

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday, 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

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

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 - 8:00 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 Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
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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 JANUARY 22, 2017 TO JANUARY 28, 2017

SATURDAY (January 21) St. Agnes

- 8:30 NICOLO COLICCHIO/ Moglia Filomena
- 5:00 GIOVANNA ARCIERI/
Mr. & Mrs. Niocolo Arcieri & Family
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 22) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 GIUSEPPE & DOMENICA CARONIA/ Children
- 10:30 BIAGIO TARTAMELLA/ sister, Vita
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (January 23) St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope, Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 8:30 LUCREZIA GRACE TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 24) St. Francis de Sales

- 8:30 SANTO RIGGI/ Giuseppe Tagliavore

WEDNESDAY (January 25) The Conversion of

St. Paul the Apostle

- 8:30 EMILY FINNEGAN/ Bob Piegdon

THURSDAY (January 26) Ss. Timothy and Titus

- 8:30 JUDITH ANN SCAVUZZO/ Bob Piegdon
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 27) Weekday, St. Angela Merici

- 8:30 CARMELO & FRANCESCA LA ROCCA/ Children

SATURDAY (January 28) St. Thomas Aquinas

- 8:30 ORLANDO DE LA GUIREDA/ Burnett-Williams Family
- 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/ Wife & Children
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 29) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 MARILYN MALTA/ Mary Ann Clos
- 10:30 LUCREZIA GRACE TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O

LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Saverio DiLeo.**



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

5:00 PM	286
7:00 PM	669
8:00 AM	566
10:30 AM	928
12:00 Noon	2683
Mail	311
Total	\$5,443

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Carmen Alava	James D. Milazzo
Louise Barile	Carmen Mistichelli
Oran Bryant	Carlos Moran
Karen Bulloch	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Caterina Campbell	Robergeau Paul
Isaac Castañeda	Maria Perdomo
Orlando Chavez	Laura Philipone
Wayne Cook	Peter Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Anne Piga
Marianna Dubell	Raul Atilio Portillo
Maria Espinoza	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Mario Fronzoni	Edith Quijada
Louis E. Gonzalez	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Ann Harris	Sergio Ricciardi
Jared Leonardo Henao	Angel Rivera
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Lindsay LaMarre	Salvatore Saluccio
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	Rosalie Tinnirella
Barbara McMurray	Angela Verlengeri
Elvin Martinez	John Veltre
Angelo Meo	Joseph Weseloski
Leonarda Merlo	

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Third Sunday OT/Tercer Domingo TO, Ciclo/Cycle A**

Today's Gospel takes place in a difficult moment, John has been arrested, and as a natural consequence his disciples have disbanded. Christ, seeing the situation of abandonment of tradition, leaves for pagan territory, to Galilee, to preach, since if he has not been heeded to where the majority of traditionalist Jews could be found, then it's necessary to seek those who have slowly abandoned the ancestral traditions, the Torah. That's why the first thing Christ does is to announce the good news to the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, "A great light has been given to you who walked in darkness..." In darkness since according to the scripture the Torah, the Mosaic Law is called "lamp to my steps is the law..." After making this announcement, Christ calls to conversion, "Convert and repent from your sins..." Why? Because if there isn't repentance, a recognition of who I truly am, how, then can I allow God to act, since man's main problem is to believe that he is the god of history, and if we convert and repent from taking God's authority and divinity, and recognize that we are only creatures made in the likeness of God, God can begin to act in our lives. John the Baptist came for this, to predispose a people to receive the Messiah foretold from of old. That's why John's baptism was a baptism of repentance, of conversion, in order, therefore, to access the Holy Spirit's definitive baptism brought by the Messiah, by Christ. Therefore, since John the Baptist had been arrested, Christ has to begin his public life preaching repentance; he has to continue the work begun by John, calling men and women to conversion, in order to prepare a people for the coming and establishing of the "Messianic Kingdom." That's why Christ preaches conversion because the kingdom has arrived, he has brought it. As a consequence of this preaching, comes the calling of the first apostles, Peter and Andrew fishermen of Capernaum, of the sea of Galilee together with two of their companions or associates in that trade, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. Yet to be an apostle, it isn't enough to hear the preaching, it isn't enough to hear Christ, one has to receive the grace to act, to do something, that's why, when Christ calls his first apostles, they leave everything, Peter and Andrew leave their business, to fish, that which feeds them, that which provides for their sustenance. And Zebedee's sons, aside from leaving their economic securities, they abandon an important part of their being human, the affective part, they leave their "father." That's why, on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Christ is calling all of us, first of all to convert and repent from our sins. Secondly to put Him first in our lives, not our affections, which almost always lead us to commit many errors, nor money, of which we become idolaters, so to be able therefore to receive what is most important Christ himself, and to enjoy the "Kingdom of God." And as a consequence, to receive the healing of our infirmities and paralyses, physical as well as psychological that chokes our lives and prevents us to love our neighbors as ourselves. May God bless you all.

Este Evangelio de hoy, se enmarca en un tiempo difícil, Juan ha sido arrestado, y como consecuencia natural sus discípulos se han desbandado. Cristo viendo esta situación de abandono de la tradición, se marcha a tierra de paganos, a la Galilea, a predicar, ya que si no lo han escuchado en donde se concentraban la mayoría de los judíos tradicionalistas, hay que buscar a los que han ido abandonando poco a poco las tradiciones ancestrales, la Torah. Por eso lo primero que hace Cristo, es anunciar una buena noticia a la tierra de Nebulón y Neftalí, "Una gran luz se os ha dado a los que camináis en tinieblas..." En tinieblas, ya que la Torah, la ley Mosaica, según las escrituras en llamada "lámpara para mis pasos es la ley..." Después de hacer este anuncio, Cristo llama a la conversión, "Convertíos y arrepentíos de vuestros pecados..." ¿Por qué? Por que sino hay un arrepentimiento, un reconocer quien soy yo verdaderamente, como puedo dejar actuar a Dios, ya que el problema principal del ser humano es el creer en ser dios de la historia, y si nos convertimos y arrepentimos de quitarle a Dios su autoridad y divinidad y reconocemos que solo somos creaturas a semejanza de Dios, Dios puede empezar a actuar en nuestras vidas. A esto vino Juan el Bautista, a predisponer a un pueblo para recibir al Mesías anunciado desde antiguo. Por esta razón, el bautismo de Juan, era un bautismo de arrepentimiento, de conversión, para poder así acceder al bautismo definitivo del Espíritu Santo traído por el Mesías, por Cristo. Así que, como habían arrestado a Juan el Bautista, Cristo tiene que empezar su vida publica predicando el arrepentimiento, tiene que continuar la obra comenzada por Juan, llamando a la conversión, para así preparar un pueblo para la llegada e instauración del "Reino Mesianico," por esto Cristo predica la conversión por que el reino ya ha llegado, lo ha traído él. Como consecuencia de esta predicación, viene la llamada de los primeros apóstoles, Pedro y Andrés unos pescadores de Cafarnaun, del mar de Galilea y dos de sus compañeros o socios en este trabajo, Santiago y Juan, los hijos de Zebedeo. Pero para ser apóstoles, no solo basta con escuchar la predicación, no es suficiente con oír a Cristo, hay que recibir la gracia de actuar, de hacer algo, por esto, cuando Cristo llama a sus primeros apóstoles, ello lo dejan todo, Pedro y Andrés, dejan su negocio, la pesca, lo que les da de comer, lo que les proporciona el sustento. Y los Zebedeo, aparte de lo económico, también abandonan una parte importante de su ser humanos, la parte afectiva, dejan a su "padre." Por eso, en este tercer domingo del tiempo ordinario, Cristo nos esta llamando a todos, primero a convertirnos y a arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados. Segundo a ponerlo a él lo primero de nuestra vida, ni los afectos, que casi siempre nos llevan a cometer muchos errores, y al dinero, que nos hace idolatras. Para poder así recibir lo más importante, a Cristo mismo y poder disfrutar del "Reino de Dios." Y como consecuencia, recibir también la curación de nuestras enfermedades y parálisis, tanto físicas como psicológicas que nos atenazan la vida y nos impiden de amar al prójimo como a nosotros mismos. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be Wednesday, January 25 from 12:30-1:30 PM.** Enter 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 January 28-29, 2017

Saturday, January 28

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
 7:00 PM Jose Moris y Maria Duran
 (C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
 10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
 12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Jonny Rodriguez
 (C: Sandra Bonilla)

**EMHC for the Weekend of January 28-29, 2017
 (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**

Saturday, January 28

5:00 PM Frank Mazza
 7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
 10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata and Gino Merendino
 12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Marissa Puello, Miguel Hernandez y Maria Hernandez

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.

EFFORTLESS

The only thing that comes to a person without effort is old age.

--Anonymous

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.



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

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

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 -- 9:3).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel -- After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 -- 9:3).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación (Salmo 27).

Segunda lectura -- Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

Evangelio -- Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.

UN ALTAR

En todo lugar, dondequiera que te encuentres, puedes erigir un altar a Dios en tu mente por medio de la oración.

--Relatos de un peregrino ruso



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,
or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31;
Mt 5:1-12a

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For bad weather situations, CCD Closings will be announced on the News 12 New Jersey Website.

LIBERATION AND REFORM

While you might have to reach for an atlas to determine that Isaiah is speaking about Galilee, today's first reading (part of which was read at Christmas) is prophetic of Jesus' future ministry in that province. The light that brings salvation and rejoicing is, ultimately, Christ. Liberation is the theme: liberation from both ignorance ("darkness") and sin (the "yoke").

As Isaiah identifies a place, so Paul describes an attitude: the attitude that develops, even among good people, of equating their own will with the common good. This always brings dissension, and so it has done in Corinth. Paul will not allow this; we are all members of "Christ's party." The gospel is not to divide us. Matthew quotes from Isaiah in today's Gospel, presenting Jesus as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies. The theme is "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). To spread this message, Jesus begins to select disciples, four of whom we meet today: Peter, Andrew, James, and John.

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LIBERACIÓN Y REFORMA

Aunque quizá tengas que usar un atlas para determinar que Isaías está hablando de Galilea, la primera lectura de hoy (parte de la cual se leyó en Navidad) profetiza el futuro ministerio de Jesús en esa provincia. La luz que trae la salvación y regocijo es, fundamentalmente, Cristo. El tema es la liberación: liberación de la ignorancia ("tinieblas") y también del pecado (el "yugo").

Mientras Isaías identifica un lugar, así Pablo describe una actitud: la actitud que crece, incluso entre gente buena, de equiparar su propia voluntad con el bien común. Esto siempre origina desacuerdo, y así ha ocurrido en Corinto. Pablo no permitirá esto; todos somos miembros del "partido de Cristo". El Evangelio no es para dividirnos.

Mateo cita a Isaías en el Evangelio de hoy, y presenta a Jesús como el cumplimiento de las profecías de Isaías. El tema es "Convírtanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los Cielos" (Mateo 4:17). Para difundir este mensaje, Jesús comienza a elegir discípulos, y hoy conocemos a cuatro de ellos: Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Los retablos de metal son famosos en muchas partes de Latinoamérica. Estos pequeños retablos o laminitas contienen imágenes de Cristo, la Santísima Trinidad, María, los ángeles u otro santo/a pintados sobre lámina, madera u otro material para decorar los altares familiares de los hogares hispanos. Aunque los retablos no siempre siguen las normas del arte cristiano, los retablos latinoamericanos son bellos ejemplos de la mezcla de culturas amerindias, europeas y africanas. Pero no todos los retablos son pequeños. En muchas iglesias coloniales de Latinoamérica se encuentran retablos gigantescos hechos de mármol o madera, cubiertos de oro y joyas que recuerdan los grandes retablos europeos, pero con el color y folclor latinoamericano.

Originalmente, los retablos europeos eran pequeños y móviles, de tal manera que se podían colocar sobre un altar para la celebración de la Misa. Cuando la Iglesia fue construyendo sus propios templos, los retablos empezaron a formar parte de la decoración de los santuarios y tomaron dimensiones impresionantes. Los retablos pequeños pasaron a los hogares de los fieles, quienes quieren tener a Cristo y sus santos como parte de su diario vivir.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-GlZ, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.