



The Paduan

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

259 Forest Avenue, Ambler PA 19002

Rev. Msgr. Stephen P. McHenry, *Pastor*
Rev. Thomas Vattothuparambil, *Assoc. Pastor*
Mrs. Barbara Daly, M.A. *Pastoral Assoc.*
Mrs. Kathleen Dilts, *Principal*

Mrs. Roberta Ortwein, *DRE*
Deacon David Jones
Deacon Kevin Gentilcore
Mrs. Mary Fran Paul, *Music Dir.*

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215-646-4742
215-646-4864 (fax)

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215-646-6150

Children's Faith Formation
215-646-6150 ext. 22

MASSES

Daily: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 & 8:15 AM; Sat 8:15 AM; Mon Evening 7:30 PM
Saturdays: 5:15 PM
Sundays: 7:15, 9:15 and 11:15 AM
Holy Days: 6:30, 8:15 AM, 12:05 and 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 to 5:00 PM
Vigils of Holy Days & First Friday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

“Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us...I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.”

(Luke 1: 1-2)

Jesus dies around 30AD. His death is followed in quick succession by his resurrection, his ascension into heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit to take hold in the hearts and souls of those who believed in him and loved him. Those early years were years without a specific blue print as to how the Spirit-filled apostles and other disciples should proceed. They are under attack and persecuted by some within their own community and then later on by Rome itself.

Apostles and disciples are being killed and there is a danger that those who knew Jesus and walked with him would no longer be around as his eye-witnesses to bolster the believing community. There were early attempts to try to write down the things that Jesus said and the miracles he performed and the mighty deeds of power he exhibited. But these were found in piecemeal fashion all over the place. The idea began to form in several places in the ancient Mediterranean world that there was growing need for a more systematic approach. Those who could write began to do so—Mark, then Matthew and Luke and finally John.

Luke gives his gospel an introduction that indicates he is writing to a certain Theophilus so that he will have certainty about what he has been taught in the faith of Jesus Christ. There is some question as to whether or not Theophilus was a real person. The name Theophilus means (in Greek)—one who loves God. So the question is: Was there a specific person who bore that name who perhaps underwrote the cost of Luke's work? Or, is the name to depict anyone who is a lover of God that they might have access to the gospel truth? Anyone who loves God will recognize the truth of what is contained in Luke's Gospel. Is that how you see yourself? That is the question of the week.

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH WELCOMES all newcomers to the parish. Please contact the rectory at 215-646-4742 for registration information.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be Adoration all day on Mondays beginning at 9:00 AM in the Mary Chapel. The Chapel will be open weekdays at 9:00 AM for visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

BAPTISM INFORMATION Baptisms will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00PM in the Church.

Pre-Jordan Classes will be the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 1:00PM in the Holy Child Cry Room. Our next class will be held on February 14. Please call the rectory to register for the Pre-Jordan Class and to schedule Baptism date.

ROSARY Pray with us, Monday through Saturday before the 8:15 AM Mass. Every First Saturday there are special devotions to our Blessed Mother.

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Saint Anthony of Padua: A tithing parish

"How will we make ends meet?" Right now, that is a question on the lips of many, many people in our country. There are literally millions of people out of work. It is a time for us who have meaningful labor to make sure that we do a little extra to help out. The temptation at times such as these is to hold back. The better response is to keep giving—and put your trust in the Lord.

	2009	2010
Attendance	1,047	1,081
Number of Envelopes	381	386
Basket Collection	\$13,973	\$13,203
E-Giving Collection	\$ 1,520	\$ 1,298
Debt Reduction	\$ 225	\$ 220

Prayers are requested for the sick, all of our shut-ins, for the sick in hospitals, institutions.

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| Lucy Russo | Jack McGovern | Arthur Stanley | Rosina Gore | Harold Schmidt |
| Catherine Koonan | Dottie Boyce Person | James Smart | Sr. Marilda Joseph Aeillo | Betty Carney |
| Patricia C. John | Kathleen Geraghty | Lori Longacre | Danielle Hawse | Kelsey Gavin |
| Ryan Montgomery | Jean Miale | Hugh McGovern | James P. Murphy | James Smith |
| Marge Sheridan | John Ryan | Gary Cooper | Antoinette Venezia | Anna May Arzt |
| Dolly DelPopolo | Richard Hicks | Frances Russel | Malena Mercurio | Bob Driscoll |
| Suzanne Moodey | Katie Cooper | Leonard Greenfield | Jack Brodsky | Sharon Moore |
| Barbara & Harry Flannigan | John Patterson | Tony Giglio | Joseph Schwenkler | Anthony Catagnus Jr |
| Arlene Perrong | Andrew DiDio | Scott Flederjohan | Raymond Vaneman | Kevin Groarke |
| Joseph Mastroni | Barbara Dariano | Anthony DiDomenico | Patricia Lauder | Maryanne Mogensen |
| Joseph McCarrick | Carmen Finore III | Baby Luke Brosso | Tom Mc Gibony | Anthony Parente |
| Vicky Livezey | Brian McDermott | Joseph Curran | Jessica Conrad | Cascia Cavallero |
| Helen Shortall | Lucille Fiorello | William Camburn | Rebecca Barrett | Vincent Aversa |
| Marion Yost Ray | Loretta Johnson | Julie Friedberg | Robert Tucker | Anita Heath |
| Irene Ragan | James Stanley | Jean Tweelie | Mary & George Brumbaugh | Ethel Rymond |
| Frank Lukas | Helen Meyers | Gerard Taddei | Sue Rocco | Kelly Basham |
| Jean Hall | Christopher Drebes | David Da | Diane Geary | Renee Williams |
| Patricia Davis | John Higgins | Anna Grace Albertz | Agnes Burke | Mary Giampa |
| Jim Fogerty | Chris Napolitano | Ann Damm | Michael Burke | Margaret Morano |
| Ann Peck | Emily Weston | Matthew Myers | Anne Burkhart | Jonathan Dryer |
| Joseph Melograno | Katie Buel | David Hines | Jonathan Vervoort | Morgan Toth |
| Maria Sabino | Rita Blasiola | Sharon Centifont | Alexandra Lorenz | Steve Babb |
| Adele Dawgiert | Theresa Fullerton | Cindy Bradley | Donald Duckert | Margaret Quarry |
| Mary Signore | Thomas Crane Jr | Bernard Ryder | Margaret O'Donnell | Martin Mullin |
| Michael Harkins | Marie Leister | Charles Prozzillo | Caeli Duke | John Green |
| Lynn McDiarmid | Nate Buono | Lois Scogna | Brittany Mitchell | Kate Noble |
| Sally Mulhern | Tom Dougherty | Alexander Pearson | Leon Jones | Kristen Mars |
| Fred Hankison | Mike Dashkow | Connie Casino | Cathy Compos | Msgr. Henry Degnan |
| Austin Mahoney | Gregory Ceneviva | Steven McManus | Mike Stevens | Baby Kieran Seehra |
| Christofer Higgins | Olivia Oescher | Thomas McQuarrie | Claire Doman | Virginia Ewing |
| Michael O'Connor | Gus Zeager | Deacon Frank Fabrizio | Catherine Fadden | Robert Fluck |
| Trudy Coleman | Mary T. Dudakiv | Ronnie Norpel | Gloria Gray | John Rainey |
| Lorraine Turiano | James Messina | Roseanne Steitz | Matthew Petry | Baby Kayla Forry |
| Kelly Forry | Edward Querner | Jeannette Mullineaux | Baby Nicholas Hagerty | Joe McGarry |
| Elaine Beyerle | Pat Kane | | | |

Dear Parishioners would you read through the above names and contact the rectory if any name should be removed.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Beginning January 25, 2010
MASS FOR REQUESTED BY

Monday

6:30 AM Paul Pileggi	Nina Bova
8:15 AM Francesco Palmerini	M/M Nick Bevivino
7:30 PM Joseph Chiriano	Aldo & Peg Braccio

Tuesday

6:30 AM Edward D. Porretti	Family
8:15 AM Brian Tully	Marsha & Rudy Stanek

Wednesday

6:30 AM Rena Palermo	Maria & Fred Voss
8:15 AM Vincenzo Bevivino	Angie & Joe Colelli

Thursday

6:30 AM Donald Curran	The Lane Family
8:15 AM Biagio & Anna Mallozzi	Family

Friday

6:30 AM Frank J. Mastroni	M/M Frank Mastroni
8:15 AM Charles Hagerty	Bill & Sandy Wolf

Saturday

8:15 AM Vincent, Agnes, Leone & Margarite	Frank & Mary Pileggi
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We extend our deepest sympathy to the families Margaret Hastings, Thomas McLoughlin, Genevieve Owens. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Office Requests

Anyone wishing to make arrangements for a Baptism or anyone who needs to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to act as a sponsor at Baptism or Confirmation, is kindly asked to call the rectory between 9:00 and 4:00 Monday to Friday.

Canonical Requirements for being a Sponsor include being 16 years old, having received Confirmation yourself, being in a valid sacramental marriage (if married) and presently practicing the faith both by living the gospel and participating regularly in the Eucharist.

The Letter of Eligibility also states that the person is a participating member of that particular parish. The reason for these requirements is that the role of the Sponsor is that of being a mentor for the person Baptized or Confirmed. One's own faith practice and spiritual walk with the Lord are the key elements in fulfilling this role.

E-giving! St. Anthony Parish now offers the convenience of "E-giving". E or Electronic Giving allows your contributions to our parish to be made automatically from your checking account or credit card. There are a number of ways to sign up: online at www.saintanthonyparish.org, or by completing a paper form which is also available on line or at the rectory.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a copy of your Saint Anthony 2009 contribution statement, please call the rectory at 215-646-4742.

ADVERTISERS

We appreciate those who support St. Anthony of Padua Church by advertising in our bulletin. Patronize their businesses and let them know you saw their ad. This week we thank advertiser:

INSIGNIA SIGNS

Palm Collection

We will be collecting old palm January 31st through February 15th. We will be burning the palm to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. You may place your palm in the basket provided in the narthex.



PETITION TO THE ABINGTON BOARD OF TRUSTEES

During the five years from 2004 through 2008, mothers and babies suffered abortion at Abington Hospital. We ask that the Trustees of Abington Hospital cancel the current abortion policy which permits the killing of pre-born children. Our Catholic understanding of the Declaration of Independence confirms our Right to Life from the moment of conception. From January 24 through February 6 petitions for your signature will be available in the Narthex. Please sign this important life-saving document.

Contemporary Music Leadership! Do you have experience and skills in Contemporary Christian Music? Is God calling you to be the spark, the leader, for our new Contemporary Music Group? We need a leader for this group with the passion to excite our young people with contemporary music and bring them closer to Jesus. If you believe this might be your mission-to be immersed in our liturgy and to motivate our Catholic youth in Christ--please call Ellen at 215-646-4742.

Capital Campaign Update

A Pastor's Reception is being held on Tuesday, January 26 ~ 7:00-8:30PM, St. Anthony Friendship Hall so that Monsignor Mc Henry can personally speak to gathered parishioners about St. Anthony's Capital Campaign.

This reception is a wonderful opportunity to meet with other parishioners and celebrate our wonderful parish and talk about our future. Please call the rectory if you would like to attend

Thanks to all who have attended a reception or received a home visit! We have received 239 pledges to date totaling over \$1,565,000.

*Help to keep
St. Anthony's strong.
Thanks for your support!*

A BEACON OF HOPE
TO OUR WORLD



A COMMUNION OF
CHRIST'S DISCIPLES

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

1886-2011

Baptism

We welcome into the Parish Community of Saint Anthony:
Gia Mazzitelli child of Joann and Luigi
Luke Robert Caron child of Meghan and Michael

SANCTUARY LAMP

*The Sanctuary Lamp in the Main Church
will burn for the week of
January 25 ~ January 31
In honor of Peggy & John Conway's
Wedding Anniversary
by Sandy & Bill Wolf*



USHERS NEEDED

Ushers establish an atmosphere of order for those present to worship. In addition, they distribute the Paduan, assist in the offertory collection, and insure the orderly reception of the Eucharist. If you would like to be part of this important Liturgical Ministry please call the rectory at 215-646-4742.

*******Attention Bakers*******

Msgr. Daniel Sullivan is returning to St. Anthony's to conduct a three night Retreat on Monday, February 8th, Tuesday, February 9th, and Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 PM. We are looking for volunteers to bake for each evening. If you have the time, and are willing, please sign your name and telephone number on the poster in the Narthex, or call the Rectory—215-646-4742.

Thank you



Children's Faith Formation

For calendar and downloadable forms visit the CFF Home Page at www.saintanthonyparish.org or call Roberta Ortwein at the CFF Office (215-646-6150 x. 22)

CFF Calendar

January

26, 27 CFF-Passport to the Holy Land

28, 29 Spirit Team Meeting/Set up

30 The Price is Right Retreat for Gr. 3-6, 2-5PM in the Ed Center's MPR

CFF Notes

This year's Passport to the Holy Land is taking us to Capernaum, Jesus adopted home. Three of the stations our Israelite tribes are visiting are the Rooftop (to learn about how people lived and to taste some foods), the synagogue (to learn how to write a Hebrew letter that would appear in our name in order to sign a promise to live out the Great Commandment) and a school (where Bible Bingo will test our knowledge of our faith). Next week the tribes will switch stations with those who visited the shores of the Sea of Galilee, the Marketplace and play some Street games.

St. Anthony-St. Joseph Elementary School



www.sa-sj.org

Catholic Schools Week 1/31-2/5

Catholic Schools—Dividends for Life

Look for our schedule in this week's Paduan. Join us for all our activities as we celebrate Catholic Schools.

Student News

In Sister Pauline's 4th grade Religion class on "Jesus Speaks to Us Through the Church" the study of the Pope and his role and authority in the Church entered into the lesson. After learning about the election process for a Pope, the 4th grade held a mock election choosing students who by their Christian attitude would make a good pope. The students selected worthy classmates and as a result of the voting Dana Horvath was elected and installed as pope for her class.

As the new pope Dana shared her hopes for the church. Sister stated that she was so proud of the students for their awesome job selecting students who truly display a Christian attitude.

Home and School Fundraisers

St. Anthony "Moms and Tots" Group welcomes parish moms of babies and/or young children for play dates, fun and fellowship. For more information on this casual and friendly group, please call the rectory at 215-646-4742.

LaSalle College High School Music Social and Fundraiser "*Sights and Sounds of Philadelphia*" Saturday, February 6th, 7:30-11:00pm, LaSalle College High School Auditorium - \$35 per person. Food, soft drinks, beer and set-ups are included—wine and spirits are BYOB. Entertainment by LaSalle Music Department! Please call Mary Haney 215-659-2596 for more ticket information.

CYO News

Ambler CYO will be hosting Community Service Projects in the month of January to benefit St. John's Hospice. A Casserole Cook-Off will take place from 7-8 PM in Friendship Hall on Tuesday, January 26th Varsity Girls Basketball teams. If you have any questions, please contact Amy McLaughlin at 267-280-3467

Ambler CYO News

Ambler CYO is again holding a "**Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale**". Hoagies will be delivered to the Mass of your choice on 2/7/10 for your easy pick-up in Friendship Hall. Hoagies are \$4.50 for a 7 inch Italian Hoagie (*Sorry no Special Orders*). Please complete the bottom portion and return in next week's collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone#: _____

#of Hoagies ___ x \$4.50= \$ ___

Cash or check made payable to Ambler CYO

St. Anthony's – 7:15 9:15 11:15 (*please circle your Mass choice*)

Any questions, contact Colleen Quittner at 215-641-0974

All young people in Grades 3 thru 6...Save the date!



**Saturday, Jan. 30th from 2-5 PM
for The Price is Right!
Come on down!**

**A Spirit Team Sponsored Event!
For more information and permission forms
go to www.saintanthonyparish.org
and click on CFF Home page link**

*All parish youth in Gr. 7 to 9
are invited to join
Breakfast Club*

*In Friendship Hall 10:15-11:15 AM
Enjoy a continental breakfast and some fun but
thought provoking Sunday Lenten activities
designed for youth between Masses.
Feb. 21-Judas: Betrayal and Despair
Feb. 28-Mary Magdalene: Devoted Follower
and Mar. 7-Simon of Cyrene: Cross Bearer*

**You can download Registration for Breakfast Club
online at www.saintanthonyparish.org**

Breakfast Club uses  Programming.

Looking for a place where it's "cool to be Catholic"? Join us for the Archdiocesan Teen Convocation on Sunday, March 7, 2010 (11:30am to 5:30pm) at Archbishop Carroll High School. Teens from throughout the Archdiocese will gather for fun, good music, food and faith. Sunday Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Timothy Senior. Contact Roberta Ortwein at 215-646-6150 x22 for more information or visit: [Http://archphila.org/catechetical/index.html](http://archphila.org/catechetical/index.html).

Look Higher



Reach Deeper

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
is pleased to welcome back

Monsignor Dan Sullivan

To offer a three Night Parish Retreat

*Working with God Toward
Personal Healing*

Monday, February 8, 2010 through

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

7pm in the Church

All are most welcome!! Come & bring a friend.

Catholic men come hear an all star line-up of speakers at the **Men's Spirituality Conference "Be Reconciled to the Lord"**, **Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Archbishop Ryan High School.** Speakers include Baseball great **Mike Piazza**, police Commissioner **Charles Ramsey** and Catholic Evangelist **Jesse Romero**. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Rigali. For additional information and online registration go to www.archphila.org and look for the Men's Spirituality Conference Logo, or call 215-587-5639.

**CHRISTIANS IN THE EYES OF JESUS
ST JOSEPH, AMBLER - PARISH MISSION**

JAN. 25TH - 29TH, 2010

REV. RICHARD J. KEHOE, C.M.

8:00 AM Mass and 7:00 PM

Service of the Word with Benediction

Monday through Friday

Confessions after each service.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be at the following location in our area: **Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, 1325 Upper State Rd, North Wales on Tuesday, February 2 from 9am to 2pm** to collect donations of usable men's women's and children's clothing. They will also be accepting small household goods and small appliances in good working order. No baby equipment only clothing. Thank you for helping us help others!

Charismatic Mass

St. Stanislaus Parish invites all to a Charismatic Mass which will be held on Tuesday, February 2 at 7 pm in the Church, located at the corner of Main Street (Route 63) and Lansdale Avenue in Lansdale. Our celebrant is Monsignor Joseph Tracy. Praise & worship music will begin at 6:45 pm. Bring a friend!

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are for anyone hurting from the spiritual and emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend will help you experience the mercy and compassion of God; grieve your loss; and forgive yourself and others. Retreat Date: March 12, 13, 14, 2010 at the Spirituality Center in Frazer, PA. Call 215-906-6337 or 610-399-0890. All contacts are confidential. National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

Pinochle News ~ Want to play *Pinochle* with our *St. Anthony's Pinochle Card Group*? We would like to add to our number of Substitutes. We play the first Monday of each month from October to June, at Trudy Urban's home. Please call Patty Davis 215-643-2566 if you have any questions about being a substitute for *Pinochle*. Thank you.

St. Alphonsus Seniors Travel

Tuesday, March 23 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Show and Lunch \$82

Tuesday, April 13 Free Bus Showboat Casino

Monday, May 24 Delaware Park Casino, Racing and lunch

For more information call Eleanor Deon 215-646-4492.

Companions on the Journey

January 24, 2010

Dear Friends,

This time last year we were just holding our first parish Convocation as part of our Long Range Parish Planning. That Sunday afternoon we had about two hundred parishioners spend their afternoon evaluating thirty challenges to the parish which had been drawn up over the preceding twelve months by a volunteer group of parishioners who met monthly to assess the state of our parish and to identify areas where there could be upgrades or positive changes.

At the Convocation the thirty challenges that had been identified were discussed and sifted by the participants. The result was a series of votes which took place in the church late that Sunday afternoon. Each participant was to identify fifteen of the challenges which they thought to be the most important. At the conclusion all of these votes were recorded and a grand tally was achieved for each of the thirty challenges. The top fifteen challenges receiving the most votes were then given the highest priority.

In addition to these challenges, there were six new parish Commissions established each one with ten or so parishioners willing to serve on the Commission. The Commissions were:

Family/Children's Faith Format'n	Liturgy and Worship
Evangelization & Service	Finance & Advancement
Adult Faith Formation	Buildings and Grounds

The prioritized challenges were then given to these Commissions to work on how best to implement what their fellow parishioners had identified as the most important tasks for Saint Anthony's. The Commissions met February through June and began meeting again in September. through December of last year.

Those who have been participating in these Commissions have found that often there was a lot of background information needed in order to get everyone to the proper level of understanding before proceeding with drawing up plans for how best to implement the particular solution to the various challenges.

Once a Commission was ready to implement their solution they presented it to the Pastoral Council and myself as Pastor for review and approval. We did this so that the elected members of Pastoral Council which is a parish organization mandated by Canon Law would thus continue to be the most important parish organization and council of advisors to the pastor. All of this has taken a long time and as you can imagine there have been some growing pains along the way. Things have moved more slowly than we would have liked but some times you have to take the requisite time at the beginning to set the thing up right so that it can function properly in the future. That is what we have been working at. I mention this because Commission members and some other parishioners have voiced their frustration at the slowness and yet understand its importance in getting things right.

Secondly, what this whole two year process has been about is involving more parishioners and a divergence of parishioners in the actual ministry work of the parish. In effect, we have been working to add what I call "Parish Infrastructure"

so that myself and the staff will have greater and closer support from more parishioners and you will have greater opportunity to register your views on things concerning Saint Anthony's. This new infrastructure is to become part and parcel of life here at Saint Anthony's no matter who is pastor or who the parish staff members may be. It will also enable us ultimately to handle more of the demands on Saint Anthony's. I will be writing on this topic every other week or so for the next couple of months as I seek to identify for you the practical results that are beginning to show themselves from this long process.

Peace,
Monsignor McHenry



SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR – January 30-31, 2010

As of the printing date the following are scheduled for Eucharistic service. Please allow for some switching to occur.

Confession	Father Smits
5:15 PM	
Celebrant	Father Smits
Eucharistic Min.	B. Bresnan, L. Mullahy, K. Wolfe
Lector	L. Mangol
Cantor	M. F. Paul
Organist	M. Granahan
Servers	A. Benedict, D. Dagers, S. Sparacio
Ushers	C. Finore, C. Sands
7:15 AM	
Celebrant	Monsignor McHenry, Deacon Wehrs
Eucharistic Min.	N. Deininger, M. Stanek
Lector	P. Thomas
Servers	C. Butler, E. & M. Knowles
Ushers	H. Leister E. Oshman
9:15 AM	
Celebrant	Father Lyons, Deacon Gentilcore
Eucharistic Min.	H. Alberts, C. & J. Dooley
Lector	M. Hill
Cantor	G. Allan
Organist	M. F. Paul
Servers	G. Crozier-Fitzgerald, G. DiDomenico, S. McLaughlin
Ushers	R. Williams
11:15 PM	
Celebrant	Monsignor McHenry, Deacon Jones
Eucharistic Min.	M. Bondi, B. Gentilcore
Lector	L. Morano
Cantor	J. Yackanicz
Organist	L. Rafferty
Servers	E. Fletcher, D. & O. Vining
Ushers	P. Sweeney