

The People of God called to be the Catholic Community of  
**St. Anthony of Padua Church**  
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Strive  
To enter through  
The narrow gate  
For many  
I say to you,  
Will seek  
To enter and  
Will not be able.

Jesus

**August 24<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **HOLY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Catechumenal Eucharist 8:00 PM**

#### **Sunday Mass**

8:45 AM (Español) | 10:00 AM English | 11:30 AM Español | 1:00 PM Español

**Daily Mass Schedule: Monday—Friday 9:00 AM Bilingual | Chapel**

**Tuesday: 7:30 PM Español**

**Thursday: 7:30 PM Español**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 4:00 PM**

### **Sacrament of Baptism, Bautismo,**

Congratulations! God has blessed you with a child! Along with the joy that you have this moment, there is also a great responsibility for this new life.

As Catholic Christian parents, it is your primary duty to be the first teachers of the faith to your children.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony, Matrimonio**

Congratulations to all engaged couples!!! Please contact a parish priest one year before the desired date for the marriage to ensure proper preparation for the Sacrament.

Felicitaciones a todos los novios!!! Comuníquese con un párroco un año antes de la fecha deseada para el matrimonio para garantizar la preparación adecuada para el Sacramento.

### **RCIA (RICA)**

Interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and children of catechetical age is a formational process of conversion and living faith within the community. Contact the Parish Center office for more information.

¿Interesado en convertirse en católico? El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) y niños en edad catequética es un proceso formativo de conversión y fe viva dentro de la comunidad. Comuníquese con la oficina del Centro Parroquial para obtener más información.

### **Our Parish Family**

New parishioners may register at the Parish Center. Please help us keep our records up to date. Current members should notify the office of any changes in their status such as births, deaths, marriages, change of address, etc.

Los nuevos feligreses pueden registrarse en el Centro Parroquial. Por favor ayúdenos a mantener nuestros registros actualizados. Los miembros actuales deben notificar a la oficina cualquier cambio en su estado, como nacimientos, defunciones, matrimonios, cambios de dirección, etc.

## **PARISH CENTER CONTACT**

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**www.stanthonyuc.com**

### **OFFICE HOURS**

#### **HORARIO DE OFICINA**

**Monday—Friday:**

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Saturday & Sunday closed**

### **Parish served by**

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Parish Administrator

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**Rev. Yunior Almonte**

In Residence

### **Parish Staff**

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## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY August 24

- 8:45 AM** † Francisco Aurelio Checo  
 † Maria Checo  
 † Ramon de la Cruz
- 10:00 AM** † Deceased members of Piatti & Meroni
- 11:30 AM** † Christian Carmelo Garcia  
 † Elisabet Diaz  
 † Lorenzo Arteago
- 1:00 PM** Marcia Morocho  
 (bendiciones en su Cumpleaños)

### MONDAY August 25

- 9:00 AM** Almas del Purgatorio

### TUESDAY August 26 **Saint John Eudes, priest**

- 9:00 AM** Vocaciones  
**7:30 P.M** Por los sacerdotes

### WEDNESDAY August 27

- 9:00 AM** † Alejandrina Zambrano

### THURSDAY August 28

**Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

- 9:00 AM** † Celio Alava  
**7:30 PM** † Tony Ramirez

### FRIDAY August 29

- 9:00 AM** † Flores Ale  
 † Dora Ale  
 † Manuel Santos Gomez

### SATURDAY August 30

**Saint Rose of Lima**

- 4:00 PM** Confessions/ Confesiones  
**8:00 PM** Santa Eucaristia

## Collection

August 17, 2025 \$ 2,912.00  
 August 15, 2025 Assumption of Mary \$500.00  
 Thank you for your continued  
 support & generosity

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **Primera Lectura: Isaías 66:18-21**

Isaías describe el futuro cuando gente de muchas naciones se reunirán en Jerusalén para proclamar la gloria de Dios. Los mensajeros de Dios enseñarán a todas las naciones acerca de Dios. Así como los israelitas llevan ofrendas, estos mensajeros llevarán gente de todas las naciones a adorar.

### **Segunda Lectura: Hebreos 12:5-7, 11-13**

Se les dice a los hebreos que Dios disciplina a aquellos a quienes ama. Cuando un padre disciplina a un niño, el niño generalmente aprende lo que se espera de él. Se alienta a los hebreos a enfrentar las dificultades de la vida como una forma de disciplina, e intentar aprender de ellas.

### **Evangelio: San Lucas 13:22-30**

Jesús advierte que la puerta del reino de Dios estará cerrada a aquellos que ignoren sus deseos. Mucha gente vendrá de todas las naciones y tomará su lugar en el reino de Dios. Otros no serán reconocidos por Dios, y El los rechazará.

### **HIS WORD TODAY by** **Rev. William J. Reilly**

"Thus says the Lord: 'I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come to see my glory. I will set a sign among them, from them I shall send fugitives to the nations...that have never heard of my name or seen my glory, and they shall proclaim my glory among the nations.'"... "For behold some of the last will be first, and some of the first will be last."

Relatives of families, come to our shores, to live their lives as children of God.

When we reflect upon God's word, we know the author is speaking of current events and sometimes future happenings. When we consider that word today, we address it to our reality. The Lord continues to gather His people in the United States. Relatives of families come to our shores to live their lives. They too, are members of the family of God. They too, are made in His image and likeness. Refugees and relatives, once referred to as displaced people, now wish to share their lives, their gifts and talents with us. How many are also sharing their faith in Jesus, filling our pews, and worshipping our saving God?

The word of God asks, 'Lord will only a few people be saved? Jesus answered, 'Strive to enter through the narrow gate.'... 'Lord opens the door for us.'



## PARISH NEWS / NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES



### Faith Formation Registration

The registration for catechism for 2025-2026 has started.

For students ages 8 and up.

Applications for registration can be picked up at the rectory

Monday through Friday 9am to 12pm and 3pm to 6pm.

For more information call the office (201) 867-3818

or email: stanthonypadua1@verizon.net

Se ha iniciado la inscripción para el catecismo para 2025-2026.

Para estudiantes de 8 años en adelante.

Las solicitudes de inscripción se pueden recoger en la rectoría de lunes a viernes de 9 a.m. a 12 p.m. y de 3 p.m. a 6 p.m.

Para más información llamar a la oficina (201) 867-3818

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### St Anthony of Padua Church

We are going to celebrate the sacrament of baptism

Saturday September 13, 2025 at 11:30 AM

For more information call the office (201) 867-3818

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Vamos a celebrar el sacramento de bautizo

el día sábado 13 de septiembre, 2025 a las 11:30 AM

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### MASS INTENTIONS 2025 IS OPEN LIBRO DE INTENCIONES 2025 ESTA ABIERTO

COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE AND WRITE  
DOWN THE MASSES FOR YOUR BELOVED DEPARTED.

YA PUEDES PASAR POR LA OFICINA A REGISTRAR LAS  
MISAS EN MEMORIA DE SUS FAMILIARES DIFUNTOS

### EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

### SAVE THE DATE

The Most Reverend  
Pedro Bismarck Chau  
Auxiliary Bishop-Elect of Newark  
Monday, September 8, 2025  
At 2:00 PM

### Mark Your Calendars!



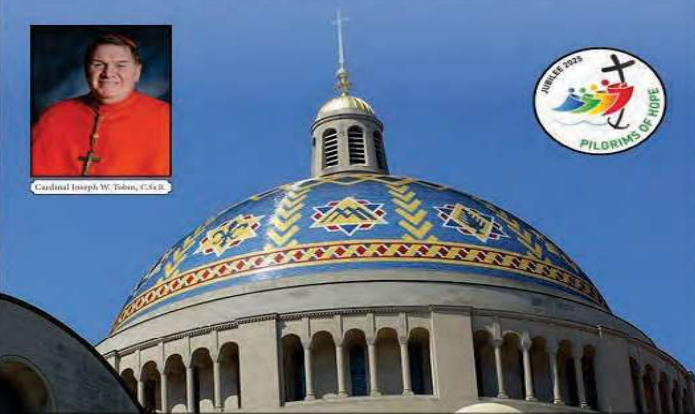
### Newark Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

Basilica of the National Shrine  
of the Immaculate Conception  
Washington, DC

Saturday, October 18, 2025



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.C.B.



### Safe Environment Corner: How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with St. Anthony Church, take very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful

## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH GROUPS

**Altar Servers:** The first Saturdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Thursday 8:pm in the Chapel

**OCIA** (Adult. Prep. For Sacraments) by Appointment

**(Youth Group):** Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the school

#### Neo-Catechumenal Communities

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m.

#### Religious Education

Saturdays (some Sundays) 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Praying Mothers and Fathers:** Every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Chapel

**RCIA** (Adult Prep. For Sacraments) by Appointment

**Legion of Mary:** Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the old chapel

**Society of Our Lady of Altagracia:** Every second Sunday of the month, after the 11:30 am mass

### GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

**Monaguillos:** Los primeros Sábados del mes a la 1:00 p.m. en la Escuela

**Grupo Carismático De Oración:** jueves 8:00pm en la Capilla.

**RICA** (Prep. Adultos a los Sacramentos) Por Cita  
**Grupo de Jóvenes :** Miércoles, 6:30pm en la escuela

#### Comunidades NeoCatecumenales:

Martes, Miércoles y Sábados a las 8:00 p.m.

#### Educación Religiosa

Sábados 10 am a 11:30 am

(algunos Domingos)

**Madres Y Padres Orantes:** Cada Segundo Martes del mes, a las 7 pm en la Capilla

**Legión De María:** Los Martes, a las 6:00 pm en la Antigua Capilla

#### Sociedad De Nuestra Señora De La Altagracia

Cada Segundo Domingo del mes, después de misa de 11:30 am

### 2025 Annual Appeal

**PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL.** Your generosity supports evangelization efforts through diverse ministry offices and multi-ethnic apostolates serving thousands of men, women and children.


**PASSING ON THE FAITH.** Your generous contribution to the Annual Appeal funds programs and ministries

**CARING FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE.** Your gifts with faith are passed on to future generations. Your gifts to the Annual Appeal support those who need our help the most: the marginalized, the elderly and the unborn.

**FORMING FUTURE PRIESTS AND SUPPORTING RETIRED CLERGY.** Through your prayer and generosity, you participate in the formation of the next generation of priests and leaders of our local Church.

THE 2024 ANNUAL APPEAL RAISED A HISTORIC \$  
PLEASE HELP US REACH THIS AGAIN IN 2025.

Cardenal Joseph W. Tobin  
Arzobispo de Newark



## WE ARE HIS WITNESSES

Launched by Cardinal Tobin in June 2025, and inspired by *Evangelii Gaudium*, this is an invitation to "PASTORAL CONVERSION"—a call for every member of the Church to take shared responsibility in renewing our Catholic presence by embracing evangelization and missionary outreach while adapting to today's cultural and social norms.

**WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS INITIATIVE?**  
 Renew Missionary Purpose  
 Deepen Parish Vitality  
 Foster Shared Listening & Action

**WHY IS RENEWAL NEEDED NOW?**  
 A CHANGING LANDSCAPE SINCE 1998:  
 • Mass attendance + 53%  
 • Baptisms + 61%  
 • Marriages + 75%  
 • Funerals + 56%

**FEWER PRIESTS TO SERVE:**  
 • Only 127 priests under 50  
 • By 2044, fewer than 131 pastors available

**YET, THE POPULATION IS GROWING!** Each county is projected to grow 3%+  
More people to reach with Christ's love.

**HOW THIS WILL WORK?** Our faith must respond to today's realities. We will walk together in faith, listening, discerning, and acting to bring Christ to the world.

**AREAS OF MISSION FOCUS:**  
 1. Evangelization and Outreach – How will we share the Gospel with all people in our area?  
 2. Pastoral Care of the Faithful – How will we care for all Catholics in our parish communities?  
 3. Long-Term Sustainability – How will we provide support for parishes into the future?

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS TO GUIDE US:**  
 1. Where are we now?  
 2. Where is God calling us to go?  
 3. How will we get there together?

**GUIDING VALUES:**  
 1. Synodality - Listening, walking together  
 2. Subsidiarity - Trusting local wisdom  
 3. Solidarity - Unity in diversity

**WHO'S INVOLVED?**  
 1. Clergy, religious, lay leaders, and YOU  
 2. Guided by Bishop Saporito & RCAN Commissions  
 3. Cardinal Tobin listens—but makes final decisions

☒ Join parish listening sessions  
☒ Stay open to change

☒ Share feedback and ideas  
☒ Support and pray for your community and the entire Archdiocese

Stay connected with your parish and the Archdiocese to follow the progress of this important initiative. Visit [WeAreHisWitnesses.org](https://www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org) for updates, resources, and more.



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