

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 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

December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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. Edwin Lopez, Altar Servers



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 9, 2017
TO DECEMBER 17, 2017**

SATURDAY (December 9) St. Juan Diego

8:30 ALBERT DURDEN/Dorothy Nascondiglio
5:00 HOLY SPIRIT/ THERESA NOBILE
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 10) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 NICHOLAS CISTRELLI/Gerrity Family
10:30 BENIAMINO & MARIA PAOLUCCI/
Libby Paolucci & Anna Farina
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 11) Advent Weekday

8:30 GIUSEPPE & ANGELA TROVATO/Antonia
Chillemi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/Wife Dolly
6:00 FILIPPO PRIOLO (Memorial Mass)
7:00 LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE

WEDNESDAY (December 13) St. Lucy

8:30 CATERINA & LUCIA DI MEO/Amelia
Paternoster & Son

THURSDAY (December 14) St. John of the Cross

8:30 ST LUCY/Joann Barberio & Sons
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 15) Advent Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/Franklin &
Susan Belluscio

SATURDAY (December 16) Advent Weekday

8:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/Aunt Rose
5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/Children &
Grandchildren
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 17) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/Children
10:30 FELICIA CORNACCHIA/Mr. & Mrs. Biagio
Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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

**Today there will be a second collection for
the Monthly Assessment**



**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	Religious Retirement
5:00 PM	480	143
7:00 PM	891	198
8:00 AM	495	106
10:30 AM	692	86
12:00 Noon	2,099	435
Mail	204	
Total	4,861	968

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	Angelo Meo
Louise Barile	Leonarda Merlo
Oran Bryant	James D. Milazzo
Karen Bulloch	Carmen Mistichelli
Caterina Campbell	Carlos Moran
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Irene Patrone
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Mary Cusmano	Maria Perdomo
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Laura Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Anne Piga
Mario Fronzoni	Raul Atilio Portillo
Joseph Gambino	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Paulette Hall	Endy Quijada
Ann Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Annette Irizarry Jacome	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
Arlene Marsden	Angela Verlengeri
Bob Marsden	John Veltre
Elvin Martinez	

Next week there will be a special collection for The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Proceeds from this one-time collection will assist with the completion of the central and final dome in mosaic, The Holy Trinity.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Today's Gospel, bring to us a Good News, the Prophet Isaiah says in the first reading: "Console my people...and talk to the heart of Jerusalem..." This is Good news for all those who are oppressed, enslaved and all those who submitted to others will be free, because, the promised Savior is coming. This is very Good News, much greater than winning the lottery. Why do I say this? First because we are not used to receiving Good News, or better to listen to good news, we listen to only news of wars, catastrophes, destruction, crimes but what we hear above all every day is the interior voice who tells you "nobody loves you". In the other hand if somebody tells us good news, we don't believe it. For this reason if they tell us the Messiah is coming, The Savior of the world, we don't pay much attention. The Gospel today is the beginning of Mark. We find Saint John the Baptist calling us to a serious conversion and repentance. John is the forerunner of the Messiah, and his job is to baptize and prepare peoples disposition for the coming of The Lord. He proposes this condition: "Convert and repent", because the Messiah will bring with him the Holy Spirit. Let us ask the Lord in this second Sunday of Advent to help us to prepare for his second coming, so we don't just go for material things, Christmas Dinner, gifts, etc... but for a new heart able to change from selfishness and egoist to one who can love others.

En el Evangelio de hoy, se nos trae una Buena noticia, como dice el profeta Isaías en la primera lectura: "Consolad, consolad a mi pueblo... hablad al Corazón de Jerusalén..." Esta buena noticia es que los que están oprimidos, los esclavos y todos aquellos que están sometidos por otros van a ser liberados, ya que, viene el Salvador prometido. Esto es una muy buena noticia, mucho mejor que si te hubiera tocado la lotería. ¿Por qué digo esto? Primero por que No estamos acostumbrados a recibir buenas noticia, o mejor dicho a escuchar buenas noticias, solo oímos de guerras, catástrofes, destrucción, crímenes, y sobretodo, lo que mas escuchamos todos los días es esa voz interior que nos dice:"Nadie te quiere." Segundo, es que si nos cuentan una buena noticia No la creemos. Por eso si nos dicen que viene el Mesías, el Salvador del mundo, no hacemos ni caso. Por eso el Evangelio de hoy, que es el comienzo del Evangelio de Marcos, esta San Juan Bautista llamando muy seriamente a conversión y al arrepentimiento a todos nosotros. El, Juan, es el precursor del Mesías, y su trabajo era bautizar, y preparar un pueblo que estuviera bien dispuesto para la llegada del Señor. Por eso esta poniendo esta condición:"Convertíos y arrepentíos." Ya que el Mesías, traerá consigo, el Espíritu Santo. Así que, pidámosle al Señor en este segundo Domingo de Adviento prepararnos bien para su venida, que no solo nos quedemos en lo externo, la cena de navidad, los regalos, etc. Sino que nuestro corazón pueda cambiar, de un corazón egoísta y orgulloso, a un corazón que pueda amar a los demás. Que Dios me los bendiga siempre.

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of December 16– 17

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Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Isabel Franco y Diego Rosas
(C: Rual Alvarado)

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Vincent Ruiz

12:00 Noon Javier Zapata y Maria Duran
(C: Sandra Bonilla)



Eucharistic Ministers

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EMHC for the Weekend of December 16 –17

Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes y Reina Yanes

Sunday, December 17

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Bezy Aleman y Melida Canela

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

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.



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

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

***FRIDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading -- The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm -- Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading -- Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel -- I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Prepara el camino del Señor; proclama la buena nueva (Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11).

Salmo -- Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda lectura -- El Señor no tarda en guardar su promesa donde está la justicia de Dios (2 Pedro 3:8-14).

Evangelio -- Juan Bautista apareció proclamando un bautismo de arrepentimiento (Marcos 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28





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THE ADVENT WREATH 2nd Candle- (purple)

THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION

God Kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome YOU O GOD! (Romans 15:12-13)



Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 24, 2017
4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil
Mass (English)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
of Christmas (Trilingual)

Church doors will open at 11:00 p.m.
CAROLING will begin at 11:30 p.m.

The Masses of Christmas Day
Monday, December 25, 2017
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 Noon (Spanish)



The English CCD Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Children will attend CCD classes and mass as usual. Immediately following the 10:30 mass children will report to the school cafeteria and sit with their classes. Parents are invited to attend! Dismissal from the party will be at 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal Meeting Our Parish Goal

Thank you for supporting the 2017 Annual Appeal. Our parish will receive a rebate if we exceed our goal by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, kindly make sure to send your donation 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. We are able to achieve our goal when everyone does their part.

For those who have supported this effort, THANK YOU for your generosity.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is presepio, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the presepio, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a Where's Waldo? children's book. The oldest surviving presepio is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living presepio. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find presepios with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!
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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FEE

1 día 9 de diciembre conmemoramos a san Juan Diego de México. Hace un par de años este indígena mesoamericano fue canonizado por su misión en las apariciones Guadalupanas. Hubo controversia alrededor de su canonización porque había quienes insistían que Juan Diego nunca existió. Después de investigar, el Vaticano decidió que no sólo existió, sino que fue y es santo, digno de ser modelo e intercesor.

Las investigaciones encontraron que el nombre indígena de Juan Diego era Cuauhtlatoatzin, es decir "Águila que habla". Tal vez por este nombre tan significativo fue que los franciscanos lo bautizaron Juan Diego. El nombre Juan recuerda al apóstol, quien escribió el evangelio más místico y cuyo símbolo es el águila. Diego viene del apóstol Santiago o san Diego quien evangelizó a los españoles durante el siglo I. De cualquier manera, Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin se convirtió en el "Águila que habla" y anuncia el evangelio místico según Guadalupe, es "Águila que habla" de amor, paz, consuelo y desafío en una tierra conquistada, oprimida y llena de promesa.
--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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