St. Anthony of Padua
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**Schedule of Liturgies**

Saturday Evening:  4:30 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.
Sundays:   8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M.  and 12 Noon
Monday through Friday: 7:00 A.M. and  8:00 A.M.
Holy Days : Vigil Mass: 5:30 P.M.
7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 5:30 P.M. and  7:00 P.M.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Parish Directory**

Parish Office : (440) 842-2666
Parish Website: www.stanthonypaduaparma.org
Religious Education Office: (440) 845-4470
Parish Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. - 9:00am-7:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm
School Office : (440) 845-3444
School website: www.stanthonyofpaduaschool.org

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”

– Mt 5:7-8
MONDAY, JANUARY 30
7:00AM Tim Albert
8:00AM Irene Kalish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, St. John Bosco, Priest.
7:00AM Special Intention - Genevieve Fiszer
8:00AM John Danik

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1
7:00AM Helen Wasco
8:00AM Ruth E. Naranch

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, The Presentation of the Lord.
7:00AM Timothy Kelly
8:00AM Ray Pfeil

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
7:00AM Maciak Family
8:00AM Andrew S. Zolnay

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
8:00AM Vocation Mass
4:30PM Carla Chmielecki
6:00PM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
8:00AM Julia Weiss
10:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Kolodgy
12:00PM Leonard Meljac


SUNDAY THOUGHT
Matthew 5:1-12

Our Gospel reading this Sunday gives us Jesus’ Beatitudes. Jesus’ radical change of life for a Christian begins with a desire for poverty of spirit. We achieve this poverty only if we have the courage to knock our own personal desires off the top shelf of our lives. All too often our own wants, desires and needs seem to occupy so much of our time. If our energy is focused on always getting our own way in all things then we will not be open to hearing the voice of God and neither will we be able to hear the real needs of others. And those “others” are often our husband or wife, our children or our parents, our friends and neighbors. We often accuse companies of looking after their own interests by making a profit at doing a booming business. At times we are just like those companies. We look to our own interests first; trying to figure out how we can get this or that from other people. But the Gospel today calls us to reverse all of this. Being poor, meek, merciful, pure of heart, peace makers … all of these attitudes call us to be open to the needs of others and to the voice of God.
CELEBRATING THE SAINTS
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Foundress (1910-1997)

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, in Skopje, Albania, to a devout Catholic family. At the age of eighteen, she went to the Sisters of Loreto, among whom she served as Sister Mary Teresa in a girls’ school in India for twenty years.

In 1946, Teresa was on a train to Calcutta when she heard the voice of Christ: “I thirst.” He wished her to share in His thirst for souls by going to the “the poorest of the poor.” For over two years, she was graced with inner locutions; At last, she received permission to leave her own congregation to found the Missionaries of Charity. She went alone to the slums of Calcutta, and gave food and medicine. She tended the dying who were eaten with worms. Her simplicity and energy attracted many followers. By the time of her death in 1997, 610 houses of her order had been founded. Branches for contemplative, priests, brothers, and lay cooperators had come into being. Only after her death was the fruitfulness of her interior life discovered: a forty-year “inner darkness,” accepted as a share in the abandonment experienced by those she helped.

Teresa’s plea for the poorest of the poor was heard even in the hallowed halls of Harvard University: “If you hear of some woman who does not want to keep her child and wants to have an abortion, try to persuade her to bring him to me. I will love that child, seeing in him the sign of God’s love”.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta died on September 5, 1997 which is now celebrated as her feast day.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive on February 12 from 9am-1pm. The Life Share blood mobile will be on the north side of the school. K of C members will be in the lobby after all masses to schedule donors on January 28-29 and February 4-5. Please help us continue our success in gaining grants used toward the PSR program.

FREE THROW CONTEST
The St. Anthony’s Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Contest was held in our school gym on January 16, 2017 and WOW what a turn out! Thirty Two children, ages 9-14 participated. This was the biggest turn out ever! This event continues to grow each and every year. The Knights would like to congratulate the following children for winning their age group and moving on to the next round in February, 2017. The winners will be contacted as soon as the date, time and place are set.

| Alyssa Forgach and Nathan Krayzel, age 9 |
| Evan Monn and Oliva Novotny, age 10 |
| George Ochocki and Sarah Bell, age 11 |
| Nassem Westerfield, age 12 |
| Richard Forgach, age 14 |

ADULT FAITH CLASSES
“Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God’s presence.” - Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel. All classes take place in the Hospitality Room. Each class will be one hour, with no prior classes necessary. All are welcome.

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*These videos are part of a presentation by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. They are very good and easy to understand. Great videos for everyone.

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CORNER
“Worshiping the Lord means giving him the place that He must have; worshipping the Lord means stating, believing — not only by our words — that He alone truly guides our lives; worshipping the Lord means that we are convinced before Him that He is the only God, the God of our lives, the God of our history.” — Pope Francis, from his homily on 14 April 2013
LADIES GUILD VALENTINE RAFFLE

Our Ladies Guild Valentine Raffle tickets are available in the gathering space this weekend and will also be available Feb. 4-5 before all the masses and after all masses except the 6pm. The tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. The first prize is your choice of $150.00 in gift cards sold by the PTU, second prize is your choice $75.00 in gift cards sold by the PTU and third prize is a box of Malley's chocolates and a bottle of wine. Reminder to all Guild members since we do not have a January or February meeting all ticket returns must be made by Feb. 8th. You may drop your returns in the collection at Mass, to the rectory office or to the Guild member selling chances in the gathering space. Thank you and good luck!

Weekly Work of Mercy

Donate an extra item of food to the parish food pantry. Example: Grape Jelly

Religious Order of the Week

Order: Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (OP)

Origin: The Congregation of St. Cecilia began in 1860 under the direction of Nashville’s second bishop, the Right Reverend James Whelan. The Bishop wanted the sisters to form academy of higher education for girls. This academy would emphasize music and the fine arts.

Vocations: “This past summer, five young sisters professed perpetual vows, with 13 others making first profession. Twelve received the Dominican habit. With the entrance of 15 postulants in August, approximately 50 sisters are presently in the initial four years of formation. The Congregation now totals nearly 300 sisters, the largest number in its history.” - taken from order’s website.

Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Website: http://www.nashvilledominican.org

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your continued support of this important parish ministry. The requested items this week are canned tuna, dish liquid and crackers.
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Our Bingo program is in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen, as well as instant bingo ticket sellers, floor workers and callers. You do not have to commit to working every week, just a few hours of your time even once a month will help. Details about the positions may be obtained by calling the rectory (440) 842-2666 and leaving your name and number for a representative from bingo to call you back, or stop by Bingo any Thursday in the lower level of the school and speak with Gerry. The Bingo program is a vital help in meeting our parish’s ever increasing financial obligations. Please consider giving us a hand.

**PRE-CANA TEAM**

Pre-Cana is a team of married couples that enjoy sharing their life experiences with each other as friends and with engaged couples intending to receive the Sacrament of Marriage. St. Anthony of Padua Parish hosts a Pre-Cana Day once a year. This year Pre-Cana Day will be held on **February 19th**. Team members fill different roles from presenting a talk, leading a discussion and helping with logistics and set up. Pre-Cana is one way the Church strives to help engaged couples succeed in marriage and it strengthens the married couple as well. If you are interested in being a member of the Pre-Cana team, please contact Randy Harris at 440-842-2666 or randyharris@stanthonypaduaparma.org.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

“The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union.” — Pope Francis, *The Joy of Love*, 232.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**Comfort the Afflicted:** That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

When Pope Francis celebrated the Way of the Cross during the World Youth Day last summer in Krakow he asked questions that naturally arise when we encounter human suffering: “Where is God, if evil is present in our world, if there are men and women who are hungry and thirsty, homeless, exiles and refugees? Where is God when innocent persons die as a result of violence, terrorism and war? Where is God, when cruel diseases break the bonds of life and affections? Or when children are exploited and demeaned, and they too suffer from grave illness? Where is God, amid the anguish of those who doubt and are troubled in spirit?”

He answered: “God is in them. Jesus is in them; He suffers in them and deeply identifies with each of them. He is so closely united to them as to form with them as it were, ‘one body’. Jesus himself chose to identify with these our brothers and sisters enduring pain and anguish, by agreeing to tread the ‘way of sorrows’ that led to Calvary. By embracing the wood of the cross, Jesus embraced the nakedness, the hunger and thirst, the loneliness, pain and death of men and women of all times.”

When we welcome those who suffer into our communities we welcome Jesus. Pope Francis went on to say: “We are called to serve the crucified Jesus in all those who are marginalized, to touch His sacred flesh in those who are disadvantaged, in those who hunger and thirst, in the naked and imprisoned, the sick and unemployed, in those who are persecuted, refugees and migrants. There we find our God; there we touch the Lord. Jesus himself told us this when he explained the criterion on which we will be judged: whenever we do these things to the least of our brothers and sisters, we do them to him (Matt. 25:31-46).”

Elaborating on these words, Pope Francis said that if we ignore those who suffer we ignore, even deny, Jesus Himself: “In the face of evil, suffering and sin, the only response possible for a disciple of Jesus is the gift of self, even of one’s own life, in imitation of Christ; it is the attitude of service. Unless those who call themselves Christians live to serve, their lives serve no good purpose. By their lives, they deny Jesus Christ.”

We pray that we, as individuals and communities, may never deny Jesus.
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**NIGHT AT THE RACES**

Please join us for a fun night on Saturday, February 11, 2017 for our annual Athletic Association Night at the Races fundraiser to benefit our grade school athletic programs. Tickets are only $25 with a catered dinner by Antonio’s. Beer and pop are also included. Gym doors open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm, and races begin at 7:30pm. In addition, you can be a horse owner for $20, and reserved tables of 10 or more get a free horse. We are also looking for business sponsors to purchase ads in the program. Tickets are being sold after all Saturday and Sunday masses or you can buy them at the rectory during regular business hours. For more info contact Carol Mason (440) 669-7061, caroljazz@aol.com.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP**

This is the final weekend for the Social Concerns Committee “Diaper & Wipe” shower to benefit the MetroHealth friends of Mothers & Infants. All size diapers are still needed, from Preemie to Size 6, along with Baby Diaper Wipes. Thank you to all who have already supported our efforts. The MetroHealth Friends of Mothers & Infants promotes the health and well being of families by providing essential items for infants & children who are clients of the MetroHealth Center for Community Health, and have been identified through social workers as living at or below poverty level.

**SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK**

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Every week, our parish will promote vocations by encouraging the community to pray for our diocesan seminarians.

Please pray for David Chojnacki.

**EVANGELIZATION TIP**

Share your faith with your neighbors. Consider getting an outdoor statue of Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anthony of Padua, or another saint.

**YOU DID IT FOR ME.**

**REACH OUT TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES!**

Many parishioners received letters in January, inviting their support of the Annual Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2017 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will help us to support those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew’s Gospel: Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me. When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation and will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal.

**WEEKLY MASS REMINDER**

The Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass prepares our hearts by asking God to forgive us our sins. We wash our hands before we eat; we seek forgiveness before we pray.

**LATIN PROGRAM**

The Grade School Latin Program is a brief introduction to the Latin language and Roman culture for young men in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The course is held on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. The next session begins on Saturday, February 11th and ends on Saturday, March 11th. Register online at www.ignatius.edu/grade_school. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Joseph Zebrak at 651-0222 ext. 253 or email jzebrak@ignatius.edu before the course begins.

**HEX CATHOLIC! DID YOU KNOW...**

Did you know that when the priest or deacon kisses the Book of the Gospels after reading the Gospel, the minister quietly says, “Through the words of the Gospel may our sins be wiped away.” Look for it next time at Mass.

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