



St. Anthony of Padua Church
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Dear Parishioner,

During this unprecedented time, I'm humbled by the support our parishioners have provided to ensure the continuous operations of St. Anthony's. Because of you, I feel blessed to have been able to keep the Church operating and our Outreach Center stocked - but now, more than ever your continued support is even more crucial.

As you know, seven months ago we had to suspend in-person Masses and Services for the safety of all. This caused a significant loss of weekly donations, program revenues, and other channels of income. As a result, for the first time this past month we ended our worst fiscal year with a \$104,884.00 operating deficit. We also experienced unforeseen maintenance issues that needed to be put on hold, but now must be addressed before they become larger problems and more expensive to resolve.

The first few months of our new fiscal year are particularly critical to the financial foundation and stability of our Church. We must prepare for another uncertain year ahead, and need to help regain some of the unexpected reduction in our finances.

For those reasons, I'm asking for your help by participating in our **St. Anthony Of Padua COVID Recovery Campaign**. Your one-time gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250 or more will allow us to carry out our mission, ensure the Church is operating, and help us support our most vulnerable community members. Of course, if your own personal financial challenges prevent you from gifting at these requested levels, your participation at any level would be greatly appreciated and treasured – including your prayers. Our goal is ambitious because the past several months presented challenges none of us had every experienced, or even thought were possible to overcome. But, as always, with God's strength; our collective prayers; and the support of parishioners like you, we will continue to keep our vibrant ministries and programs open and our operations running.

Please take a moment now to complete the form on the back and make your COVID Recovery Campaign gift. For your convenience use the enclosed envelope to return your donation by mail, or simply place it in the collection basket along with your regular weekly Sunday donation. If you prefer, you may drop it off at the Parish Office during regular hours.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers. I will continue to pray for you, your family and all those affected by this COVID health crisis.

With God's love,


Your Pastor, Fr. Len

P.S. Our NEW Thrift Shop will be opening soon, which will not only service our community, but also restore needed income for St. Anthony's. I hope you will come in and shop - check our website for opening updates: starockypoint.com