

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



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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

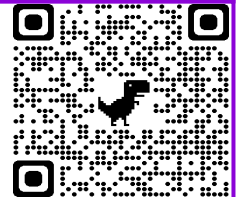
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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:

St. Anthony Parish Office
750 N. 7th Street
Newark, NJ 07107

Telephone
973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, February 17

5:30p Adam Shakoor by Sandy Papaanni

SUNDAY, February 18

8:00a Villablanca Family (Good Health)

10:30a Tereza Silva by Miriam Lima

12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 19

8:00a Crispina Galvez by Jun & Tess Galvez

TUESDAY, February 20

7:00a Adel Llave & Sherrie Chavez (Birthdays) by Rose & Noli

8:00a Dana Marotti by Anthony Marotti

WEDNESDAY, February 21

7:00a Dan Noguerra (Birthday) by David & Carla Gates

8:00a Sheila (Birthday) by Emma

THURSDAY, February 22

7:00a Joao Lima by Miriam Lima

8:00a Alma Quinio (Good Health) by Cecille Fabe

FRIDAY, February 23

8:00a Angel Llave by Edeza Llave

7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 24

8:00a Domingo Fuentes by Leonora Ragab

5:30p Mario Cenci by Barbara Jean DiLauri & Family

SUNDAY, February 25

8:00a Virginia Huerta by Mimi Lambon

10:30a Carmen Peppina Young by Emilia Percio

12:15p Jason Clemente by Chit de la Rama

5:00p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 18—February 25, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for Birthday Blessings for

Adel Llave & Sherrie Chavez

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Intention of

People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of

People of the Parish

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, Ann Marie Jones, Louise Mauriello, Rita Charles, Paula Iannia, Freddie Valse, Michele Mercado Domingo

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collections - \$ 3,020.38

February 11, 2024 (online included)

Catch Up Collections - \$ 377.00

February 11, 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

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Angela Cuozzo-Zarro

Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**MICHAEL L. DITRANI
ANGELA DE CROCE**

The Kingdom of God is at Hand!

MARK 1:12-15

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading in each Lectionary cycle is about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This event in the life of Jesus is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—but it is not found in John's Gospel. This year we read Mark's account of this event.

Compared to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, the details throughout Mark's narrative are sparse. This is evident in Mark's account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. Mark tells us only that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and that for 40 days he was tempted by Satan. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke explain that Jesus fasted while in the desert, that Satan presented him with three temptations, and that Jesus refused each one, quoting Scripture. Only the Gospels of Matthew and Mark report that angels ministered to Jesus at the end of his time in the desert.

In each of the Synoptic Gospels, the temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In Mark's Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. Mark's Gospel makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also attended to by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

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Here's
What's
Happening!

TODAY, FEBRUARY 18
SECOND DRAW
CALENDAR RAFFLE

1:30PM
Ferraro Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
PRESIDENTS DAY

Office Closed
8:00 am Mass ONLY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION, MIDDAY
PRAYER & BENEDICTION

8:30 am-12:00 nn
Little House

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm
Church

BINGO
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Doors Open 5:30 pm
Games Begin 7:30 pm
School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Doors Open 10:30 am
Games Begin 12:30 pm
School

JANUARY 2024

Monthly Financial Report

(Operational Fund)

Deficit Forwarded (14,978.63)

RECEIPTS

Collections/Offerings	
Regular: Sundays & Holy Days	12,083.45
Regular Fund Raising (Saturday Bingo only)	6,311.34
Perquisites	450.00
Candles, Stable & Gift Shop	791.00
Assessment Collections	683.04
Donations	280.00
TOTAL	20,599.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries (Priests, Full & Part Time Workers)	19,304.57
Food & Provisions	1,182.61
Gas & Electric	
Church & Lake Street House	2,442.49
Office & Rectory	1,169.88
School	3,757.36
Water	
Church & Lake Street House	58.37
Office & Rectory	96.27
School	437.28
Telephone & Internet	
Church	134.33
Office & Rectory	526.48
School	266.63
Supplies	
Church	764.68
Office & Rectory	464.17
Equipment Rentals	1,279.00
Health Insurance & Pension	3,050.05
Transportation & Insurance	345.35
Repair & Maintenance	
Church	218.14
Rectory	*1,651.46
School	**3,665.48
Snow Removal (all properties)	3,560.70
Representations	145.83
Property Insurance	5,411.83
Archdiocesan Assessment	***2,000.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
TOTAL	48,422.26

DEFICIT (31,383.73)

DEFICIT (to be forwarded) (46,362.36)

* boiler pump repair

** including new pump installed

*** less than what we are supposed to remit

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, February 24-25, the second collection will be for SNOW REMOVAL. We really need your help in paying the snow removal expenses, having experienced two snowfalls in January and two in February too. Thanks for your help!

SANTO NINO FESTIVITIES

January 6-15, 2023

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Mass Offerings & Collections

 Novena Nights \$ 13,173.40

 Feast Day 6,870.00

 Food Donations 2,282.00

 Other Donations 1,264.00

 Journal Contributions 16,550.00

***TOTAL \$ 40,139.40**

EXPENSES

 Food & Drinks \$ 2,895.00

****Journal Printing (not paid yet)**

 Stipends (Priests & Bishop) 1,575.00

 Others (Decorations, Candles, etc.) 1,414.46

TOTAL \$ 5,884.46

NET PROCEEDS

\$ 34,254.94

* plus Canadian \$170.00

** additional expenses are still to be accounted for

AC 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. Flyers & reservation forms will soon be available.

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

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

February 18, 2024

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

February 25, 2024

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

Samantha Llaban

Chloe Llaban

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **HERNANDO FAMILY** at the 12:15pm Mass on Sunday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **TEJANO FAMILY** next Sunday at the 12:15pm Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

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.



CALLING ALL AMATEUR VOCALISTS!!

Now is your chance to make your debut! Karen Notare, our Music

Minister, is now holding tryouts for the **NEW St. Anthony's Choir!** With the Easter Season upon us, you can make a difference. Our Church will resound 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

5th GRADER WHO LOVES BEING CATHOLIC

While many 5th graders typically request toys and games for Christmas, Holy Trinity School student Dominic Auricchio surprised his family by asking for a Military Bible and a rosary blessed by Pope Francis.

Dominic said that he requested the items because he enjoys learning about religion at school and because he wants to become a priest and a military chaplain when he grows up. He also dreams of meeting Pope Francis.

"If I met him, I'd like to tell him that I want to be a priest," Dominic said. He has many questions for the Pope such as how a priest becomes a bishop, he said.

Dominic said his parents were surprised when they saw his Christmas wish list. Nonetheless, the whole family shared his excitement on Christmas morning when he received the blessed items.

On Christmas morning, Dominic joyfully unwrapped seven religious gifts: a military Bible, a crucifix featuring the Stations of the Cross, a rosary, a miraculous medal, a vial of holy water, a chalice made of wood from the Holy Land, and an Italian prayer card. The Bible, holy water, rosary beads, and crucifix came from the Vatican and were blessed by Pope Francis. Dominic brought the other items to the church, where Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, pastor of Saint Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield, blessed them.

He is an altar server at Saint Helen's Roman Catholic Church in Westfield and said he enjoys helping the priest during Mass. His great devotion to the Catholic faith was emphasized by a personal apparition of the Virgin Mary in his bedroom that he described to Jersey Catholic in a recent phone interview.

In January 2023, Dominic received a serious medical diagnosis — a brain mass — detected through an MRI conducted in response to persistent headaches. Although antibiotics and migraine medication were administered, they did not provide relief to the symptoms, and the doctors informed the family that an operation would be necessary.

Every night, his mother prayed to the Blessed Mother before going to bed. One night in May, while everyone was asleep, Dominic awoke to a vision of a woman in his bedroom, who he said was the Blessed Mother, his mother said.

Dominic described the woman as "wearing blue, and with scarves on her head like they wore in the old days." The woman instructed Dominic to tell his mother "Do not worry" and "everything is going to be okay."

Dominic ran to his mother's room and told her about his vision. She followed him back to his room but saw no woman there. The next month, according to his mother Maria, the doctor informed the family that surgery would not be necessary for Dominic. A CAT scan revealed that the mass had begun to shrink on its own, without medical intervention, his mother said.

Maria said that the vision brought the entire family an immediate sense of relief.

Dominic's connection with the divine has been a consistent theme throughout his young life. At the age of four, he claimed to have heard the voice of God instructing him to become a priest. "I had a dream, and God told me He wanted me to be a priest," he said. This conviction to become a member of the clergy has remained steadfast, shaping his devout journey within the Catholic faith.

"Dominic is one of our altar servers and he is one of our best," said Msgr. Nydegger. "Dominic himself is a very, very fine young man. He serves at the altar faithfully and does it well. He is just a very good person and a fine, young parishioner."

Condensed from Jersey Catholic, Author, Jessica Miano

Read the entire article at

<https://jerseycatholic.org/5th-grader-requests-items-from-vatican>