

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

THIS IS MY
COMMANDMENT

LOVE ONE
ANOTHER AS
I LOVE YOU

John 15:12



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12:15PM

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM
Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 530PM
Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 130pm, except Eastertime

Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 130pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.

All mails addressed to:

St. Anthony Parish Office
750 N. 7th Street
Newark, NJ 07107

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973-481-1991

Bingo Hall Telephone
973-759-1417

Website:
www.saintanthonybelleville.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

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SATURDAY, May 4

8:00a Patrick Del Vecchio by Vicki Del Guercio

5:30p Rosalina Chavez by Edeza Llave

SUNDAY, May 5

8:00a Conjetta Domenick by Donna, Paula & Lenny Iannia

10:30a People of the Parish

12:15p Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Society

MONDAY, May 6

7:00a Christie J. Albanese by Joanne Boud

8:00a Andrea Mollica & Domenico Gaglio by Mollica Family

TUESDAY, May 7

7:00a Fr. Nol (Birthday Blessings) by Chit de la Rama

8:00a Blessed Virgin Mary by Sandi Papaanni

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

7:00a Leonor Ramos (Birthday) by Ray & Norie Ramos

8:00a Teresita Sychua by Lulu & Oscar

THURSDAY, MAY 9

7:00a Teresita Sychua by Lulu & Oscar

8:00a Fermina Montas by Jay Montas

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00a Palma DiMeo by Antonio & Giuseppe Sica

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00a Isidro Austria Jr. by Mely Cruz

5:30p Mary Butch by Marge Lo Conte

SUNDAY, MAY 12

8:00a Marion & Charles Berlangieri by Grandchildren

10:30a Doris Gomez & Jean Giordano by Adriana Rivera

12:15p People of the Parish

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

May 4 - May 10, 2024

The Altar Bread & Wine will be offered for the intention of

People of the Parish

The Altar Candles will be offered for the intention of

People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp will be offered for the intention of

People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edward McNulty, Angela Aiello, John Buglione, Freddie Valesse, Michele Mercado Domingo, Jonel Francisco, Monica Serchio, James DeFago Sr., Nicholas Castellano, Ralph Salzano, Feliciano Lima, Empson Venturi, Amelia Collina, Nathan Rosa, Dee Comito, Cristina Lope Rosello

Please call the parish office if you need to be kept in next month's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Sunday Collections - \$ 2,613.20

(April 27-28, 2024 including online)

Filipino Mass - \$ 1,248.00

Mission Appeal - \$ 1,152.00

(for Maryknoll Missionaries)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY! YOUR PARISH ALWAYS
NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

(MALACHI 3:10)

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Ranulfo D. Docabo, SSL

Pastor

Ann Marie Kastner

Co-Director of Religious Education

Mari Ippolito, B.A.

Co-Director of Religious Education & Youth Director

Cristian Esguerra

Office Manager & Bookkeeper

Leonora DiLauro-Ragab

Parish Secretary

Emiliano "Bambi" Cabanig

Maintenance

Karen Notare

Music Director

Michael Bruzzio & Rosario Chavez

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Angela Cuozzo-Zarro

Pastoral Council Chair

A PRAYER FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Amen.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 15:9-17



Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or *gnosis*, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is *agape*. The second is *philia*. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, *philia*. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

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Here's
What's
Happening!

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 5

BUS TRIP TO AC

departure at 8am

School Parking Lot

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

MAY CROWNING

1215PM MASS

Church

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

MEETING

after 1215pm Mass

Ferraro Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 7

**Mothers' Day Communion
Breakfast Committee Meeting**

7pm

Ferraro Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Line Dancing

7pm

Ferraro Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 11

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP

1pm

Ferraro Hall

FLORES DE MAYO

3pm

Church

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12

**MOTHERS' DAY
COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

after 8am Mass

Ferraro Hall

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2nd COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 11 & 12 the second collection will be for Monthly Assessment. Once again, your generous support is greatly appreciated.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **FERRER FAMILY** at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. They will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **GARCIA FAMILY** next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish!

ALTAR SERVERS' SCHEDULE (1030am Mass)

MAY 5, 2024

Reagan Ocampo

Joseph Bunk-Grant

Ethan Venturi

Taina Venturi

MAY 12, 2024

Sydney Anya

Claire Anya

Ryan Paurom

Lucas Tiankee

FLORES DE MAYO

Month long devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

****Catechetical activity for children and teens****

starts on **May 4, 2024** and every Saturday of May at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

The children will present flowers to our Blessed Mother. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and their families to spend time together honoring Mary. Our CCD student participation is strongly encouraged. Please join us in this beautiful tradition!

PROCESSION & MASS: Sunday, May 26 at 3pm & 530pm respectively.

ST. ANTHONY'S MOTHER'S DAY MASS & BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MAY 12, after the 8:00 AM Mass

Come to Mass at 8:00 AM to Honor Your Mother

After Mass Enjoy a Delicious Hot Breakfast

Pick up a ticket order form at church. JUST \$20pp

**Invite Your Mom, Your Grandmother, Your Godmother and Your Siblings—
Make This an Extra Special Day**

RSVP DEADLINE—MAY 8 — NO WALK-INS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Friday, May 31
& Saturday June 1

From 6pm—10pm

Fun for all the Family
with food, drinks, music,
and rides

Feast of
St. Anthony of
Padua

Novena 2024

June 4 (Tuesday) to

June 12
(Wednesday)

Plan to attend our Novena in
honor of our Patron Saint each
morning within the 8AM Mass.

PASTA DINNER

IN HONOR OF
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

JUNE 9 (SUNDAY)

AT 3PM

Ferraro Hall

Tickets will be
available soon!

Announcing the APRIL Winner of the Calendar Raffle 2024

SANDI PAPAIANI OF BELLEVILLE

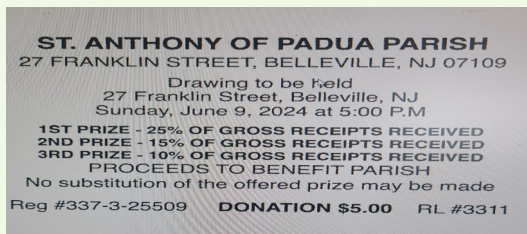
Ticket #196

Congratulations to you Sandi. You are the April 2024 Calendar Raffle Winner. The next drawing will be on May 19 in Ferraro Hall(1:30 PM)

Join us, or watch the drawing on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/stanthonybelleville>

Good Luck to the Next Winner!

As part of our Annual Celebration for the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, we have our Regular 50/50 Raffle Draw. As always, we need your SUPPORT!



NOW ON SALE!

You can now purchase your raffle tickets after Mass or call the Parish Office.

"Love One Another As I Have Loved You"

John 15:12

Together Forever—An Inspiring Story

I have a childhood memory of my parents standing in the kitchen, exchanging sharp words. Suddenly, my father broke through the tension and went up to my Mom. He tapped her gently on the arm, saying expectantly, "Hey, tell me something...tell me something..." Reluctantly, Mom's scowl relaxed into a half-smile before volunteering her half of the equation. "I love you," she said, and they embraced.

I gradually learned that this little exchange, repeated again and again over forty-two years of marriage, symbolized for them a powerful decision: no issue is so big that we will ever allow it to come between our love for one another.

(by Vincent—taken from 110 Inspiring Stories by Teresa Pirola)

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY

MAY 5, 2024

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Matthew Allende

Alessandra Entero

Danica Escalona

Isabella Grice

Juliana Montas-Beroy

