

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT-C

APRIL 6, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



Go, and from now on do not sin any more.

JOHN 8:11

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 Eastertime

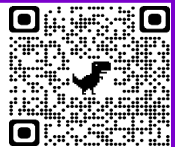
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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

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973-759-1417

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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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

MONDAY, April 7

7:00a Romeo & Teresita Montas by Jay Montas
8:00a Joseph & Margaret Raimo by Sigall Family

TUESDAY, April 8

7:00a Fermina Montas (Healing) by Jay Montas
8:00a Michael Kastner by Vicki Del Guercio

WEDNESDAY, April 9

7:00a Marcelo Cruz Sr. by Daisy Tiu
8:00a Anthony G. Vitale Jr. by Sally Villamiel

THURSDAY, April 10

7:00a Purification Cruz by Daisy Tiu
8:00a Dino (Healing) by Leonora

FRIDAY, April 11

8:00a Dino (Healing) by Leonora
7:00p Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 12

8:00a Carmello Mobilio by Marino Family
5:30p Genevieve "Jean" Giordano by Family

SUNDAY, April 13

8:00a Doris Gomez by Adriana Rivera
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Juana Torrocha by Wilma Torrocha

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

April 6 - April 12, 2025

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intentions of
Genevieve "Jean" Giordano

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Intentions of
People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of
Dino (Healing)

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Zenaida 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 - \$ 4,613.49

(March 29 & 30, 2025, including online)

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." (Proverbs 11:24)

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

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez
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Lenten Prayer before Holy Week

O God, our Father, we humbly approach you, acknowledging our need for your grace and mercy. As we journey through this holy season of Lent, help us to deepen our faith and prepare our hearts for the solemn events of Holy Week.

Lord Jesus, your entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday reminds us of your humility and your willingness to suffer for our salvation. Grant us the grace to follow your example, to carry our crosses with love and to serve others with compassion.

Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts and actions, that we may be faithful witnesses to Christ's love and truth.

May our hearts be filled with joy and hope as we anticipate the coming of Easter, the triumph of your Son's resurrection. Amen

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

John 8:1-11

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See Luke 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 6

CONFIRMATION MASS

3:00pm

Church

MONDAY, APRIL 7

**MOVIE NIGHT
THE CHOSEN**

Season 4, Episode 3

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

**MULTI-CULTURAL
MINISTRY MEETING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm

Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

**EL SHADDAI
PRAYER MEETING**

1:30pm

Ferraro Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Coming to the end of the 2025 Lenten Season let us reflect on the past weeks. If you haven't already attended our **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evenings 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)

April 6, 2025

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

April 13, 2025

*Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Reagan Ocampo*

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, April 6, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **HEVENLY & LEOPOLDO TIANKEE & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **BARBARA & JOHN GRICE & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week we pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, we reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.

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JOIN OUR CHOIR!!

**There's still time to join our choir for
Easter Season. No tryouts!**

Just show up!

**Every Sunday at 1:30pm in the Choir
Loft until Easter!**

**Help make our Church resound with
glorious praises to Our Lord!**

Let us prepare for His Resurrection!!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night—The Chosen –April 7

Family Movie Night—CABRINI—April 26

Mothers' Day Breakfast—May 11

Flores de Mayo—Saturdays in May

Saint Anthony Festival—June 13 & 14

JOIN YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS FOR OUR PRIVATE VIEWING OF THE MOVIE



Please be sure to reserve your seat as soon as possible. A night out for the the whole family to enjoy and learn all about the first American saint!

**FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL
Including Refreshments**

Please call the Parish Office to RSVP!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 UPDATE

(as of April 02, 2025)

Base Goal—\$21,446.80

Stretch Goal—\$25,736.16

Total Pledged = \$16,315.00

% of Goal Reached (in Pledges) = 63.39%

Amount Received = \$11,449.00

Number of Contributors = 25 pax/family

*For those who have already made and paid their pledges, thank you so much!!! Otherwise, kindly make your pledges and pay them to the archdiocese or to our parish office **before June 30, 2025.***

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.

Based on the original price and procedure, each leaf would cost \$1,200 (which could be paid over a period of 12 months). Once payment is completed, we will send the leaf to the original artist to engrave it with your personal inscription.

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 WEEK'S 2nd COLLECTION

The 2nd Collection next week, April 12 & 13, will be for the *Monthly Assessment* (pink envelopes). And, since we missed it last week, we also remind those who still have their ivory envelopes for *Black & Indian Catholic Relief* to please put them with your Monthly Assessment. **Thank you as always for your generous support!**

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTION SCHEDULE

April 19 & 20 – Easter Gift

April 26 & 27 – Catholic Home Missions

May 3 & 4 – May Monthly Assessment

May 10 & 11 – Mothers' Day Mass Remembrance

May 17 & 18 – Catch-up

May 24 & 25 – none

May 31 & June 1 – June Monthly Assessment



God Bless Our 2025 Confirmation Candidates

St. Anthony of Padua

Marc Angelo "Marc" Allende

Joseph "Nicholas" Bunk-Grant

Gabriel "Gabriel" Espiritu

Brandon Roberto "Michael" Guerrero

Jocelyn Ines "Ines" Guerrero

Reagan Aedan "Aedan" Ocampo

Martin Valentin Llave "John" Policarpio

Sky Benedict "Benedict" Sabadisto

Karen Samantha "Mary" Saquipulla

Jewel Abby "Ann" Tayag

Ethan Giovanny "Francis" Venturi

Taina Lorraine "Elizabeth" Venturi

Holy Name of Jesus

Nicholas "Joseph" Berge

Michaela "Joan" Copeland

Kyairah "Teresa" Exil

Triston "Francis" Farrier

Colby "Michael" Frein

Drake "Elizabeth" Randolph

Samiere "Michael" Victorin

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

*Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.*

*Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation
as they listen to Your voice.*

*Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment
the good work that You have begun in them.*

*As we prepare these children for Confirmation,
make each of us an instrument of Your love.*

*Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,
and to be patient with what we do not understand.*

Deepen our faith in the Gospel

and help us to pass it on by our example.

*We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*