

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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 16, 2017
TO DECEMBER 24, 2017**

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

MONDAY (December 18) Advent Weekday

8:30 DOMENIC & MARIA BIANCO/Joann Barberio &
 Sons
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 19) Advent Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/Antonia Chillemi

WEDNESDAY (December 20) Advent Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/Jim & Cathy Leggett

THURSDAY (December 21) St. Peter Canisius

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/Daughter Ursula
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 22) Advent Weekday

8:30 PASQUALE BERZITO/Sal & Heather

SATURDAY (December 23) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/Daughter Dolly
 5:00 ADRIANA PALMISANO/Valatase Ladies Society
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 24) Fourth Sunday of Advent

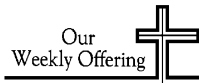
8:00 VINCENT MISHKINIS/Daughter
 10:30 CARMELA ARCIERI/Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri,
 Brothers & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM VIGIL MASS
 MIDNIGHT MASS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children & Grandchildren**



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 | Assessment |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 5:00 PM | 122 | 45 |
| 7:00 PM | 301 | 328 |
| 8:00 AM | 261 | 195 |
| 10:30 AM | 554 | 307 |
| 12:00 Noon | 1,698 | 991 |
| Mail | 369 | |
| Total | 3,305 | 1,866 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 | |

Today 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.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially:

Sebastian A. Colletti & Carmela DePaola

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 to us again good news. 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 desperation. Our enemy tells us every day: “Why all this effort, why do you have to do all these things, why 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 most,” 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 comes today, will he take us with him? 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 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. Because the devil wants only to ruin our lives. So my dear brothers and sisters let us listen very attentively to the words of St. John the Baptist who does not introduce himself as the Messiah, or 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 sueno 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.

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of December 23 -24

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Saturday, December 23

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Will Villanueva y Raul Alvarado
(C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Esterlina Ingrid Obed y Arturo Calle
(C: Maria Duran)



EMHC for the Weekend of December 23-24

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Saturday, December 23

5:00 PM Jim Leggett
7:00 PM Salomon Yanes y Reina Yanes

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Frank Iazzetta
12:00 Noon Mariza Puello, 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:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

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). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Regocijense en el Espíritu del Señor que nos trae buenas noticias (Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Salmo -- Se alegra mi espíritu en Dios mi Salvador (Lc 1:46-50, 53-54).

Segunda lectura -- ¡Alégrese! Conserven su integridad en el Espíritu y guárdense sin mancha hasta la venida del Señor (1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24).

Evangelio -- Cuando preguntan a Juan Bautista quien es, dice, "Soy la voz que grita en el desierto" (Juan 1:6-8, 19-28). Salmo responsorial: Leccionario Hispanoamericano Dominical (c) 1970, Comisión Episcopal Española. Usado con permiso. Todos los derechos reservados.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38





THE ADVENT WREATH 3rd Candle- (purple)

THE CANDLE OF JOY

The angels sang a message of JOY!
(Luke 2:7-15)



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)

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.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presepio, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presepio was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presepio, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presepio in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay, the baby Jesus grows--the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presepios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El día 16 de diciembre comienza la Novena de Aguinaldos en Colombia y otras partes de Latinoamérica. La novena consiste en 9 partes que se repiten por 9 noches:

- 1- Oración inicial 4- Reflexión del día
- 2- Oración Mariana 5- Gozos
- 3- Oración de José 6- Oración al Niño Jesús
- 7- Un Salmo
- 8- Invocación final

9- Villancicos (cantos navideños) Los participantes buscan aguinaldo (regalo). Para esto los colombianos tienen la costumbre de jugar "pajita en boca" buscando quien no trae una pajita en boca. La persona que no pueda mostrar que trae pajita en boca tiene que dar un regalo a quien lo descubrió. Los aguinaldos son recuerdo del regalo que nos dio Dios en su Hijo Jesús, prenda de su amor. Y si Dios nos da un aguinaldo tan grande es porque Dios no tiene pajita en boca cuando nos dice que nos ama. En el corazón de la Novena está el refrán de Gozos:

Dulce Jesús mío / mi niño adorado ven a nuestras almas / ven no tardes tanto. Muy buen mensaje para el Adviento.

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

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