**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*

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**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

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**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:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
- **Daily:**
  - Tuesday & Wednesday: 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**

- **Thursday Evening:** 6:30 PM
- **Saturday:** 3:15 PM

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**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Worship Site**

280 Amboy Ave. (Rt.35), Woodbridge, NJ

- **The Holy Eucharist**
  - **Saturday, Evening:** 5:30 PM
  - **Sunday:** 9:30 AM Rosary prayed in Hungarian before Mass. Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed after Mass.
- **Daily:**
  - Monday, Friday & Saturday: 8:00 AM

**First Friday of the Month**

- Devotions to the Sacred Heart
- Following the 8:00 AM Mass

**First Saturday of the Month**

- Devotions to Mary following Mass

**Liturgy of the Hours** - Prayed 20 minutes before Daily Mass

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

- **Saturday:** 4:45 PM

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**Our Prayer for the week...**

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**Advent Reflection**

“The most high Father made known from heaven through His holy angel Gabriel this Word of the Father—so worthy, so holy and glorious—in the womb of the glorious Virgin Mary, from whose womb He received the flesh of our humanity and frailty. Through He was rich, He wished, together with the Blessed Virgin, His mother, to choose poverty n the world beyond all else.”

*Amen.*

~from *Advent and Christmas Wisdom*  
From St. Francis Assisi
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
.....an HOUR WITH JESUS

We are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Anthony of Padua every Thursday, from 2:00PM to 9:00PM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00PM. We need volunteers to sit before the Blessed Sacrament 3:00PM—4:00PM. Please consider joining us for the hour or even a half-hour.

Please feel free to join us whenever and as often as you wish. All are welcome!

DECK THE HALLS...

Tuesday, December 22nd

“Many Hands Make Light Work”

Tuesday, December 22nd at 6:30pm, we will be preparing St. Anthony of Padua Church for Christmas.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

Mass Intentions

at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Tuesday, December 15th
7:30AM Robert Granat
req. by Herb & Bette Sullivan

Wednesday, December 16th
7:30AM Ann Ur
req. by her family

Thursday, December 17th
7:00PM “Our Parents”
req. by John & Lucille Carpenito

Saturday, December 19th
4:00PM Andrea Pacifico
req. by her sister, Jo & Nick Cinelli

Sunday, December 20th
8:00AM Matthew Peters (Birthday)
req. by his family
9:30AM Kathleen McGuinness
req. by Cathy & Bob Herre & family
11:30AM Daniel “Sonny” Minucci
req. by Marty & Patricia Martino

This Week’s Scripture Readings

Sunday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Monday: Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Psalms 25:4-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Psalms 85:9-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Friday: Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Saturday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Psalms 71:3-6, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Next Sunday: Micah 5:1-4a
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke1:39-45

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Monday, December 14th
8:00AM Michael Czum
req. by Anna Czum & family

Friday, December 18th
8:00AM Conrad Felix
req. by Jane & Dom Espiritu

Saturday, December 19th
8:00AM Emmelyne Charlot
req. by James & Maguy Sadhoo
5:30PM Veronica Vargo
req. by her sons, Ernest & Robert Vargo

Sunday, December 20th
4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:30AM People of the Parish Family

Responsorial Psalm in Hungarian for December 13, 2015 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Ujjongj és zengjél hálaladalt,
mer nagy és szent a te Megváltód.

in preparation for Christmas

Thursday, December 17th—24th after Daily Mass at both worship sites.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
G.I.F.T / SACRAMENTAL PREP.

G.I.F.T.
Growing In Faith Together 2015-2016
Love is our Mission: The Family Fully Alive

SACRAMENTAL PREP
Class Schedule:
Monday, December 14th
First Communion Level 1 & 2   6:00PM
Confirmation Level 1      7:00PM
Confirmation Level 2  6:00PM
at School #9, Turner Street

G.I.F.T. Session
Monday, January 4th / Wednesday, January 6th
6:00 PM

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 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process
sponsored by the Church for people who have been
wondering if they would like to become a member of
the Catholic Faith.

We here at St. Anthony are again starting this program.
We will hold our first class for adults in the Chapel
(Date & time to be announced.) The program is open
to anyone age eight (8) and above who has never been
baptized in any faith tradition, who has been baptized in
a Christian, non-Catholic faith, or who has been
baptized in the Catholic Church but never received First
Eucharist and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.

If you or someone you know is thinking about joining
the Catholic faith and is in one of these categories,
please call the parish office at 732-634-1403 and leave
your name and phone number or call Sue Ringwood at
908-202-7689. Even if you are not sure about taking
this step, please come and speak with us so we might be
able to answer any questions you might have.

FOOD DRIVE MINISTRY
Our monthly food drive will be held December 19th & 20th. Please be as generous as your means will allow. Your donation of food items is greatly appreciated and will enable us to provide a beautiful Christmas feast for those in need. Just a reminder... Please do not send in any perishable items.

The ministry members working are asked to be in the Father Milos Hall at 10:00 am on Sunday morning.
The members working this month are:
N. Ackerman, A. Besido, D. Gallo
Delivery: S. Gurney (Dec. 22nd)

OPLATKI WAFERS
Oplatki Bread Wafers for Christmas are available at the Parish Office. The donation is $2.00 per package. The custom to break this wafer at your Christmas Eve or Christmas dinner table and wish each member of your family “A Blessed Christmas with Love, Joy, Peace and Happiness in the New Year” is a beautiful and meaningful observance.

The next youth group meeting and Christmas Party is Sunday, Dec. 20th at St James School from 6:30pm to 830pm. We will be having a grab bag, please bring a gift with a $15 value for the exchange. If this is a financial burden or for information call Teresa at 732-491-6400. Our change for a change collection for Axel, our new compassion child is ongoing, please bring any loose change you have to each meeting.

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES
On Monday, January 18, 2016, we will begin weekly classes in preparation for Adult Confirmation to be held in June 2016. The classes will take place in the Chapel at 7:00PM, and will run approximately one hour.

If there is anyone age 18 and over who has been baptized and received First Eucharist, but never confirmed and would like to consider receiving this sacrament now, please leave your name and phone number with Holly or Jackie in the parish office, or call Sue Ringwood at 908-202-7689.
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
In Loving Memory of Helen Landmesser
req. by The Aversa Family

In Loving Memory of Melissa Egan
req. by Claire & Larry Miloscia

Special Prayer of Thanks
req. by Al & Pat Russo

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

Special blessings for Sebastian & Vincent LaMorte
req. by Uncle Richie & Aunt Adrienne

In Loving Memory of Dominic J. Ragucci
req. by Elisa Gurney

at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

ALTAR
In Loving Memory of Jose Perlas
req. by Janet Vargo

2015 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Grace, Mercy & Peace

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

- 2 Thes 2:16-17

Let us join with Pope Francis I in his prayers for December, 2015…

Universal Intention: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Intention for Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

SIMBANG GABI MASS & OPENING OF MERCY DOOR

Simbang Gabi is a series of Masses for nine consecutive days honoring the Blessed virgin Mary in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus. You’re invited to celebrate the 6th night of Simbang Gabi on………..

Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 5:00PM
at St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site.

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Dec. 14 Msgr. Pafnouti Wassef
Rev. Peter Tran

Dec. 15 Rev. Stanley Walego
Rev. Arlindo DaSilva

Dec. 16 Msgr. William McCarthy
Rev. Edmund Shallow

Dec. 17 Rev. Stanislaw Wilczek CSsR
Rev. Lauro Sedlmayer

Dec. 18 Rev. Paul Stefanowich IMC
Rev. John Kavas

Dec. 19 Msgr. David Fulton
Rev. David Kosmoski

Dec. 20 Rev. Marian Drozd
Msgr. James Moran

Pray for our brave soldiers & their families, our parishioners residing in nursing homes and care centers, the sick and homebound of our parish family, especially: an anonymous request; Genevieve Antonelli, Robert Bohannon, James Calimano, Anthony Carreira, Alexis Cavaciuti, Alice Cavaciuti, Elizabeth Clark, Gary Clark, Aida Coppola, Mario Coppola, James DeSpirito, Timothy Devlin, Avery Lynn Dziuban, Mark Eidson, Richard Emory, Mikaela Febres, Linda Felice, Bernadette Grzesik. Kim Hickman, John Kalina, Jr., Moyra Kalina, Brody Kasnowski, Lynn Killmurray, Anna Kowalewski, Robert Kowalewski, Evelyn Lamberti, Josie LaSpina, Dorothy McDermott, Joseph Mikos, Evaristo Morales, Taylor Pavey, Richard Petrowski, Laura Poland, Peter Reuben, Virginia Reuben, John Sabin, Michele Santamaria, George Seibert, Jackson Silva, Natalia Sosnin, Francis Tierney, Stella Wincek.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 17th St. Anthony of Padua
6:30pm—6:45pm 7:30pm—8:00pm

Saturday, December 19th St. Anthony of Padua
3:15pm—3:45pm

Saturday, December 19th
10:30am—11:30am St. Anthony of Padua
4:45pm—5:15pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Don’t Be Alone This Christmas...  
Come meet your neighbors!!!

ALL ARE WELCOME  
(Families, Couples, Singles)

TO SHARE DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS AND A LARGE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP AT:

St. Anthony of Padua Church  
Father Milos Parish Hall  
436 Port Reading Avenue,  
Port Reading

DATE: Friday, December 25, 2015  
TIME: 1:30pm- 3:30pm

There is NO CHARGE for the dinner, all are most welcome, however, a call by Friday, December 18th would be appreciated to properly plan the meals.

PLEASE CALL: ST. ANTHONY’S CHURCH at 732-634-1419  
LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SOMEONE WILL GET BACK TO YOU

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION MAY BE AVAILABLE.  
(If you need transportation, please let us know no later than Friday, December 18th)

THE JESSE TREE REMINDER

Preparations are now underway for our 24th annual CHRISTMAS FRIENDSHIP DINNER. Help is needed in so many ways – before the event – the day of the event – and after the event.

For those not familiar with the ministry, a festive, holiday dinner with all the trimmings is held on Christmas Day for all whom pre-register and wish to attend the dinner. Let us remember, many people may be alone, may be having temporary financial difficulties, may be estranged from family or who might not be physically capable of preparing a meal.

“Many Hands Make Light Work” —  
Please call 732-634-1419 if you’d like to volunteer, and someone will get back to you in a few days. Thank you.

“Setting the Table” – 
We will be setting up the hall for the dinner on Wednesday, December 23rd at 4:00PM. Won’t you lend a hand?

What would a feast be without a delicious dessert? Desserts are needed. If you’d like to donate a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. They can be dropped off in Fr. Milos Hall beginning Wednesday, December 23rd.

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

At St. Anthony’s we have an ongoing fund raiser, 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. Please consider helping St. Anthony’s next time you shop.

If you took a Jesse Tree tag and for whatever reason are not able to obtain the gift designated on it, please just return the tag to the tree. Some of the recipients have only one tag, and if your tag and/or gift is not returned, we do not have a gift for that person.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
**Monday, December 14th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Bingo (doors open 10:30am): 12:30PM Fr. Milos Hall
- R.C.I.A. 14-A: 4:30PM Chapel
- Teen Confirmation 2: 6:00PM Chapel
- Sacramental Prep (1,2,8): 6:00PM School #9
- Sacramental Prep (7): 7:00PM School #9

**Tuesday, December 15th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Children’s Choir Rehearsal: 4:30PM Church
- Teen Confirmation 1: 6:15PM Chapel
- Boy Scouts: 7:00PM Rec. Mtg. Rm.
- AA: 7:30PM Fr. Milos Rm.

**Wednesday, December 16th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Port Reading/Sewaren Srs.: 11:00AM Forge Inn
- R.C.I.A. 17: 3:45PM Chapel
- R.C.I.A. 14-B: 5:00PM Chapel
- R.C.I.A. 18: 6:15PM Chapel
- *Adult Choir Rehearsal*: 6:30PM Church

**Thursday, December 17th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall
- Eucharistic Adoration: 2:00PM Chapel
- Divine Mercy Chaplet/ Rosary: 3:00PM Chapel
- Girl Scout Brownies: 6:00PM Rec. Mtg. Rm.
- Confessions: 6:30PM Church
- Confessions: 7:45PM Church
- AA: 8:00PM Fr. Milos Hall

**Friday, December 18th**
- Study Hall: 6:30AM Fr. Milos Hall

**Saturday, December 19th**
- Confessions: 10:30AM Church
- Confessions: 3:15PM Church

**Sunday, December 20th**
- Mass / LWC: 9:30AM Church
- Simbang Gabi Mass / Opening of Doors: 5:00PM Church
- Youth Ministry Meeting: 6:30PM St. Andrew’s

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**Stewardship: God’s Plan for Giving**

Offertory of Sunday, December 6, 2015  $ 6,347.00
Fund for Retired Religious  $ 1,872.00

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

**Philippians 4:6-7**

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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**COUNTING TEAMS**

**SUNDAY, December 13th**
- Team #5 L. Palasitis, R. Sorbanelli

**SUNDAY, December 20th**
- Team #6 E. Gurney

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**NO BINGO**

**FRIDAY, Dec. 18th through MONDAY, Dec. 28th**

**MONDAY, December 14th**
- Bingo Team #2 Captain: R. Simeone
- Caller – J. Drahos
- Kitchen - J. Ballance, J. Lerro, B. Walliser

**FRIDAY, January 1st**
- Bingo Team Captain: M. Oddo
- Caller – S. Pribila
- Kitchen - R. Sorbanelli

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**RING IN THE NEW YEAR!**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016**
- 2:00PM
- **DOORS OPEN AT 12:45PM**

(PICK UP A FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION.)

Please call the parish office if you’re able to help out.

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**BINGO CALLERS**

We can use a few additional bingo callers for our Monday Luncheon Bingo at 12:30p.m. If you are interested in volunteering your time please call the parish office or contact Bette Sullivan. Thank You!
Liturgical Minister Schedule

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 12/19/15
4:00PM A. Galvach

Sunday 12/20/15
8:00AM M. Britt, P. Britt
9:30AM K. Martino
11:30AM A. Montanti

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Homebound Ministers 12/19/15-12/20/15
J. Kisielewski, S. Ringwood

Saturday 12/19/15
4:00PM L. Casey, J. Kondrk, K. & M. Mitterando

Sunday 12/20/15
8:00AM A. & D. Anderson, S. Gadomski, K. Masarik
9:30AM B. Cuozzo, J. Kisielewski, V. Mudrak, M. Russo
11:30AM E. Bishop, C. Coppola, S. Ringwood, F. Scognamiglio

READERS
Saturday 12/19/15
4:00PM R. McNamara

Sunday 12/20/15
8:00AM T. Casey
9:30AM A. & S. Olah
11:30AM C. Smith

GOD’S LITTLE HELPERS

God’s Little Helpers…
St. Anthony’s Pre-school Program for 3, 4 and 5 year olds (potty trained, of course). We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM to 10:30AM and the cost for the school term is $25.00. Registration forms are available on the desk in the narthex and the parish office. Have questions please call Jackie at the parish office 732-634-1403.

The St. Anthony Study Hall
Childcare Services
The mission of this program is to provide all children from 5 years to 13 years old with a place to do their homework with the help of certified teachers, College and High School students. Open for before care from 6:30AM to 9:00 AM and aftercare from 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Breakfast is served and snack in the afternoon. We will transport your child to and from school. Rates and more information are available on parish website or in Father Milos Hall by the study hall entrance or call 732-634-6800.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL WORSHIP SITE

ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday 12/19/15
5:30PM C. Torres

Sunday 12/20/15
9:30AM T.B.A.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 12/19/15
5:30PM J. Dizon, L. Quiray

Sunday 12/20/15
9:30AM C. Gumapac, V. Rabago

READERS
Saturday 12/19/15
5:30PM C. Dizon

Sunday 12/20/15
9:30AM E. Bonus

In Our Neighborhood & Our Diocese

St. James School
Woodbridge
You’re invited to their Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 15th 7:00pm in St. James Church

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!
Please join us for a free Pasta Dinner at the Deacons’ Table!
We will be serving between the hours of 4:00PM & 5:30PM.
We’re located at the Most Holy Rosary Worship Site of the Good Shepherd Parish, Msgr. Gambino Auditorium, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn.
Please join us and bring your family and friends!

MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER
1651 U.S. Highway 22
Watchung, NJ 07069-6587
908-753-2091 * msmhope@msmhope.org

COME TO THE STABLE
An afternoon of prayer and celebration as we prepare for Christmas. Refreshments and the blessing of our Christmas tree add to the joy of the season!
Sunday, December 20th from 2:00pm—4:00 pm
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

Christmas Eve, Thursday,
December 24th
3:45pm
Children’s Choir Prelude & Caroling

4:00pm
Mass for Small Children & Families
Blessing of Manger

6:00pm
Christmas Eve Mass with Carols

10:00pm
Carol Service
The Blessing of the Creche
&
The Solemn Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day,
Friday, December 25th
9:30am & 11:30am

CHRIST IS BORN!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 17th  St. Anthony of Padua
6:30pm—6:45pm  7:30pm—8:00pm

Saturday, December 19th  St. Anthony of Padua
3:15pm—3:45pm

Saturday, December 19th
10:30am—11:30am St. Anthony of Padua
4:45pm—5:15pm Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

Novena In Preparation for Christmas
December 17th—24th after 8:00am Daily Mass

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th
5:30pm

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
9:30am

CHRIST IS BORN!

SOLEMNITY

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil Mass (New Year’s Eve)
Thursday, December 31st
4:00PM
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site

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5:30PM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

New Year’s Day
9:30AM
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Worship Site

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9:30AM  & 5:00PM
St. Anthony of Padua Worship Site