



## 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 27th, 2020*

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



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*Mass Intentions*

- Monday**      **December 28**  
7:30am      Mary & Armand Marinaro  
r/b De Sopo Family  
Helen Ebers  
r/b Timothy & Suzanne Johnson
- Tuesday**      **December 29**  
7:30am      Special Intentions: Mary Ann Smilek  
r/b Deacon Milt
- Wednesday**      **December 30**  
7:30am      Ludmila Tomaszkowicz  
r/b Tomaszkowicz Family
- Thursday**      **December 31**  
7:30am      Nancy Struble r/b Jim Struble  
Faith Strasburger r/b Family  
Anna & Richard Ryczek  
r//b The Decker Family
- Friday**      **January 1, 2021**  
**The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord**  
**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9:00am      Paul & Margaret Maggio  
r/b Bill, Maryanne & Will Hanisch
- 11:00am      **Mass in Spanish**
- Saturday**      **January 2, 2021**  
8:00am      Peter Ban r/b Barbara DeKorte
- 5:00pm
- Sunday**      **January 3, 2021**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
7:30am      Special Intentions: Krystyna Konopka r/b Agnes  
Special Intentions: Tyler & Zakary Moeller  
r/b Grandpa  
Geraldine Moeller r/b Ken
- 9:00am      Helen Ebers r/b The Ebers Family  
Ludmila Tomaszkowicz  
r/b Tomaszkowicz Family
- 11:00am      Anthony Lucontto r/b Deacon Milt  
Fr. Kevin Farrell, OFM      "      "  
Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM      "      "
- 12:30pm      **Mass in Spanish**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st  
and FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, 2021**



*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  
and give us updates.

**Pray for all the deceased .**



**The collection for Dec. 13th  
Was \$3,561.00**

**Thank you very much!**

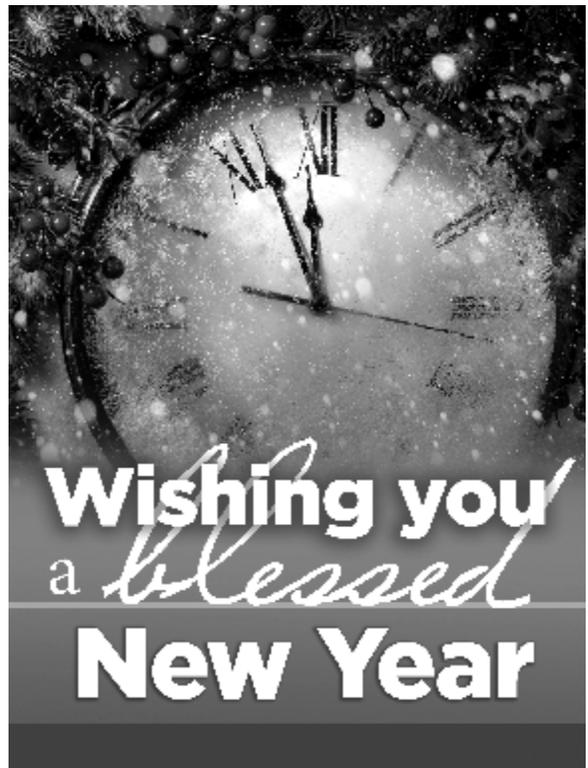
Please consider maintaining your financial support of our parish at this time. This can be done through mailing your donation envelopes to 65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ 07405 or donating online through this website: <https://saopp.churchgiving.com>  
**We are grateful for your continued support especially at this time.**

**Consider St. Anthony's Parish in your will.**

**2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL  
DIOCESE OF PATERSON  
'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR'**



Thank you to everyone for the generous flower donations. It is very much appreciated. The Christmas Flower Envelopes will be on the altar for remembering your loved ones.



**December 27, 2020**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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## THANK YOU

for your generosity

**Thank you to all those who donated gifts to our Giving Tree this year. The gifts will be distributed to local families in need as well as those living at the Broadway House in Newark.**



**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.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
- LPi

***"Communications is a means of expressing the missionary vocation of the entire Church; today the social networks are one way to experience this call to discover the beauty of faith, the beauty of encountering Christ." Pope Francis***

### Diocese of Paterson

In an effort to better communicate with everyone, Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney has assembled a team of "digital missionaries" to start the diocesan Facebook page and explore other ways in which the diocese can more effectively communicate and evangelize through social media.

Bishop Sweeney is encouraging all to follow his Instagram account @bishopkevinsweeney and the Diocesan Facebook page facebook.com/patersond

### 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



**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.

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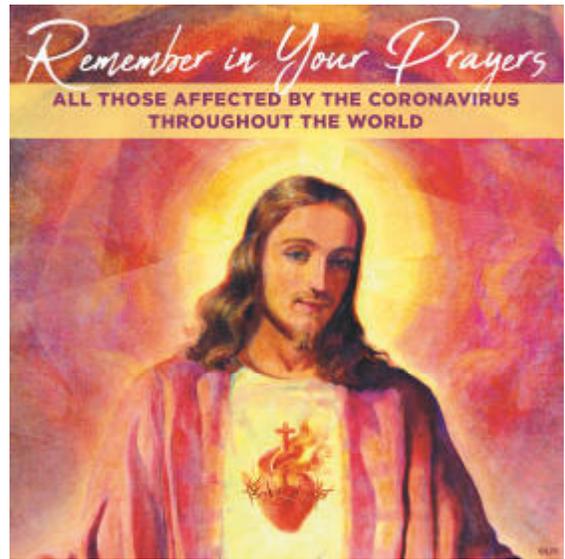
**Thanks to everyone that has brought food in for the pantry. Any non-perishable food can be brought to the parish office from 9am to 3pm on Monday to Friday**

**or can be placed in the box in church when you attend mass. Food is given out once a month. As always, thank you for your generosity and appreciation! Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers!**

The Butler/Kinnelon Veterans Group remembered and honored our Veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and saying the name of those Veterans aloud Saturday, December 19th. Fr. Matt gave the blessing. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Ray and his team. [Butlerkinnelonwreaths@aol.com](mailto:Butlerkinnelonwreaths@aol.com)  
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**OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday - Friday 9am-3pm**  
**PARISH STAFF**

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| Bill Roberts   | Trustee                 |
| Sue Bosi   | Trustee                 |



**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)  
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**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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