

SODALITY EVENTS

- **Monthly Meeting: third Sunday of month**
(Office @ 8:40AM; 9:00AM Mass;
Meeting immediately following)
 - Bake Sales
 - Coat Drive
 - Mother/Daughter Breakfast
 - Annual Crowning of Mary
- **Annual St. Anthony's Feast Day Procession**
 - Support of various parish events



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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SODALITY



ESTABLISHED 1925

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua's Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a Roman Catholic organization rooted in a tradition of dedicated, loving service to God, to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to each other, as we experience the presence of Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary, on our journey toward salvation.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Sodality is to enhance devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to assist the parish with activities in its pastoral mission as needed. Our actions and conduct should venerate and imitate Her virtues by example.



SO WHAT DO WE DO...

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality of St. Anthony's Church was established on February 1, 1925, by its first President, Rose G. Bernardo, as a way for the women of the Parish to show their devotion to our Most Blessed Virgin Mother.

The Sodality is very active in the Parish, especially during the Easter Triduum and the May Procession, which honors Our Most Blessed Virgin Mother. We also participate in the St. Anthony's Italian Festival by both volunteering our time and representing our sisterhood in the St. Anthony's Day Procession of Saints.

The Sodality supports our Parish in many ways. We provide gifts to beautify the sacristy and enhance the worship experience; in particular, the Sodality decorates the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mother with flowers during the month of May as an outward sign of our devotion to her. We also provide refreshments for and religious keepsakes to the grade school students on the day they enter into the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We have established a coat drive to help the needy.

These activities are made possible through our Spring and Fall Bake Sales which allow us to provide these and many other services to our Parish.

Our Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast is an annual event where all women of the Parish are invited to attend. This event begins with a Celebration of the Eucharist at 9 a.m. and continues afterwards to our breakfast which features a guest speaker, door prizes and raffles.

When a Sodalist passes away, the Sodality, as a group, attends the viewing and/or funeral of the deceased and places a medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the deceased as a lasting symbol of their eternal devotion to her.

If you are a current member, or would like to become a member of the Sodality, and are at least of communion age, please join us at the 9 a.m. mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month (September through May) for our litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a Celebration of the Eucharist. Our monthly meetings take place immediately following these celebrations. We would love to have you join us and look forward to new and fresh ideas.

