

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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Deacon Joseph Caporaso, Principal

Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2014 The Immaculate Conception

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass
Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday (Sábado) 10:00 - 12:00 noon

Baptism/Bautizos:

Baptisms in English are the first and third Saturday of each month. Arrangements should be made one month in advance. Parents should be registered parishioners.

Los Bautizos son el 2do y 4to sábado de cada mes. Deben de pasar por la oficina para coordinar la fecha por lo menos con un mes de anticipación. Deben de estar inscritos en la parroquia para solicitar un bautismo.

Marriage/Matrimonio:

Please arrange with the priest at least one year in advance. Por favor de separar fecha con el sacerdote y un año de anticipación.

Reconciliation/Reconciliación:

Every Wednesday (Cada Miércoles) 6:45 PM—8:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Michael Faccone, Office



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is committed to the Celebration of God's presence among His people through meaningful, well prepared liturgy, prayerful gatherings, evangelization and faith formation. We recognize and welcome the richness of our culturally and ethnically diverse community. We strive to nurture and develop these differences by encouraging all our brothers and sisters to share their gifts so we may strengthen our community and become one.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14, 2014 TO DECEMBER 20, 2014

SATURDAY (December 13)

Chapel: ST. LUCY/ Jose Cordero
 8:30 ST. LUCY/ Lina Alfano
 5:00 CHESTER BELKEWITCH/ Wife & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 14) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 JOEY & AMIDIO VELTRE/ Cousins
 10:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/ Aunt Rose
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 15) Advent Weekday

8:30 GIOVANNA & SAVERIO BIANCO/ Lina Alfano
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 16) Advent Weekday

Chapel: JOSIE & TOM CORTESE/ Lucy & Rocco Mariani
 8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/ Daughter Dolly
 DOMENICO & MARIA BIANCO/ Lina Alfano

WEDNESDAY (December 17) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ANNA NIGRO/ Family
 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Antonia Chillemi

THURSDAY (December 18) Late Advent Weekday

Chapel: FIORETTA & DOMINIC FACCONI/ Son
 8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Family
 ELVIRA SANTINO BELLI/ Rinaldi Granchildren
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday

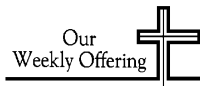
8:30 YOLANDA MARRA/ Family

SATURDAY (December 20) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ANTOHNY MARSHOTT/ Daughter Ursula
 5:00 CARMELA ARCIERI/ Biagio, Nick & Joe Arcieri & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 21) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/ Children
 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children & Grandchildren
 10:30 DANIEL PATRICK MALLOY/ Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown

below. We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.

Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.

	Weekly Offering	Monthly Assessment
5:00 PM	331	144
7:00 PM	337	173
8:00 AM	490	191
10:30 AM	No Mass	No Mass
12:00 Noon	1673	1282
Mail	424	29
Total	\$3,255	\$1,819

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	John Mariano, Jr.
Carmen Alava	Elvin Martinez
Mary Brady	Georgine Mazza
Oran Bryant	Angelo Meo
Caterina Campbell	Leonarda Merlo
Isaac Castañeda	Pat Nardone
Orlando Chavez	Nick Netta
Paul Chiusano	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Jared Leonardo Henao	Endy Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Usha Raja
Joshua Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Millie Infuso	Sergio Ricciardi
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Isadora Rodriguez
Michelle Johnson	Magdalena Rodriguez
Stanley Kuchno	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
Tina Lang	Hugo Santa Maria
John Lapolla	Kay Scaturio
Theresa Lattanzio	Cira M. Senese
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	

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 • The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated
 • this week in memory of **Joey & Amidio Veltre**
 • donated by **Cousins**.
 • A **VOTIVE CANDLE** will burn on the **Main**
 • **Altar** this week in memory of **Joey & Amidio**
 • **Veltre** donated by **Cousins**.
 • A **VOTIVE CANDLE** will burn on the **Main**
 • **Altar** this week in memory of **Frank**
 • **DeLorenzo** donated by **Wife and Children**.
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☐ **SECOND COLLECTION** ☐
 ☐ The second collection this weekend is for the ☐
 ☐ **Retirement Fund for Religious.** ☐

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Third Sunday of Advent/Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Dear brothers and sisters, today we are a week closer to Christmas, and today, God is giving a wonderful word to us. We continue in the same line of discourse as the last week. The prophet Isaiah brings good news to us again. This good news is, that all our slaveries are ending. So do not get discouraged, this magnificent news of today is that we should not let the devil trick us any more with the desperation. Our enemy tells us every day: “Why all this effort, why do you have to do all these things, why do you have to spend your life in that way without receiving anything back? Everybody uses you and abuses you, even though, those who are supposed to love and respect you the more,” so why all these things? Well, the prophet today announces to us that the Messiah is coming. And today I ask you, “Are we ready for his coming? If by any chance he will be coming today, will He take us with himself? Today we are closer to Christmas than last week, and are we still convinced that he will not come yet? Let us ask God to give us the conversion of our heart, because it is very dangerous to think that there is a lot of time before his coming, because we do not know if there is time left. Let us ask our Lord, the grace of being awake waiting for him and not allow us to get defeated by the doubts and discouragement brought by our unbelief, but, we can shake off the slumber that is brought by our enemy, the devil, who wants only to ruin our life. So my dear brothers and sisters, let us listen very attentively the words of St. John the Baptist who does not introduce himself as the Messiah, nor as the savior of the world, but as the friend of the Messiah, taking his place as the second in command, the voice and not the Word, the forerunner, the one who shouts in the desert and opens the way for “The Word that gives life.” May God bless you always.

Mis queridos hermanos, hoy estamos una semana mas cerca de la Navidad, y hoy se nos regala una palabra de Dios estupenda. Seguimos en la misma línea de la semana pasada, el profeta Isaías sigue trayéndonos una nueva noticia. Que todas nuestras esclavitudes están por terminarse. Así que no nos desesperemos, esta es la gran noticia hoy, no dejemos que el maligno siga engañándonos, con la desesperación. El enemigo nos dice todos los días: “Para que te esfuerzas hombre, para que hacer tantas cosas, para que gastar tu vida, sino recibes nada a cambio. Todo el mundo te usa y abusa de ti, incluso los que se supone que deben de quererte, amarte y respetarte no lo hace, ¿para que todo esto? Pues bien, hoy el profeta nos anuncia que ya esta llegando nuestro salvador. Y yo les pregunto, ¿Estamos listos? Si por casualidad, llegara ahora mismo, ¿Me llevaría con él? Como decía al inicio de esta homilía/reflexión, hoy estamos una semana más cerca de la Navidad. ¿Seguimos todavía convencidos de que tardara en llegar? Por eso pidámosle a nuestro Dios y Señor que nos de la Conversión del corazón, por que lo peligroso es creer que todavía hay tiempo, y puede ser que no, entonces, ¿Para quién será todo eso que has preparado con tanto afán? Pidámosle a nuestro Padre todopoderoso que nos conceda la gracia de esperarlo en vela, despertaos, y no dejarnos vencer por el sueño de la duda y la incredulidez, sino que podamos sacudirnos de ese sueño que viene del enemigo que solo busca nuestra ruina y que nos fastidiamos. Así que, mis queridos hermanos, escuchemos seriamente las palabras de San Juan Bautista, que no se presenta como el Mesías, ni como el salvador del mundo, sino que acepta quien es, el segundo de abordo, el precursor, la voz que clama en el desierto y que deja paso a lo importante, “La Palabra que da la vida.” Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias siempre.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM. Entrance is through the 3rd Avenue Basement. Please bring some form of identification.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Our Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off your food to help feed those in need of our parish in the baskets at the back of the church or at the rectory.

Lectors for the Weekend of December 20-21, 2014

Saturday, December 20

5:00 PM Sr. Clare

7:00 PM Will Villanueva y Marta Portillo

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Brayán Salvador y Tiffany Landazabal

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 20—21, 2014

Saturday, December 20

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Gino Merendion & Martha Devia

12:00 Noon Maritza Puello, Betsy Aleman y Patricia Zelaya

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

The parish family of St. Anthony's seeks to reach out and include the sick, the elderly, and the homebound in the life and prayers of our parish.

Please contact the parish office if someone wants to receive Communion or needs to see the priest for the sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick.

Welcome/ Bienvenidos

Welcome New Parishioners! We are happy to have you with us. We would like to invite you to register at the parish office during the week. Registration is essential for sponsor/witness letters. **If you move or change your address, please call the rectory.**

¡Bienvenidos a los nuevos feligreses! Nos da mucho gusto de que estén con nosotros. Los invitamos a inscribirse en nuestra oficina entre semana. Tienen que estar inscritos para recibir cartas verificando su participación en la Iglesia.

Email Registration. Clip and Return. Registro de email. Clip y volver.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____



***MONDAY: 7:00 PM Mass [in Spanish] followed by prayer group**

***TUESDAY: Novena to St. Anthony (After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)**

7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY: Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass.**

7:30 PM AL-ANON - Spanish (Rectory Basement)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM or Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM

There is **no make-up for this exam**; the exam fee is \$25.00 For more information regarding scholarship opportunities, Call the Admissions Office

At (908) 889-1600 exts. 302 or 328 or visit our website at www.unioncatholic.org/admissions/scholarships.php

UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain



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St. Anthony's Seniors will have their Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 17, 2014** in the **Youth Center**. More information to follow.

Relevant Radio

The national Catholic Radio network, Relevant Radio, has begun broadcasting Catholic programming from within the Archdiocese of Newark. Their Newark offices are located at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, and they may be heard on WSNW—AM 1430. Please take advantage of this terrific outlet for Catholic news, opinion and entertainment.

Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.



“When I Called, You Answered”

Meeting Our Parish Goals

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal. In order for us to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish.

Currently, our parish has reached 57% of our goal in funds collected for this year's Appeal. Not only does your contribution benefit the many programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese, but it also has the potential of benefitting our parish with an opportunity for a rebate.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal.

Alcanzando Nuestra Meta Parroquial

Gracias por apoyar el Llamado Anual 2014. Para que nuestra parroquia reciba un reembolso, debemos haber superado nuestra meta en fondos recaudados para el 21 de diciembre. Si usted tiene un saldo pendiente de su promesa, por favor asegúrese de enviarlo antes de la fecha límite. Si aún no ha hecho su donativo, por favor, complete su sobre de regalo tan pronto como se posible y envíelo directamente a la Arquidiócesis de Newark o entréguelo en su parroquia.

Actualmente, nuestra parroquia ha llegado 57% de nuestro objetivo de fondos recaudados para el Llamado de este año. Su contribución no solo beneficiará a los muchos programas y ministerios a través de la Arquidiócesis, sino también tiene el potencial de beneficiar a nuestra parroquia con la oportunidad de un reembolso.

Gracias por su apoyo al Llamado Anual.



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I want to say thank you to everyone who helped make my installation as Pastor of St. Anthony's Church such a special day. From those who planned the events of the day to everyone who participated at the Installation Mass or came to the refreshments afterwards, I wish to offer my sincere thanks for your warm welcome to me as your new Pastor.

Fr. Oscar Martín Domínguez