

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 18, 2018

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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

(All Sundays Including Easter)

May 10 –The Ascension of the Lord.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass

Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) (M - F) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

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** (registered) 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.

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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
MARCH 17 TO MARCH 25, 2018**

SATURDAY (March 17) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARY COLLETTI/URSULA MARSHOTT
5:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 18) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF DI COSIMO
FAMILY/Family
10:30 TERESA LORIA/Mr & Mrs Biagio Arcieri &
Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 19) St Joseph

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/Wife, Antonia Chillemi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 20) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CARMELA & LETTERIO TROVATO/Antonia
Chillemi

WEDNESDAY (March 21) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANNA WILK/Family

THURSDAY (March 22) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ROSALBINO PICCOLI/Mamma & Famiglia
Piccoli
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 23) Lenten Weekday

8:30 JOSEPHINE RUGGIERO/Theresa Ineson &
Perry DeAlmeida

SATURDAY (March 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/Wife Dolly
5:00 SALVATORE ZACCHIA/Gary & Noreen Spect
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 25) PALM SUNDAY

8:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
10:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

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**The Bread and Wine will be
offered this week in memory of
Giacome Coppola requested by
Daughter Rosemary Coppola**



**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.

Collection amounts will be listed in a future bulletin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
-- Jeremiah 31:33

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma 2018

We are in the fifth Sunday of lent which is the last of this important Lenten season for all of us who bear the name of Christians. Today as a proposal we go to listen to the resurrection of Lazarus. This passage of the scripture is one of the few who reveal to us the human nature of Jesus Christ weeping because of the death of his beloved friend. If we are faced with the death of a friend or a closed relative, how do we react? The answer for Christ is calm and with integrity; he doesn't mourn without consolation, that is our way of reaction right? Jesus appeared in the scene four days after the burial and not only that, he waits for Lazarus sister, Marta, come out to meet him, why?- Only to lead her to the true faith. Jesus says to her: "your brother will rise" she replies, yes he will on the last day, when Christ heard her answer he wanted a profound faith not just intellectual knowledge of the religion he wants her to have the experience of the risen Lord. He asks Martha: Do you believe I am the resurrection and life- her answer wasn't just a simple statement. Marta makes a serious profession of faith saying: Yes you are the Son of the living God. After this he calls Mary the other sister of Lazarus. If you notice this very interesting, He does not approach her sister in the same way, He just asks her: "where did you put him?" Christ who knew the family very well because he gathered with them so many times, asked Marta for the profession of faith because she is a woman with very good intentions but let herself be swayed for affection. For this reason she always was worried about hospitality, very important for Jews, anxious to have everything ready for the visitor, even though she has to judge her own sister accusing her of doing nothing- just listening to the Master. Christ needs to make sure that Marta professes faith not only with her mouth but from the bottom of her heart. That's why He does not ask the same of Mary because Jesus knows her very well and how prepared her heart is to confront the hardships of life with hope knowing that God will appear in any situation of life. Now, how do you and I respond to similar circumstances? The gospel tells us to be courageous and invites us to be prepared and have this hope in our God because he does not abandon the ones He choose and is always very close to the humbled ones, the ones who hope in the power of His word, Christ our Lord. May God bless you and your families and friends.

Estamos en el quinto domingo de cuaresma, por cierto el último de este tiempo tan importante para nosotros los cristianos. En este domingo, se nos pone delante el evangelio de la resurrección de Lázaro. Y es uno de los pocos evangelios que nos muestran la humanidad de Cristo, este llora por la muerte de su amigo Lázaro. Pero delante de un acontecimiento de muerte, de un amigo o un familiar, ¿Cómo respondemos nosotros? Cristo responde con mucha entereza y calma, no se agita ni se pone a llorar desconsoladamente como haríamos todos nosotros ¿Verdad? Cristo llega tres días después de la sepultura de su amigo, y no solamente eso, sino que espera a que una de las hermanas del difunto, Marta, salga a su encuentro, ¿Para que? Simplemente para llevarla a la fe verdadera. Cristo le dice: "Tu hermano resucitará." Y ella responde, "Que en la resurrección del último día." Entonces Cristo que ve la respuesta de Marta, la quiere llevar a una fe mucho mas profunda, no simplemente a un conocimiento intelectual de la religión, sino a una experiencia de Cristo resucitado, por eso le pregunta a Marta: "¿Crees que yo soy la resurrección y la vida?" Y la respuesta de Marta no es un simple si y ya esta, sino que Hace una profesión de fe completa, "Si, y tu eres el hijo del Dios vivo." Y después de esto manda llamar a María, la otra hermana de Lázaro y Marta. Y lo interesante es que a esta no le hace el mismo interrogatorio, sino simplemente le pregunta: "Donde lo habéis puesto." Cristo, que ya se había encontrado varias veces con estos tres hermanos, le pide a Marta la profesión de fe, por que ella es una mujer que se deja llevar, con muy buena intención, de los afectos, por eso se la pasaba preocupada de la hospitalidad, muy importante para los judíos, y de que todo estuviera listo y perfecto para cuando el huésped de honor llegase a la casa, y estuviera allí, aunque esto la llevara a juzgar y condenar a su hermana, que se la pasaba sentada escuchando al maestro. Por esta razón, Cristo tiene que asegurarse de que Marta profesa la fe, no solamente con los labios, sino desde el corazón. Por esta razón, no le pide lo mismo a María, ya que Cristo conoce muy bien el corazón de María, y sabe que esta preparado para sobre llevar cualquier situación con la esperanza siempre puesta en que Dios aparecerá de una manera o otra. Y tu y yo ¿como responderíamos en una situación semejante? Por eso, este evangelio de hoy, viene a darnos animo, a que estemos preparados, y a no perder la esperanza de que Dios no abandona a sus elegidos y de que El siempre esta cerca de los humildes y sencillos, que esperan en el poder de su palabra, Cristo nuestro Señor. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familiares y amigos

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of March 24 -25

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Saturday, March 24

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza/Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Javier Zapata y Sonon Herrera
(C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, March 25

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz/Ann Ruppert
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy/Mark Moron
12:00 Noon Magdalena Ortiz y Sandra Bonilla
(C: Teresa Marin)



Eucharistic Ministers

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EMHC for the Weekend of March 24 - 25

Saturday, March 24

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

Sunday, March 25

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Frank Iazzetta
12:00 Noon Sr. Carol, Ana Marte y Miguel H

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

Stations of



the Cross

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Stations of the Cross will be at 1:30 p.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish, Fridays during Lent

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm -- Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading -- Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel -- If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) o Ezequiel 37:12-14.

Salmo -- Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 [50]) o Salmo 130 (129).

Segunda lectura -- Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eternal (Hebreos 5:7-9) o Romanos 8:8-11.

Evangelio -- Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) o Juan 11:1-45.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]





Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal March 17 - 18

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the back of the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.



Archdiocese of Newark 2018 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share molly and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018, to The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

PRO-LIFE YOUTH RALLY: HEAL THEIR WOUND

Last year 1,901 people died in New Jersey alone from opioid addiction. This epidemic is destroying lives and families. The Pro Life Youth Rally on April 25th hosted by the Respect life Office will address this epidemic.

WHERE: ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTER
499 BELGROVE DRIVE, KEARNY, NJ 07032

TIME: 8:30AM - 1:00PM **COST:** \$10 PER STUDENT

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:

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Students, please consider attending.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured--knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called Dominus Flevit, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Latinoamérica, como en muchas partes del mundo, hay una horrible e impresionante pobreza. Enfrentado con la miseria humana, el cristiano puede responder con resignación "Yo no soy nadie, ¿qué puedo hacer yo? Nada." o puede responder con obras de caridad ayudando uno por uno a los pobres y necesitados. Esta virtud, es el pilar más importante de la conversión. Porque en ella imitamos a Jesucristo que vino no a condenar al mundo sino a salvarlo. Sin la caridad nuestros ayunos son dietas y nuestras oraciones son palabras necias.

La caridad es una virtud cristiana, porque Dios es el mejor ejemplo de lo que es la caridad. La caridad no es limosna, es amor y justicia, es salud y salvación; es cumplir con el mandamiento de amarnos los unos a los otros en un mundo donde la mayoría son pobres y desamparados. La caridad es dar al necesitado algo que uno aun necesite, es obrar por cambios sociales que promuevan la dignidad humana y el bienestar económico de todos. La caridad es amor y Dios es amor; vivamos en ese amor.

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