance

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez Board of Trustees

> Joseph Zarra Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuozzo-Zarro Pastoral Council Chair

FINANCIAL REPORT ST. ANTHONY'S FEAST 2023

Receipts

Donations	\$ 7,000.00
Pasta Dinner	3,910.00
Collections	2,073.34
Statue Ribbon	612.00
50/50 Raffle	305.00
Total	\$ 13,900.34
Expenses	
Food	\$ 880.00
Deserts	259.98
Supplies	116.82
Total	\$ 1,256.80
Net Proceeds	\$ 12,643.54

Pray for an end to all instances of violence

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Today's news is dominated by senseless mass shootings that take the lives of innocent people, often the most vulnerable and unprotected. Gun violence has become so prevalent that it risks becoming commonplace, and all of us are in danger of becoming indifferent to what is one of the most serious threats to our society (neighborhoods, local communities and our nation as a whole).

For many years now, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called for action banning assault weapons. In the bishops' 2020 statement, A Mercy and Peacebuilding Approach to Gun Violence" (see below), the bishops write, "We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer (especially efforts that prevent their unsupervised use by children or anyone other than the owner), and we reiterate our call for sensible regulation of handguns." I strongly agree with my brother bishops on the need to ban assault weapons and to control gun sales.

Legislation and regulations are absolutely necessary, but they are not sufficient. Like all life issues, when it comes to the prevention of gun violence, we cannot legislate morality. However, we can, and must, regulate our behavior in order to protect the vulnerable and ensure the common good. This is why reasonable licensing of all gun purchases, and strict limitations on access to weapons whose purpose is clearly of a military nature, are so important. It's true that we have a second amendment right to bear arms, but rights always involve responsibilities—in this case, the responsibility to protect the innocent and to secure public safety and good order. The mass shootings we are witnessing almost weekly now are a grave threat to the lives and well-being of all people.

With this in mind, I think it's time for me and other bishops and community leaders to call for a synodal effort to actively resist gun violence through a threefold process of prayer and work, advocacy, and voluntary self-restraint. Here's what I have in mind:

1. Prayer and Work. The Benedictine motto, Ora et Labora (Prayer and Work), stresses the fact that both are essential to discerning and doing God's will. Those who say that prayer is not enough are correct in this limited sense. In response to this grave moral crisis, we must combine our prayer with action to prevent the root causes of gun violence wherever it occurs. At the same time, Pope Francis reminds us: "We must never stop praying; indeed, let us pray to God more intensely."

2. Advocacy. As an integral part of our efforts to prevent gun violence, all Americans should make local, state and federal officials know how we feel about this critical issue. We should not assume that our elected representatives know where we stand. We should make our voices heard, demanding that actions be taken to protect the vulnerable and keep our communities safe. As the U.S. bishops write, "We have an obligation to respond. Violence -- in our homes, our schools and streets, our nation and world -- is destroying the lives, dignity and hopes of millions of our sisters and brothers."

3. Voluntary Self-Restraint. This is perhaps the most challenging and controversial proposal, but I honestly believe it is the best thing we can do to change the culture of violence that threatens us today. Let's voluntarily set aside our rights in order to witness the truth that only peace, and never violence, is the way to build a free society that is lived concretely in our homes, our neighborhoods, our communities, our nation and our world. This requires us to acknowledge that we are all sisters and brothers in one human family and that we have a responsibility to listen to one another, to respect everyone regardless of our differences and disagreements, and to work together to build a better, safer, more peaceful world. In the spirit of Pope Francis, let us together cry out from our hearts: Never again gun violence, never again so much suffering!

St. Paul, in his first letter to the Church of Corinth (1 Cor 8:8–9), addresses what I have called "voluntary self-restraint." Paul is speaking to the controversy about eating meat that has been prepared for the worship of idols, and he acknowledges that the Corinthians have the right to eat whatever they choose, but he admonishes them to think of the impact their behavior will have on others. With this in mind, he says: "Now food will not bring us closer to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, nor are we better off if we do. But make sure that this liberty of yours in no way becomes a stumbling block to the weak."

Unrestrained gun ownership is a serious threat to the weak in our communities. Easy access to assault weapons encourages people suffering from emotional illnesses and those who have political agendas that are destructive of human rights, especially the right to life, to take out their rage on innocent bystanders and on first responders who give their lives to serve and protect our communities. The voluntary self-restraint that I am calling for will not solve the problem of gun violence all by itself, but it can help us change our culture from one that is obsessively focused on individuals' rights to a society dedicated to ensuring the common good.

"Violence is not the cure for our broken world," Pope Francis reminds us. Please join me in praying for an end to all instances of violence, especially gun violence in our schools, churches, places of business and in the public square. Come, Lord, make us instruments of your peace!

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R Archbishop of Newark



School



Pilgrimage to The Basilica National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC September 16, 2023 (pending)

> Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Egypt November 3-16, 2023

Sight & Sound Millenium Theatre Lancaster PA Daniel—April 4, 2024

Pilgrimage to Spain with Fatima, Lourdes and Sagrada Familia May 28—June 7, 2024

PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AT CHURCH OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO

Sponsor A New Hymnal for St. Anthony of Padua Hymnals Still Available!

Just in case you haven't sponsored a hymnal in memory or in honor of a loved one, we now have some available. Your dedication will not only honor your loved one, but it will also

help with the cost of these beautiful new hymnals for our Church.Complete the form below and submit with your pay-

ment.

COMPLETE THIS FORM & SUBMIT IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR DONATION

SPONSOR'S NAME

PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT YOUR DEDICATION BELOW.

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTIONS

Next weekend, July 1&2, the ushers will come around for the second collections. This weekend's collection is for the Assessment. If you do not have your Assessment Envelopes, kindly put in your allotted contribution for this purpose.

Each month we publish our Financial Report and as you can see we continue to have a deficit. Hopefully this new system will help us achieve a balanced book.

Thank you for your continued sacrificial support as we struggle to keep our Parish alive and thriving not only spiritually but financially as well.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE!!! SATURDAY BINGO IS BACK!! 12:30-3:00 PM

Volunteers are requested to come at 11:00 am. Call the Parish Office for more info.



Sometimes we find it impossible to give financially but everyone has a couple of hours to give. Please consider signing up for Saturday Bingo — Bingo is a huge part of our income at this time. Also, please pray we find another way to add to our Parish funds.



Summer's Here!! Do Something Fun in the Sun but don't forget to attend Mass. Reminder—if you are away this summer you can sign up for online giving. It's easy, just go to saintanthonybelleville.org to our online giving page or just scan the QR Code below.



TRAVELING CHALICE

The Traveling Chalice Program will be on hold for the summer until resuming in September. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish! Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for the Traveling Chalice Program.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

June 25, 2023 Samantha Llaban Cloe Llaban Sydney Anya Claire Anya July 2, 2023 Ethan Venturi Taina Venturi Samantha Llaban Cloe Llaban

ST. ANTHONY BREAD

A special thank you to our bread donors this year. The bread is a tradition of those devoted to St. An-

thony . This year our generous donors were Rita Charles, Emilia Percio, The Brino Family, Fr. Joe Ferraro and Joann Raimo-Sigall who donated in memory of Joseph and Margaret Raimo and Camille Raimo Gonnella.

Again, thank you donors for keeping the tradition alive in our parish.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

July-December 2023

July 23 (Sunday) at 12nn (Church) Filipino Mass (with visiting Bishops and Priests from Bohol, Philippines)

from 130-5pm (Ferraro Hall)

Fellowship (Parishioners & Guests)

August 12 (Saturday) at 7pm (Church) Concert for a Cause (Singing Priests from Bohol—The Jeduthun)

August 27 (Sunday) at 9am (School) In Person CCD Registration

Sept 10 (Sunday) at 3pm (Ferraro Hall) Movie & BBQ for CCD

September 16 (Sat) starts at 630am Trip to National Shrine

September 17 (Sunday) at 9am (School) CCD Classes Begins

October 22 (Sun) at 3pm (Ferraro Hall) CCD Tricky Tray

Nov 20 (Monday) at 7pm (Ferraro Hall) Parish General Assembly



Have you ever wondered about our beautiful stained glass windows? Who are the saints depicted in each of them? Why would the donor choose that particular saint? And, most importantly, who are the generous donors? The HISTORICAL MINISTRY, led by Rita Charles, is searching for information about these magnificent works of art that grace our precious St. Anthony's. If you have any information at all or if you know of someone who may be able to offer any information about the windows, please call the Parish Office. The Ministry is preparing to record a new and up-to-date version of the History of our Church.

Thank you for any information you have to offer.