

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT-C (LAETARE Sunday) MARCH 30, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



He was lost and has been found.

Luke 15:32

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 Eastertide

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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Weekly Mass Intentions

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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. Sibilila *by Family*

MONDAY, March 31

7:00a Henry Cruz *by Daisy Tiu*
8:00a Edwin D. Whelpley *by Leonora & Abraham*

TUESDAY, April 1

7:00a THX to Infant of Prague *by Sigall Family*
8:00a Wong Lei Tim *by Daisy Tiu.*

WEDNESDAY, April 2

7:00a Reginald Cruz *by Daisy Tiu*
8:00a Wong Lei Tim *by Daisy Tiu*

THURSDAY, April 3

7:00a Deceased Members of Toscano & Gugliemello Families
8:00a Dorotea Rosello *by David & Carla Gates*

FRIDAY, April 4

8:00a THX to Sts. Vincent, Michael & Anthony *by Edna Tan*
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 5

8:00a Deceased Members Rue, Villorente & Aguila Family
5:30p Lebro Charles *by Rita Charles*

SUNDAY, April 6

8:00a Leonard Iannia *by Beloved Children*
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Ann Silvestrini *by Marie*

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 30 - April 5, 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
Thomas W. Sibilila

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Zenaída 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 - \$ 2,899.21

(March 22 & 23, 2025, including online)

Filipino Mass Collections - \$ 1,106.00

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

Leonora DiLauro-Ragab
Parish Secretary

Emiliano Cabanig
Maintenance

Karen Notare
Music Director

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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. Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter. Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give. Amen.

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love.

The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First, we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Adult Choir Practice

1:30pm

Choir Loft

(Members Bring a 3-Ring Binder)

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Lenten Penance Service

6:00pm

Church

BINGO

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

7:30pm

SATURDAY

12:30pm

School

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

HOLY HOUR

8:30—9:30 am

Church

Stations of the Cross

7:00pm

Church

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Confirmation Mass

3:00 pm

Church

Lenten Penance Service For Everyone

Tomorrow, Monday, **March 31, 2025**, at **6PM**.

Are you ready for Easter? Have you made your confession in this Lenten Season? In case not, please take another opportunity at our Lenten Penance Service. As you may know, the Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are half way through the Lenten Season. If you haven't already attended our **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evening at 7pm there are still a couple of Fridays left. Meditating on the Passion of the Lord will give you a new perspective on life.

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

March 30, 2025

*Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Reagan Ocampo*

April 6, 2025

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

TRAVELING CHALICE

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

PARISH MOVIE NIGHTS IN APRIL



MONDAY, APRIL 7
7:00 pm—Ferraro Hall



SATURDAY, APRIL 26
7:00 pm—Ferraro Hall

JOIN OUR CHOIR!!

No tryouts! Just show up!
Every Sunday at 1:30pm
in the Choir Loft until
Easter!

Our Church will resound
with glorious praises to
Our Lord! Let us prepare
for His Resurrection!!

NEXT WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

Our 2nd Collection next week, April 5 & 6, is for Easter Flowers. Let's prepare our Church for Christ's Resurrection. Please be generous! Thank you so much!

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 18—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



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**NOVENA
ST. ANTHONY OF
PADUA**
Tuesdays
Within 8:00 AM Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION &
BENEDICTION**
Tuesdays
8:30 AM—12:30 PM

**NOVENA
OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**
Wednesdays
Within 8:00 AM Mass

**NOVENA
OUR LADY OF
MIRACULOUS MEDAL**
Saturdays
Within 8:00 AM Mass

BINGO
Wednesdays & Fridays
7:30—10:00 PM
Saturdays
12:30—3:00 PM
School Cafeteria

CCD CLASSES
Sundays
School & Church
9:00 AM

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					Holy Hour 8:30-9:30am <i>Church</i>	Pre-Baptismal Instructions 130pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>
					Stations of the Cross 7pm <i>Church</i>	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CONFIRMATION MASS 3pm <i>Church</i>	Movie Night "THE CHOSEN" Season 4-Episode 3 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>			MULTI- CULTURAL MINISTRY MTG. 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	Stations of the Cross 7pm <i>Church</i>	El Shaddai Prayer Meeting (Gawain) 130pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
PALM SUNDAY				HOLY THURSDAY 8am—Morning Prayer 7pm—Last Supper	GOOD FRIDAY 8am—Morning Prayer 3pm—Passion 7pm—Via Crucis	BLACK SATURDAY 8am—Morning Prayer 8:15pm—Easter Vigil
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
EASTER SUNDAY Baptism within the 12:15pm Mass <i>Church</i>	8am Mass only	PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG. 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	CCD Bus Trip to Watch "Noah" Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster, PA 730am-830pm	SOCIETY OF ST. ANTHONY MEETING 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>		Movie Night "CABRINI" 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>
27	28	29	30	FOURTH DRAW CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 April 20, 2025 <i>Ferraro Hall</i>		
Filipino Mass & Fellowship 530pm <i>Church/ Ferraro Hall</i>	Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer for Vocation, Anointing of the Sick 830am—1230pm <i>Church</i>					