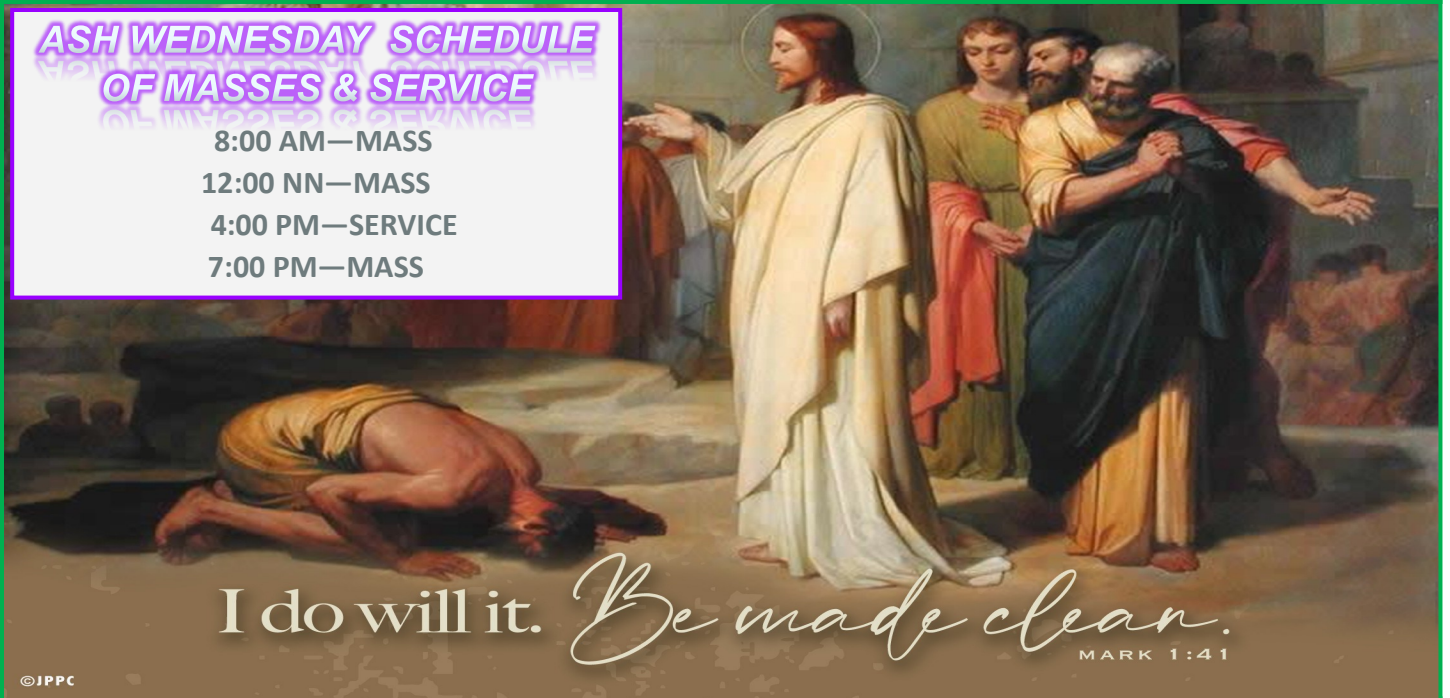


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES & SERVICE

8:00 AM—MASS  
12:00 NN—MASS  
4:00 PM—SERVICE  
7:00 PM—MASS



I do will it. *Be made clean.* MARK 1:41

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### 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**

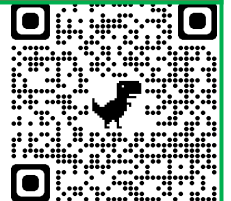
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

#### 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

Website:  
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# Weekly Mass Intentions

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## SATURDAY, February 10

5:30p Mae Palileo by *Chit De La Rama*

## SUNDAY, February 11

8:00a St. Anthony Staff & Parishioners by *Donna Marie Iannia*

10:30a People of the Parish

12:15p Joseph C. DiLauri Jr. by *Barbara Jean DiLauri*

## MONDAY, February 12

7:00a Lourdes Sychua (Birthday)

8:00a Jerry Petrucci by *Joanne Petrucci*

## TUESDAY, February 13

7:00a Julio Zuniga by *Freddie Dedios*

8:00a Gustavo Truyol (Birthday) by *Evangeline Go*

## WEDNESDAY, February 14

8:00a Antonio Ingino by *Marino Family*

12:00n Lydia Salzano by *Miriam Lima*

4:00p Service

7:00p Souls in Purgatory by *Miriam Lima*

## THURSDAY, February 15

7:00a Nene Cayetano by *Family*

8:00a Souls in Purgatory by *Miriam Lima*

## FRIDAY, February 16

8:00a Rocco & Josephine Catenacci by *Marie Catenacci*

7:00p Stations of the Cross

## SATURDAY, February 17

8:00a Abdelsalem "Jimmy" Ragab by *Family*

5:30p Adam Shakoor by *Sandy Papaanni*

## SUNDAY, February 18

8:00a Villablanca Family (Good Health)

10:30a Tereza Silva by *Miriam Lima*

12:15p People of the Parish

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 11—February 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

**Abelardo Llave**

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, Marge Lo Conte, Ann Marie Jones, Louise Mauriello, Grace Constantino, Rita Charles, Paula Iannia, Freddie Vales, Michele Mercado Dominga*

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collections - \$ 3,969.64

February 4, 2024 (online included)

Assessment Collections - \$ 1,161.38

February 4, 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*

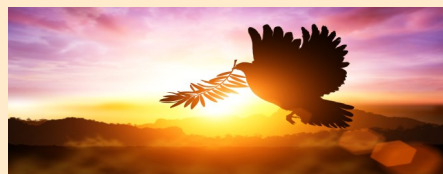
**Joseph Zarra**

*Finance Council Chair*

**Angela Cuzzo-Zarro**

*Pastoral Council Chair*

## **REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**



**VIRGILIA YAP  
LYDIA SALZANO**

# I DO WILL IT! BE MADE CLEAN!

MARK 1:40-39

In today's Gospel, we continue to hear Mark report the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. The Gospel begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history. In 1873, the cause of leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, was identified. We now know that leprosy is caused by a bacterial infection. Although it is infectious, modern medical studies have shown that transmission is more difficult than previously thought. Since the 1940s, medical treatments have been available, and the patient no longer needs to be isolated once long-term treatment has begun.

In Jesus' time, however, religious and social taboos dictated the behavior of those with leprosy and other skin diseases. The Law of Moses provided for the examination of skin diseases by the priests, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. They were instructed to rip their clothes and to announce their presence with loud cries when moving in the community. If the sores of leprosy healed, the Law of Moses provided a purification rite that permitted the person to return to the community.

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honor. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second instruction honors the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

**Financial Council  
Meeting**

**7:00 pm**

*Ferraro Hall*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

**Making of the Ashes Ceremony**

**6:00 pm**

*Church Parking Lot*

*Tuesday, February 13  
After Making of the Ashes*



**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14**

**8:00 AM—MASS**

**12:00 NN—MASS**

**4:00 PM—SERVICE**

**7:00 PM—MASS**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

**Stations of the Cross**

**7:00 pm**

*Church*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**El Shaddai Prayer Meeting**

**1:00 pm**

*Ferraro Hall*

### ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

February 11, 2024

Ryan Paurom

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

February 18, 2024

Lucas Tiankee

Reagan Ocampo

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

### NEXT SUNDAY'S 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION

Next weekend, February 17-18, the second collection will be for the CHURCHES IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE. As always, thank you so much for your support.

### TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **ABAYAN FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **HERNANDO FAMILY** next Sunday at the 12:15Pm Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

### 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*

### 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.

Only a few more weeks left to sign up!  
Sight & Sound Millenium Theatre  
Lancaster PA

**"DANIEL" — April 4, 2024  
(Thursday)**

Your bus fare, lunch and light snacks are included with your Premium Seats in the amount of \$200 only per person. Pick up an order form after Mass. We only have 6 seats left.

**DEADLINE TO RESERVE  
FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

### Don't forget your belongings in Church

Are you, or is someone you know, looking for something? Have you been praying to St. Anthony? Whenever someone forgets their belongings in church we have a special place for them. It is our Lost & Found Box. Please call the Parish Office to find out more. We have many items, even a Rosary. Call the Parish Office if you are missing something precious. It may just be there!

### BINGO RETURNS

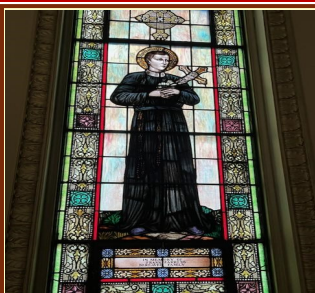
**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 16  
FOR UPDATES CALL 973.759.1417**

**Volunteers are welcome and most needed.  
Call the office or just come by on Bingo Hall  
to sign up.**

**Today, Sunday, February 11**

### World Marriage Day & World Day of the Sick

*This day is observed by the Catholic Church to highlight the promise of a marital union and the beauty of being a lawfully wedded couple in the eyes of Christ. And, this year the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes falls on the same day, the day Pope St. John Paul II designated as World Day of the Sick. A special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the church. Let us join our prayers for married couples and for the good of the church today.*



We continue the research of our beautiful stained glass windows. In all there are 16 windows. Five on each side of the nave, 2 above the confessional, 2 above the gallery of saints, 1 in the vestibule and 1 leading to the choir loft. The names of donors are memorialized in the windows. This week we continue to seek the family of **Leopold Auriemma** or **Michael and Modesta Capozzi**. If you have any information about any of these please contact the Parish Office. The HISTORICAL MINISTRY is planning to commemorate these families in our new version of the History of our Church.

Thank you for any information you have to offer.

# Ash Wednesday

A day that begins the Lenten Season. This year why not make a commitment to observe Lent in a special way like never before and start by coming to Church this Wednesday.

## MAKING OF THE ASHES ON CARNIVAL or SHROVE TUESDAY

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we invite everyone to come and 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 in! We'll gather in the parking lot (*near the side doors of the Church & Ferraro Hall*) this **Tuesday, February 13 at 6pm**, before the start of Mardi Gras or Carne Vale.

## Archdiocese of Newark

### 2024 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 18 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

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

## 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.