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.

Father William J. Smith, K.C.H.S. Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Pafnouti Wassif, Parochial Vicar
Michael Brucato, Deacon
Joey Perlas, Deacon
Peter Barcellona, Deacon

St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site
436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading, NJ

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 7:00 PM Mass
First Friday of the Month Devotions to the Sacred Heart Following the 7:30 AM Mass
Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 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 Mass
Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
Daily: Saturday only: 8:30 AM
First Saturday of the Month Devotions to Mary following Mass
Liturgy of the Hours - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

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

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

Office: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Religious Ed.: religioused.StAnthony1@gmail.com
Bulletin: bulletin.stanthony@gmail.com
Study Hall: studyhalloffice@gmail.com or studyhalldirector@gmail.com
Youth Ministry: jaamyouthministry4@gmail.com

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019
Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Monday, February 25th
7:30AM Anthony & Susie Pelo
req. by Violet Pattay

Tuesday, February 26th
7:30AM James F. Checchio, Jr.
req. by Edward Gorman

Wednesday, February 27th
7:30AM Dale Laxson [Birthday]
req. by his loving family

Thursday, February 28th
7:00PM Anna C. Hanley
req. by Joan Ballance & family

Friday, March 1st
7:30AM People of the Parish Family

Saturday, March 2nd
4:00PM James & Violet Hamilton
req. by son, Jim & Sissy Hamilton

Sunday, March 3rd
8:30AM Michael & Lillian Boris
req. by their daughter, Janice Martino
11:15AM Deceased Members of the Drexel Family
req. by Marcella Rucando

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Saturday, March 2nd
8:30AM Anna & Joseph Mesics & family
req. by their loving daughter, Tootsie & family

Sunday, March 3rd
9:45AM People of the Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for February 24th, 2019

Irgalmas a mi Urunk,
Istenünk: könyörületre hajlik sízve.

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

Mon., February 25th
6:00PM St. Anthony of Padua

Tues., March 5th
5:30PM St. Anthony of Padua

Thurs., March 14th
3:00PM St. Anthony of Padua

Tues., March 19th
5:30PM St. Anthony of Padua

If you have requested a Mass to be celebrated you have the right to present the bread and wine that will become the Body and Blood of Christ during that particular celebration of Mass. If you would like to fulfill this responsibility, please inform one of the Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) before Mass. If you don’t inform the Ministers of Hospitality, they will ask another person to fulfill that responsibility. Thank you for helping the Ministers of Hospitality in this matter.

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua
Mission Statement

The Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua
Is a diverse Community of Faith
Formed in July 2012 by the merging of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Woodbridge (est. 1920)
with St. Anthony of Padua Church, Port Reading (est. 1904).
We proclaim the “Good News” of Jesus Christ
And the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church.

We are committed to maintaining worship as a
Powerful experience of the presence of God through
Word, Sacrament, Music and Community.
We have a passion for Social Justice
and our duties toward all people.

We enrich the Faith of those in need through a
variety of ministries.
All are Welcome.

We strive to be a beacon of Faith, Hope and Love
while honoring God’s Presence in every person.

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Monday: Sirach 1:1-10
Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6
Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sirach 2:1-11
Psalms 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sirach 4:11-19
Psalms 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175
Mark 9:38-40

Thursday: Sirach 5:1-8
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Mark 9:41-50

Friday: Sirach 6:5-17
Psalms 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35
Mark 10:1-12

Saturday: Sirach 17:1-15
Psalms 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18
Mark 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sirach 27:4-7
Psalms 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
From the Desk of Fr. Smith, C.C.H.S.

This past week, you received a letter from Bishop Checchio concerning the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The theme for the 2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal is Help Build a Civilization of Love, through the intercessions through Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

God our loving Father, we lift up our hearts in gratitude for sending Our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe to set hearts on fire in the “New World” with the saving message of the Gospel.

She is our compassionate mother and she desires to remedy our troubles, miseries and pain by bringing us into a saving friendship with her Son, Jesus Christ.

We turn again with renewed confidence and outstretched arms to our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe to set our hearts on fire in our Diocese of Metuchen, as we prepare to be consecrated to her maternal care.

Give to each one of us a desire to be a missionary disciple—so that the world may come to know the transformative love of Christ through us.

Mother of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization, Pray for us.

TIPS TO MAKE MASS MORE MEANINGFUL

One of the ways to draw us to a closer relationship with God is by fully participating in the Mass. The Mass should not be a boring routine that is something inconvenient. Rather, we should see it for what it is - a miracle. It is the representing of Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary here and now for us! In the next several weeks, we will identify tips to make Mass more meaningful. Today is the first tip:

1. Start by saying a silent prayer. For example, “Lord Jesus help me to enter this Mass more deeply.”

Sponsored by the Word Committee, Pastoral Council

ADULT CONFIRMATION

1. Are you a Baptized Catholic?
2. Have you received your First Communion in the Catholic Church?
3. Have you received your Confirmation in the Catholic Church?

If you answered YES to the first questions and NO to the third question, you are eligible to participate in our Adult Confirmation Program 2019 which will begin in the near future.

If you’re interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult please call the parish office to set up an appointment with Father Smith to begin the process.

Sacramental Formation Program

Classes begin at 6:30PM

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G.I.F.T.

Monday, March 4th & Wednesday, March 6th

ON THE MENU
HOT DOGS, FRENCH FRIES, SALAD & DESSERT

GIFT MASS
Saturday, April 6th 4:00PM

Due to a scheduling conflict the G.I.F.T. Mass originally scheduled for March has been postponed until April.

Families with last names beginning with the letters A—C are invited to participate in our G.I.F.T. Family Mass.

Please contact Holly at the parish office either by phone 732-634-1403 or email at hols019@yahoo.com.

Eucharistic Adoration

...AN HOUR WITH JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua Thursdays, from 2:00PM to 6:30PM and 7:45PM to 8:45PM through June. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. We especially need someone from 4:00-5:00PM and 5:00-6:00PM, even for only a half-hour. Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

ALL PARISHIONERS
Are invited and encouraged to share
Coffee & Conversation

On the first Sunday of the month, SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd
In Father Milos Hall after the 8:30AM Mass

Come meet your neighbor….
Come join in fellowship….
Come—be a part of our “family”
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**
In Loving Memory of Gina Damiani
req. by Richie & Adrienne Simeone
In Loving Memory of our Dear Parents, Maria & Carmen
req. by Albina & Victor D’Alessio
In Loving Memory of Anthony Scutti
as he celebrates his 8th Anniversary in Heaven
req. by The Gurney Family

**GOOD SHEPHERD**
In Loving Memory of Gordon & Ann Ur, John Patrick & Owen
req. by their family

Special Blessings for Erin Jessica & Kasey Victoria D’Amato
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne


**Let us join with Pope Francis I’s prayer intention for February: Human Trafficking. For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking of enforced prostitution, and of violence.**

**The flowers, placed at the Icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe this week are**
In Loving Memory of my wife, Juliet and father-in-law, Joseph
requested by Thomas

**PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS**
Feb. 25 Rev. Anthony Sirianni
Rev. Michael Driscoll
Feb. 26 Rev. Paolo Fedrighini IMC
Rev. Dawid Wejnerowski
Feb. 27 Rev. Peter Tran
Rev. Lancelot McGrath
Feb. 28 Rev. Sean Kenney
Rev. Jose Lorente
Mar. 1 Rev. George Targonski
Msgr. Terrance Lawler
Mar. 2 Msgr. Robert Medley
Rev. Martin Espinoza
Mar. 3 Bishop James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

2,000 Hail Marys
Please join us in praying 2,000 Hail Marys at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH. Our next prayer session will be on Saturday, March 2nd. Prayers will begin at 9:00AM after the 8:30AM Mass. Come, stay for a half-hour, a hour or more and you will be blessed. You may also send us your personal intentions or petitions or drop them in a box at the front of the altar and we will pray for them.

**HOLY FAMILY PRAYER GROUP OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL**
The Holy Family Prayer Group invites you to join them at their Prayer meeting each Friday at 8:00PM in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church basement. (Rosary recited 7:30PM.) ALL ARE WELCOME!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2019-2020 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**
Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so now. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by or no later than March 31, 2019. Applications are available in English and Spanish.
**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Saturday** 03/02/19
  - 4:00PM A. Dohanyos, M. Dohanyos
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 8:30AM K. Martino, A. Weiman
  - 11:15AM Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **Saturday** 03/02/19
  - 4:00PM B. Barsi, M. Barsi, K. Brenner, C. Marney
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 8:30AM D. & M. Martino, O. & R. Sandoval
  - 11:15AM J. Kisielewski, R. Marney, B. McCauley, M. Rucando

**READERS**
- **Saturday** 03/02/19
  - 4:00PM R. Simeone
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 8:30AM S. Martino
  - 11:15AM J. McGuinness

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
- *ARE YOU RETIRED?*
- *DO YOU HAVE A CDL LICENSE?*
- *WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE A SCHOOL BUS?*
  (with a bus aide at all times.)

Hours are approximately an hour in the morning and 2 hours in the afternoon. We will train and pay for license. We need someone as a substitute or “as needed” basis.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Frank Cacace at 732-754-8401.

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**OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE**

**ALTAR SERVERS**
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 9:45AM Volunteer Needed

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 9:45AM L. Kadash, B. Perlas

**READERS**
- **Sunday** 03/03/19
  - 9:45AM L. Quiray

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**St. Anthony Study Hall**

Do you have your before and after services set up? **Register now with no deposit or registration fees.** St Anthony Study Hall meets and exceeds your childcare needs for children in grades kindergarten to 8th grade. See the parish website under childcare services for all forms and prices.

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**Lost & Found**

There is a box on the shelf in the hallway by the restrooms with items that have been forgotten here at St. Anthony’s. They will be held for 30 days, after which they will be donated to a local charity. Jewelry, cell phones, etc. are kept in the parish office.

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**RUSSELL FISCHER**

**“IN A MOMENT”**
Featuring **JEFFREY UHLIG** on Piano

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**
**8:00PM**
**doors open at 7:00PM**

**Tickets Now On Sale**
$30.00 per person
Free Cake & Coffee

Call: 732-634-1403 or
Email: info.StAnthony1@gmail.com
www.SaintAnthonyPadua.org

ALL PROCEEDS will assist the St. Anthony of Padua Organ Fund

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**BUS TRIP TO**

Sponsored by St. Anthony’s Holy Name Society
**SUNDAy, March 10th, 2019**

**FEE $26.00 (Receive $15 back in casino money)**

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

For tickets or more information, please contact Garry Sutphen 732-841-4618

**Lost & Found**

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**WONDER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING?**

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

Our monthly food drive will be held the weekend of March 2nd & 3rd. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Your donation of food items is greatly appreciated and will enable us to provide for those in need. Just a reminder... *Please do not send in any perishable items.*
**In Our Neighborhood & Diocese**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Valentine’s Day is Every Day

No reason why Valentine’s Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **Friday, March 22nd—Sunday, March 24th**.

Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 732-904-9636 for registration and information. For further information visit them at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org

**DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**

Share a memory  Hold a Hand  Lend an Ear  Touch a Heart

Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life. If interested in volunteering contact: Pauline DePalma, BSW, Director of Volunteers; 732-224-6933 or pauline.depalma@vnahg.org

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**Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer**

1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ 07069

**THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN: A LENTEN JOURNEY**

Join us for this six-week women’s program based on the book *Walk In Her Sandals* by Kelly Wahlquist, as a prayerful and creative way to enter into Lent, Easter, and Pentecost.

- **WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30AM—11:00AM**
  - March 13th: Gift of Receptivity  April 3rd: Gift of Prayer
  - March 20th: Gift of Generosity  April 10th: Gift of Maternity
  - March 27th: Gift of Sensitivity
  - The final session, Saturday, May 11th: Gift of the Holy Spirit  9:30-12:00pm
  - $120.00—$180.00 as you are able

*The book is available for purchase prior to the first session.*

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**WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP’S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10th**

Begins 1:30PM at Woodbridge High School, down Freeman St., Linden Ave., Green St, Rt. 35 & Main St.

**DON’T MISS OUT!**

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**PRAYER & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES**

A Catholic Prayer and Support Group for Families affected by mental health issues will take place at:

- **St. Patrick’s Church**
  - 327 Greenwich Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823
  - at 10:00AM AND 7:00PM
  - on **Wednesday, March 13th and continues**

April through December on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

Elaine Eckard, President of the Warren County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), the nation’s largest grassroots organization on mental illness, will serve as the facilitator. It is our hope that our newly formed support group will offer spiritual support and many beneficial tips on how to cope with this health issue that continues to be misunderstood in our culture. For more information please call our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities at 732-765-6432 or email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.
In Our Neighborhood & Diocese

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/

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS
“Community House” at St. Thomas, in Old Bridge, is a program managed by Catholic Charities and provides affordable, accessible housing for adults of very low income who have physical disabilities. Up to 8 physically challenged adults live together as a group, functioning to their individual level of independence, and with professional case management services provided. If you or someone you know is in need of this type of housing, please call Susan at 732-251-0022 or www.communityhouse-saintthomas.org for information.

24 HOUR HOT LINE
Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayers 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.

EnCOURAGE….Courage is a spiritual support group helping Catholic men and women live in accordance with the Catholic Church’s teaching about same-sex-attraction and discipleship. Courage members strive to develop lives of interior chastity in union with Christ, through participation in the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship and moral support. Courage meets within the Diocese with a priest chaplain. EnCourage is a separate spiritual support group for family members and friends of loved ones with same-sex-attraction. For information about locations and meeting times for each of these groups call: 732-562-2476 for Courage (email: couragecnj@gmail.com) and 732-248-9460 for EnCourage. Also visit the national website at Couragerc.org. All contacts are confidential.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen
CONNECTIONS PROGRAM
Is looking for volunteers, both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become mentors to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township.

Do you:
◆ Have a minimum of three hours a week to offer to a child?
◆ Like having fun?
◆ Want to make a difference in a child’s life?
◆ Enjoy being a positive role model?

Then call Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or email her at jcullen@ccdom.org, for more information.

POVERTY RELIEF SERVICE
Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations visit: http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.

COUNSELING AND WELLNESS SERVICES
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Metuchen is offering Counseling and Wellness Services. If you or someone you know needs counseling or is impacted by addiction, we can help. Individual and family therapy for children and adults are available. For an appointment, call (800) 655-9491.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTICADORATION
Eucharistic Adoration is being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. Volunteer adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday during business hours to pray for the intentions of the diocese. For information or to volunteer, call Laura at 732-529-7932 or email her at the following: evangelization@diometuchen.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.

HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE’S BEGINNINGS —On November 19th, 2016, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by Pope St. John Paul II. Msgr. John Szymanski, who served then-Bishop McCarrick as chancellor and, later, as vicar general in the early years of the Diocese, has written a history of how the Diocese came to be established and a chronicle of its first five years. Entitled, The Lighting of the Watch Fires, it is available for purchase for $25. Send your check to: Rev. Msgr. John B. Szymanski, The Maria Regina Residence, 5 Dellwood Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.