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#### Parish Office / Oficina Parroquial

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm Wheelchair Accessible

Sunday: 9:30am-1:30pm

**Website:** stanthony-hightstown.net **email:** info@stanthonychurch.org

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

vbonilla@stanthonychurch.org

Administrative Assistant: Lucia Cruz Barrita x29

lucia@stanthonychurch.org

#### **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 4/22	9:00 am	• Esther Traks - healing
		· Paulette Toscano - healing
Tuesday 4/23	9:00 am	· † Thomas & Catherine Brennan
		· † Joseph E. Hopkins, Jr.
Wednesday 4/24	9:00 am	• † Angie Cruz - Thanksgiving • † Matthew McDowell
		• † Harold Roger Querijero 1st year anniversary
Thursday 4/25	9:00 am	· † Leonard Altamura
		• In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Friday 4/26	9:00 am	· † Michael Pressman
		· † For all the souls in purgatory
Saturday 4/27	4:00 pm	· † Linda Olbrys
		· † Joseph Bongiorni
Sunday 4/28	9:00 am	· † George Apuzzo
		· † Anastasia O'Keefe
	10:30 am	. In Thanksgiving to St Jude
		· † Linda McDonald
	12:00 pm	· † Maria Isaura Zumba
		· † Gloria Zumba
		· † Luis Gonzalo Zumba
		· † Jose Pallazco
		· † Rosa Leticia Pallazco
		· † Rosa Criollo
		· † Maria Vinanzaca
		· † Angel Zumba
		• † Luisa Zumba
		· † Amadeo Zumba
		· † Miguel Antonio Pulla

#### 4th Sunday of Easter

Reading I: Acts 4: 8-12

Peter's first discourse is more like an "apologia" than a sermon. In it. Peter answers the Sanhedrin's question directly.

Reading II: 1 John 3: 1-2

By way of the Paschal mystery, we have truly become the children of God.

The Gospel: John 10: 11-18

In this section, "good" really means "noble" or "ideal", and not just "good at" something or other. Unlike bad shepherds, who allow the sheep to be eaten by wolves, Jesus lays down His life for His sheep.

#### **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 Rodriguez 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 nsolarski@verizon.net & Gillian Astarita gillian.astarita@gmail.com

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

Youth Group / Grupo Juvenil – youth@stanthonychurch.org

#### 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

Ministros de Eucaristía: Octavia Jibaji 609 598-4330

**Lectores:** Patricia Sanabria 609 529-3007 **Grupo de Jóvenes:** youth@stanthonychurch.org

Acólitos: Ivy Bascos: 609 422-6818

RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para adultos) Freddy & Gloria

Enriquez 609 937-8026

Servicios Sociales para la comunidad Latina: Alberto Billini 908

770-0893

Grupo de Alcolicos Anónimos Latinos unidos: Alberto Billini

908 770-0893

Please pray for healing / Por favor ore por sanación



Domonique, Kaylee, 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



## Family

### Mass

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Sun. April 21, 4 PM

Celebrate Faith, Love & Togetherness This Mass will include lively music, a special message for children,

and an after Mass activity.

Join the Praise Chorus!
Sing at the Family Mass!
All children, teens, and adults are welcome.
There will be 1 rehearsal on
Sunday, April 21, 3 to 4 PM in the community room.



For more information, contact Joanne Tyne RainbowAndMrT@aol.com - 609-529-6359

#### Readings for the week—April 21

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30 Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20 Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6 Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14 Sunday Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8



#### WHY REGISTER IN THE PARISH?

Registration is the official way of joining the parish. Some people think that because they attend a particular parish they are automatically members.

Registration is a commitment to the community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of the parish. It is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes, such as scheduling sacraments, obtaining a Sponsor/Godparent Certificate and Letter of Eligibility and contribution statements for your tax return preparation.

Registration is as simple as submitting a completed registration form. You can stop by the parish office or email info@stanthonychurch.org to get the registration form and formally enroll. You can also download the form from our website.

#### **Remember our Beloved Departed**

Please pray for the eternal repose of the souls of:

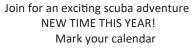
#### Robert Schurott Herbert Olsen

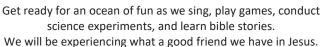
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



St. Anthony's seminar/study series about Jesus and the Eucharist to all parishioners. The last session is **Saturday from 10 am until 12 noon**. Refreshments and light food will be served.

#### **Vacation Bible School**





Don't miss out!

St Anthony's VBS 2024
When: July 21 – 25, 2024
Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Who: Campers aged 5 through 12
(Entering kindergarten – fifth grade)

#### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
84 Walnford Road • Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509 or FHOP@verizon.net



Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration, directions and for our other offerings!

All programs will be offered online and in-person unless other-

# IN-PERSON ONLY PERSONAL RETREAT DAY

wise indicated.

Wednesday, May 1 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Take a day away from the busyness of your life. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional spiritual direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Please bring a bag lunch. Donation: \$10; \$40 with spiritual direction.

## JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT MARY THE BEATITUDES

Tuesday, May 7 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM

The Beatitudes are radically bold statements of Jesus meant to usher in the Kingdom of God. They turned the worldview of the disciples upside-down and surely shook their world. The Beatitudes were revolutionary! Yet, years before they were uttered, they were embodied in a simple young woman from Nazareth. We will spend some time with Mary to see how this was so. Using Mary as our model, we will explore Beatitude living in the here and now. When Jesus preached about the Beatitudes, He was talking about Mary. Could it be that he was also talking about us? Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25

## ZOOM ONLY THOUGHTS MATTER

Wednesday, May 8 7:00 – 8:00 PM

"My thoughts make all the difference in my world." Believe it or not, we can choose our thoughts. This freedom is essential to our spiritual well-being and emotional health. This evening retreat will help us learn to notice our thoughts as they arise and choose to accept them or replace them. With prayer and practice, we can choose our thoughts, receive a quieted peaceful mind available for conscious thinking at will. Donation: \$10

#### **KoC - Red Cross Blood Drive**

Thursday, May 2 1-6pm Hightstown First Aid Squad

- Power Red (double unit) machines
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- Every blood donation will save three lives
- You can sign up online NOW, sponsor code kofc6284: https://www.redcrossblood.org/



#### The Joy of Stewardship

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

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

#### **Collection Schedule**

4/21	Weekly	Social Concerns
4/28	Weekly	Catholic Home Missions
5/5	Weekly	Building and Land Improvements
5/9	Ascension	
5/12	Weekly	Monthly Offering



The Mass offering totals for last weekend: \$11,844.88

#### **Annual Catholic Appeal**

The 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal received pledges amounting to \$39,093.00 (69% of our \$57,000 Goal) of which \$29,172.00 (51% 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.



#### **Catholic Appeal at work**

Clergy and Religious Administration—The Ministry of Clergy Personnel assists the Bishop every day in the assignment of priests and deacons in the diocese, handles all personnel matters pertaining to active and retired priests, and works with

priests from outside the diocese who seek to minister in the diocese.

Ministry of Clergy Personnel keeps priests and deacons informed of events in the diocese specifically for its clergy, assists in the continuing education of clergy, the annual convocation of priests and in working throughout the diocese. Your gift supports the Bishop, priests and deacons in serving all parishioners in the Diocese of Trenton.

#### 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 16—This week Mommy and



Daddy may be able to find out if I am a boy or a girl! My heart is beating two times as fast as theirs, and is pumping up to six gallons of blood each day. I can swallow and blink, and I have learned to

breathe! My lungs are becoming stronger as I inhale and exhale small amounts of amniotic fluid. www.pregnancy.org/fetal development "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much, I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, and all unborn babies in danger of abortion. Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

#### **TEXT TO JOIN!!**

It's so easy to get our parish monthly newsletters, parish alerts and weather closings. Just text "anthony123" to 84576. Please select the group "Newsletter" if you wish to be emailed our electronic newsletters. It's free, nothing to download and no need for a password or account. If you change your mind later, simply unsubscribe.



#### **Catholic Charities**

If you or someone you know

is in need of food, rental assistance, mental health/addition services, or domestic violence services, we are here to help. Please call 800 360 7711



#### **HELPING HANDS**

In addition to providing RISE with nonperishable 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 April 27/28 when we will be asking for canned meat (chicken, ham, etc.) / tuna.





#### April 21 is:

- London Marathon
- National Bulldogs Are Beautiful Day
- Big Word Day
- World Curlew Day
- National Tea Day



#### STAY SAFE AND PRAY!



#### Need a Notary?

Come by the parish office -we'll be happy to provide the service for you (no charge).





Dear Parishioner Is there a restaurant on the pulletin you like: Is there a new doctor? Have you been thinking about selling your off? Have you been thinking about finding a new doctor? Have you been thinking about selling your house? Do you need answers to a few legal questions? Is there a tree in your yard that needs attention? Is there a restaurant on the bulletin you like? Is there a home improvement project you've been putting

Everyone has answered YES to one if not all of these questions. Before you begin looking for anything, check if the goods/services you need are offered by a bulletin advertiser in the Finding Faber<sup>TM</sup> app. You may find a promotion or coupon & be able to **Support** our advertisers AND **Save**!



#### IV DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Liturgia de la Palabra
Primera Lectura:
Del libro de los Hechos 9,26-31
Salmo Responsorial:
Salmo 21
Segunda Lectura
De la 1 carta de Juan 3,18-24
Evangelio:
San Jun 15,1-8

Un sarmiento fuera de la vid no es nada más que los palos secos que se pudrirán y han de desaparecer consumidos por la intemperie. La comunidad de Juan expresa la de los seguidores de Jesus con un ejemplo potente y vital. Con sus raíces ancladas en la tierra, creada por Dios, cultivada y habitada por las personas, la Vid que es Cristo crece y despliega la diversidad de sus sarmientos con la posibilidad de producir mucho fruto siempre y cuando estén unidos en la vid.

La comunidad Cristiana no es una mera institución, sino una participación en la vida misma de Jesus. Unido a Jesus, cada miembro de la comunidad está invitado a dar testimonio, promocionando la constante expansión y crecimiento de la comunidad. La lógica de la comunidad cristiana es que cuanto más da de sí más crece. Si una comunidad se aísla y retiene para si la savia de la vida, si se desconecta de la vid, está destinada a secarse y morir. El fruto de la comunidad, unida a la vid que es Cristo, está destinada a producir el amor.

Que tus palabras, Señor, permanezcan en nosotros, que nos nutran como la savia nutre a los racimos, que nos pode cuando nuestros racimos crezcan demasiado y roben la savia a otros que la necesiten, que se la fuerza que impulse la dulzura y la salud de nuestros frutos. Que nos identifiquemos contigo, Señor, que permanezcamos unidos a ti y, en ti, unidos los unos a los otros, para que al mirar nuestra unidad seamos testigos de vida para todos los que se nos acerquen. Que permanezcamos en ti como comunidad de amor y que sigamos dando frutos para mayor gloria de Dios y vida para el mundo. La Buena Noticia de Cada Día. Verbo Divino

#### Por la Pascua eterna de:

- † Bolívar Tobar
- † Todos los difuntos y santos
- † Marian Orsen
- † Altagracia Lora
- · † Mayo Fernandez
- † Guillermina Plaza
- · † Segundo Victor Peláez
- · † Miguel Morocho

#### Por la Salud de:

- · América Gómez
- · Luis Rivera

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**NECESITA UN NOTARIO?** Acérquese a la oficina y le podremos ayudar con este servicio sin costo alguno!

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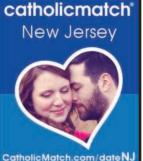
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