

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – B

MARCH 10, 2024

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



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

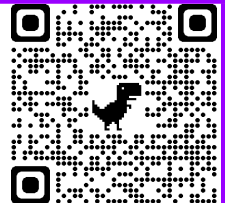
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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, March 9

5:30p Thanksgiving by Mimi Lambon

SUNDAY, March 10

8:00a Teresa & Domenick Peluso by Grace Pennella
10:30a Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society
12:15p People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 11

7:00a Adelaide Basilio by Miriam Lima
8:00a Matilda Salem by Leonora Ragab

TUESDAY, March 12

7:00p Teresita Cid (Birthday) by David & Carla Gates
8:00a Fermina Montas (Healing) by Jay Montas

WEDNESDAY, March 13

7:00a Tereza Silva by Miriam Lima
8:00a Jenny & Richard Del Vecchio by Son

THURSDAY, March 14

7:00a Thanksgiving by Leonora Ragab
8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Mary Anne Servian

FRIDAY, March 15

8:00a Lydia Salzano by Linda & Gary Rufino
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 16

8:00a Isidro Huerta by Mimi Lambon
5:30p Anthony Calzone Jr. by Anita Benenato

SUNDAY, March 17

8:00a Jean & Joseph Iannia by Donna Marie Iannia
10:30a Birthday Thanksgiving by Josephine DiLauri
12:15p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

March 10—17, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the intention of

People of the Parish

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, Freddie Valesse, Michele Mercado Domingo, Monica Serchio, James DeFago Sr.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collections - \$ 4,360.33
March 3, 2024 (online included)

Assessment Collections - \$ 1,191.00
March 3, 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

Joseph Zarra
Finance Council Chair

Angela Cuzzo-Zarro
Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



ALFONSO "DINO" DILAURO

Whoever comes to the truth
comes to the light!

JOHN 3:14-21

The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy’s opening antiphon. On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel reading is taken from John’s Gospel. It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today’s Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses’ prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The Gospel of John is known for this kind of reflection offered within the narrative. The words of the Evangelist are in continuity with the words of the prologue to John’s Gospel. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes that are found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John’s reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Meeting with Confirmation Parents

9:15 am

Ferraro Hall

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Rosarian Mass

Meeting & Brunch to Follow

10:30 am

MONDAY, MARCH 11

MOVIE NIGHT ~ THE CHOSEN

7:00 pm

Ferraro Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm

Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

**INTERVIEW FOR CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES**

1:00—4:00 pm

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 17

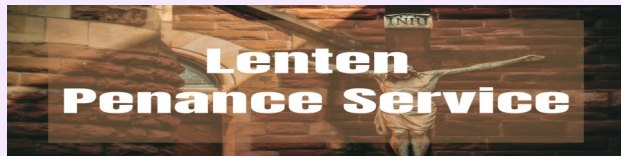
St. Patrick/St. Joseph Celebration

3:00 pm

Ferraro Hall

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.



With the CCD Family, everyone is invited to participate in our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, **March 18, 2024**, at **6PM**.

The Church requires us to go to Confession at least once a year. Lent is the best opportune time to reconcile with God and to ask for His forgiveness, as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, **March 16 & 17**, the second collection will be for **EASTER FLOWERS**. As always, thank you so much for your support.

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)

March 10, 2024

Samantha Llaban

Chloe Llaban

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Ryan Paurom

March 17, 2024

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Lucas Tiankee

Samantha Llaban

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **CABRAL FAMILY** at the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **COLLUCCI FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

THIS COULD BE YOUR BIG CHANCE!!



Who knows? Today St. Anthony's Church – tomorrow Broadway!! Whatever your goals are, why not begin with praising the Lord? Our choir could use your melodious pipes. Our Music Director, Karen Notare, is conducting tryouts for the Easter season. It will be here before you know it and 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 AND SING YOUR HEART OUT!**

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

The
CHOSEN
thechosen.tv/app

Join your fellow parishioners with Fr. Nol and take part in this very special biblical study. Season 3 Episode 1 will be shown on **March 11, 2024**



Atlantic City 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 fundraising activity for St. Anthony of Padua Parish. We need your support on this endeavor. Thanks and get flyers in the vestibule.

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATION



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 @ 3pm

Ferraro Hall



FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!!! BRING THE FAMILY!!

ONLY \$30pp (Children 14 and under FREE)

REMEMBER TO RESERVE YOUR TABLE—PICK UP A FORM AT CHURCH

DEADLINE TO RESERVE A TABLE—FRIDAY, MARCH 15

THE MENU

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Carrots, Potatoes, Soda Bread and Rye Bread

Chicken Francese and Salad

St. Joseph's Zeppole and St. Patrick's Cake

Water, Soda, Beer, Sangria, Coffee and Tea



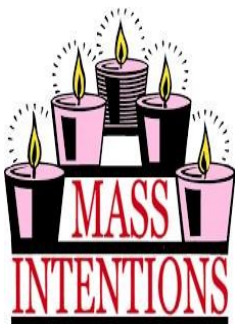
Stations of the Cross Interactive Presentation

This year, on Good Friday, the CCD students will perform an Interactive Presentation of the Stations of the Cross complete with music, costumes and video. Please be sure to participate in this special event as we celebrate the Easter Triduum.

PALM CROSSES FOR SALE

Please help support the Rosary Altar Society by purchasing beautiful palm crosses. You can pick one up after Mass or you can call the Parish Office to order. Cost is only \$15 and all proceeds will go to the Rosary Altar Society. The Rosary Altar Society uses any funds they collect to beautify the church with altar linens and many other needs the church may have. Thank you for your participation in our sale this year.

MASS BOOK STILL OPEN



Our 2024 Mass Book is still open -- please call the office at 973.481.1991 to request our earliest date. Always remember your loved ones whether living or deceased. The Mass is the highest form of prayer you can offer. God bless you and your families and all the Lord's blessings to you in 2024.

Giving Back

If you or anyone you know is searching for a first or second mortgage, think about referring them to 1st 2nd Mortgage Co. Of NJ, Inc. 201.388.7976. Andy Pada, President, has offered to donate \$1,000 to our church if anyone referred by us takes a mortgage through his company. This is not an endorsement and there is no obligation but if you are shopping why not get a quote. If you decide to go with his company be sure you remind him that you were referred by St. Anthony Parish.