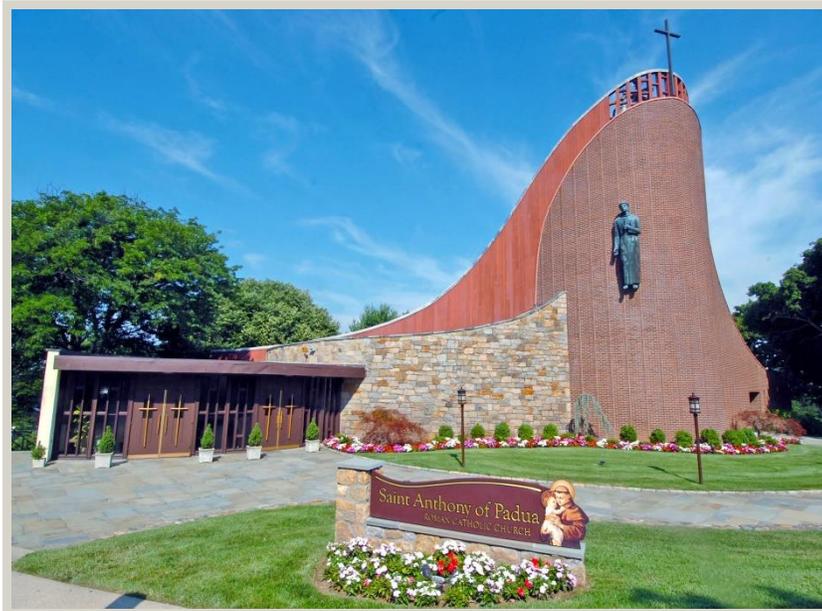


# CHURCH OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

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## *Masses*

**Saturday evening:** 5:00 pm

**The Lord's Day:** 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

**Weekdays:** 8:00 am

**Friday:** 7:30 pm

**Saturday:** 9:00 am

## *Reconciliation*

**Saturday:** 4:00 to 4:45 pm.

You may phone one of the priests for a private confession at a mutually agreeable time.

## *Devotions*

**Adoration:** Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm & Friday 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
First Saturday of each month 9:30 - 10:30 am.

The church is open during the week for personal prayer and meditation  
7:00 am - 9:00 pm everyday.

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Every Monday following the 8:00 am Mass.

**Novena to St. Anthony:** Thirteen Tuesdays (before June 13th) following the  
8:00 am Mass.

**Rosary:** every morning at 7:30 am before the 8:00 am Mass.

## *Matrimony*

Arrangements are made by the bride and groom with one of the priests at  
least six months before the proposed date of the wedding to allow sufficient  
time to participate in the Marriage Preparation Program and gather necessary  
documents. Arrangements should be made with the Church prior to reserving  
the reception hall to avoid any scheduling conflict.

## *Baptism*

Celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm. Parents  
should phone the parish office to make arrangements for Baptism  
Instructions as well as the Baptism date.

## *Communion to the Homebound*

We would like to help our parishioners who cannot join the Sunday  
Assembly due to illness, age or physical impairment. Arrangements can be  
made to have Holy Communion brought to the homebound by Eucharistic  
Ministers from our Sunday celebrations. Mass is televised every Sunday at  
9:00 am and daily at 8:30 am on cable channel 10 (WLNY-TV) and daily at  
8:00 am and 12:00 noon on cable channel 68 (EWTN).



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

5:00 PM Catherine Compitello

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 AM Nancy Paul

12:00 PM Antonio Tellone

6:00 PM Daniel Portanova

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:00 AM John "Jack" Walsh

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

8:00 AM Linda Reiter

Anthony Candido

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:00 AM Gloria A. DiMarzo

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:00 AM Anna & Vincent Tedesco

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:00 AM Francesco Iannacchino

7:30 PM Anthony Candido

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

9:00 AM Filomena Cipriano

5:00 PM Domenico Scida

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

8:00 AM John Salerno & Connie Bambace

10:30 AM Christine Francin

12:00 PM Daniela DiPaola Tito

6:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Antonio Forgione



**ST. JOSEPH'S CANDLE**

In Memory of Antonio Forgione

Eucharistic



Adoration

Our weekly Adoration will be canceled on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Ash Wednesday and resume on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**REPORT OF PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*God gives me everything, I return my gift to Him.*

**Offerings 2/16/2020 – \$6,182.00**

**Offerings 2/17/2019 - \$6,843.00**

*Thank you for your continued generous support of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish*



We pray for all of our sick and homebound parishioners especially **Mario Gallo, Andrea Tagliafierro** and **Charles DeMicco**. May our support and care bring them restoration of health.



Going to: Queen Esther – Sight & Sound Theater  
Where: Lancaster, PA – 3pm Show  
Pick Up: Friday, July 17 @ 9:45am from Saint Anthony's Church  
Dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, Ronks, PA, with 6:30 pm reservations  
Depart: 8:30pm  
Arrival back to St. Anthony 12 midnight  
Price Per Person: \$165 (includes dinner)

Please contact: Gina DiDonato @ 914-668-5050 ext. 244 **OR** ginad@jrbuses.com



All grades will be reviewing what they have learned the first half of the year and will prepare for Lent.

**Important Dates**

Wednesday, February 26th – Ash Wednesday  
Lent Begins.

Sunday, March 8th – 6th Grade Family Mass at 10:30am “My Favorite Scripture Story” Refreshments will be served in the vestibule of the Church.

Saturday, March 28th– 2nd Grade Communion Retreat in the lower Church from 9am to 12noon.



**First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18**

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23**

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

**Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”

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**Sunday**

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

**Monday**

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday**

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20–6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. Here at Saint Anthony’s ashes will be distributed between **6am and 7:45am** and *during* the following Masses: **8am, 12noon, 4pm, 7pm** and in **Spanish at 8pm**. If you know someone who is homebound and is unable to come to church at these times you may call us and we will be happy to make a visit or provide you with some ashes and the appropriate prayers and readings.



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

**FASTING:** Prescribes that only one full meal a day be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength; but these taken together should not equal another full meal.

**ABSTINENCE:** Forbids the eating of meat.

*Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.*

There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from Fast and Abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause or excuse.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm followed by Mass at 7:30pm and a Holy Hour with confessions from 8pm – 9pm.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### *A note from our Pastor...*

May the Lord give you His peace...

We begin our forty day journey this Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> a.k.a. Ash Wednesday. These forty days are a microcosm of our entire life's journey. The disciplines of Lent, namely, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are aimed at bringing our life back into balance. I think we can all agree that it is all too easy to lose our focus and can find ourselves overindulging in or becoming consumed by work, worry, fear, money, video games, food, "smart" phones, social media, bad habits etc. ...things that little by little shift more and more of our attention from God to ourselves. Left unchecked, there is a danger that we may become so hooked or addicted to these things that we may be left forever staring into our screens (television or cellphone) living in a virtual reality munching on the forbidden apples from the tree of the Garden of Eden. We can almost hear the echo of the evil one's voice whispering or hissing into our ear, "Never mind what God wants, what about you? Here have a look...take a bite."

Thank you God...there is *another* voice calling us to "come away with Me to a deserted place." It is the voice of our Lord and Brother, calling us away from the fleeting, distracting, and often poisonous things of the world into the desert. This desert is called LENT. Does fasting from the comforts of the world, moderating our intake of essentials like food, giving away our treasured commodities like time and money sound daunting? Fearful? Unpleasant? Unwanted? Unattractive? Great! These are all signs that you and I both really in need of a good trip into the desert!! Creating a desert space like this is not a *fun* experience. It is most definitely a *needed* experience, however. In this barren desert, away from the smog of the world, we are able to see and hear more clearly. It may help us to realize just how barren and empty our lives and hearts have become...that the things we thought nourished or completed us in the world have left us quite empty. It is here that we can discover or re-discover that our *true* food is the Word of God...that all that we will ever need is found in Christ. Do we *really* believe this? Do we really believe He is our all and our everything?

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to discover and embrace this very reality. The disciplines of Lent (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are not ends in themselves. They are tools and means to create a little space for the Lord. In other words, Lent isn't simply about self-improvement. It's not about finally getting on to that healthy diet (fasting) we've been meaning to follow to trim off a few pounds (or in my case to add a few?!). It's not about ending forty days with a fit body, mastery over a language, a completed reading list, all "to-do" list items checked-off, bills paid, and being caught up on all mail and social correspondences. None of those things are bad...they can certainly be a part of the Lenten experience but they shouldn't become the goal. The goal is to fill the desert space with conversations with the Lord (prayer), to allow Him to fill the emptiness of our hearts with His peace, His joy, His love i.e. HIMSELF. In fact, He wishes to give Himself to us over and over again throughout the *entire* year, not *just* during Lent. How many times have we inadvertently pushed Him aside for the sake of: (*insert your own false gods here*)? In the desert of Lent we have the opportunity to realize just how sick we have become from all of those "rotten apples" we have been consuming. In this gift of the desert of Lent, let us allow the Lord to feed us, His sheep, with true food: the very Bread of Life...Himself...the One who literally loved us to death. There is *nothing* that gives Him greater joy.

Let us begin our Lenten journey together this Wednesday by not only marking ourselves with ashes but by marking and nourishing our souls with the Bread of Life in Holy Communion during our Ash Wednesday Masses. The dust/ashes on our heads remind us that we are nothing without Christ. So let us receive The Christ at Mass in His Word and the Holy Eucharist so that we may know true food and have eternal life. For those who would like to begin the day with a prayer and imposition of ashes before school or work, feel free to stop by the church between 6:00 am and 8:00 am. Hopefully you will be able to join us later in the day for our Masses at: 8 am, 12 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, or 8 pm in Spanish. Please note as well, to enrich your desert experience, every Friday during Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 7 pm, Mass at 7:30 pm, and a Holy Hour with confessions from 8 pm – 9 pm. Confessions are also every Saturday from 4 pm – 5 pm and/or by appointment at any time day or night. Please mark Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> on your calendar as well. Confessions will be heard all day from 3 pm – 9 pm in every Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of New York including St. Anthony' of course. There will be a special "LENT" link on the home page of our website: [www.sapwh.org](http://www.sapwh.org) with all kinds of resources and reminders to help you on your Lenten journey.

Know that I will be keeping all of you in prayer and will be counting on yours as well. Please pray as well for all of our high school and adult candidates who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter this year.

Your local shepherd,  
Fr. Tom