

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM MASS

12:00 NN MASS

4:00 PM SERVICE

7:00 PM MASS

## 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

## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm  
and by appointment

### Baptism

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

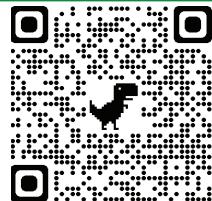
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# Mass Intentions



## FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, February 18

5:30p Anthony Camuso by Linda & Gary Rufino

### SUNDAY, February 19

8:00a Nene Cayetano by Maria Sabate  
 10:30a Crispina Galvez by Jun & Tess  
 12:00n People of the Parish

### MONDAY, February 20

8:00a Sherrie Chavez & Adel Llave by Noli & Rose Chavez

### TUESDAY, February 21

7:00a Lorraine Giuliano by Patti  
 8:00a All Souls in Purgatory by Miriam Lima

### WEDNESDAY, February 22 (Ash Wednesday)

8:00a Dan Noguera (Birthday) by David & Carla Gates  
 12:00n All Victims of Earthquake by Miriam Lima  
 4:00p Service Only  
 7:00p Krishna Patel (Good Health) by Jun & Tess

### THURSDAY, February 23

7:00a Dorothy Kruza by Patti  
 8:00a All Souls in Purgatory by Miriam Lima

### FRIDAY, February 24

8:00a Diana Jack (Birthday) by Juliet & John  
 7:00p Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, February 25

8:00a Dolores Parker by Leonora Ragab  
 5:30p Joseph Marino by Angela Aiello

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 19 - February 25, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of  
**Sherrie Chavez**

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special Intention of  
**Manuel & Wilson Fernandez**

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the Intention of  
**People of the Parish**

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Rosina Coppola, Vito Cifelli, Assunta Gancarelli, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Laurmando Paleracio, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Joyce Risoli, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco**

Note: This list is updated monthly. Please call the parish office if you need the name/ to be kept in next week's bulletin.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**Sunday Collections** - \$ 2,802.69

(February 12, 2023, including online)  
**Special Collections** - \$ 211.00  
 Monthly Assessment (additional)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERINGS! YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!**

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. The measure that you use for others will be used to measure you."* Luke 6:38

## 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*

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*Office Receptionist*

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## Lenten Prayer for Ash Wednesday

(If you attend an Ash Wednesday Mass, arrive about 10 minutes early. Pray this prayer and reflect on how this Lent can be transformative.)

*God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.*

## EXCERPT OF POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY ON ASH WEDNESDAY 2022

The rite of receiving ashes on our heads is meant to protect us from the error of putting the reward received from others ahead of the reward we receive from the Father. This austere sign, which leads us to reflect on the transience of our human condition, is like a medicine that has a bitter taste and yet is effective for curing the illness of appearances, a spiritual illness that enslaves us and makes us dependent on the admiration of others. It is a true "slavery" of the eyes and the mind (cf. Eph 6:6, Col 3:22). A slavery that makes us live our lives for vainglory, where what counts is not our purity of heart but the admiration of others. Not how God sees us, but how others see us. We cannot live well if we are willing to be content with that reward.

The ashes bespeak the emptiness hiding behind the frenetic quest for worldly rewards. They remind us that worldliness is like the dust that is carried away by a slight gust of wind. Sisters and brothers, we are not in this world to chase the wind; our hearts thirst for eternity. Lent is the time granted us by the Lord to be renewed, to nurture our interior life and to journey towards Easter, towards the things that do not pass away, towards the reward we are to receive from the Father. Lent is also a journey of healing. Not to be changed overnight, but to live each day with a renewed spirit, a different "style". Prayer, charity and fasting are aids to this. Purified by the Lenten ashes, purified of the hypocrisy of appearances, they become even more powerful and restore us to a living relationship with God, our brothers and sisters, and ourselves.

Prayer, humble prayer, prayer "in secret" (Mt 6:6), in the hiddenness of our rooms, becomes the secret to making our lives flourish everywhere else. Prayer is a dialogue, warm in affection and trust, which consoles and expands our hearts. During this Lenten season, let us pray above all by looking at the Crucified Lord. Let us open our hearts to the touching tenderness of God, and in his wounds place our own wounds and those of our world. Let us not be always in a rush but find the time to stand in silence before him. Let us rediscover the fruitfulness and simplicity of a heartfelt dialogue with the Lord. For God is not interested in appearances. Instead, he loves to be found in secret, "the secrecy of love", far from all ostentation and clamor.

If prayer is real, it necessarily bears fruit in charity. And charity sets us free from the worst form of enslavement, which is slavery to self. Lenten charity, purified by these ashes, brings us back to what is essential, to the deep joy to be found in giving. Almsgiving, practiced far from the spotlights, fills the heart with peace and hope. It reveals to us the beauty of giving, which then becomes receiving, and thus enables us to discover a precious secret: our hearts rejoice more at giving than at receiving (cf. Acts 20:35).

Finally, fasting. Fasting is not a diet. Indeed, it sets us free from the self-centered and obsessive quest of physical fitness, in order to help us to keep in shape not only our bodies but our spirit as well. Fasting makes us appreciate things for their true worth. It reminds us in a concrete way that life must not be made dependent upon the fleeting landscape of the present world. Nor should fasting be restricted to food alone. Especially in Lent, we should fast from anything that can create in us any kind of addiction. This is something each of us should reflect on, so as to fast in a way that will have an effect on our actual lives.

Prayer, charity and fasting need to grow "in secret", but that is not true of their effects. Prayer, charity and fasting are not medicines meant only for ourselves but for everyone: they can change history. First, because those who experience their effects almost unconsciously pass them on to others; but above all, because prayer, charity and fasting are the principal ways for God to intervene in our lives and in the world. They are weapons of the spirit and, with them, on this day of prayer and fasting for Ukraine, we implore from God that peace which men and women are incapable of building by themselves.



Monday, February 20

**Finance Council Meeting**

7:30 PM

Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

6:30 PM

Ferraro Hall

**MARDI GRAS**

February 22

ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICES

8:00 AM—MASS

12:00 NN—MASS

4:00 PM—SERVICE

7:00 PM—MASS



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

7:00 PM

Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**FILIPINO MASS**

at 5:00pm



**COME & JOIN US!**

## Attention: Married Couples 5, 25 and 50 Years

The Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate your anniversary at a special Mass with Bishop Gregory Studerus officiating. If you would like to participate in this very special event please contact the Parish Office at 973.481.1991 to register. The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark and the 5th and 25th Anniversaries will be celebrated on May 7, 2023. You MUST be registered to attend. (Deadline April 11) Don't miss this opportunity to receive a very special blessing on your milestone.

### TRAVELING CHALICE



Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **Bocchino Family** at the 10:30am Mass. Their family will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **Cinense Family** next week. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish! To participate in this program, please contact the Parish Office.

### APOSTLES' CREED

As explained in our *Catecheses on the Holy Mass* (Part 5), found on page 3 of the October 16, 2022 bulletin, we are going to recite the new translation of the Apostles' Creed at Sunday Mass during the seasons of Lent and Easter. This Creed is used as the basis for our baptismal promises which we will renew on Easter Sunday.

### 8th GRADE CCD SERVICE PROJECT

Donations for our 2023 CCD Service Project will be collected at Church or at the CCD Office 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 etc. Thank you for your kind and generous cooperation to support our CCD students. The deadline is on the last Sunday, February 26, 2023.

### MAKING OF THE ASHES ON SHROVE TUESDAY

Come take part in this brief and poignant service of reflection and preparation for Lent as we burn last year's Palm Sunday fronds to be used for this year's Ash Wednesday ashes.

If you still have the palms you received last year, bring them! We'll gather in the parking lot (*near the side doors of the Church & Ferraro Hall*) this **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:20pm**, after the benediction and before the start of Mardi Gras. This service only lasts for about 15 minutes.

### Lenten Prayer for Sundays

(Take some time to pray this each Sunday of Lent either on your own or as a family. Use it as a way to recommit to having your best Lent ever through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.)

Heavenly Father, as I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to you through prayer this Lent. In your name I pray. Amen.

### APRIL 23, SUNDAY AT 12NN MASS

#### INSTALLATION OF FATHER NOL AS PASTOR and CELEBRATION OF HIS 30TH PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY

Reception will follow at

***The Brookside Banquets***

41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

RSVP by March 23, 2023 at 973-481-1991 (parish office)

Contribution \$65pp

### ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

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 goal this year is \$21,091***

## Archdiocese of Newark

### 2023 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
2. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
4. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. (*Hence, even if you're 60 and older, you're obliged to abstain!*)
5. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
6. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
7. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

\**Canon 920, §1, All the faithful, after they have been initiate into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

## 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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