

# Saint Anthony of Padua

Hammonton, NJ 08037



**Father Carmel Polidano**

Parish Priest

**Rev. Msgr. Charles Barth** (Retired)

In Residence

**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9:00AM-4:00PM

Tuesday & Friday 6:00PM-8:00PM

**Rectory**

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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**Baptism**

Parents should be registered and participating member of the parish.

Please contact the Rectory before the

birth of your child to schedule a

preparation session. Baptisms are

available **every Sunday of the month**

**during and after the 10:00AM**

**Mass.**

**Reconciliation**

Saturday at 3:30PM or by

appointment anytime. Communal

Reconciliation Services are held

during Lent and Advent.

**Pastoral Council Meetings**

Meetings are to be held on the second

Monday of each month at 7:00PM in

the Hall.

**February 15, 2009**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Schedule**

Monday – Friday 7:30AM

Saturday 8:00AM & 4:15PM

Sunday 7:00AM & 10:00AM

Holy Day Eve 7:30PM

Holy Day 7:30AM & 7:30PM

**Financial Council** – Financial Council will meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:00PM.

**Religious Education**

**CCD**

Grades K-8 will meet on scheduled Sundays from 8:30AM – 9:45AM. For information,

please call Mrs. Marketto (856)327-1764.

**Sacramental Preparation**

RCIA – Please call Rectory. (See Bulletin)

**Matrimony**

Couples are asked to contact the Rectory at least a year in advance. They are expected to meet several times with the priest who will perform the wedding liturgy and are expected to attend scheduled Diocesan Pre-Cana Conferences.

**Anointing of the Sick**

In case of serious illness, please contact one of the priests at the Rectory. An Anointing Mass is scheduled during Lent and Advent for those able to attend.

The priests would like to visit our people when they are hospitalized. Please let us know.

**Parish Membership**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

New Registration

Change of Address

[www.anthonypadua.org](http://www.anthonypadua.org)

[st.anthonypadua@comcast.net](mailto:st.anthonypadua@comcast.net)

February 15, 2009

### PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

For many, their wedding day is forever remembered as one of the most significant, joyous, and sacred occasions in their lives. Most people also find it a pleasure to be a guest at a well-planned wedding – to witness a couple's pledge before God to live the rest of their lives as one. Tradition and sacrament are observed, with love and promise. Beautiful music and flowers and happiness simply spill out all over the celebration. It is a privilege to be part of such a significant event, and all who attend rejoice in the graces of the day.

Not every wedding day, however, lives up to this harmonious ideal. Those that do are a tribute to many hours of planning and behind the scenes preparation and compromise. No matter how well matched a bride and groom may be, marriage still involves two families that may have very different ideas about what such a ceremony and the accompanying celebration should include.

Catholic families attending or planning a wedding frequently face additional etiquette concerns that stem from a collision between mainstream American culture and fundamental Catholic teachings. How well these etiquette challenges are negotiated can affect not only the occasion itself, but also relationships with parents, in-laws, the spouse, the priest, or even the Church.

According to Catholic law, "A valid and consummated marriage of baptized persons cannot be dissolved by any human authority or any cause other than the death of one of the persons." This firm Church teaching on the permanence of marriage accounts for many of the policies and practices relating to weddings. Despite the sometimes casual way that contemporary Americans treat marriage and divorce, the Catholic Church maintains that entering into marriage is a serious lifetime commitment – one that requires careful consideration and preparation. And, although civil authorities and some non-Catholic ministries consider divorced persons legally free to marry again, the Catholic Church still considers them married until a recognized Church authority declares otherwise.

A second basic teaching that underlies many Catholic marital rules is that "the Catholic Church claims jurisdiction over its members in matters pertaining to marriage." This issue especially comes into play when one of the marriage partners is Catholic and the other is not. Unless the couple seeks special permission and fulfills certain conditions, the Catholic Church will not regard as valid wedding ceremonies involving Catholics that take place before non-Catholic ministers or civil authorities. Taking the time to learn the Church's requirements and understand how we can work within them can often solve this potentially explosive problem.

God bless you,

*Father Carmel*

*"Almighty and Eternal God, You have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of Your Son's union with the Church as His Spouse." Help us Lord to always preserve this Sacrament as you wish us to do. Amen*

### Prayer for Marriage

Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, help us treasure the gift of marriage that reflects the love of Christ for the Church, where the self-giving love of husband and wife unites them more perfectly and cooperates in your plan for new life created in your image. Help us support men and women in their vocation of marriage, especially in difficult times when they join their sufferings to the Cross. Help us uphold the institution of marriage in our society as the place where love is nurtured and family life begins. Help us acknowledge that our future depends on this love and your providential care for us. Amen.

### Parish Mission

#### Mark Your Calendars!

Our Parish Mission will take place beginning Sunday, March 1, through Thursday March 5, with a Mission Service each evening at 7:00PM. Please mark your calendars now and make plans to attend this special Parish Mission. The Director of the Parish Mission will be Father Alfred Bradley, Vice Provincial of the Redemptive Fathers.

### Prayer for our Parish Mission

\*Please pray this prayer with your families daily\*

God, our Father, we offer You praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts You have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our Parish Mission. Loving and Gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open with the gifts of Your truth. Grant that our Mission may be:

- A time of grace for all,
- A time of growth for the young
- A time of refreshment for the old
- A time of renewal for families
- A time of healing for the broken
- A time of joy for the sorrowing
- A time of challenge for the complacent
- A time of forgiveness for the sinner
- A time of strength for the holy
- A time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, most loving God, that our Mission may bring down Your richest blessings on each and every member of our Parish community. We pray through the intercession of Mary, our Mother and Saint Anthony of Padua, in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with You and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen

### Weekly Offerings - February 8, 2009

4:15PM Mass	\$1,299.23
7:00AM Mass	\$671.00
10:00AM Mass	\$1,259.00
Children's Collection	\$25.75
Total	\$3,254.98



Thank you for your generosity. Your sacrifice enables us to continue our ministries and take care of our necessities. Please, if you can, give an extra dollar or two to the collection.

# Calendar

February 14, 2009 – February 22, 2009

**Saturday, February 14** *Saint Valentine*  
**8:00AM Mass**  
 1:00PM Wedding  
 3:30PM Confessions  
**4:15PM Mass with Renewal of Marriage Vows**

**Sunday, February 15**  
**7:00AM Mass**  
 8:30AM CCD  
**10:00AM Mass**  
**3:00PM Father Carmel's Anniversary Mass**

**Monday, February 16** *President's Day*  
**7:30AM Mass**  
 7:00PM Liturgical Mtg.  
 7:00PM Core Team Mtg. in Parish Hall  
 Rectory office closed

**Tuesday, February 17**  
**7:30AM Mass**  
 7:00PM Novena/Scripture Study

**Wednesday, Feb. 18**  
**7:30AM Mass**  
 7:00PM SASS  
 7:00PM Core Team Mass at Saint Anthony's followed by refreshments for three parishes

**Thursday, February 19**  
**7:30AM Mass**

**Friday, February 20**  
**7:30AM Mass**

**Saturday, February 21**  
**8:00AM Mass**  
 3:30PM Confessions  
**4:15PM Mass**

**Sunday, February 22**  
**7:00AM Mass**  
 CCD 8:30AM  
 Communion Parent Mtg.  
**10:00AM Mass**

## REMEMBER OUR SICK

Rita Saunders, Jim Garrison, Don Leadley, Chester & Shirley Peters, Cindy Hamblin, Walter Sadowski, Anthony Branca Jr., The Deeney Triplets: Adam, Luke & Sofia, Martin Fricke, Jesse Penza, Arthur & Barbara Foster, Little Anthony Riggio, Bob Frankenfield, Jennie Nowlin, Lucy Vaccaro, Joan Schlinsky, Wayne Demling, Isabel Varga, Annette DeMarco Teodoro, Nathan Stab  
**Please note: After 1 month, the names on the sick list will be removed, unless notified.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday**  
 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Monday**  
 Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  
 Gn 6:5-8, 7: 1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**  
 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday**  
 Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday**  
 Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**  
 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector
2/21 4:15PM	J. Presti S. DiFilippo M. Coia	E. DeStefano V. Leadley
2/22 7:00AM	W. Burtis D. Burtis	J. Garrison D. Cartica
2/22 10:00AM	K. Masi B. Capone G. Haupin	Jack Hearing Jane Hearing

### Lenten Schedule

#### Ash Wednesday

Masses: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM

Service: 4:15PM

A Day of Fasting & Abstinence: 1 full meal/ no meat

For more info. see the Lenten Bulletin

#### Lenten Mission

Mission Service: 7PM March 1-5

### House of Charity Parish Goal

Our parish goal for this year's House of Charity Campaign is \$33,000. Please keep in mind all the beautiful gifts you have received from God and begin to think just how you will repay in gratitude. Look for material you will receive in the mail. Thank you.

## Operation Rice Bowl



Operation Rice Bowl is the Lenten solidarity program of Catholic Relief Services. Just as we celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays, we can use Operation

Rice Bowl throughout Lent as a way to "break Bread" together with family and loved ones. We join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, give concrete assistance to those most in need, while we learn about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world. Please pick up your Rice Bowl Package at the back of the church, which will be taken up on Ash Wednesday.

## Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns for:  
*Ella Benedetti as requested by the Crawford Family*

### Sanctuary Candles

I would like a Sanctuary Lamp to burn  
In memory of:

Or  
For the special intention of:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$10



We would like flowers on the Altar and Shrine every week. You can remember a loved one on the anniversary of their death by providing flowers at our Altar. Please call the Rectory before Tuesday at 561-3313. *We thank Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Merlino for the beautiful flowers on the Altar that they pay for every week.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, "He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:31—11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

### Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, February 14, 2009 Saint Cyril

8:00AM †Millicent Sofia – Sam & Boys

†Bill Cessato - Charlotte

4:15PM †Audrey & Elwood Hughes – Shawn & David Bertino

### Sunday, February 15, 2009 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00AM †Rita Graziano – Rose Rubba

10:00AM People of the Parish

### Monday, February 16, 2009

7:30AM †Peter Macrie – Helen & Family

### Tuesday, February 17, 2009

7:30AM In Thanksgiving to saint Anthony - Romulo Roa

### Wednesday, February 18, 2009

7:30AM †Cheryl Perone - Family

### Thursday, February 19, 2009

7:30AM †Anthony Bertino – Bill & Bert Cappuccio

### Friday, February 20, 2009

7:30AM †Helen & Ted Musick – Maryann & Richard DePalma

### Saturday, February 21, 2009 Saint Peter Damian

8:00AM †Rose LaMantia – Father Carmel

4:15PM †Ray Cartica – Dottie

†Catherine Rossell – Parish Council

### Sunday, February 22, 2009 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:00AM †Francis E. Scullin – Jerry & Donna Scullin

10:00AM People of the Parish

**Please note: We have many Mass times still available. All intentions must be submitted by the Tuesday before the Intended Mass.**

If you would like to donate the expenses of the Wine & Bread used at Mass in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory & let us know. Weekly: \$20 Monthly: \$100



### Prayer for our Troops

Lord, hold these loved ones in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

### 2008 Contribution Statements

If you need a copy of your 2008 Contribution Statement for tax purposes, please call the Rectory office at 561-3313, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Please give us your name, address, phone number and envelope number. **You must call ahead to have a statement prepared.** Thank you for your cooperation.

## Around the Diocese

### **Report Sexual Abuse**

*Sexual abuse is a grave wrong that can never be tolerated.* It is also a crime that must be reported, investigated and responded to so that victims are protected and those who commit abuse are removed from ministry. A special toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, religious, employees or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of sexual abuse are reported to the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling & support services call 1-800-964-6588.

### **Holy Grounds 2009 609-413-2364 (Nick)**

March 2: Music: House Blend; Speaker Stephanie Claudy

April 6: Music: House Blend; Speaker: Fr. Matt Hillyard

May 4: Music: House Blend; Larry DiPaul

June 1: Music: House Blend; Sam Evangelista

### **Volunteers Needed Lighthouse Hospice, Inc.**

Lighthouse Hospice is seeking community volunteers from the Hammonton, Winslow and Waterford areas to provide friendly visitation, companionship and family support. Please contact Laurelle A. Cummings at 856-414-1155 (Tues. Wed. Thurs)

### **Gift of Love**

Give the gift of love, romance, and togetherness. Take time to rekindle, renew and restore your relationship with the person you made a covenant of life with. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a personal and private time away for couples who care about each other. The next weekends are: 3/27-3/29 & 5/15-5/17. For more info. call Bob & Michelle Dooley at 800-688-9963 or email [mrdoole@comcast.net](mailto:mrdoole@comcast.net) webpage: [www.mesj.net](http://www.mesj.net)

### **St. Joseph Regional Elementary School Mardi Gras Party**

Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 6:00PM – 11:00PM in the Gymnasium. There will be food, spirits (beer & wine), Chinese auction, 50/50 and live entertainment by Wicked Cricket. Please call 609-704-2400 for more information.

### **Clothing Collection**

Call Jackie Sirolli for more info. 609-561-4192

### **Fr. Robert Gregorio Gala Tour 2010**

Visit Oberammergau, Paris & Bavaria for \$5,399 pp/do May 28-June 7, 2010 & the World Renowned Passion Play. Call 609-390-0664 for a brochure.

### **Light the way for Peace**

March 1, 2009 Social Hour and Chinese Auction 1:30-3PM  
Donation \$45. Call 856-854-4335 for more info.

### **Sister Connie Heenan – Live in Caretaker For Catholic Cancer Patients**

Sister Connie is available for live-in (24/7) with Catholic terminally ill Cancer patients. She is a religious Sister who has, since 1996, cared for 80 patients. Care includes: cook, clean, wash, answer phone and door. If interested, please call Sister Connie at (609) 677-0496.

### **Queen of Angels Pilgrimage to Italy March 11-19, 2009**

Visiting Rome, Naples, Sorrento, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano & Assisi. Cost is \$1,999 +tax. Includes airfare, Superior Tourist Class Hotel, Daily Breakfast/Dinner, Papal Audience, Professional Tour Guide & Driver, Daily Mass and much more. Interested Fr. Allain Caparas at 856-697-1450

### **Holy Redeemer Hospice Needs Volunteers!**

Holy Redeemer Hospice is in need of volunteers to assist our patients and caregivers. The volunteers assist the family and patient by providing time for the caregiver to run errands, conversation with the patient, reading, maybe walking outside... This gives the caregiver a break and time to plan some needed relief as they care for their loved one. We are also in need of clerical assistance for filing, compiling charts and copying in the office. Please call 609-761-0230 if interested.

### **Altar & Rosary Society**

### **Bus Trip to Lancaster's Sight and Sound**

To see "Behold the Lamb" Thursday, March 26, 2009 bus leaves 8:00AM from Church. Price is \$100 for show and dinner. For more info. please call 561-0180.

### **Natural Family Planning Courses 856-583-6120 [www.pnfpn.org](http://www.pnfpn.org)**

April 3 St. Isidore, Vineland

April 6 St. Peter, Merchantville

### **Celebrate the Wedding of Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Social Teaching and Operation Rice Bowl**

Saturday, February 21, 2009 The Romero Center in Camden.  
Please call Larry DiPaul at 856-964-9777 for more info.

### **St. Rose YAM Young Adult Retreat**

St. Rose YAM is planning a young adult retreat. March 13-15  
Cost \$50/person. We are presently registering for March.  
[Ironmaiden4god@yahoo.com](mailto:Ironmaiden4god@yahoo.com) or [nibo84@worldnet.att.net](mailto:nibo84@worldnet.att.net)

### **Arise!! For Young Adults**

February 21, 2009 1-9PM. Theme: "I no longer live I, but Christ who lives in me" Catholic University, Washington, DC. Cost \$20 [www.arisedcfestival.com](http://www.arisedcfestival.com)

**Buddy, Lucky & Luci say:  
"Remember, God always answers  
Knee-mail!"**

