St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Pastoral Staff

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Parish Directory

Parish Address: 6750 State Road
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Friday 9:00am-4:00pm
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School Directory

School Office: (440) 845-3444
School Website: stanthonyofpaduaschool.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm, 6:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 8:00am
Holy Days: Vigil - 5:30pm
7:00am, 9:00am
5:30pm, 7:00pm

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:00pm-4:00pm
or by appointment

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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

MONDAY, APRIL 3
7:00AM  Jerry Kosmach
8:00AM  Robert Tabor

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
7:00AM  Helen Wasko
8:00AM  Ted & Florence Ivanski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
7:00AM  Clarence Zupancic
8:00AM  Lisa Snyder

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
7:00AM  Sybil Dougherty
8:00AM  Deacon Russ Glorioso

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
7:00AM  Jean Gurchensky
8:00AM  Valentino Tomar
1:00PM  Stations of the Cross
1:30-5PM  Eucharistic Devotions
7:00PM  Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
4:30PM  For People of the Parish (living & deceased)
6:00PM  Joseph & Margaret Schmitt

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.
8:00AM  Mr. & Mrs. Carmen Matteo
10:00AM  John Jancik
12:00PM  Frank & Veronica Maciak
4:00PM  Communion Penance Service


Baptized on Sunday, March 26, 2017:
Ryder John Adler
Lucille Jean Kish

Contribution for Weekend March 25/26, 2017:

Total Offering: $15,246.00
Sunday Collection: $11,638.00
Faith Direct: $3,608.00
Poor Box: $123.00

SUNDAY THOUGHT
John 11:1-45

In the last two Sundays we have faced thirst and blindness. We heard the story of the Woman at the Well and the story about the man born blind. In response to their critical need, Jesus promises the woman she would never thirst again and the blind man was given sight. Today in our Gospel Jesus makes an even greater promise to us. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus promises that joined to Him, life will overcome death and this is the case in every aspect of our lives. Jesus’ saving and redeeming power will bring new life to our spiritual, emotional, and even one day physical “dry bones”. The raising of Lazarus back to life is a very strong symbol of the fact that Jesus can and will restore life to us in all its fullness. This is not to say that Jesus has some quick-fix or that we should have some pretension that life isn’t harsh at times. We must not forget that the cost of new life for us required the loss of His life on the cross. Today the scriptures want to re-enforce as strongly as possible that regardless of pain and suffering, we must believe that God wants us to be fully alive and will be there to bring us through the most difficult times of our lives.
CELEBRATING THE SAINTS
Saint Gemma Galgani, Virgin (1878-1903)

A native of Lucca, in the Tuscan region of Italy, Gemma Galgani reportedly first heard Jesus’ voice the day he asked Gemma to give Him her sick mother. Gemma said “yes” and her mother died a few months later. After that, a series of family misfortunes, including the loss of her dearest brother, the death of her father, and the impoverishment of her family followed, sorely testing Gemma, yet she embraced all of these things with a patience that belied her youth.

For a time, Gemma lived with rich relatives. The onset of violent pains in her lower back sent her home. For the next year, Gemma suffered paralysis, all the while through the help of her confessor and compassionate friends who came to visit her, progressing in mystical prayer. She took up devotions to Saints Gabriel Possenti and Margaret Mary Alacoque, and their intercession was attributed to a sudden release from her suffering. Despite the apparent cure, Gemma was refused entrance to the Passionist convent which was greatly desired by her. Not long afterward, her illness reasserted itself with a vengeance. She died only a few months later, at the age of twenty-five.

Gemma was well known in the vicinity of Lucca before her death, especially to those in poverty. Opinions of her were divided. Some people admired her extraordinary virtues and referred to her as the “Virgin of Lucca”. Others found her religious experiences off-putting and mocked her. Among the spiritual graces testified to in Gemma’s canonization processes were supernatural ecstasies, revelations, and the appearance of the stigmata on her hands, feet, and side. Yet the decree of her canonization emphasized rather her mature holiness, expressed in her desire to cleave above all to Christ.

The quickness of Saint Gemma’s canonization was unusual. Today she is one of the most popular saints of the Passionist Order and devotion to her is particularly found in Italy and Latin America. Saint Gemma Galgani’s relics are housed at the Passionist monastery in Lucca, Italy and her feast day is May 16th.

LENTEN COMMUNAL PENANCE

Next Sunday, April 9, 2017, is our parish’s annual Lenten Communal Penance Service. The Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. After a communal preparation of Scripture, prayer and song, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available to be received. Several confessors will be available to hear your confession. Take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance before the end of Lent.

50+ SOCIAL CLUB

St. Anthony’s 50+ Social Club will have a meeting on the first Thursday, April 6, 2017. All 50+ers are welcome. The meeting will start at noon with the Rosary. Come and enjoy the pastry, coffee or tea. Play bingo or join other players for a game of Pinnacle cards. Or just enjoy the camaraderie with fellow social club members. Hope to see you there.

TRAVELING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In response to Our Lady of Fatima’s request for the praying of the daily rosary, our parish has a traveling statue which you can bring to your home for a 3-day visit. Reserve your dates by signing the schedule in the church lobby after Mass this weekend, or by calling Tom and Barb at (440) 884-7077 any day between 5-10 P.M. to reserve your date.

WEEKLY WORK OF MERCY

Avoid checking your phone when you are with others. Focus on the people before you. They are the gift of God to you in that moment.

HEY CATHOLIC! DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that on Tuesday, April 11, Bishop Daniel Thomas will celebrate the Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Cleveland at the Cathedral. At this Mass, the Apostolic Administrator will bless the holy oils to be used at Easter and throughout the year. The Mass is at 7:00pm, and all are invited for this diocesan celebration.
PSR RE-REGISTRATION 2017-2018

PSR registration for the 2017-2018 school year is now underway. Re-registration forms have been mailed to your homes. We are asking that these forms be filled out and returned as soon as possible. This will help us in planning class size and ordering books. For new students, registration forms can be picked up at the Religious Education Office in the school or by downloading the form from our website www.stanthonypaduaparma.org. If you have any other questions regarding registration please call Randy Harris at 440-842-2666.

WINE! BEER! FOOD! FRIENDS!

Tickets are still available for the Parish’s Wine and Beer tasting event on April 22, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Enjoy an evening with a variety of fine wines, craft beers and great food. Tickets may be purchased at the rectory for $30.00 per person. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Don't miss an opportunity to join us for this "friend raising" event.

ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God’s kingdom? Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 3
6:30PM  PSR - School
6:30PM  PSR First Communion Practice - CH
7:00PM  RCIA - LR/ch

TUESDAY, APRIL 4
7:00PM  The Way

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5
6:30PM  Pivotal Players Lenten Program - CH
7:00PM  Knights of Columbus Business Mtg. - SA

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
12:00PM  50+ Social Club Meeting - HR
6:30PM  PTU Business Meeting - Library
6:45PM  Bingo - H
7:00PM  Mixed Choir - CH

FRIDAY, APRIL 7
4:00PM  Fish Fry - H

SATURDAY, APRIL 8
12:00PM  8th Grade Fund Raiser - G

SUNDAY, APRIL 9
4:00PM  Lenten Communal Penance Service - CH
DIVINE MERCY PROGRAM
The Women’s Faith Ministry invites all women to attend a special program in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. This program will take place on Wednesday, April 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the main church. A documentary of the founder, Saint Faustina, will be shown, and a beautiful musical rendition of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will conclude the program. You are encouraged to bring a rosary, although rosaries and materials will be available. RSVP is not needed.

CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE
Registration forms are available in the Gathering Area of the Church this weekend for our Co-Ed (age 18 and over) Softball League. It provides an opportunity for our parish community to come together for friendly, competitive softball games on Sunday afternoons this summer at State Road Park. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or a rookie, we hope to see you there! Pick up a registration form after mass, and return to the rectory office by May 01, 2017.

RELIGIOUS ORDER OF THE WEEK
Order: Children of Mary
Information: Founded by Mother Margaret Mary in Newark, Ohio. The community currently has 12 Sisters and is located in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati under Archbishop Dennis Schuur.

Work: Because Our Lord’s Presence in the Holy Eucharist cannot be separated from the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, the sisters pray for Christian unity, for the faithful, and for priests.

Website: http://www.childrenofmary.net

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY CORNER
“If God is the center of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.” — St. Vincent de Paul.

FOOD PANTRY
Thank you for your continued and generous contributions to this important parish ministry. The requested item this week is cereal.

WEEKLY MASS REMINDER
In the celebration of the Mass, we are made present to the one sacrifice of Christ at Calvary. Recognize that you stand on holy ground.

Tenebrae
Wednesday, 12 April: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday
Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
Thursday, 13 April: 7:00 p.m.
Night Prayer: 9:45 p.m.

Good Friday
14 April
Stations of the Cross, 12 Noon
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion: 2:00 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
15 April
Food Blessings: 12 Noon, and 2:00 p.m.
The Easter Vigil
Saturday, 15 April
8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
16 April
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS
Sunday, 23 April
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE FOR RECONCILIATION

***Communal Penance Service
Sunday, 9 April 2017: 4:00 p.m.

***Individual Confession times
Every Saturday: 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 April 2017: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

***Good Friday - 14 April 2017
3:00 p.m. Until all are heard
8:00 p.m. Until all are heard

No Confession times are scheduled for Holy Saturday.
APRIL’S INTENTION FOR THE
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Young People: That young people may respond
generously to the vocations and seriously consider offering
themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

This time of the year many young people are
thinking about graduation and preparing for their next step
in life … high school, college, or work. Pope Francis asks
us to keep them in mind as they consider their vocation.

Most people think of a “vocation” as something
that priests and religious sisters and brothers have. But
every baptized person has a vocation, a divine call to love
and serve God. At baptism we were changed. We become
members of the Body of Christ, the Church. This
membership is unlike being part of a human association. It
is organic and divine. Grace flows through the parts of the
Body of Christ and each part, in one way or another, has
the responsibility to be a healthy member of the Body and
to build up the Body.

It’s common, when considering the future, to think
only in terms of our own personal preferences. We tend to
leave God and His desires out of the picture. Pope Francis
wants us to pray with him that young people will pray
about their futures and be open to serving God in the
priesthood and consecrated life.

This is so important to Pope Francis that the next
Synod of Bishops, which will meet in 2018, is entitled
“Young People, Faith, and Vocation Discernment.” In a
letter to young people about the next Synod he wrote: “I
want you to be the center of attention because you are in
my heart. I invite you to hear God’s voice resounding in
your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit.”

Then, referring to Jesus’ response to His first
disciples who, when asked where He was staying, said,
“Come and see” (John 1:38), the Pope said, “Dear young
people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you
heard this voice? I am sure that, despite the noise and
confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call
continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to
open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the
extent that you will learn how to undertake a journey of
discernment to discover God’s plan in your life.”

May our prayers touch many young people this
month and lead them to grow in their faith and ask the
question, “What does God want me to do?”

LADIES GUILD

Once again our talented Guild members
will be offering a variety of pastries after
all Masses on Palm Sunday weekend,
April 8/9, 2017. Please plan to visit our sweet little
“Bake Shop” and purchase a “home baked” treat to
enjoy with your family. You will save some time in the
kitchen and support a worthy cause as well.

PARISH GROUP OF THE WEEK

Every week, a parish group will be promoted to the greater
parish. Hopefully, greater awareness of our parish
activities will encourage parishioners to participate in the
life of the parish:

**The Church Cleaners are a dedicated group of
parishioners who clean the church and the chapel on a
weekly basis. Cleaning begins after the 7:00am Mass on
Tuesday. Consider becoming a Church Cleaner and help
keep your parish home clean. Please call the rectory for the
name and number of the person to contact to volunteer.**

EVANGELIZATION TIP

Consider joining a parish group.
By participating in the life of the
parish, you promote the Gospel
by your life.

RCIA CORNER

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church celebrates the
third, and final, scrutiny of the catechumens elected to
receive the Easter Sacraments. Continue to pray for
Kayla and all the elect in the world, that they will
complete their conversion, deepen their resolve to hold
fast to Christ, and to carry out their decision to love God
above all.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

“How many things do spouses and children
sometimes do in order to be noticed! Much hurt
and many problems result when we stop
looking at one another.” — Pope Francis, The
Joy of Love, 128.