

St. Anthony of Padua Relics Visit

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

You are invited to join us in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form of two precious relics, one of his skin and the other of his floating rib, from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relics will be accompanied by a friar from The Messenger of St. Anthony in Padua.

Don't miss this opportunity to be with our church patron!

**Thursday,
June 14th, 2018**

Veneration: 3 - 8 pm

Holy Mass: 6:30 pm

The Most Reverend

Roger Gries

Presiding & Preaching

**A Messenger
of Hope**



St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church

1305 E. Erie Avenue Lorain, OH 44052

The Reverend Edward J. Smith, Pastor

Beloved Saint Visits St. Anthony of Padua Church



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Anthony News

The Franciscan Friars from Padua, Italy, in conjunction with The Reverend Edward J. Smith, invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua to Saint Anthony of Padua Parish Church in Lorain, Ohio on Thursday, June 14th, 2018. St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form of “two precious relics and first class” relics from the Pontifical Basilica in Padua, Italy.

The relics will be accompanied by Fr. Mario Conte, a Franciscan Friar from Padua, Italy, where the Saint is buried. According to Fr. Mario Conte, who is Editor of the *Messenger of Saint Anthony*, “There is nothing superstitious about relics. The real meaning of a relic is love—they are a link of love between the person who venerates and the saint.” St. Anthony intercedes with those trying to find a job, housing, faith, love, hope, harmony within the family, good health, peace of mine and mercy.

Pope Emeritus Benedict said of relics “By inviting us to venerate the mortal remains of the martyrs and saints, the Church does not forget that, in the end, these are indeed just human bones, but they are bones that belonged to individuals *touchd by the living power of God*. The relics of the saints are traces of that invisible but real presence which sheds

light upon the shadows of the world and reveals the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst.”

Prayer petitions with holy cards will be distributed by Friar Mario and volunteers to allow parishioners to write their prayer petitions to the saint. The writing of prayer petitions is a worldwide tradition when venerating a relic of a saint. Father Conte will bring the petitions back to the Basilica in Padua and place them at the tomb of Saint Anthony. The tour officially ends back at the Tomb of Saint Anthony where the Friars will gather to pray for the saint’s intercession upon our intentions and petitions.

To learn more about St. Anthony of Padua, please visit: www.saintanthonyofpadua.net.



Church Improvement Plans

The joy of hosting the relics of St. Anthony of Padua on June 14th is a tremendous honor for our Parish. It is not often that a Parish community can say that they are hosting the relics of the Saint under whose patronage the Parish lives. Such an opportunity for spiritual growth and nourishment is rare, and it also affords us additional opportunities for improvement as well.

1. One of the areas that we look to address is the liturgical space in our Church. Specifically, I am referring to the green carpeting that is currently in the sanctuary. The carpeting has gotten old, and it now has many soiled areas, burn marks, and stains from wax and dirty shoes. The bottom line is we can do much better, and should do much better, when it comes to the sacred space in our sanctuary. Therefore, following the suggestion of the Diocese Liturgy Office, we will be removing the carpet and replacing it with a flooring that will mimic the white marble pattern in the high altar. This choice of flooring will highlight the beautiful colors already existing in the sanctuary, as well as the beautiful floral decorations of our Church Decorating Committee. The new flooring will be easy to maintain and will look beautiful for many

years. Best of all, because of the ease of laying the new flooring, we can complete the project using our own maintenance staff, thereby saving additional expense on contractors. The money for the flooring will come from the left over “Rooted In Faith” in-

come that we are only legally permitted to use for the maintenance of the Church. Therefore, no other Parish funds will be needed for the project.

2. In addition to the new flooring in the Church sanctuary, this moment also invites us to fulfill a directive I have received from the Bishop through the Office of Divine Worship. The altar we use for Mass will be brought back into the sanctuary of the Church, on the same level as the Ambo and Presiders Chair, and the “island” will be removed. This will allow us to restore the Church back to the way it was originally intended to be, in keeping with the liturgical laws of the Church and the directives I have received from the Diocese. Therefore, this should not be seen as a new renovation, but rather as a restoration in keeping with the original spirit and intent of the designers and builders of our beautiful Church. As I have



been informed by parishioners, this move shouldn't come as a surprise, as it had been envisioned by previous Pastors. Therefore, now is the ideal time to fulfill the directive, as it will be done in conjunction with the new floor and the Mass that will be held at 6:30 pm on June 14th, in celebration of the presence of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua.

Wonderful things continue to happen here at St. Anthony of Padua Parish. The arrival of the relics of Saint Anthony only confirms my belief that God is blessing all the wonderful activity that is taking place within our community. Nothing is more important than giving due reverence and praise to God in our beautiful Church, which he has gifted us through the generations of Parishioners who have gone before us. May we continue to grow closer as a family of faith, through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua.



Breakwall

completed at the same time, both properties will continue to

Donations toward the remaining balance for this breakwall project have continued to be offered, and **we are happy to report we have raised the funds for the entire cost of the West end breakwall project.** *Thank you to all who have made donations to allow this project to be successful.* We are aware of issues on the East end of the breakwall as well. Terminal Ready-Mix has donated some large one ton blocks toward this repair. We are talking with Southshore Dredge and Dock regarding the best long term and cost effective solution.

Last fall, we contracted with Southshore Dredge and Dock to reinforce the breakwall with 100 ton of stone. The work was completed off of a barge from the lake, which prevented any damage and/or wear to our parking lot, lawn, and bank from heavy machinery. We had scheduled the work to be done in conjunction with the work on the neighboring property to the west. By having the work

benefit from one continuous reinforced breakwall. Completing the work as two separate projects would have resulted in a weak point in the breakwall at the property line. At the time the work was completed, not all of the necessary funds had been raised. The decision to schedule the work last fall was a direct response to the overwhelming support for the project, demonstrated by your donations.

Social Hall Air Conditioning

We have collected the \$23,000 needed to complete phase one of putting air conditioning into the social hall. We have contracted with Ray Gidich Heating and Air Conditioning to do this installation. The new unit will require a concrete pad to be poured on the south side of the hall, between the sign and the building. As a result, the statue of Mary will be moved to a more prominent and visible location near the Church entrance, and changes will be made to the landscaping. This phase will include everything

needed to cool the hall, but will not include any spiral ductwork to spread the cool air evenly throughout the hall. Just like the previous system, it will still be warm in the kitchen and bathrooms until the second phase is complete. In this phase the new unit will have diffusers in the main trunk at the back of the hall. We will continue to accept donations toward the second phase of the install which will include running ductwork, gas line, and cosmetic work. When the second phase is complete, the unit will be able

to heat and cool, and run more efficiently. The system to be installed was within \$100 of the cost of a system that was only capable of air conditioning. This system gives us options in the future such as not needing to replace the social hall boiler when it fails, saving us roughly \$150,000. *Thank you for your continued support on this project and all projects at St. Anthony's!*

*Thankful
grateful
blessed*

Pierogi Updates

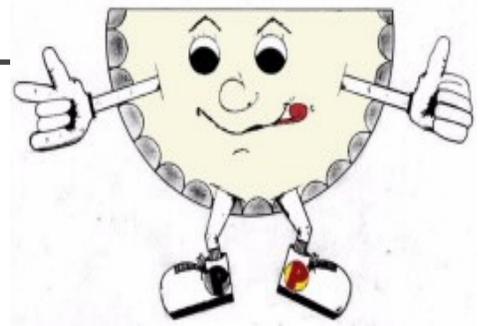
First of all, **THANK YOU to all our volunteers!** We have had a very successful year so far because of your help. We simply couldn't do it without you. Also, a huge thanks to all our parishioners and friends for supporting our largest fundraiser for our parish. To date, we have profited over \$31,000.00. **WOW!** We aren't done yet.



Mark your calendars now! Plan to stop down again this year at the Lorain International Festival on **June 22nd-24th**, where we will once again be selling our Potato and Cheese Pierogi along with our *new* Mac 'n Cheese Balls at our St. Anthony booth.

Due to the success of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Sales this past year, we will once again have a sale on **Wednesday, November 21st and Friday, December 21st.**

In case you didn't know, we have our frozen uncooked pierogi on sale all year. Just call ahead to the parish office, 440-288-0106. You can pick them up Monday-Friday from 10 am - 2 pm.



We have new flavors in the works. Did you get to sample our Sweet Cheese Pierogi at our May Saturday Dinner? New surprises may pop up when you least expect it. Be on the look out for these new flavors and be sure to share your thoughts.

We are growing thanks to all of you! We thank you for your continued support, prayers and help.

Lorain International Festival

Puerto Rico Spotlight Nationality & Lorain Public Library System Spotlight Industry



Friday, June 22nd · 5:00 - 11:00 pm
Saturday, June 23rd · Noon - 11:00 pm
Sunday, June 24th · 11:30 am - 6:00 pm
At Black River Landing

Stop at the St. Anthony Booth for Potato & Cheese Pierogi and our *NEW* Mac and Cheese Balls

If you are interested in volunteering to help us at the booth, please contact the Parish Office, 440-288-0106.

School News

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Parishioner:

Twelve years ago, I became the Art and Physical Education teacher. The last six years, I have served as principal of St. Anthony's. With the support of our faculty, parents and parishioners, we have advanced our school in many ways. We truly offer our students a well-rounded education that includes strong academics, faith sharing, STEM, extracurricular activities, and most importantly a safe school to call our home away from home. Together as one, **WE** as parents, students, faculty, and administration have made our school unique, fun, and the definition of a "school community."

Beginning this fall there will be a change at St. Anthony's, as I have accepted a new Principal position at Sts. Joseph and John School in Strongsville, Ohio. It is difficult to share this news and eventually leave St. Anthony's, as I am very attached to our great faculty and wonderful children. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you and your children. I am proud of our school community and it is vital for our school to continue towards excellence.

Please continue to support our school and pray for my family and I during this time of transition. Change is difficult but that will never negate the fact that St. Anthony's is offering our children an unbelievable faith-based education that will lead them to a close relationship with God, an academic background, and future full of success. Thank you for your support and God bless you and your family.

In service of youth,
Joseph M. Akosi, Principal



We thank Mr. Akosi for his hard work and dedication to our school and students these past 12 years. We wish him nothing but the best in his next endeavor. God Bless You, Mr. Akosi & your family!

Join us for **Back to School Night**

*Monday, August 27th
5:00-7:30 pm*

Meet your
Teacher, food,
games & fun!



Can you help us?

We need to update our Parishioner records. If you know of someone that is not receiving this newsletter, it means that they are not registered with the parish. During our system update, we had some of our parishioners accidentally removed from the system. Please have them call our Parish Office to re-register. Also, if you know of any parishioner in a nursing home that we do not see, please give us their information. Some of our parishioners that have moved in with other relatives or in the nursing home, we have no way to contact them. Finally, once your child turns 26 years old, please have them register as an adult with the parish. *Your help is greatly appreciated!*



New Music Director

We are excited to announce that we have hired a new music director, Mr. William C. Shaffer.

William C. Shaffer is proud to be a Cleveland native. He is a free lance organist, pianist, accompanist and music director in the greater Cleveland area. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance from Baldwin Wallace University, and a Masters of Music Degree in Collaborative Piano from The Cleveland Institute of Music.

William has enjoyed an extensive performing career, playing at all major venues in the greater Cleveland area, including Severance Hall with the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, the University of Akron, Baldwin Wallace University, Cleveland Institute of Music, and several others.

He enjoys accompanying as well as solo playing, and has had opportunities to perform with the Chicago Symphony, Blossom Festival Orchestra, the White House, and three international tours.

As an organist, William has an extensive career as a church musician too. He started at a small independent church in Mentor, where he learned as an elementary school student how to play both piano and organ for services. From his college days, he became the interim and eventual Music Director at Old Stone (Presbyterian) Church on Public Square in downtown Cleveland. Since then he has been at many churches as organist and choir director including four years at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Cleveland.

William has just completed his first national tour with the Broadway show *Something Rotten*, where he was both Associate Conductor and Keyboardist for the shows. Other Broadway shows William has played for include *Wicked*, *The Addams Family*, *Pippin*, *Cinderella*, *If/Then*, *Billy Elliott*, *Grease*, *West Side Story*, and *Finding Neverland*. He will be playing for the upcoming run of *Beautiful: The Carole King Story* in June at Playhouse Square. William has agreed to direct *Newsies* this summer at True North Cultural Arts Center, where he also will be teaching private piano lessons.

*We welcome Bill to our St. Anthony Family. Although you have already heard him play during Easter, his first Mass will be **Saturday, June 2nd.***

Marian Guild News

Our Marian Guild celebrates 68 years this year, and still going strong! WOW! We would like to invite all women of the parish to our next meeting on **Monday, September 17th.** Meetings have a prayer time, a little business, interesting programs & ending with a delicious dessert. It is always a great time to socialize & grow in faith.

Our mission is to help the needs of the parish and to contribute to scholarships for young men and women studying for the religious life.

We have a \$5 membership fee and welcome new membership along with the old. **Join us!**

Watch the bulletin for the latest information.





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St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration

Join us **Sunday, June 17th** to celebrate the
Feast day of St. Anthony of Padua & Father's Day.

We will begin the celebration with **10 am Mass**
celebrated by son of Parish,
Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

A **Parish Brunch** in the Social Hall will follow Mass
in celebration of our Patronal Feast.

All are Welcome!

*To help us with an accurate estimate of attendees,
we ask that you call the Parish Office, 440-288-0106.*

