

March 10, 2024 | 4th Sunday in Lent



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Monday-Friday: 9am- 4pm **Wheelchair Accessible**
Sunday: 9:30am-1:30pm
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Parish registration forms available in church lobby, church office & on our website.

Parish Religious Education Program Office

Monday-Tuesday: 12 noon-7:30pm **Wednesday:** 12 noon-6:30pm
Thursday-Friday: 10am—3pm
Religious Education Coordinator: Viviana Bonilla x21
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm
Sunday: 9 am & 10:30 am English
12 noon Spanish

Monday-Friday: 9am English

To watch Masses live, please go to our Facebook page.

Those who are uncomfortable indoors but would like to receive communion, please follow livestream Mass from the parking lot; communion will be distributed after Mass as you exit the parking lot to Franklin Street.

Confession

Monday – Friday after 9am Mass
Saturday 3:15 – 3:45pm



Mass Intentions

Monday 3/11	9:00 am	• † Jim Manley, Sr., Jim Manley, Jr.
		• † Michael Adams
Tuesday 3/12	9:00 am	• † Michael Adams
		• † Carol-Ann Black
Wednesday 3/13	9:00 am	• † Michael Adams
		• † Esther Wright
Thursday 3/14	9:00 am	• † Robert Campbell
		• † Walter Duralek
Friday 3/15	9:00 am	• † Eneida Colon Portalatin
		• † Jim Hamnett
Saturday 3/16	4:00 pm	• † James Anthenelli
		• † Florentino Tecson Sr
		• † Julia Generale Tecson
Sunday 3/17	9:00 am	• † Helen Gonzalez
		• † John & Carmina Pereira
	10:30 am	• † Rev. Fr. James Reilly
		• † Raymond A. Gulbin
	12:00 pm	• † Hector Prieto
		• † Hermogenes Balcerio
		• † Vicenta Riaño
		• † Lilia Prieto
		• † Mauricio Antonio Castillo
		• † Maria Esther Mendoza Bernal
		† Eloy & Eudocia Delgado Garcia
		† Sofia Romero
		† Jose Bolivar Rojas - 4to aniversario de fallecido
		† Enrique Perez



4th Sunday of Lent

Reading I: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reflection on the evil of not paying attention to God's prophets compels the Israelites to endure a 70 year exile in Babylon.

Reading II: Ephesians 2: 4-10

St. Paul tells Christians that they can be identified with Christ in that they too will be enthroned with Him in heaven.

The Gospel: John 3: 14-21

The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus continues with a discussion about God sending His only Son to earth to bring light and love to the world.

Parish Ministries / Groups

Altar Rosary Society - Jan Guthrie 448-7567 / Rae Rasi 443-6339

Altar Servers—Ivy 609 422-6818

Anthonian Seniors - Teresa Knoll 609-448-3390

Bereavement Ministry - call parish office

GED/ESL - Victor Fernandez 609 468-0304

Helping Hands - call parish office 609 448-0141

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Joanne & John Tyne
609 443-1069

Knights of Columbus - Chris Palmer 609 529-5528

Music Ministries/Ministerio de Música- Quentin Marty 609 448-3944; Contemporary Choir: Cathy Doyle 609 448-6120, Spanish Choir: Nelson Rivera 609 443-9683

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rosalie Danek 609 448-8431 or Sarita Rodriquez 718 541-0089

Respect Life Ministry - Tom McGeachen 609 448-8399 Birthright 732 462-2888 / Alejandra Cabria 609 240-6827

RCIA Ministry - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Rosemarie Constable 609 448-0974. Children under age 18, please contact Religion Office at 609 448-0141 x21

Social Justice Committee - Nancy Solarski 609 947-1177 nsolar-ski@verizon.net & Gillian Astarita gillian.astarita@gmail.com

Spiritual Direction/Consejería y Dirección Espiritual: - Sandra Lopez 609 506-1010 (bilingual)

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Ministerio / Grupo Hispano

Bautizos, Quinceaños, Bodas: Ximena Bustamante x12

Grupo de Oración: José Sanabria 609 529-6638

Grupo Mariano: Nelsa Molina 201 668-6828

Coro: Nelson Rivera 609 510-9891 o Eduardo Quezada 609 977-9971

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Grupo de Jóvenes: youth@stanthonychurch.org

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Please pray for healing
/ Por favor ore por
sanación

PRAY REMEMBER
the sick of our parish

Domonique, Kaylee, Anthony Perugini, Robert Gaven, Marianne Freda, Angelina DiDonato, Eileen Mead, Sonia Charon, Marie Ferraro, Christina Gonzales, Mark Hughson and Lauren Conway.

Names appear for four weeks. Call 609 448-0141 Los nombres aparecerán por 4 semanas. Contacte la oficina 609 448-0141

Lent & Holy Week Schedule 2024

Penance Service

Wednesday, March 13 - 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, March 28

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
(Bilingual)

Good Friday, March 29

9:00am Morning Prayer
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in English
6:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion in Spanish

Holy Saturday, March 30

9:00am Morning Prayer
12:00pm Blessing of Food
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass Bilingual

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
12:00 noon Mass in Spanish

Readings for the week—March 10

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

St Anthony of Padua Youth Group

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRACTICES

Sunday, March 10th @ 4:00pm -5:30pm (Community Room or Gymnasium)

Thursday, March 21st
Time: 7:00pm-8:45pm (Community Room)

please bring your friends from 6th-12th grade.

youth@stanthonychurch.org

**St Anthony's 2024
VOLUNTEER DINNER DANCE**

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped make our Volunteer's Appreciation Dinner/Dance a huge success. The food provided by Leonardo's restaurant, Town Diner and Artisans Bakers was delicious and plentiful, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. The Saint Anthony of Padua Decoration Committee for their fantastic ideas, Janet Mackrancy and her team for the beautiful flower arrangements, and Empire Antique for their collaboration. Our DJ, Steve Lopez, and MC, Karina Arce, kept the night alive with music and dance; we also would like to recognize the hard work of our confirmation students, volunteers, and, of course, the dedicated staff of Saint Anthony for their help in organizing such a fantastic event.

Above all, we thank all our fellow parishioners for the excellent work you do in keeping our parish vibrant.

Alberto Bellini and the Coordinating Team



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Knights of Columbus

Lenten Soup Friday's

**Open Friday's 2/16, 3/1, 3/8 and 3/15
FROM 6PM to 7PM**

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**Please join us at St. Anthony of Padua's Gym
HIGHTSTOWN, NJ**



PENITENTIAL RITE FOR CANDIDATES

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

You are invited to celebrate the Scrutinies with the **"ELECT"** who are preparing for their initiation at the Easter Vigil, on March 30th 2024.

On **Saturday, March 16th** at the 4:00 pm, and on **Sunday March 17th** at the 10:30 am and the 12:00 Noon Masses, we will celebrate the **"Third Scrutiny."** We pray that they find Jesus' love. A love that brings us out of the tomb of sin and death. We invite you to join with the Elect in experiencing this unconditional love that lifts us up to everlasting life.

Please continue to hold these Elect in your Lenten prayers so that by their conversion they can experience an intimate union with Christ and His Church.

RCIA Team



**Stations of the Cross 2024
Fridays at 7pm**

March 15 - Latino Community
March 22 - Filipino Community
March 29 - Good Friday

St. Anthony of Padua

LIVE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BILINGUAL

*Please join the parish to remember and meditate
the Passion of Christ to Calvary.*

Date: Good Friday, March 29

Time: 12:00pm -1:30 pm

Place: St. Anthony of Padua Hightstown

The Joy of Stewardship

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." See Ephesians 2:10

Thank you for sharing what God has given you with our Parish!

Collection Schedule

3/10	Weekly	
3/17	Weekly	Monthly offering
3/24	Palm Sunday	Utility Fund
3/28	Holy Thursday	
3/29	Good Friday	
3/31	Easter Sunday	



Weekly Collection

The Mass offering total for last weekend: \$13,659.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2024 **Annual Catholic Appeal** received pledges amounting to \$6,705.00 (12% of Goal) of which \$4,005.00 (7% of Goal) has been paid.

Please accept our heartfelt thank you. If you have not pledged or donated yet, a donation of any amount is very appreciated.



Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Diocese of Trenton? Our goal, \$57,000.00, can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of church, or you can visit: www.dioceseoftrenton.org/catholicappeal. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

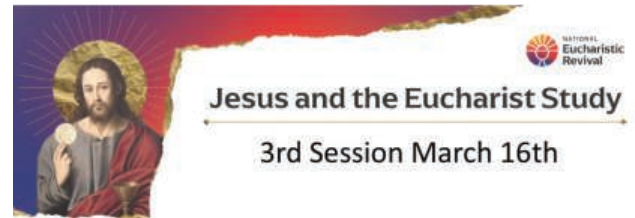
Your Help Needed!

We appeal to those who can, please help St. Anthony's Parish financially. Please send in your donations by mail or through Online Giving or Venmo. Thank you for your kind generosity.



Spiritual Adoption is a personal commitment to pray daily for an unborn child, and to "spiritually adopt" one unknown baby for the next nine months.

Spiritual Adoption Update **Week 10** —Guess what? I have reached the point where doctors will now call me a "fetus". Mommy and Daddy just call me "peanut" which I like better! I am starting a period of rapid development, especially in the brain, I irises of my eyes have started to develop and my eye color is determined, (Daddy wants brown, like Mommy's). I am now just over an inch in length. Won't you please remember to pray each day for me?



St. Anthony's seminar/study series about Jesus and the Eucharist to all parishioners. The seminars will be offered on **Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. Refreshments and light food will be served. Please make time in your schedules to attend as many sessions as you can; attendance at each session is not required, but is encouraged.

HELPING HANDS

In addition to providing RISE with non-perishable food, paper supplies, hygiene products and first aid items each month, your monetary gifts have enabled us to assist more than 50 local families with their various needs. We are blessed and grateful for your faithful support and financial assistance. May you be richly blessed in the new year.

"Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." Mother Teresa

Our next food collection for RISE will be held **March 16/17** when we will be asking for Cereal/Oatmeal/Breakfast Bars.



PROLIFE ROSARY March 21 after 9am Mass

All human life – from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages – is sacred because human life is created in the image and likeness of God. Pope John Paul II

Respect Life Ministry invites you to the **Prolife Rosary on Thursday, March 21**, in the church right after the 9:00am mass. A meeting will follow in the community room. We are looking for new members to help us bring Prolife information and activities to our parishioners. Please call Tom and Barbara McGeachen at 609-448-8399.

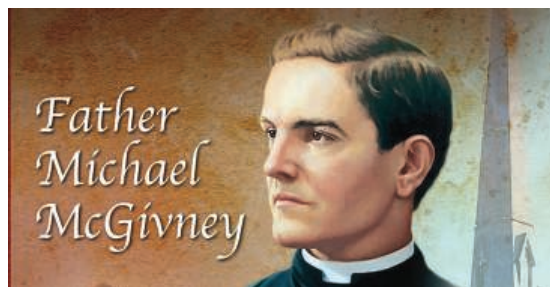
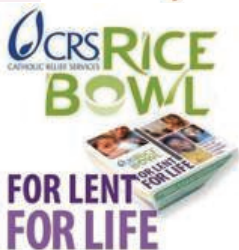
March 10 is:

- Pretzel Sunday
- National Mario Day
- National Pack Your Lunch Day
- National Skirt Day
- International Day Of Awesomeness



Lenten Project: Lent for Life

During Lent, our parish participates in the Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program, *Operation Rice Bowl*. Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendars are available at the church doors during Lent. Please take one or more home to remind you to make little sacrifices during Lent. 25% of funds collected will remain for local projects. 75% of funds are used around the world to support services that help lift people out of poverty. Please return your donation the weekend after Easter, April 6/7.



Are you ready for the baseball season? Did you know that the Founder of the Knights Of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney, was also a heck of a baseball player? We know that in one game with his seminary team, he scored three runs, contributing to a big victory of 23-6. He paved the way for a long history of baseball players who would join the Knights, including Connie Mack, Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Mike Sweeney and Shane Victorino. Catholic gentlemen 18 years and older can join online at www.kofc.org/join. Use Promo Code **BlessedMcGivney** for one year of free membership.



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IV DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Liturgia de la Palabra

Primera Lectura:

Del segundo libro de Crónicas 36, 14-16

Salmo Responsorial:

Salmo 136

Segunda Lectura

De la carta de los Efesios 2, 4-10

Evangelio:

San Juan 3, 14-21

Jesus recuerda a Nicodemo lo que hizo Moisés en el desierto con la serpiente de bronce. Los primeros cristianos lo vincularon con el papel que juega el Hijo del hombre en la salvación del mundo. Dios es el autor de esta iniciativa. El mundo, la humanidad y la creación entera son los destinatarios de esa acción.

El amor que Dios nos tiene es algo real y no es un puro discurso. Se ha materializado en la propia vida de Jesus, que se entregó en rescate por mucho. Lo hemos recibido gratis a través de nuestras buenas obras. La vida eterna se comienza a tener desde la tierra, lugar en el que nos corresponde hacer el bien. Por eso, optar por Jesus implica colaborar con su proyecto de vida y de amor. Significa alejarse del camino de la oscuridad para adherirse al camino de la luz y la verdad. Es el camino que crea espacio de liberación, de paz y de bienestar.

Señor Jesus, nos has enseñado como debemos amarte. Ayudanos a crecer en la fe y en las buenas obras que son manifestaciones de nuestro amor contigo. Todo te lo debemos a ti dueño y fuente de nuestra vida.

La Buena Noticia de Cada Día. Verbo Divino

Por la Pascua eterna de:

- † Marian Orsen
- † Efraín Vacásela Vera
- † Sofia Romero
- † Carlos Granda
- † Jose Carchipulla
- † Carlos Carchipulla
- † Julia Carchipulla
- † Marco Guamán
- † Silvia y Jose Acevedo
- † Lady Acevedo
- † Lilita Ruiz

Por la Salud de:

- América Gómez
- Luis Rivera



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Estaciones de la Cruz

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Servicio Penitencial

Miércoles, Marzo 13 - 6pm

Jueves Santo, Marzo 28

9am Oración de la Mañana

6pm Misa Vespertina de la Cena del Señor - Bilingüe

Viernes Santo, Marzo 29

9am Oración de la Mañana

3pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor en Inglés

6pm Celebración de la Pasión del Señor en Español

Sábado Santo, Marzo 30

9am Oración de la Mañana

12 del mediodía Bendición de los Alimentos

7:30pm Misa de la Vigilia Pascual - Bilingüe

Domingo de Pascua, Marzo 31

9am Misa

10:30am Misa

12 del mediodía Misa en Español



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