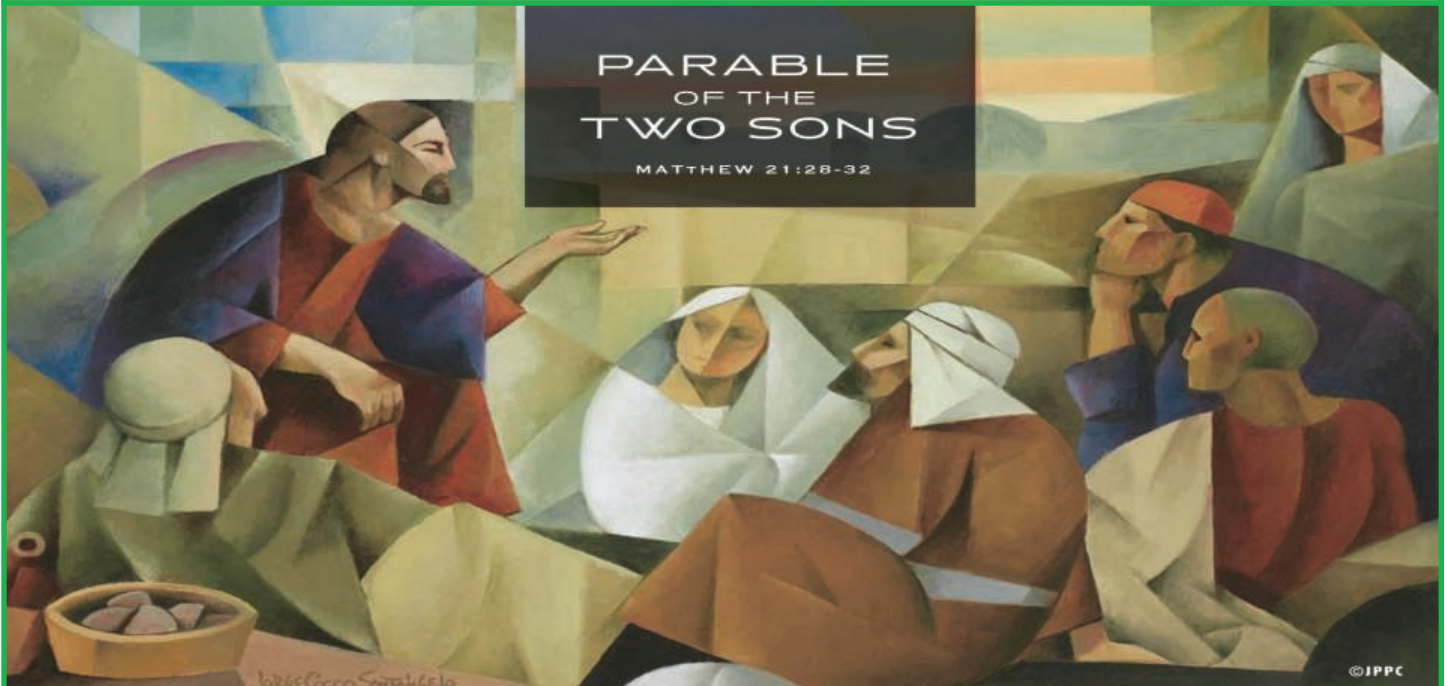


# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109



## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday

530PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)

### Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12:15PM

### 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**

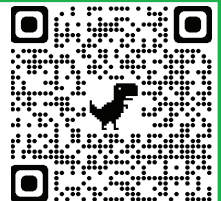
Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

### 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.



### All mails addressed to:

**St. Anthony Parish Office**  
750 N. 7th Street  
Newark, NJ 07107

**Telephone**  
973-481-1991

**Bingo Hall Telephone**  
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# Weekly Mass Intentions

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## SATURDAY, September 30

5:30p Florence Sansone *by Anna Galante*

## SUNDAY, October 1

8:00a People of the Parish

10:30a Marie Bocchino *by DonnaMaria Bocchino*

12:15p Thomas W. Sibilia *by Family*

## MONDAY, October 2

7:00a Sr. Gloria Doria, MPF *by Carmen Fornarotto*

8:00a Frank Yacullo, Jr. *by Vicki Del Guercio*

## TUESDAY, October 3

7:00a Austria Family (Healing) *by Imelda*

8:00a Rosa Rodriguez *by Astro*

## WEDNESDAY, October 4

7:00a Steven Castellano *by Sister*

8:00a Frank Yacullo, Jr. *by Eugene Romano*

## THURSDAY, October 5

7:00a Austria Family (Healing) *by Imelda*

8:00a Anthony Ferraro *by Family*

## FRIDAY, October 6

8:00a Gilda Gates (Birthday) *by David & Carla Gates*

## SATURDAY, October 7

8:00a Frank Yacullo, Jr. *by Emilia Percio*

5:30p Caridad Dross *by Michelle Santiago*

## SUNDAY, October 8

8:00a Remy Frisina

10:30a Romeo & Teresita Montas *by Jay Montas*

12:15p Living & Deceased Members of the Rosarians

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

October 1—7, 2023

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

**People of the Parish**

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

**Rose Riccio**

## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joseph Doria, Lydia Salzano, Lorraine Snowman, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Patricia Chideo, Arlenia Salomon, Carolyn Salvatoriello, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Jaxson & Jacob Rivera, Feliciano Lima, Elvira Varquez, Jonel Francisco, John Buglione, Rose Chavez, Thomas Moore, Jacinta Barrete, Matilda Salem, Jackie & Chris Hosford

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

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collections - \$ 3,669.49  
*(September 24, 2023 including online)*

Second Collection (H.E.L.P.) - \$ 635.00

Filipino Mass Collection - \$ 1,059.00  
*(including El Shaddai Donations)*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSTANT 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

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*Co-Director of Religious Education*

**Mari Ippolito, B.A.**  
*Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth Director*

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*Pastoral Council Chair*

## REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



**FREDERICK JAMES UCCI**

## *The Gospel Today*

What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard." "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go. (Matt 21:28-30) It is an awesome story when you understand the context (Jesus was talking to the chief priests and elders) and the question that follows it: Jesus: "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" The chief priests and elders: "The first." (see Matt 21:28-31a) Jesus answers them: Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. (Matt 21:31b) This little parable is a divine demolition job. It is a barrel of TNT under the edifice of DIY religion.

To the religious leaders Jesus says, "You think you're tight with God because you're good and decent, but those you dismiss as sinners – the crooks and the whores – are getting into the kingdom ahead of you." In a manner of speaking, God asks all of us to work. Who is the one that says yes but doesn't deliver? It is the religious person who boasts, "I will do everything the Lord has said" (Ex 19:8), but breaks their promise again and again. Think of the Israelites at Sinai promising to keep the law. Think of the Christian at the altar call resolving to try harder. Such a person can never please the Lord because they are relying on their own strength. They are walking in unbelief.

And who is the one that says no but ultimately does the Father's will? It is the honest sinner who makes no boast about keeping the law but who puts their trust in Jesus. It is the person who says, "God I've tried, but I can't do it. I'm a failure. God help me." The religious leaders saw themselves as God's servants but Jesus said they were hypocrites. They were the son who talked a good line but never showed up. "John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did." (Matt 21:32a)

John revealed the way of righteousness by pointing to Jesus who is our righteousness. Religious folk rejected Jesus (Mark 8:31), but sinners came to him in droves and many were radically changed by the power of God. The sick were healed and the dead were raised. Haters became lovers and thieves became givers. Yet despite these signs and wonders, the religious people were not impressed.

"And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him." (Matt 21:32b)

Even today there are some who think they are doing the work of God by keeping the commands and being moral, but their actions belie a self-confidence that is really unbelief. They work because they do not recognize the finished work of God, and they remain on the outside even as tax collectors and prostitutes enter the kingdom.

The religion of self-improvement defines righteousness in terms of keeping the rules. "The commands in the Bible show us how to live for God." But this is the way of *self-righteousness* and it leads to failure every time. The true way of righteousness is Jesus who takes our sinful rags and clothes us with his righteousness (Is 61:10). The religion of self-improvement defines the work of God as rule-keeping and good behavior, but Jesus said the work of God is "to believe in the one he has sent" (John 6:29). This is why the so-called "sinners" have the inside track when it comes to the kingdom of grace. Someone who is honest enough to admit their failings won't be blinded by any illusions about how good they are. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick... For I have not come to call the (self-) righteous, but sinners. (Matt 9:12-13)

If you are confident of your own goodness and decency, hear the parable of the two sons. Your goodness is not good enough. Look into the mirror of the law and you will see that God demands perfection and nothing less. But if you know that you are imperfect, broken, and sinful, then thank God for Jesus who makes the sinner righteous! Allow the Holy Spirit to persuade you that the righteousness you and I need comes to us as a free gift and is received by faith from first to last. This is the true work of God!

Jesus told two parables about two sons. This one, like the parable of the prodigal, reveals the stunningly good news that God loves us like a father. God does not hold our sins against us, nor does he expect us to perform and work to earn his love. He simply longs for all of us to come home, receive his love, and join the party.

*from st-ignatius.net by Dr. Paul Ellis*

Here's  
What's  
Happening!



TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

### LIVING ROSARY

10:00 am

*Church*



TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

1:30 pm

*(after 12:15 pm Mass)*

*Church Parking Lot*

EVERY TUESDAY

### ADORATION, MIDDAY PRAYER

&

### BENEDICTION

8:30—12:00 nn

*Little House*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

### LINE DANCING

7:00 pm

*Ferraro Hall*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

### PARISH VOLUNTEERS'

### GATHERING

3:00 pm

*Ferraro Hall*

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

Next weekend, *October 7 & 8* the ushers will come around for the second collection. This collection will be for *All Souls Day Remembrance*. If you do not have your envelopes, kindly put in your allotted contribution for this purpose.

Thank you for your continued sacrificial support as we struggle to keep our Parish alive and thriving financially.

## Get Ready For The 2024 Calendar Raffle!

Tickets NOW ON SALE for our NEW 2024 Calendar Raffle. Each month in 2024, we will draw a winner who will receive \$1,000. The price of the ticket will be \$100 (less than the cost of two \$5 monthly 50-50 raffle tickets but with a better prize).

Only 300 tickets will be sold. And you can win more than once! We will need your help to tell friends and family, but don't forget to get yours first.

See our Ticketeers as you leave church today.

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

#### October 1, 2023

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

Reagan Ocampo

Ryan Paurom

#### October 8, 2023

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Lucas Tiankee

## Parish Trips & Pilgrimages

Sight & Sound Millenium Theatre  
Lancaster PA

"Daniel" — April 4, 2024

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France  
May 28—June 7, 2024

Pilgrimage to Scotland and Ireland  
September 9-19, 2024

PICK UP YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AT CHURCH or  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO

## TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by **GERALYN STRUMPH** at the 8:00am Mass. She will be praying for vocations this week and present to *Juan & Sharon Suarez* next Sunday at the 8:00 AM Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

### DESPERATELY SEEKING RUFO AND ADELE PAURICE?



The Historical Society of St. Anthony's is launching an investigation into our beautiful stained glass windows. These windows were donated by generous and devoted parishioners when our church was built in 1939. The Society is working on a project to compile a book about the windows, the donors and their memorials. Each week we will publish the names on a window. If you know anything about the family name or perhaps even the donor please reach out to the Parish Office with any information you may have. This week we are highlighting

*Mary Paurice In Memory of Rufo and Adele Paurice*

## PARISH VOLUNTEERS' GATHERING Sunday, October 8 @ 3 PM

All Volunteers Are Invited To Attend A Very Special Thank You Gathering In Ferraro Hall. Come Enjoy The Fellowship Of Your Companions In Christ Who Are The Backbone Of Our Church.

Volunteers Kindly RSVP by Wednesday October 4 at 973.481.1991

The Parish Gives Thanks to Those Who Give of Themselves So Generously!  
God Bless All!

WE WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

LEON KOBE ZANORIA

BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023, BY FATHER NOL DOCABO



Leon with his family and Godparents



Leon with his parents and Fr. Nol



Leon with his parents



**SO IT IS TRUE!! SIGN UP NOW IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**

St. Anthony's Choir is forming and making a comeback! Under Karen Notare's professional direction the choir will have excellent training and our church will once again be praising and glorifying the Lord together with beautiful songs and music.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information about the Choir!!

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*Have you thought about serving the Lord as a Eucharistic Minister? Experience the joy and fulfillment here at St. Anthony of Padua.*

Find Out More. ...

Contact **Rose Pantalone** at **862.220.0221**

**There will also be a review and practice of all current Eucharistic Ministers, especially now that communion of both species is back. The date and time will be published in the coming bulletins.**

### **I Wish I Could Play The Piano!!**

Have you ever said this? Now is your chance to learn from a professional!



Our Music Minister, Karen Notare is offering private instruction now on Saturdays in Ferraro Hall. Contact her at [karennotare@aol.com](mailto:karennotare@aol.com) or 908-745-1344.

### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND PLACING OF BEADS**

**October 8, 2023 at the 12:15 PM Mass**



The St. Anthony's Rosary Altar Society will present our newest members Elinor Villaruel and Milos Janjic for Installation as we celebrate our tradition of placing the Rosary Beads on Mother Mary. This year, Ann Marie Kastner has been chosen for this honor. Join us at this special Mass as we remember the last apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to the three children which took place on October 13 over 100 years ago.

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