



St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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Masses at 5:00pm Saturdays, 7:30, 9 & 11am Sundays, 12:30pm in Spanish

Weekday Masses 7:30am, Saturday 8am & 9am Mass is Live Streamed

****Morning Prayer**** Tuesdays at 8:30am by the Friars is Live Streamed.



December 6th, 2020 *Second Sunday of Advent*

2nd Sunday
OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."
- Mk 1:4, 6-7a

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Mass Intentions

Monday **December 7**
7:30am For the homebound parishioners

Tuesday **December 8**
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Not a Holyday of Obligation
7:30am Pat & Joel Riley r/b Family

Wednesday **December 9**
7:30am Ludmila Tomaszkowicz
Tomaszkowicz Family

Thursday **December 10**
7:30am For the service men & women
in the military

Friday **December 11**
7:30am For the deceased Friars

Saturday **December 12**
Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00am Suzanne & Edward Mulligan r/b Family
5:00pm Terence Farrelly
r/b Anita & Tom Mullen
Vivian Stewart r/b Family
Bill Bird r/b Toni Coletti
Pat Riley r/b Lindemann Family

7:00pm **Mass in Spanish**
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday **December 13**
Third Sunday of Advent
7:30am Harry Becker r/b Family
Victoria Perrone r/b De Sopo Family

9:00am Michael Kivlon r/b Family
Dawn Hamilton r/b The Decker Family
Deceased members of Lindemann Family
r/b Lindemann Family

11:00am Suzanne & Edward Mulligan r/b Family
Arnold Rossi r/b Family
Joan Perialas r/b Family

12:30pm **Mass in Spanish**

Pray For... For all that are ill, especially
Daniel O'Donnell, John David Caruso,
Karen Ball Potucek, Philip Guidotti,
Joey Poretta, Fr. Joseph Laracy, Christopher Zittel,
Claudia Olimpia, Claudiu Dorin, Roy Davidson, George
Conklin, Joanne & Joseph Spero
We ask you to call the parish office to request prayers.

Pray for all the deceased especially Assunda Donato,
Peter Ban

Thank You. ❤️

Note from the Columbiettes:
Your generosity for the donations last week to help the seminarians studying to become priests is very much appreciated.



Last week's collection was
\$6,138.00. We Share \$676.00
Last year's amount **\$7,960.50**

Thank you very much!

Please consider maintaining your financial support of our parish at this time. This can be done through mailing your donation envelopes to 65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405 or donating online through this website:

<https://saopp.churchgiving.com>
We are grateful for your continued support especially at this time.

Consider St. Anthony's Parish in your will.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging embers because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
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'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR'**

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Diocesan Ministries Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Diocesan Ministries Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at 2020appeal.org. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Congratulations to Nathalia and Michael Wyble.
Their son Daniel was baptized here on Saturday, November 21st.
Fr. Bob Norton even made a special trip to baptize Daniel.**



Christmas Flower Offerings

Please print legibly the names of your loved ones, either in memory of or in honor of on the flower envelope in your packet and you may drop them in the collection basket. All the names will be remembered at our

Christmas Masses. Extra Christmas Flower & Christmas Offering envelopes are available in church by door.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24
Masses at the Knights of Columbus Hall
4:00pm
6:00pm Mass in Spanish

Masses at church
4:00, 6:00 and 8:00pm

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25
7:30, 9:00, 11:00am
and 12:30pm in Spanish



Remember your loved one.

You can have a candle lit from the candle stand for a year in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. The donation is \$250.00 and a small engraved plate would be placed on the last row. Please stop by the parish office.



The wrapped gifts with the tags on can be returned before December 13th either to the parish office during the week or you can bring them to church at the weekend

Masses.
Thank you very much for your generosity.

The Sanctuary Lamp that burns for a period of about a week.

This is the candle that burns near the tabernacle to indicate the living presence of Christ in our sanctuary in the reserved sacrament of the Eucharist. An offering of \$20 a week to remember your loved ones. Please make a request at the parish office.

GIFT SHOP in the Parish Office

Please free to visit the parish office to see the assortment of gift items for sale; rosaries, bracelets, greeting cards, statues, books, medals, crochet scarves made by Fr. Joe too!

Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm



**THE COLUMBARIUM
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The cost of a niche for one urn is \$2500.00

Size: 12 x 12 holds only one urn.

The price includes the engraving of name, date of birth and date of death. Sealed Urns are required as in Brass, Porcelain or Marble.

Please call Betty at 973-838-0031 Ext. 0 if interested.



Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 7:30, 9, 11am &
12:30pm in Spanish

Live Streamed Masses at 9am Sunday and
7:30am Monday to Friday, 8am Saturday
****Morning Prayer** Tuesdays at 8:30am**
by the Friars is Live Streamed.

Baptisms

Please ask for Annette at the parish office to find out more information. 973-838-0031

Marriage

Please call the parish office and leave message for Fr. Joe. The preparation period is one year.



Thanks to everyone that brought food and turkeys this past week! Any non-perishable food can be brought to the parish office from 9am to 3pm on Monday to Friday

or can be placed in the box in church when you attend mass.

As always, thank you for your generosity and appreciation!

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers!



This year, on December 19, 2020, the Butler/Kinnelon

Veterans Group will be remembering and honoring our Veterans by laying remembrance wreath on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and saying the name of those Veterans aloud. If you or your family would like to volunteer on Saturday, December 19 please email Ray at Butlerkinnelonwreaths@aol.com

To purchase a wreath:

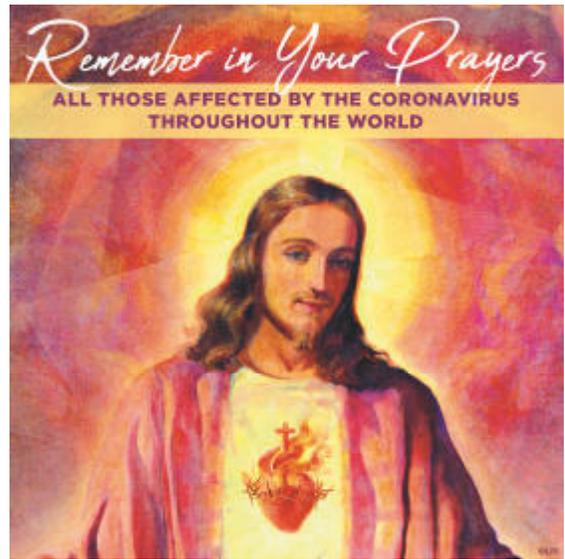
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Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
 In the face of confusion and concern
 impart to us the calm of your presence.
 In You allow us to find hope and healing.
 Be with those who serve the sick and give them
 Your caring hands.
 Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit
 of wisdom.
 Be with those who have fallen ill and give them
 Your comforting heart.
 Wrap your arms around our world
 and hold us in your love.
 Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as
 instruments of that love to all we meet.
 We ask this in Your Name.

Amen.
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Pray for all the Active Men & Women in the Military

Cmd. Kevin Dore USN, 1st Lt. Tim Dore, Isis Rivera, USN
 Col. Justin Sapp, Capt. Bridget McGovern USAF, Lt. (j.g)
 Brian Fritz USN, L.Cpl. Matthew Accetta USMC, Jonathan
 Cuervo USMC, Connor Fitzgerald, Air Force, Jorge Abril,
 Navy

Please notify the parish office of any changes.

MASS INTENTIONS : The 2021 Mass Book is available now. REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES ON THEIR BIRTHDAYS, DATE OF DEATH OR ANNIVERSARIES.

PRAY FOR PEACE



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