

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES do good to those who hate you

LUKE 6:27



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

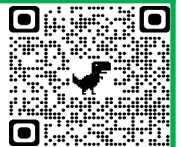
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

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

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

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Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, February 22

8:00a Alfonso "Dino" DiLauro by Leonora
5:30p Cindy Lesmana by Eddie Byrnes & Family

SUNDAY, February 23

8:00a Alfreda Surigao (Healing) by Bingo Workers
10:30a Maria De Fatima Pinheiro by Family
12:15p Carlos Vazquez by Leonora & Abraham
5:30p People of the Parish (**FILIPINO MASS**)

MONDAY, February 24

7:00a Diana Jack (Healing) by Juliet Mathew
8:00a Ulla Neufeld by Leonora & Abraham

TUESDAY, February 25

7:00a Souls in Purgatory by Miriam Lima
8:00a Vicky Alao by Anonymous

WEDNESDAY, February 26

7:00a Vicky Alao by Anonymous
8:00a Remy Frisina by Family

THURSDAY, February 27

7:00a Souls in Purgatory by Miriam Lima
8:00a Presentacion Roma by Maria Sabate

FRIDAY, February 28

8:00a John Devone by Helen Yacullo

SATURDAY, March 1

8:00a Deceased Members of Rue, Villorente & Aguila Families
5:30p Teodoro A. Cadavez by Edna Tan

SUNDAY, March 2

8:00a Deceased Family Members & Friends by Donna Marie Iannia
10:30a People of the Parish
12:15p Joan Whelpley by Leonora & Abraham

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 23 - March 2, 2025

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intentions of
Doris Gomez

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

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intentions of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Grace Constantino, Carlos Zapanta, Jonel Francisco, Nicholas Castellano, Feliciano Lima, Frank Papaiani, Bobby Collina, Amelia Collina, 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

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 3,010.29

(February 15 & 16, 2025, including online)

Special Collections - \$ 753.00

(Snow Removal & Winter-related Expenses)

**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

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Parish Secretary

Emiliano "Bambi" Cabanig
Maintenance

Karen Notare
Music Director

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Pastoral Council Chair

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



ROBERT RUSSOMANNO

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 6:27-38

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**FIRST COMMUNION
PARENTS' MEETING**

9:00am

Ferraro Hall

**FILIPINO MASS
Fellowship After**

5:30pm

Church & Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**VOCATION PRAYER
ADORATION & ANOINTING
OF THE SICK**

11:00am

Ferraro Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING**

7:00pm

Ferraro Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

FIRST PENANCE

Older Kids

4:30pm

Church

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2

FIRST PENANCE

Second Grade Kids

9:00am

Church

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

February 23, 2025

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

March 2, 2025

**Ethan Venturi
Taina Venturi
Lucas Tiankee
Reagan Ocampo**

LET'S CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS 2025

Shrove Tuesday, March 4 in Ferraro Hall
After the 6:00PM RITE OF MAKING OF THE ASHES

Mark your calendar now!

**FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING
AND "Best Costume Prize"**

Only \$30 per person (children under 14 FREE)



RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Call the Parish Office—Don't Miss This Fun Event

TRAVELING CHALICE

Sunday, February 23, The Traveling Chalice will be received by **ELIZABETH & AKMAL ROZIER & FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to **TOMLIN & FELICIA ANYA & FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

FORMATION OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Worship Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to a renewal session on **Sunday, March 15, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM** at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, located at 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ.

This session is also open to those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We encourage anyone who feels called to serve in this ministry, which is open to individuals 18 years of age and older, to attend this formation. We are in great need of more volunteers for this important ministry. If you are looking for a meaningful way to serve, please consider attending. Please contact the parish office for more information.

ROSARIANS' MEETING—SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

St. Anthony's Rosarians will hold their first meeting of the year next Sunday after the 12:15 pm Mass which will be offered for All Living and Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society. All are invited to attend the meeting and enjoy the camaraderie of others who are devoted to Mary, the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please come and join us as we pray together and learn more about Our Blessed Mother and her Son. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast. And sign up as a member. Join the Army of Our Lady—she continues to encourage us to pray. So much can be accomplished if we only listen to her.

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

The Second Collection this Sunday and next Sunday, March 1 & 2, is for snow removal and other winter-related expenses. We hope for your understanding and generous support. Thank You Very Much!

Announcing the FEBRUARY Winner of
the 2025 Calendar Raffle

**DUKE MICHAEL DOCABO
Ticket #241**

Congratulations to you Duke. You are the February 2025 Calendar Raffle Winner. The next drawing will be on March 16 in Ferraro Hall (1:30 PM)

Join us, or watch the drawing on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/stanthonybelleville>

Good Luck to the Next Winner!

ANNUAL APPEAL 2025 UPDATE

(as of February 19, 2025)

Base Goal—\$21,446.80

Stretch Goal—\$25,736.16

Total Pledged = \$9,740.00

% of Goal Reached (in Pledges) = 45.41%

Amount Received = \$8,293.00

Number of Contributors = 10 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.***



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Belleville, NJ 07109

**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

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 0	3 1 Lenten Penance Service 6pm Church		T H I R D D R A W CALENDAR RAFFLE 2025 March 16, 2025 <i>Ferraro Hall</i>			1 Pre-Bap Instructions 130pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i> First Penance-Older Kids 430pm <i>Church</i>
2	3 First Penance 2nd Grade Kids 930am Church	4 Making of Ashes 6:00 PM Church Parking Lot Mardi Gras 6:30 PM <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 7am Mass 8am Mass 4pm Service 7pm Mass	6	7 Holy Hour 830-930am Church Stations of the Cross 7pm Church	8 El Shaddai Prayer Meeting (Gawain) 130pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>
9 Meeting with Parents of Confirmation Candidates 9am <i>Ferraro Hall</i> Rosarians Meeting after 1215pm Mass <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	1 0 Movie Night The Chosen Episode 2, Season 4 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	1 1	1 2	1 3	1 4 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church	1 5 Interview for Confirmation Candidates 1—3pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>
1 6 Meeting with Parents of First Communicants 9am <i>Ferraro Hall</i> Saints Patrick & Joseph Fellowship 3pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	1 7 FEAST COMMITTEE MEETING 730pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	1 8 SOCIETY OF ST. ANTHONY MEETING (1st Annis. Celebration) 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	1 9	2 0	2 1 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church	2 2
2 3 Filipino Mass & Fellowship 530pm Church/ Ferraro Hall	2 4	2 5 Adoration, Prayer for the Sick Vocation, Anointing of 830am—1230pm Little House Word Circle 7pm <i>Ferraro Hall</i>	2 6	2 7	2 8 Stations of the Cross 7pm Church	2 9