

## St. Anthony of Padua Welcomes You!

Week of December 31, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS			
DATE	TIME		INTENTION
Saturday December 30	4:00pm	✝	Jack Kosiba By The Family
Sunday December 31 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	8:00am		Personal Intentions of the Moreno Jimenez Family and the García García Family
Sunday January 31	10:30am	✝	Hazel Grzyb By Stanley & Family
Monday January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	7:30am		Holy Mass <b>Holy Day Of Obligation</b>
Tuesday January 2	7:30am		Holy Mass
Tuesday January 2	7:00pm		Mass for the sick and several intentions
Wednesday January 3	7:30am		Souls in Purgatory By Gloria Goodnow
Thursday January 4 <i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	7:30am		Holy Mass
Saturday January 6	4:00pm	✝	Vincenzo Falzone By Enzo & Maria Micche
Sunday January 7	8:00am		Holy Mass
Sunday January 7 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	10:30am	✝	Alan Towle Jr. By Grandparents Theresa & Arthur Graves

**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 Eucharist.**

### **CONFESSIONS:**

**Every Tuesday from 9 AM to 5 PM**  
**Or by appointment.**

**MARRIAGES:** For the Sacrament of marriage, please make arrangements at least one year in advance.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the rectory for arrangements, preferably a few months before the baby is due. We highly encourage people to celebrate baptisms during the week at your convenience or at the weekend Masses. Saturdays between 8-11am or at the 4pm Mass. Sundays at the 8am, 10:30am Mass or between 12:30pm-3pm.

**CONFESSION:** Saturdays 3-3:30pm or by Appointment

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We welcome all newcomers to our parish and invite you to register as members of our parish family at the Parish office, online or you may see Fr. Daniel after the Mass.

**UNABLE TO ATTEND CHURCH:** Anyone unable to attend church due to illness or care of someone, please call the rectory or parish office. Rev. Daniel E. Moreno will arrange for Communion to be brought to you.

**For the anointing of the sick please call Fr. Daniel at the rectory at (508) 943-0470. Thank you.**

### **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Monday-Thursday 7:30am

Every Tuesday-Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am-6:50pm

Every Tuesday Healing Mass at 7:00pm

Solemnities, Feasts and days of Obligations: As announced



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

**Alan Babineau, JoAnn Jordan,  
Mary Jeffers**

**We pray for those in need of continued  
prayers:**

George Sadd, Jewelienna Ray, Matt, Sandi,  
Monique, Susan, Mason, Becky, Ross, Dana &  
Family, Carol, John, Monique, Guissepe, Lisa,  
Michael, Mary, Lorraine, Karen, Henry, Phil,  
Michael, James, Sue, Amanda, Ziad, Carole.  
Andrea, Gordie, Steve, Paul, Donald,  
JeanGuy, Johnathan, Helen, Kathy, Joe &  
Judy, Olivia, Marcia, John, Nick, Landen, Deb,  
Tammy, Jim, Alan, Gloria, Steve, Christina,  
Carollee, Patty, George, Niko, Nicholas, ,  
Maryjane, Kole, Bryce & Bryce's family, Brady  
& Brady's family.

**We pray for all who need a healing prayer  
and the innocent victims of war.**

## **The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must  
forgive." (Colossians 3:13)*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for  
people to do. We can't give what we don't  
have. We need to receive God's mercy and  
forgiveness first before we can give it to  
others.

Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and  
receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then,  
share the gift of forgiveness with someone –  
a family member, a friend or a  
co-worker. Pick up the phone or text  
someone right now.

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**St. Anthony of Padua Website**  
[www.stanthony-dudley.org](http://www.stanthony-dudley.org)

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Wednesday-Friday  
8am-1pm



## Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem

Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, As you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you.

As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter's son, let us remember the dignity of human labor—that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them.

Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care.

As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born

## Upcoming Events

*Thank you*

to the **Bartel and Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Homes** for providing us with beautiful calendars for 2024.

Please pick one up at the side entrances of the church.

**January 7:** Brother Paul will visit to tell us about the pilgrimage to Italy after the 10:30am Mass.

### **January 7: Religious Education Grade 5-8**

9:00am-10:15am

with 10:30 Mass attendance

### **Grade 9 & 10**

Start with 10:30am Mass -1pm

### **January 14: Religious Education Grade K-4 (9:00am-10:15am)**

with Mass at 10:30

**January 21: St. Elizabeth  
Ann Seton Society Coffee  
Social 9am**



### **Light of the World Retreat**

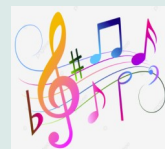
March 8,9,10 & 11

**Watch for more information**



### **Choir Rehearsal**

Every Thursday  
6:30-8:30.





Dear parishioners,

May the peace of Christ be with you.

The parish is planning a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Padua in which we can visit the places that are relevant to our faith. Let us all look forward to this great opportunity and visit our patron Saint who has interceded so many times for us.

- Father Daniel

**On Sunday, January 7: after the 10:30am Mass, we will have a visit from Brother Paul to tell us about the pilgrimage to Italy.**



FRANCISCAN  
MISSIONARY UNION  
HOLY NAME PROVINCE

### JOIN FR. DANIEL MORENO FOR A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, ASSISI, & PADUA



**OCTOBER 1, 2024 - OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Single Occupancy: \$5,400

Double Occupancy: \$5,000

Price includes: Flights, hotels, all meals, tours and transportation in Italy

For details inquire with Fr. Daniel Moreno in the parish office or Bro. Paul O'Keeffe at [pokeeffe@friars.us](mailto:pokeeffe@friars.us) or (240) 393-0532

**INCLUDES FREE DAY IN VENICE!**

Going on a religious pilgrimage is an ancient way of deepening one's spirituality by traveling to a place associated with a holy person. It can be a deeply moving and powerful religious encounter. Pilgrims are not tourists, pilgrims are people on a journey designed to take them outside their everyday, familiar lives into an unfamiliar environment, where they have the opportunity to encounter the extraordinary, and thereby experience God in a new way.



Highlights include: Tour of the Vatican Basilica (with an optional tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel) a walking tour of Rome, tours of the Basilicas of Saints Francis and Clare, and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli (and other sights relevant to the lives of Francis and Clare in Assisi), the Basilica of St. Anthony (and other sights relevant to the saint's life in Padua). Free day in Venice. Trip includes all flights, hotels, meals, tours\*, transportation. Daily mass with Fr. Moreno and time for prayer and

free time to wander the streets of Assisi and Padua included. \*Not included are meals on free days, alcohol, and optional tour of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel.

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## **SVDP WEBSTER/DUDLEY, MA Call for Assistance**

The Society of the St. Vincent de Paul are here to help you in many ways. If you need assistance please call: 1-508-213-5536

Leave a clear message with your name and phone number

**People helping people in our community.**

### **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers:**

Our Mission as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers at St. Anthony is to participate in the sharing of the body and blood of Jesus Christ with the parish community.

Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers serve our Shut-in parishioners, those in our local Nursing Homes and our parishioners every weekend as you come together to receive Holy Communion.

We are welcoming parishioners that would like to join our Ministry to serve Holy Communion on Saturday at 4pm mass or Sunday at 8am or 10:30am mass on a rotating weekend schedule.

For more information, please contact Father Daniel, Deacon Bill or Charlie & Julie Brown at email: [jabrown156@gmail.com](mailto:jabrown156@gmail.com)

## **Now Available**

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### **Need and Offering Boards**

The Boards will be placed at the side entrances to the church.

Please check them out and familiarize yourself with them. A couple of EXAMPLES of postings will be on the top of the boards.

Below the boards is a handout explaining how they work. Please take one and be sure to check out the boards each week on your way in or out of church.



“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. **Project Rachel** is the Catholic Church’s ministry of healing and reconciliation to those wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Call 508-791-HOPE(4673) to begin your healing journey.

## St Elizabeth Anne Seton Society - Consecration Anniversary

### Some Facts

1. After Elizabeth sailed to Italy with her husband and eldest daughter, her husband died of tuberculosis.
2. She was a widow at age 29, penniless and raising 5 children, two of whom died at a young age. While in Italy, Elizabeth visited Catholic Churches.
4. She eventually felt called to convert to Catholicism seeing the faith in action through family friends.
5. She became Catholic because....she came to believe in the Real Presence ...She had a devotion to our Blessed Mother.
6. And she was convinced that the Catholic Church was truly apostolic, linking back to the apostles and to Christ Himself as the founder.
7. In March 1805 she entered the Catholic Church.
8. She was rejected by many family and friends because of her decision to become Catholic.
9. Elizabeth opened a school in Baltimore to support her children.
10. Elizabeth's sister-in-law also became Catholic and together they started the first Sisters of Charity community in the U.S. in 1809 in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

#### Her Life:

Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on August 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, at the age of 19, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving Elizabeth a young widow. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805 in New York. After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. education in the United States.

Connect with St Elizabeth Ann Seton

[Setonshrine.org/reflections-sign-up](https://setonshrine.org/reflections-sign-up)



## More Facts

11. The Sisters of Charity was the first first congregation of religious sisters to be founded in the United States.
12. Its school was the first free Catholic school in America.
13. This humble beginning marked the start of the Catholic parochial school system in the United States.
14. The Sisters of Charity focused on education, children and the poor.
15. Elizabeth Seton was called Mother Seton.
16. Mother Seton established the first Catholic orphanage in the country, Saint Joseph's Asylum in Philadelphia.
17. She also established schools in and around Emmitsburg, Maryland.
18. Her favorite prayer was Psalm 23.
19. She died of tuberculosis on January 4, 1821 at the age of 46.
20. Elizabeth Ann Seton's remains are entombed in the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
21. You can visit the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

## Her Relic:

The Relic that was placed in our altar on January 4, 2020 was donated by Tom and Mary Lou Smith, who are parishioners here at St. Anthony of Padua. These faithful parishioners appreciate the prompt and tireless work the different ministries do here, especially the society of St. Elizabeth Seton.

Let us all rejoice in the Lord for the great example He has given to us in the person of St. Elizabeth, and also in our sisters who consecrate themselves to this beautiful ministry as we pray:

***Lord God,***

***You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace; As wife and mother, educator and foundress, So that she might spend her life in service to your people.***

***Through her example and prayers May we learn to express our love for You In love for our fellow men and women.***

***We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

# Around the Diocese

The United Church of Christ is looking for donations of **used blankets**. They use these blankets as warm liners when making sleeping bags for the homeless. Please do not buy new blankets, as they will be cut to fit in the sleeping bags they are sewing.

Please feel free to drop off your donations at the Parish office during open hours. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need.



## Join the National Novena for Life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual *9 Days for Life* novena, **January 16 –January 24**. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

## Handbell Concert in Shrewsbury

**St. Anne Parish**, 130 Boston Turnpike, **Shrewsbury** is hosting a handbell concert by the Merrimack Valley Ringers on **Saturday, Jan. 6 at 7:00 pm** in the church. Concert is open to the public; appropriate for all ages. Free-will offering at the end of the concert, all proceeds go to Merrimack Valley Ringers..



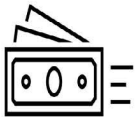
## Tickets available for 2024 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, **March 16, 2024** at **Worcester's DCU Center**. The early availability is for those who may wish to purchase tickets as Christmas gifts! Tickets are only \$50 for Adults and \$30 for Students and can be purchased online at [www.catholicmenworc.com](http://www.catholicmenworc.com) or by calling (978) 537-3016. Speakers include Jim Wahlberg (brother of actors Mark and Donnie Wahlberg), Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers ("The Dynamic Deacon") and other Catholic Thought Leaders. Tickets include Lunch, and the opportunity to participate in Reconciliation, all-day Adoration, and to visit 50 plus relevant vendors, all within the same area of the spacious and ultra professional surroundings of the DCU Center. Sound, lighting, seating, comfort and convenience will be a huge upgrade for 2024, in addition to our usual great slate of speakers.

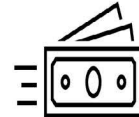


**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**Monthly and Year-to-Date Operating Statement**  
**November 2023**  
**(Fiscal Year: September 1st through August 31st)**

|                           | <u>Month of</u><br><u>November 2023</u> | <u>Fiscal</u><br><u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>      | \$ 22,683                               | \$ 72,842                            |
| <b>Less: EXPENDITURES</b> |                                         |                                      |
| Church Expenses           | 16,565                                  | 38,568                               |
| Rectory Expenses          | 3,167                                   | 7,709                                |
| Parish Hall Expenses      | -                                       | -                                    |
| Religious Ed Expenses     | 1,154                                   | 4,217                                |
| Fringe Benefits           | 1,229                                   | 3,780                                |
| Office Expenses           | 3,680                                   | 10,024                               |
| Parish Committee Expenses | -                                       | 110                                  |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | <u>\$ 25,794</u>                        | <u>\$ 64,408</u>                     |
| <b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>  | <u>\$ (3,111)</u>                       | <u>\$ 8,434</u>                      |



**MONEY MATTERS**



***CALENDAR YEAR vs FISCAL YEAR***

A **calendar** year for income and expense recording is 12 consecutive months beginning January 1st and ending December 31st of each year. A **fiscal** year represents 12 consecutive months ending on the last day of any month except December.

St. Anthony of Padua follows the fiscal year reporting like that of the Worcester Diocese - which is September 1 through August 31.

Every summer, the Finance Ministry (along with Father Daniel) reviews all revenue and expense trends for the current fiscal year (ending August 31) and establishes a new budget for the upcoming new fiscal year (beginning September 1).

Following the completion of our fiscal year on August 31, a summary of St Anthony's Revenue, Expenses and Profit and Loss is furnished to the Diocese of Worcester.

# CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA 2024

December 28, 2023

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Next weekend, the parishes in our diocese will participate in the national collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Established in 1887, the university is the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in canon law, philosophy and theology.

Catholic University is a community of students, faculty, and staff who are committed to upholding the highest standards of education. Through its 12 schools, 32 research facilities, and more than 250 academic programs, the University community works tirelessly on behalf of its 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

Support of the National Collection not only provides critical support to students but also it helps the University serve dioceses and parishes through innovative research initiatives and training programs, such as Insight, the first Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) professional development program for K-12 Catholic school educators, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers.

I encourage you to be generous in the special collection for The Catholic University of America to be taken up on the weekend of January 7, 2024.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed New Year, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



*May the new year  
Bring joy, peace &  
happiness to you  
& your entire family.*

## **Isaiah 43: 18-19**

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

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The Business Ads are a per monthly rate. If you would like your Ad to stay in for the whole year please multiply by 12 months. please make your check payable to:

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Please put in the memo: Bulletin Ad

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### **Small size Ad**

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