

*Welcome to  
St. Anthony of Padua  
24 Dudley Hill Rd  
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**The Mission of St. Anthony of Padua,  
Dudley is to gather as a Roman  
Catholic Community, enlightened by  
the Holy Spirit, to rejoice in the Word  
of God and the Feast of the Holy**

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-1pm  
(The office is closed to the Public).

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday: 4:00pm**  
**Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am**  
**Monday-Thursday 7:30am**  
**& Tuesday 7:00pm**  
**Every Tuesday-Blessed Sacrament 8am-6:30pm**  
**Holy Days: As announced**

		John Papierski 2nd Anniversary by Wife Irene
Saturday MAY 16	4:00pm	Helen Kralik by The Staff At Sitkowski & Malboeuf
Sunday MAY 17	10:30am	Alan Towle, Jr. by Grandparents Arthur & Theresa Graves
Monday MAY 18	7:30am	Happy (21st) Birthday Jacob Milosh and Lauren College Grad!!
Tuesday MAY 19	7:30am	Daily Mass
Wednes. MAY 20	7:30am	Daily Mass
Thursday MAY 21	7:30am	Daily Mass

Dear parishioners:

If you have any intentions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, memorial masses for a deceased family member or a friend, or personal intentions, please, feel free to contact us either by email or at the parish office, from Monday—Friday from 8 AM until 1 PM. If you do not have money for this intentions, do not hesitate to call us. What is more important is that we have an intention for every Holy Mass we celebrate. Do not let money to become an obstacle to celebrate something important for you. Whatever donation you can give is acceptable. Remember, Sacraments do not have a price. They are free as Salvation is free.

## **“PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC”**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: Be not afraid, for I am with you always. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

From the office of our Most Rev. Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

**We pray for those who have  
gone before us:**

**Rev. George Eichler**  
**Ann Kozloski**  
**Frank Sabaj**  
**George Youssef, Sr.**

### **Those in need of continued prayers:**

For all those suffering from the effects of isolation and for a resolution to this Pandemic. For all with Anxiety and depression and addiction. Bill, Darlene, Carole, For families and individuals for whom the current isolation and accompanying stresses are creating stress. Dick, Caitlyn, for those who are unemployed and struggling financially from the affects of this virus. For the Police and Fire personnel; in their protection from harm, in the performance of their duties during this Pandemic. For all those suffering with from the Covid-19 virus, For our Clergy who have worked hard to create opportunities to keep our sense of community alive. For all children, students and teachers who lives have been impacted by this virus. For all medical personnel working with patients suffering and dying from this virus. Pat, Stephen, Lise Robert, ,Paul, Bill, Jean, Bob W., Charles W., Mike E., Robert, Kadence, Dylan, Caitlin, Mary, Lorraine, Kevin, Joan, Justin, Mark, Robert, Ellen, Marsha, Mary, Gerry, Mariam , Bentley, Bryce & Bryce's family, Brady & Brady's Family.

**We pray to the Lord. Amen**

## **CENSUS 2020 UPDATE:**

All the forms received to date have been updated with the current information on our computer. The families that have not been coming for a while will be called, asking them if they would still like to be registered. To date we have 1,179 registered individuals, 491 families and 319 are active. Leaving 172 in question. Keep in mind these are people who did not send back a Census form. We will be reaching out to them soon by phone calls made from individuals from our Ministry Council.



**Beloved:**

As we keep journeying throughout these difficult times of the pandemic, let us keep asking our Risen Lord to keep enlightening our footsteps and take us out of these valleys of darkness and death.

These times should not become an obstacle for us to have a personal encounter with the Risen Lord. If death was unable to retain Jesus in the darkness of a tomb, neither this pandemic will prevent Him from visiting us. The Early Church gives us a beautiful example: to be a Domestic Church. The Domestic Church was under a “Pater Familias” or leader of the community ( now a parent) and the faith was taught and shared around a meal, evoking the moment of the Last Supper in which the Eucharist was given as Sacrament.

Even though the Christian Community is not able to receive in a physical way the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us remain in the spiritual communion of the Church with Jesus being the head and each one of us being an important member of the body.



COLLECTIONS (AS OF) May 11th:

Sunday Offerings	\$ 5,226.00
Maintenance	\$ 170.00
Snow	\$ 5.00
Ascension	\$ 20.00
Special Project	\$ 320.00
ACH online giving	\$ 141.00
Website online giving	\$ 671.00

Total Offerings: \$ 6,553.00

Needed to meet  
Weekly Parish Budget \$ 4,687.00

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Catholic Free Press	\$ 39.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WITH YOUR ONLINE GIVING AND MAILING IN YOUR ENVELOPES.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY: MAY 3, 2020  
(In Pew date)

We have had questions regarding the Partners in Charity checks and payments sent in directly to St. Anthony's will be processed very soon. Due to the regulations with the Covid-19 virus, it has made it difficult due to people working from home and keeping up with children's schooling etc.... Let alone the social distancing that was put in place has made it a challenge for this committee group to meet.

We thank you for your patience and your payments will be processed soon.

Thank you for your giving and for those who haven't yet, there is still time for you to mail in your contribution to this campaign. Please also note that the Partners in Charity office has also sent letters and flyers to your homes from the Chancery. You may also make those payments directly to them and we at St. Anthony of Padua, will still receive credit towards our goal. But it has been custom to send it to your parish. Thank you for all your stewardship towards this very important campaign.

Beloved community of St. Anthony of Padua.

I would like to publicly thank you all for the spiritual and material support who have shared with me. All the Easter gifts, the beautiful signs that I displayed in the church to feel your presence, the cards and the food you shared... those make me feel very appreciated and accompanied. I have no words to thank you and to thank God for being so gracious and generous with me.

Carlos Garcia and I, along with the rest of the staff, are doing our best to keep you informed of everything that is going on in the parish, and to keep you connected with our Risen Lord through the sacraments, especially as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

Remember today's Gospel: You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

In you all, we see and experience that Light that Christ radiates every day with us.



This past Friday, May 9, Carlos Ardila Navia arrived to our parish. He is the seminarian assigned to the parish for the summer. For prevention, he will be doing a mini-quarantine of a week, and then he will be joining us in all the celebrations.

Deacon Bill, Carlos Ardila and I will be announcing the events and programs we are going to offer for the summer. Depending on what the governor and Bishop Robert say, we will be either live streaming or having them in the church.

Let us keep him also in our prayers as he prepares himself to be ordained as a transitional deacon.

# *The Sacraments a Path of Grace*



For the sake of public safety, Catholics around the world have not been able to celebrate the sacraments during the current COVID-19 crisis. It has been truly challenging; as believers, we have been pushed by the circumstances to reflect upon our own personal relationship with God and ask serious existential and uncomfortable questions. Our Lord answers in his own way; while crucified and risen, he reminds us that, although we now hunger, he will not let us starve; he feeds us and stays with us in our journey toward him, as he did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35).

For Christians, difficulties are considered opportunities. Throughout more than two millennia, every tribulation Jesus' followers faced became an opportunity to build a better understanding of our Christian faith; I am sure new theological developments will come afterwards, as well as new ways of understanding the sacraments, which will help us to experience them with a renewed spirit.

Aware of this hopeful and bright horizon, Fr. Daniel has asked me to develop a series of short catechetical reflections on the Sacraments of the Church every Sunday, at the end of the 10:30 Mass. The impossibility of publicly celebrating them should be taken as an opportunity to reflect, learn, and appreciate the wonders of a profound mystery that has been often taken for granted.

Besides their relevance to our spiritual journey, as a notion, the sacraments belong to our Catholic jargon. We have heard from them ever since we started going to Church. Some faithful have received them as what they are, amazing sources of God's grace and "powers that comes forth from the Body of Christ" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1116), while others just think of them as important steps in their "Church social life." I have come across Christians who, despite the fact that they went through all the proper preparation, they hold an inaccurate understanding of the sacraments. We should not blame anyone; catechesis, or faith formation, is a difficult and complex process. Nonetheless, it is our Parishes' duty to make the tools available so we, the members of the Body of Christ, can be empowered and reminded of what we all are; worthy children of God, who enjoy the advantage to have the fullness of the means of salvation.

Every time I have the opportunity to reflect upon the sacraments, I think of Jesus going to the Synagogue in Nazareth, unrolling, proclaiming and fulfilling God's promise inscribed in the excerpt of the book of the prophet Isaiah that says, "the Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk 4:28-19). Jesus is the one sent to anoint us, heal our blindness, and set us free; the sacraments are the objective way he does it all. In the midst of these challenging times when we yearn for God's Grace, the sacraments, as means of salvation, are one of the most appropriate subjects to reflect upon.