

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 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

Mr. Michael Faccione, 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 MARCH 26, 2017 TO APRIL 1, 2017

SATURDAY (March 25) The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 JENNIE & FRED PERONE/ Daughter Rose
 5:00 GIOVANNI BIANCO/ Daughters & Grandchildren
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 26) Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 PRISCILLA BENSI/ Rhodora & Christiani Igot
 10:30 GIUSEPPE COFFARO & SALVATORE
 TARANTINO/ Mr. & Mrs. Nicolo Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 28) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARIO PATERNOSTER/ Wife Amelia and Son

WEDNESDAY (March 29) Lenten Weekday

8:30 GESINA CARDAMONE/ Gisuppina Piccoli

THURSDAY (March 30) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARCO ANTONIO CASTILLO (17TH ANNIV.)/
 Libia and Mark Cosmas
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 31) Lenten Weekday


8:30 KRYSTEN COLOR/ Mary Ellen Giuliano-Basile

SATURDAY (April 1) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
 5:00 FELICIA MAZZA/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (April 2) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 CHRISTINA CARPIGNANO/ Family
 10:30 GIUSEPPINA MUSCARITOLO/
 Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



Our Weekly Offering

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	St. Joseph
5:00 PM	444	145
7:00 PM	693	340
8:00 AM	368	144
10:30 AM	675	285
12:00 Noon	2476	966
Mail	104	100
Total	\$4,760	\$1,980

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

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

Please remember to return your pledge envelopes for the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Carmela Ragusa.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fourth Sunday of Lent/Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma Ciclo/Cycle A**

This Sunday the gospel presents a miracle performed by Christ. He opens the eyes of a man who was blind. And we see in the fact to cure this man, even when he does not ask to be healed, maybe he already was accustomed to his situation. I think he had spent in his life some good days and others not so good, but this is also a reflection of our life, we adjust to any situation and that's it, we think many times why change? Why risk? If everything will go bad in the end? In this scene Christ appears to him and transforms his whole life, taking him out of the comfort. And because of this fact, he starts to experience many troubles, with the religious leaders, with his parents, etc... All this lead him to something more important than just a fiscal miracle, to make the Glory of God appear, they ask to this man who was born blind: what do you say about the one who opened your eyes? And his answer was: he is a prophet. And for us today, are we blind? If we were blind, what wouldn't we see? How have our eyes been opened? And the most important question: what we can say about the one who had opened our eyes? All these questions are related because it is not possible to answer each one of them individually, and need to be answered in the same order proposed, not as we wish. So are you blind? We should answer yes because I do not see the love of God anywhere in my life, always working like a donkey, to receive a little affection and nothing else, everything in life was a burden. I use to go to mass on Sunday to fulfill a precept, and that's all, I get out from mass exactly the same way how I walk in. I understood that the Lord loves me with no conditions but I do not see this love, everything was based on just my strength. Now can we see how our eyes are opened? These Blind men in the gospel repeat that so many times... "He put clay in my eyes and sent me to wash myself..." These words mean, according to the fathers of the church, "The Word of Christ" (symbolized in the saliva) and our sins, weakness or humanity (represent by the earth) mixing both of them is this clay made by Christ and this mud makes us feel a little or a lot uncomfortable. This obliges us to go and wash ourselves, to the waters of Baptism, to reconcile with God in the forgiveness of our sins. Is how God open our eyes, so we can see his love every day. We can experience this God as a Father, the one who created the whole universe and for our sake sent his son Jesus Christ to save us and give us his Holy Spirit. For all this, we can now make a marvelous proclamation of our faith, not just with our lips but with our existence, and bear witness with the concrete facts of our daily life. But in order to answer the most important question that was formulated to this blind man which is: What do you say about the one who had opened your eyes? We can answer like him, "HE IS A PROPHET". He is the only one who has loved me the way how I am, and I know this because he makes me see how I am really am and made me feel his love when I was a sinner. And if I experience some changes in my life it is not of my strength, it is Christ who acts in me. This is truly to be Christian, the one who only glorifies God and puts him always in the first place, not our human efforts because our deeds. Like the psalm says: "This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes". Brothers and sisters rejoice in this fourth Sunday of Lent and let us ask the Lord to give us the grace of conversion in this time so we can praise and bless him with our life. May God bless you all.

En este domingo el evangelio nos presenta un milagro de Cristo, le abre los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Y vemos como este hecho de la curación de este hombre, que no pide ser curado, sino que él esta muy cómodo en esta situación, yo me imagino que tendría días buenos y otros no tan buenos, pero esa es también nuestra vida, ya que nos acomodamos en ella y ya esta, ¿para que cambiar muchas veces, para que arriesgar y si sale mal? Pero Cristo aparece en escena y le trastoca toda la vida, lo saca de su comodidad. Y empiezan a aparecerle muchos problemas, problemas con los líderes religiosos, con sus padres, etc. Pero todo esto es para que pueda darse algo mas importante que el milagro fisico, que aparezca la gloria de Dios, de ahí que se le pregunte al que era ciego: ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y responde que es un profeta. Y para nosotros, ¿Estábamos ciegos? Si estábamos ciegos, ¿Qué no veíamos? ¿Cómo se han abierto nuestros ojos, si es que se han abierto? Y la pregunta fundamental, ¿Qué podemos decir del que nos ha abierto los ojos? Todas estas preguntas están relacionadas, por que no es posible responder las individualmente y en el orden en que queramos, sino en el orden establecido. Así que, ¿Estaba ciego? Si, por que no veía el amor de Dios por ningún sitio, siempre trabajando como burro, para recibir un poquito de afecto, y nada más, todo era una carga. Si iba a misa por cumplir, y ya esta, salía igual que como entraba. Pero eso de que Dios me amaba incondicionalmente lo entendía y mucho menos lo veía, todo era en mi esfuerzo. ¿Y si ahora vemos como se nos han abierto los ojos? Este tipo del evangelio lo repite muchas veces, "...Me puse barro en los ojos, y me dijo que fuera a lavarme..." Esto significa según algunos Padres de la Iglesia, que la palabra de Cristo (simbolizada en la saliva) y nuestros pecados, debilidades, nuestra humanidad (la tierra), mezclados, este barro que Cristo hizo, y que nos hace estar un poco o mucho incómodos, nos obliga a ir a lavarnos, a las aguas del bautismo, a la reconciliación con Dios por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Así nos abre los ojos Cristo, para poder ver el amor de Dios en nuestras vidas. Podamos ver y experimentar que Dios es padre, que el es creador de todo, que su hijo Jesucristo es el que ha sido enviado para salvarnos y así darnos su Espíritu Santo. Hacer una maravillosa proclamación de fe, no solo con los labios sino con todo nuestro ser, dando pruebas con hechos concretos en nuestra vida. Para poder responder a la pregunta mas importante que le hacen al ciego de nacimiento ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y podamos responder como este ciego, "Que es un profeta." Que es el único que me ha amado, y lo se por que me ha hecho ver como soy y que Dios me quiere así tal cual. Y si he podido cambiar en algo no he sido yo, ha sido Cristo actuando en mi. Por que este es el cristiano, el que da gloria a Dios. Y pone a Dios como causa primera de todo, no es por mi esfuerzo, o por mi bien hacer, sino que "es Dios quien lo ha hecho, ha sido un milagro patente," como dice el salo. Así que hermanos y hermanas, alegrémonos en este cuarto domingo de cuaresma y pidámosle al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de la conversión en este tiempo para poder alabar y bendecir a Dios, no solo con los labios, sino con toda nuestra vida. 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, April 26 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 April 1-2, 2017Saturday, April 1

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Senon Herrera y Marta Villanueva
(C: Javier Zapata)Sunday, April 2

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Ashley Mora

12:00 Noon Esterlina Oberg y Norma Fruto
(C: Sandra Bonilla)**EMHC for the Weekend of April 1-2, 2017****(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, April 1

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Maria Eugenia Usma y Teresa Marin

Sunday, April 2

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Melida Canela y
Mariza Puello**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.

LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

--Blaise Pascal

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 -- As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm -- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading -- You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel -- The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura -- Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio -- De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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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.

LUZ Y SOMBRA

En la fe hay suficiente luz para los que quieren creer y suficiente sombra para engeguercer a los que no.

--Blas Pascal



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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

FACEBOOK

Check out the St. Anthony's Facebook page (facebook.com, search "St. Anthony of Padua Elizabeth NJ") for daily scripture readings and to see an electronic version of this bulletin.

ST. ANTHONY'S ADULT CHOIR

St. Anthony's Adult Choir, which sings at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses is holding rehearsals on Tuesdays starting at 7:30 PM in the main church.

APRIL 1

This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

--Mark Twain

ABRIL 1 [DÍA DE LOS INOCENTES]

Este es el día en el que se nos recuerda lo que somos en los otros trescientos sesenta y cuatro.

--Mark Twain

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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HIJOS DE LA LUZ

El futuro rey, David, en la primera lectura de hoy, es un ejemplo de un tipo de personaje presente a lo largo de las escrituras hebreas. Es el hijo que nace fuera de lugar (no es ni el mayor ni el preferido) pero a fin de cuentas recibe la promesa de la alianza. El espíritu de Dios lo llena con su unción. En esto, se parece al hombre que nació ciego del Evangelio de hoy. La familia de David y la comunidad del ciego no esperaban que la gracia milagrosa del amor de Dios obrara por medio de ellos. Quizás ellos, también, estaban "ciegos" por las expectativas y suposiciones de los que los rodeaban. Sin embargo, luego de ser tocados por Dios, ambos "vieron" la presencia de la voluntad de Dios para ellos. Ambos se convirtieron en mensajeros de la voluntad de Dios. Ese mismo Espíritu de unción de Dios nos llenó en nuestro bautismo; se nos dio un cirio como símbolo de que somos miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, la Luz de la Luz. Nuestra vocación, entonces, es cumplir esa iluminación, esa unción, como se nos dice en Efesios, viviendo como "hijos de la luz".

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