

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH | JUNE 16, 2024



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

On this wonderful Feast Day Weekend, as we close our 100<sup>th</sup> year as a Parish, we joyfully welcome His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward Malesic, our Bishop of Cleveland, as well as Father Christian Moore, our former Pastor. Their presence among us is truly a blessing, and a reminder of God's continued work among us.

Our celebration this weekend honors our Patron, Saint Anthony of Padua, one of the most famous disciples of Saint Francis of Assisi. He was an outstanding preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world.

St. Anthony was born in the year 1195 in Lisbon (Portugal) where his father was a captain in the royal army. Already at the age of fifteen years, he had entered the Congregation of Canons Regular of St. Augustine and devoted himself with great earnestness both to study and to the practice of piety in the Monastery at Coimbra (Portugal).

About that time, some of the first members of the Order of Friars Minor, which St. Francis has founded in 1206, came to Coimbra. They begged from the Canons Regular a small and very poor place, from which by their evangelical poverty and simplicity they edified everyone in the region. Then in 1219, some of these friars, moved by divine inspiration, went as missionaries to preach the Gospel of Christ to the inhabitants of Morocco. There they were brutally martyred for the Faith. Some Christian merchants succeeded in recovering their remains; and so, brought their relics in triumph back to Coimbra.

The relics of St. Bernard and companions, the first martyrs of the Franciscan Order, seized St. Anthony with an intense desire to suffer martyrdom in a like manner. So moved by their heroic example he repeatedly begged and petitioned his superiors to be given leave to join the Franciscan Order. In the quiet little Franciscan convent at Coimbra, he received a friendly reception, and in the same year his earnest wish to be sent to the missions in Africa was fulfilled.

But God had decreed otherwise. And so, St. Anthony scarcely set foot on African soil when he was seized with a grievous illness. Even after recovering, he was so weak that, resigning himself to the will of God, he boarded a boat back to Portugal. Unexpectedly a storm came upon them and drove the ship to the east where it found refuge on the coast of Sicily. St. Anthony was greeted and given shelter by the Franciscans of that island, and thus came to be sent to Assisi, where the general chapter of the Order was held in May 1221.

Since he still looked weak and sickly, and gave no evidence of his scholarship, no one paid any attention to the stranger until Father Gratian, the Provincial of friars living in the region of Romagna (Italy), had compassion on him and sent him to the quiet little convent near Forli (also in Italy). There St. Anthony remained nine months as chaplain to the hermits, occupied in the lowliest duties of the kitchen and convent, and to his heart's content he practiced interior as well as exterior mortification.

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## SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00 pm or by appt.

### BAPTISM

At least one parent must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling the Office.

*Baptisms will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month.*

### MARRIAGE

At least one member of the couple must be a parishioner & actively attend Mass prior to calling

*Couples need to make arrangements at least 6 months in advance*

No date may be reserved until discussion with the pastor of the parish.

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## SUNDAY READINGS

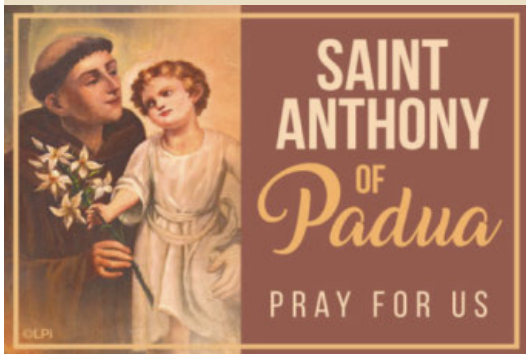
**FIRST READING:** And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

**PSALM:** Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

**SECOND READING:** Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

**GOSPEL:** "It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 16, 2024

**Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

**Next Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



### Sunday - June 16th - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Father's Day

10:00 am - †Living & Deceased Fathers of the Parish

### Monday - June 17th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Peter A. Csillag

*Requested by: Cheryl VanWagnen*

### Tuesday - June 18th - Weekday Mass

8:30 am - †Evelyn & Sean Donovan

*Requested by: Jerry Donovan*

### Saturday - June 22nd - St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs

4:00 pm - †John Veroni (Birthday)

*Requested by: Linda Mathewson*

### Sunday - June 23rd - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am - †Anthony & Patricia Smith

*Requested by: Joseph & Juanita Smith*



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” — Mk 4:30-32b

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### Saturday, June 22nd at 4:00 pm

*Lectors: Marybeth B.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Carol B., Marybeth B., Jerry D.*

### Sunday, June 23rd at 10:00 am

*Lectors: Anna S.*

*Eucharistic Ministers: Hilaire T., Dan L., Karen L.*

# OFFERTORY REPORT

AMOUNT BUDGETED WEEKLY..... \$6,240.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (5/26/2024) ..... \$4,200.27  
 7/1/2023 TO DATE +/-) BUDGET..... -(\$16,005.16)



## MY GIFT TO GOD REFLECTS HIS GENEROSITY TO ME

*If you are unable to contribute, please submit your envelopes all the same as it is our most clear indication of active participation for Mass.*



## BLESSING OF FATHERS

*God and Father of all creation,  
 we come before you today with humble hearts.  
 You are our model of a loving father.  
 When we fail and fall short of your expectations,  
 you are always there at the end of the day with open arms,  
 ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day  
 and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.  
 We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world  
 as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.  
 Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration.  
 Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.  
 Provide them with the words needed for  
 encouragement and perseverance.  
 We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Gloria Badillo	Janet Baxter	Joanne Bilancini	Maryann Boylan	Tim "Swampy" Burton	Lynn Coscho
Pat Costello II	Ann DiFrancesco	Jerry Donovan	Denise Ellis	Deacon Jose Flores	Norma Jean Flores
Scott Friges	Bea Giacobbe	Virginia Glass	Barbara Glick	Brian Grace	Dan George
Renee Golowenski	D'Arie Gonzalez	Delores Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez	Jose Gonzalez Jr.	Juan Gonzalez
Clara Hodorowski	Kevin Holley	Phyllis Holomuzki	Jennifer Humphrey	Boston Lee Jackson	Iris Pearl Jackson
Al Jacobs	Devin Jarvis	Sylvia Johnston	Johnna Kuhar	Amanda Jacobs-Leadbetter	Deacon Luis Maldonado
Dean Martin III	Rita McConley	Dolores Melley	Sandra Merkly	Jen Mitterholzer	Ellen Morgan
Frank Murphy	Mary Nazario	Luci Payne	Elizabeth Raddell	Emily Raddell	Joe Rizzo
Amy Schmidt	Jack Tocchi	Audali Torres	Rosa Torres	Nanette Truffin	Peter Uies
Stacie Velasquez	Nick Vivens	Sherri Wedgeworth	Paul Winkler	Richard Yurovich	Doris Zgola-Whitka

*Call the Parish Office if you would like to add someone to this list. Please notify us when to remove the name.*

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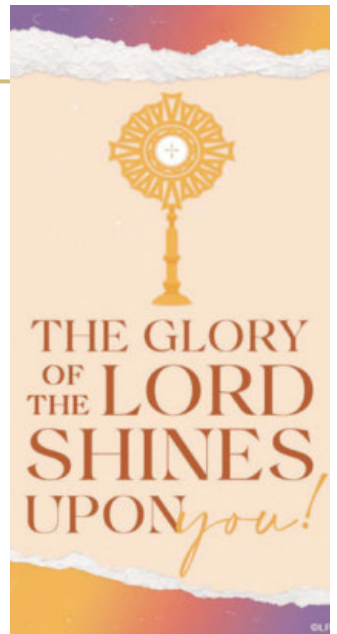
Call the "Prayer Line" for immediate prayer requests,

Linda: 440-667-9050 from 9 am - 3 pm or Terri, 440-320-3272 from 3 - 9 pm

# ADORATION CHAPEL

“The Heart of Jesus in the Tabernacle looks at me. He always looks at me. He looks at me everywhere. He looks at me as if He had no one else to look at but me. Why? Because He loves me, and those who love each other long to look at each other. Ask a mother who spends idle hours without speaking and almost without breathing next to her sleeping child, and she will tell you what she does: ‘I look at my child.’ Why? Because she loves him with all her heart, and her affection prevents her from getting tired of looking at him. And her sorrow, do you know what it is? It is not being able to always follow the child of her heart with her gaze; now as a child and later as an adult. If she could not lose sight of her child, how would she enjoy herself, how would she defend, how would she accompany her son or daughter . . . How mothers suffer not having an omnipotent love. But the Heart of Jesus loves us; I mean me with a love as great as His power, and His power has no limits. An omnipotent love. Yes, He watches me with His gaze as my mother would if she could. Soul, stop for a moment to savor this word: **The Heart of Jesus is ALWAYS looking at me.**”

~What the Heart of Jesus Does and Says in the Tabernacle  
Excerpt from the newly reprinted book by St. Manuel Gonzalez



## DIVINE MERCY MEDITATION - SOULS WHO LOVE WE DEARLY

To comfort you, let Me tell you that there are souls living in the world who love Me dearly. I dwell in their hearts with delight. But they are few. In convents too, there are souls that fill My Heart with joy. They bear My features; therefore the Heavenly Father looks upon them with special pleasure (*Diary*, 367).

*\*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

### My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for telling me that there are souls who live in the world and love You. In Your great mercy, raise up many more souls to love You and give joy to Your Heart. May I be one of them! Amen.

**“Jesus I Trust in You!”**

## PRO-LIFE THOUGHT OF THE WEEK FROM PROLIFECORNER.COM

Let us throw ourselves on the mercy of God, our Creator, and unceasingly ask Him for an end to abortion and euthanasia.

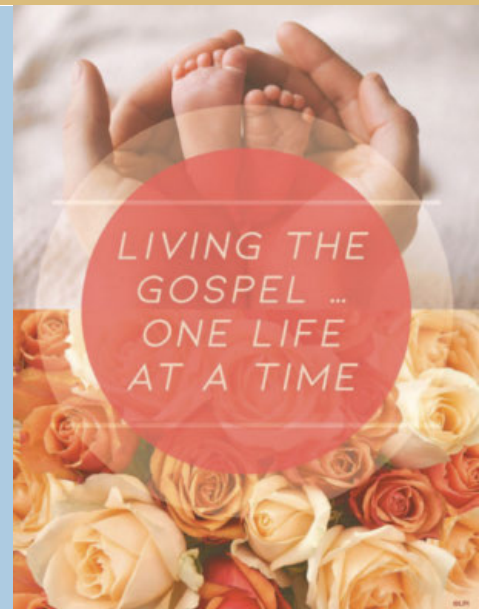
Then and only then can we have peace in our hearts, in our families, and in the streets of America.

### Think about this:

A dad has arms to lift high, a heart to love, shoulders to support, a smile to reassure, a hand of blessing to send you out into the world, a warm embrace to welcome you back home.

**Let’s thank our fathers today.**

*Lord, let us not be cowards; give us the courage & wisdom necessary to stand up & fight the evil of abortion & euthanasia today. Amen!*



## PASTOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

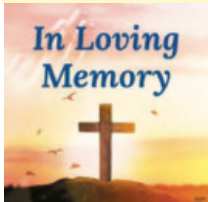
But the hidden jewel was soon to appear in all its brilliance. For the occasion of a ceremony of ordination some of the hermits along with St. Anthony were sent to the town of Forli. Before the ceremony was to begin, however, it was announced that the priest who was to give the sermon had fallen sick. The local superior, to avert the embarrassment of the moment, quickly asked the friars in attendance to volunteer. Each excused himself, saying that he was not prepared, until finally, St. Anthony was asked to give it. St. Anthony began to speak in a very reserved manner; but soon holy animation seized him, and he spoke with such eloquence, learning and unction that everybody was amazed.

When St. Francis was informed of the event, he gave St. Anthony the mission to preach throughout Italy. At the request of the brethren, St. Anthony was later commissioned also to teach theology, "but in such a manner," St. Francis distinctly wrote, "that the spirit of prayer be not extinguished either in yourself or in the other brethren." St. Anthony himself placed greater value in the salvation of souls than on learning. For that reason, he never ceased to exercise his office as preacher despite his work of teaching.

In 1227, St. Anthony was elected Minister Provincial of the friars living in northern Italy. Thus, he resumed the work of preaching. Due to his taxing labors and his austere penance, he soon felt his strength so spent that he prepared himself for death. After receiving the Last Rites, he kept looking upward with a smile on his countenance. When he was asked what he saw there, he answered: "I see my Lord." He breathed forth his soul on June 13, 1231, being only thirty-six-years-old. Soon the children in the streets of the city of Padua were crying: "The saint is dead, Anthony is dead."

Pope Gregory IX canonized him a Saint in the very next year. At Padua, a magnificent basilica was built in his honor, his holy relics were entombed there in 1263. From the time of his death up to the present day, countless miracles have occurred through St. Anthony's intercession, so that he is known as the "Wonderworker". In 1946, St. Anthony was declared a Doctor of the Church.

~Rev. Edward J. Smith



### DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE

to St. Vincent de Paul in memory of Eleanor DiLuciano by Dorothy Golowenski

&

to St. Anthony Church in memory of Beth McBride by Julia May Hoenig

### ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME SCHOOL CUSTODIAL

Hours would be Monday through Friday: 7:00 am to 12:45 pm during the Fall & Spring months, 6:30 am to 12:15 pm during Winter months & 9:00 am to 2:45 pm when school is out of session in the summer.

Pay is \$11.25 per hour. Please contact Chris Winkler at [winklerc@stanthonylorain.com](mailto:winklerc@stanthonylorain.com)

or 440-541-1331 with any questions or to apply

### SENIOR SOCIABLES MEETING - 6/20

St. Anthony Senior Sociables will meet on Thursday, June 20th at 12:30 pm

at Midway Oh Boy in Elyria. The restaurant's address is 6620 Lake Avenue.

Call Karen Less at 440-949-2934 with your reservation. Hope to see you there!



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