The Parish Family
of
St. Anthony of Padua

WEDNESDAY
March 28th
Confessions 9:00AM—10:00AM; 7:00PM—8:00PM

HOLY THURSDAY
March 29th
Morning Prayer ...9:00am
Mass of the Lord’s Supper ...7:00pm
at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—until 10:00pm
Night Prayer ...10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY
March 30th
Private Prayer and Reflection 12:00pm
Prayer Time with Fr. Smith
at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 12noon—1:00pm
at St. Anthony of Padua 1:30pm—2:30pm
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion & Death
Traditional Service 3:00pm at both Worship Sites
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
Good Friday Evening Service 7:00pm at Saint Anthony of Padua

Holy Saturday
March 31st
Morning Prayer...9:00am at Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
followed by the Preparation of Easter Celebration Meal
Blessing of Family Easter Meal
1:00pm Saint Anthony of Padua—Fr. Milos Hall
4:00pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Great Vigil and First Mass of Easter
7:30pm Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
(no 4:00pm Mass at Saint Anthony nor 5:30pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
April 1st
Mass Schedule
Saint Anthony of Padua Worship Site
8:00am, 9:30am & 11:30am
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
9:30am
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, race or color, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua.

There are no Strangers at St. Anthony’s - Only Friends We Haven’t Met

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
267 East Smith St., Woodbridge, NJ

Good Friday at 12:00 Noon

Special time of prayer with Father Smith

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ
732-634-1403 Fax: 732-602-0119

Good Friday at 1:30 PM

Special time of prayer with Father Smith

A Meditation for Holy Week

For a closer union with Jesus in his humility, in his suffering

This Sunday we hold palm branches in our hands, and wave them to greet our Lord’s entry into the city of our salvation.

Last year’s palms were burned to form the ashes that marked our foreheads to begin this Lenten journey.

We can place these palm branches—perhaps from each member of the family—in a special place in our home (maybe cutting a small piece and putting it some place where we work)

Each day this week they can represent our celebration of His love for me.

That symbol can say so many words—all that we are about to celebrate and accept as love for us, and all the entry into Jerusalem experiences in our lives.

Parish Office Hours for Holy Week
Monday: 8:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday: 10:00AM—3:30PM
Wednesday: 8:30AM—3:30PM
Holy Thursday: CLOSED
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45PM—1:30PM
Office is CLOSED on Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR HOLY WEEK
Wednesday, March 28th
9:00AM—10:00AM
7:00PM—8:00PM

PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018
OUR HOLIEST WEEK

THE CHRISM MASS

This **Monday, March 26**\(^{th}\), Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils have been channels of holiness for the people of God for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of during the dedication of a church. These oils are kept in an **ambry**; the Latin word armarium means cupboard or chest. At this Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to the ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, **Monday, March 26**, **at 7:30pm**.

THE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are referred to as **THE THREE DAYS** or by the Latin term **TRIDUUM**.

HOLY THURSDAY

The Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Last Supper. This Mass preserves several traditions that were once common to every celebration of the Eucharist. Today they seem special and different. The Mass begins with the tabernacle entirely empty for we receive Holy Communion from the bread and wine consecrated at this Mass. The Liturgy of the Word focus is: the history of the Passover Meal from The Book of Exodus, the earliest account of the Lord’s Supper in St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians and Jesus washing the feet of his disciples in the Gospel of St. John.

We experience Jesus washing the feet of his disciples when the priest washes the feet of people from the parish.

Finally, this liturgy calls up to thank Jesus for the gift of Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar (the Eucharist).

Tonight’s Mass calls us to go deeper. The Eucharist calls us to build up the unity of the whole Church.

Following the Mass, the **EUCHARIST** (which will be distributed on Good Friday is taken in procession to an area specially prepared). Ideally this area should be setup for adoration outside the Church proper. The altar is then stripped and crosses removed from the Church. If a cross cannot be removed, it is to be covered.
HOLY THURSDAY SOCIAL MINISTRY COLLECTION

In the instruction for the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we read that "at the presentation of gifts, an offering for the poor is made." There will be a special collection on Holy Thursday, which benefits emergency assistance, funding for our Shop-Rite vouchers given to those in need in the community and a variety of special projects to brighten the lives of our homebound parishioners. These are just a few of the things that the Holy Thursday collection benefits. And, as a tithing parish, 1/10 of this offering is designated for a charity outside the parish. So we thank you for your generosity in this collection.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Good Friday is the most somber day of the entire Church Year. Everything is simple today. Mass is not celebrated on Good Friday or Holy Saturday. Good Friday is a day of fasting. The Church is silent. We prostrate before the Cross in humility. The high point of the first part of the Good Friday Liturgy is the proclamation of the Passion of the Lord Jesus Christ. The church prays its most solemn form of the General Intercessions.

The second part of the Good Friday Liturgy is the presentation of the CROSS. This ritual is unique to this day. The Good Friday service ends with a simple Communion Service. All leave in somber silence.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, Our Savior, walked and taught...lived and died. This collection helps bring Forgiveness, Mercy and Peace to the Holy Land.

All the work done by the Franciscan Friars for the pilgrims, the native Christians and the poor of every faith depends, in great part, on your generous support.

Please give generously to the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places and the Church’s works of mercy in the Holy Land. Thank you for your generosity.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

On Holy Saturday there is no “EASTER MASS.” After sunset on Holy Saturday we begin with the Easter Vigil celebration. The Easter Vigil begins with a service of light. We light the Easter fire and light the most beautiful candle of the year - THE PASCHAL CANDLE. The lit Paschal Candle enters the church with the proclamation THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. THE EXSULTET is proclaimed. The EXSULTET is the Church’s proclamation of Christ's victory over sin and death.

We hear through Scripture readings the history of our salvation. The Gloria and Alleluia is sung for the first time since Ash Wednesday. Those adults who are to be baptized or received into Church are welcomed into the full life of the Church through Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

This week celebrates the most holiest mystery of our faith - let us celebrate this week by participating in each days activities and understand more fully God’s love for us through Christ’s Death and Resurrection.
DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
GOOD FRIDAY is a day of Fast and Abstinence. A day of fast is to be observed by anyone between the age of 18 and 59. A person is not to eat between meals. A day of abstinence means one does not eat meat or meat by products. A day of abstinence is to be observed by anyone age 14 and older.

OFFICE CLOSED
The church office will be closed Holy Thursday, March 29th, Good Friday, March 30th and Easter Monday, April 2nd in preparation for and celebration of Easter.

BINGO
There will be no Bingo on Monday of Holy Week and Good Friday. Bingo will resume on Monday, April 2nd.

MASS INTENTIONS
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site
Monday, March 26th 8:00AM Rosario Relampagos (Anniversary) req. by Jonathan & Chinggay Dizon

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
Tuesday, March 27th 7:30AM Joseph Contala (14th Anniversary) req. by his daughter, Michele
Wednesday, March 28th 7:30AM Anthony Pelo req. by Violet Pattay
Holy Thursday, March 29th 7:30PM All Priests

(Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for Palm Sunday, March 25th)
Istenem, Istenem, miért hagytál el engem?

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK
MONDAY
Reading I: Isaiah 42:1-7
Gospel: John 12:1-11

TUESDAY
Reading I: Isaiah 49:1-6
Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY
Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Gospel: Matthew 26:14-25

HOLY THURSDAY
Reading I: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  Gospel: John 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY
Reading I: Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12
Reading II:  Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
The Passion of the Lord: John 18:1-19, 42

EASTER VIGIL
First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Second Reading: Genesis 22:1-18
Third Reading: Exodus 14:15-15:1
Fourth Reading: Isaiah 54:5-14
Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
Sixth Reading: Baruch 3:9-15, 32 - 4:4
Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Mark 16:1-7

EASTER SUNDAY
First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9
ALL ARE WELCOME TO HELP PREPARE & DECORATE THE CHURCH & CHAPEL FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Wednesday, March 28th—10:00am
Good Friday, March 30th—8:00pm

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mar. 26  Rev. Michael Saharic
         Rev. John Szczepanik

Mar. 27  Rev. Dario Endiape
         Msgr. Raymond Cole

Mar. 28  Very Rev. Brian Nolan
         Rev. John Gloss

Mar. 29  All Priests

Mar. 30  Very Rev. Thomas Walsh
         Msgr. Randall Vashon

Mar. 31  Rev. Dawid Adameczak, SDS
         Rev. Thomas Ganley

Apr. 1   Our Holy Father, Pope Francis I

PALM ARRANGEMENTS
at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site are...

In Memory of Carmen V. Pagliuca
at the request of
The Seibert Family

In Memory of John Trotto
at the request of his wife, Claudia and sisters,
MaryAnn & Nora

In Memory of Sean Carhart
as your celebrate your 5th Anniversary with our Lord.
Love,
Mom & Kenny Mitterando

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
APRIL 8th

Divine Mercy Sunday is always celebrated in conjunction with the Eucharist. At 1:00pm until 3:00pm there will be the opportunity for personal and private prayer. At 3:00pm the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted followed by Benediction. Anyone is welcome to participate in any and all of the celebrations.

In preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy Novena will be recited following the Daily Mass from March 30th—April 8th.
OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

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**TABERNACLE**

- In Loving Memory of Joseph Contala req. by his loving daughter, Michele
- In Loving Memory of our dear parents, Maria & Carmen req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
- In Loving Memory of my husband, Joseph Cunningham req. by wife, Angela & family

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

- In Loving Memory of Gordon, Ann, John Patrick Ur & Owen req. by their family
- In Loving Memory of Daniele (D’Orsi) & Brian Caynor req. by Richie & Adrienne

**VOTIVE CANDLES**

*The Candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration.*

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

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**ENCOUNTER OUR NEIGHBORS**

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, and others who are hungry and thirsty, and others who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.