THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.”
- Mt 2:6b
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

NEW MASS SCHEDULE
AS OF MONDAY, JANUARY 2019

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

The Holy Eucharist
Saturday, Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM & 11:15 AM
Daily:  Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:30 AM
       Thursday: 7:00 PM
Tuesday— Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal following 7:30 AM Mass
Thursday—Novena to St. Anthony following the 7:00PM Mass

Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Thurday Evening: 6:30 PM
Saturday: 3:15 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site
280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

The Holy Eucharist
Sunday, 9:45 AM   Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass.
                 Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
Daily:  Saturday: 8:30 AM
First Saturday of the Month
       Devotions to Mary following Mass
Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

This week is National Migration Week. Our prayer is for those who have been forced from their homes because of situations beyond their control.

Loving Father,

Protect, we pray, all those forced from their homes by violence and persecution, guide them to places of shelter and safety, and grant that people migrate always by choice and not necessity.

Watch over children who migrate alone, protect them from the risks they face all by themselves, help them reach their destination safely, and reunite them with those from whom they have separated.

Guide all migrants who seek a better life, to new opportunities, and grant them a new beginning.

We beseech you to give each of us the strength and generosity to welcome the stranger and to open our homes to the newcomer, and doing so to comfort those who are suffering.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Parish Office Hours
Monday— 8:30AM—3:30PM
Tuesday—10:00AM—3:30PM
Wednesday—8:30AM—3:30PM
Thursday— 8:30AM— 5:30PM
6:30PM—9:00PM
Office is CLOSED on Fridays
Closed for lunch each day at 12:45PM—1:30PM
Mass Intentions

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site
Saturday, January 12th
8:30AM  Joseph & Maria Schek
req. by Maria Herczeg & family

Sunday, January 13th  The Baptism of the Lord
9:45AM  People of the Parish

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for
January 6, 2019  The Epiphany of the Lord
Az Ige emberré lett, és itt élt közöttünk.
Vizkereszt Hódoljon előtted,
Istenem, a föld minden nemzete!

Prayer Time with Father Smith
for the people of the parish and the needs of the parish. All are Welcome.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6
Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10
Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18
Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4
Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17
Luke 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 John 5:5-13
Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21
Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
John 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Psalms 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
The Epiphany of the Lord…

“Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’”

How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capital city. Of course they entertain with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? “In Bethlehem of Judea,” the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don’t know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small humble dwelling Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still “overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage.”

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God’s providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we revere Christ’s presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the Grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!

The song “We Three Kings” details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you’re singing?

“Born a king on Bethlehem’s plan, gold I bring to crown Him again.” This one is the most straightforward—gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ.

“Myrrh is min: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom.” Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already Christ’s birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death.

“Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh.” In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help “call down” the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus’ role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

Wise Men Still Seek Him!
VOTIVE CANDLES
Votive candles burn constantly as a form of prayer and adoration. The candles burning this weekend are dedicated at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

TABERNACLE
For Our Parents in Heaven “Happy Birthday”
Clara & Michael Camilleri
req. by daughters, Mildred, Janet & Mary Dee
In Loving Memory of Our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen
req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
In Loving Memory of Dorothy M. Cieslarczyk
req. by Marie Pagliuca

GOOD SHEPHERD
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen
req. by their family
Special Blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne


ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Port Reading, NJ 07064

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018

Please send me a listing of contributions I/we made to St. Anthony’s for 2018.

Name: __________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________

ENVELOPE #: ________________

PLEASE INDICATE:

_______CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
_______BUILDING FUND
_______OTHER __________________

We do not list contributions or special collections without envelopes. If you do not use your envelopes we have no records of any donations you might have made.

This statement does not include the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. That may be obtained through the diocese by calling: 732-562-1990.

Please return this form in the collection basket or to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Community!
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

The information needed to prepare the schedule for next weekend, January 12th and 13th was unavailable at the time the bulletin needed to be submitted. It will be mailed and emailed. Please check your mail and email account.

MESSAGE TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS, ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST, AND READERS…….

If you have not submitted your form with your choice of Mass times you are available to serve, please do so as soon as possible or contact Holly by phone at 732-634-1403 or email her at hols019@yahoo.com for St. Anthony’s Worship Site.

Ministers that serve at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel please contact Jonathan at the email address he’s provided to you.

Father Smith invites all our ministers to serve at either of our worship sites. If you’re interested please contact Holly at the parish office.

Thank you and God Bless!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like flowers for the altar for your special intention at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site or Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site please call the Parish office.

NEED A GIFT IDEA?
THINK SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS.

When purchasing Shop-Rite our Parish receives 5% of the proceeds. Gift Cards come in a variety of denominations and can be purchased in the Parish Office.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Sunday 01/13/19
9:45AM Volunteer Needed

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sunday 01/13/19
9:45AM C. Alcobendas, C. Gumapac

READERS
Sunday 01/13/19
9:45AM A. Rabago

St. Anthony Study Hall Advisory Committee NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The St. Anthony Study Hall program is looking for 3 new members. We have grown so much that we need your help. Can you spare one or two hours once every three months? The group helps make very important decisions with the program. We are looking to have next meeting in February 2019, so if you are interested we need you to fill out a form available on our website under the “Study Hall tab or pick one up in the parish office or in Father Milos Hall. Forms due by January 18, 2019. You can help make a difference in the parish and in the lives of the children in our community. We are looking for 1 person from the Parish Finance Counsel, an active parishioner and a parent of a child currently enrolled in the program.

Frank Cacace, St. Anthony Study Hall Director
Office 732 634 6800 Cell 732 754 8401

GAMES NEEDED….

If you have any new or gently used board games that your children no longer play with, please consider donating them to St. Anthony’s Study Hall Program.

Please place any donations in the “Toys for Us” box in the narthex. Thank you!

WONDER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?

Pick up a copy of the flyer on the desk located at the entrance of both worship sites or see our website: www.saintanthonypadua.org (click on the Parish Life tab; select Bulletin from the drop down; then View the bulletin of your choice.)

Hey, man, if Jesus is the Light of the World, I want to be prepared.

Why wee you wearing sunglasses in Church?
**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Contributions for Sunday, December 16th $5,174.00

*Tis the season...

for the early submission of our bulletins to our publisher.

Contributions will be published as available at the time each bulletin is submitted.

Next weekend the annual “Together In Charity Collection” will be taken up at all Masses. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a grace-filled new year for a family or individual in crisis.

Upcoming Special Collections:
- January Property & Liability Insurance
- January 20th Catholic Education
- January 27th Maintenance Fund

**Epiphany of Our Lord**

“...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.”

Ephesians 3:6

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He has given each of us unique gifts. We all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Pray daily and ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all “be one”.

**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, January 6th**
- Team #2 C. Botwin, Wm. Neveil

**SUNDAY, January 13th**
- Team #3 N. Ackerman, C. Ellis, R. Kierstead

**St. Anthony of Padua Holy Name Society**

**BUS TRIP TO**

**CAESARS**

Sunday, January 13, 2019

*Tickets are $26.00*

(Upon arrival receive $25 in casino money & $5 Food Voucher)

Bus will depart at: **10:30AM** from the parking lot on the corner of Port Reading Ave. & Lee St., (by Action Pools & D’Orsi Bakery))

For information contact: Garry Sutphen at **732-841-4618**

**How far…**

**Would you travel?**
MARCH FOR LIFE 2019
Bus Trips to the March for Life in Washington, DC
Friday, January 18, 2019

Pro-Life advocates from around the country will gather in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 46th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s decision on Roe v. Wade. Local Bus Trip registrations:
- Metuchen (732) 754-3692
- Fords (732) 261-8280

For more information please visit www.diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629.

World Youth Day in Metuchen
Saturday January 26, 2019

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a Youth Day at
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
105 Summer Rd., Three Bridges, NJ
3:30 PM – 9:00 PM

This will be an evening filled with fun, food, music, prayer, and reflection as our local Church celebrates our youth in union the Universal Church. All 8th – 12th graders are invited to come with their parish!

For information, email John Glynn, jglynn@diometuchen.org

MID-WINTER MUSINGS
“What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?” – John Steinbeck

Warm your soul with reflections on hope in winter, with an opportunity to journal and share your own musings.

Wednesday, January 23rd
9:30AM – 11:30AM
$20—$30 as you are able

Greetings from the Family & Pastoral Life Office
2019 BIBLE STUDY
Three (3) consecutive Wednesday mornings classes
January 23rd, 30th & February 6th, 2019
10:00-11:30AM

Topic: Vatican II and the Church of the Third Millennium
Open to all ages. No charge. No registration needed. DIOCESE OF METUCHEN, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Pro-Vita Awards
Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass at 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 20, 2019
Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street, Metuchen

At this time, the bishop will present the 2019 “Pro-Vita” awards. This year’s recipients are: Patricia Daly, a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale; Carolyn Glodek, a parishioner at St. John Vianney Parish in Colonia and William Tevald, a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale. Immediately following the Mass, there will be a small reception in the Community Room downstairs. All are welcome to attend.

Please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543 or email amarshall@diometuchen.org for more information.

Stress in Your Marriage!
Do you fell lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? ..Retrovaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 8th—10th, 2019
For information call the Family Life Office: 732-243-4573.
To REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrovaille.org.

BE BOLD, GET COLD
Bishop Ahr High School’s 6th Annual Polar Plunge
Sponsored by the Ancient Order of Hibernians
The More Cash, the More Teachers splash!
Sunday, January 27th, 2019 - In the Water at 1:00PM
Sea Bright Municipal Beach (by Tommy’s Tavern) Sea Bright
Visit: bgahs.org/polarplunge to either register to participate or make a donation.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF
“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”
If you are suffering over the death of someone you loved, perhaps the 8-week Bereavement Support Group Sessions may help you during this difficult time.

Mary, Mother of God
157 South Triangle Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844
Tuesdays evening, January 15th—March 5th, 2019
7:00PM—8:30PM

Ms. Madden 908-874-6288 or Ms. Cellilli 908-285-6053
NO FEE REQUIRED. PRE-REGISTRATION APPRECIATED.
Laudato Si': the first papal encyclical devoted to the environment has now been released. Start reading Pope Francis' document at www.vatican.va and take up the pope's urgent call for dialogue on the future of our common home.

For related information visit the diocesan website at http://diometuchen.org/pope-francis-encyclical-laudato-si/

Are you suffering after an Abortion? Help is available!
If you or someone you know is suffering after an abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available! Experience God’s merciful love and begin the journey of healing:

Call Project Rachel
local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300 or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org.

Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org; call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075; or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

ST. PETER’S GIANNA CENTER
The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women’s health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. For more information visit: http://www.saintpetershcs.com/GiannaCenter/ or contact us at 732-565-5490.

24 HOUR HOT LINE
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or email our office: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a Facebook page that provides daily updates with short inspirational reflections for people with disabilities, family members and care givers. The site also provides endless resources for those with physical, emotional, cognitive, visual, auditory and other special challenges. To access our Facebook page (even if you are not a member of Facebook), type the following into your search engine: Diocese of Metuchen Office for Persons with Disabilities.

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