

EASTER SUNDAY - A

APRIL 9, 2023

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, April 8

8:00p Easter Vigil—People of the Parish

SUNDAY, April 9 EASTER SUNDAY

8:00a Doris Gomez by *Adriana Rivera*
10:30a Salvatore Gencarelli & Jimmy Coppola
12:00n People of the Parish

MONDAY, April 10

8:00a Timoteo & Constanca Davis by *Tina Cabanig*

TUESDAY, April 11

7:00a Susan Hanah by *Edna Tan*
8:00a Thx & Healing of Albert by *Bridgette Santelises*

WEDNESDAY, April 12

7:00a Benjamin Dentini
8:00a Tess & Rosita (Special Intention) by *Noemi Rue*

THURSDAY, April 13

8:00a Juana Torrocha by *Wilma Torrocha*
7:00p Carmela Mobilio by *Marino Family*

FRIDAY, April 14

8:00a Aurora Bravo (Complete Healing) *Marilyn Celestial*

SATURDAY, April 15

8:00a Anna Sessa by *Anna Marie*
5:30p Simon Gonsalves by *Juliet & John*

SUNDAY, April 16

8:00a Leonard Iannia by *Beloved Children*
10:30a People of the Parish
12:00n Lebro Charles by *Rita Charles*
3:00p Confirmation

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

April 9 - April 15, 2023

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the Intention of
John Del Guercio

The Altar Candles will be offered for the Special 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

Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Lorraine Snowman, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco, Fr. Edward Okpu, Norma Jaramillo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Asunta Gencarelli

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

**REPORTS ON PALM SUNDAY
COLLECTIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED
IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN!**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
VERY GENEROUS EASTER
GIFTS!!!!**

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JOYOUS TIME OF YEAR

May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

- Author Unknown

from the desk of the Pastor ...

Jesus is Risen!

A glorious Easter to my dear parishioners and friends!

It seems like only yesterday when we celebrated Christmas to commemorate the birth of Jesus, and today we celebrate His Resurrection. Indeed, today is a special day. Christmas and Easter are happy events in our Christian lives, as we celebrate the humanity and divinity of Jesus. In His humanity, we remember His life and ministry which ended up in the horror of Good Friday. And, in His divinity, we celebrate in awe how He defeated death and was brought back to life through His resurrection. Ours is the triumph and grandeur because we share it with the Risen Lord.

I believe that this year's Easter celebration is more meaningful than the previous years, especially because we went through a horrific period of the pandemic. Our feasts were dampened with sadness and pain owing to the loss of loved ones, loss of jobs and even our will to live. Despite the sagging economy and uncertainty of our future because of wars and climate change, we still find the value of marching on with our life. We know that these difficulties are only temporary and that we have already undergone the seemingly worst, dark pandemic years. Most important of all, we continue to trust and believe in the Risen Lord who always gives us hope for a brighter tomorrow assured by His overwhelming love for us.

This is the reason why we should always look at our lives with hope and courage. As followers of the Risen Lord, we are assured that we shall triumph with Him. Personally, I always try to live my life and ministry as a priest with this kind of attitude and faith. Despite the many challenges that seem unsurmountable at times, I am always hopeful of brighter days ahead.

Here at our parish, we are not exempt from these seemingly unbeatable trials. We are still currently looking for and working at negotiations for tenants and developers of our properties. We need to make use of what we have in order to sustain, if not survive, the coming years. We are still encouraging, requesting, and looking for more volunteers for our Bingo events. We need to share our valuable time with other volunteers to generate more revenue to subsidize our parish operations. We are still in dire need of more participation in our music and liturgical ministries. We need to enliven our liturgical celebrations and make them more enticing and meaningful to attract more parishioners. I realize this is not an easy task, and that it may take years to achieve these goals, but we must have the faith, hope and courage to pursue them.

There are forthcoming activities that I urge everyone to partake in to show support for our fellow parishioners, which are the Confirmation of thirteen candidates next Sunday, my installation as your Pastor on April 23rd, the First Holy Communion of seven children, the Flores de Mayo novena, the communion breakfast, the preparation for, and celebration of our patron St. Anthony, and many others.

May these activities awaken our desire to work together and move forward in achieving a more vibrant and high-spirited parish community. May our faith and love with the Risen Lord embolden us and give us the courage to work for the greater glory of His name!

FrNo1



CONFIRMATION 2023

NEXT SUNDAY—APRIL 16, 2023

3:00 PM

Bishop Manuel Cruz, DD

Please pray for our young men and women as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

PASTOR'S LITURGICAL INSTALLATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

Mass at 12nn

Church

Reception at 230pm

Brookside Banquets

MEETING

FIRST COMMUNICANTS' PARENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

9:30AM

Ferraro Hall

FIRST COMMUNION 2023

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

12:00 NN

Church

Please pray for our young members as they prepare to receive our Lord for the very first time.

FLORES DE MAYO

Month long devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

****Catechetical activity for children and teens****

starts on **May 6, 2023** and every Saturday of May at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

The children will present flowers to our Blessed Mother. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and their families to spend time together honoring Mary. Our CCD student participation is strongly encouraged. Please join us in this beautiful tradition!

PROCESSION: & MASS: Sunday, May 28 at 3:00 p.m.

CALLING ALL ROSARIANS

Please plan to attend our next special Mass on Sunday, May 7 at 12 Noon.

The Rosarians will be celebrating the Crowning of the Blessed Mother with our 2023 First Communicants.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST MAY 14, 2023

Honor your Mother at our Holy Name Society's Annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast 2023. Beginning with 8AM Mass and breakfast after in Ferraro Hall, the Holy Name Society will revive their Annual Mother's Day Communion Breakfast. All are invited to attend. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Baptism Within the Mass at Eastertime

During the Season of Easter, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated within the Mass, either at 1030am or 12nn. Here at St. Anthony's, we usually celebrate this sacrament outside the Mass, although in the past it has been done within the Mass. Actually, the Church encourages baptisms to be celebrated within the Mass. However, for pastoral reasons, some priests opt to do it outside the Mass. As an attempt to strike a balance on the theological and pastoral reasons, it is fitting that during Easter Season we will celebrate baptisms within the Mass here at St. Anthony's. The following are two important reasons of celebrating it within the Mass. *(This is an excerpt from Kristopher Seaman's article. He is the associate director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Gary.)*

Celebrating Baptism during Sunday eucharistic liturgies heightens the rich theology of the Rite of Baptism. The baby is being incorporated (from the Latin corpus, meaning "body") into the body of Christ — the Church that is in communion/ union/ relationship with the God of Jesus Christ. Sunday Eucharist is the primary event that the Church community gathers to hear God's Word and to give praise and thanksgiving over Christ who becomes tangible in the very gifts of his Body and Blood. Sunday Eucharist is the repeatable sacrament of initiation. It is in this sacramental event that the community renews its membership — its identity — in Word and Eucharist. In Baptism one is given a new identity or status of Christian, and this status or identity is renewed in Sunday Eucharist. Therefore, celebrating Baptisms of babies during Sunday Eucharist signifies that baptism is incorporating the baby into both the Church and the life of Christ. The celebration is not minimal, but an event of the local Church community surrounding, praying over, and welcoming the baby into the Church and into the life of the God of Jesus Christ.

Another reason for celebrating Baptisms of infants during Sunday Eucharist is based in the ritual text itself. Not just the parents and godparents have responsibility for the new member of the Church, the infant, all the members of the Church have "an important part to play in the baptism of the child" (Rite of Baptism of Children, 4). The "faith in which the children are baptized is not the private possession of the individual family, but the common treasure of the whole Church of Christ" (#4). The community is present to help, support, pray, and nurture the faith of the child as he or she grows in communion with Jesus Christ and the Church itself.

May the above explanation shed some light to everyone! God bless!

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will start the **Saturday** Bingo by the first Saturday of June 2023. That is why we seriously need volunteers!

A parishioner may only commit for one or two Saturdays each month. With this commitment, he or she is already contributing a lot for our parish.

We need this extra Bingo day for the obvious reason that we are struggling financially. So, please share a Saturday or two each month for just a few hours.

Kindly call the Parish Office 973.481.1991 or talk to any of our Bingo volunteers to know more about this. **Again, without Bingo, our parish cannot survive.**

TRAVELING CHALICE



Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **VILLARIN** Family at the 10:30am Mass. Their family will be praying for vocations this week and present to the Family to be announced next Sunday. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

The next available date to reserve your spot will be Sunday, May 21. All parishioners are invited to participate from May until September. Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of this very special program to pray for our much-needed vocations to the priesthood and religious. These vocations are so important for our spiritual welfare especially in these trying times. So, won't you consider joining the program today? Call the Parish Office for more information and to sign up.

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.



ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE

at 1030am Mass

April 9, 2023

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

Lukas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

April 16, 2023

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Samantha Llaban

Cloe Llaban

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

"PASTOR'S CUP"

April 22, 2023 (Saturday)

9am—1pm

Althea Gibson Tennis Courts

All tennis enthusiasts are invited to join. This friendly tournament is in conjunction with the installation of FrNol as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua and the celebration of his 30th priestly anniversary. No need to register. Just come and have fun with us.

REMINDER

Married Couples for 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.

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