

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2015

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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 5, 2015 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 - 5:00 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 Wednesday (Cada Miércoles) 6:45 PM—8:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

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 Faccone, 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 JANUARY 4, 2015 TO JANUARY 10, 2015

SATURDAY (January 3)

8:30 MICHELE MAZZA/ Rocco Muscaritolo & Family
 5:00 THOMAS J. MC CAFFERY/ Robert & Louise Migliore
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 4) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 RUSSELL HARRIS/ St. Anne's Rosary Society
 10:30 ROSALIA AMADO/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (January 5) St. John Neumann

8:30 CAROLA MUÑOZ/ Magaly Venezio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 6) St. Andre Bessette

8:30 RITA IENTILE/ From the Family

WEDNESDAY (January 7) St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 MICHELE MAZZA/ Antonia DiPaola and Family

THURSDAY (January 8) Christmas Weekday

8:30 MARIA WADE/ Brigida Muscaritolo & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 9) Christmas Weekday

8:30 ANGELINA NOVELLO AIELLO/ Tripodi Family

SATURDAY (January 10) Christmas Weekday

8:30 VITO MONACO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 5:00 PETER J. LA GUARDIA/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 11) The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 KATHERINE NIGRO/ Anthony Bottitta
 10:30 LUCREZIA GRACE TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina
 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.

12/21 Offering

5:00 PM	317
7:00 PM	536
8:00 AM	462
10:30 AM	865
12:00 Noon	1368
Mail	255
Total	\$3,803

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker Carmen Alava Mary Brady Oran Bryant Caterina Campbell Isaac Castañeda Orlando Chavez Paul Chiusano Wayne Cook Mary Cusmano Leonor Sepulveda De Devia Marianna Dubell Denise Griest Jared Leonardo Henao Jacob Hinman Joshua Hinman Millie Infuso Joseph B. Jean-Mary Michelle Johnson Stanley Kuchno Lindsay LaMarre Tina Lang John Lapolla Theresa Lattanzio Rosa Leon Barbara McMurray	John Mariano, Jr. Elvin Martinez Georgine Mazza Angelo Meo Leonarda Merlo Pat Nardone Nick Netta Declan Rocco O'Connor Robergeau Paul Frank Pierre Raul Atilio Portillo Carmen Fojo Prieto Edith Quijada Endy Quijada Usha Raja Oscar Eduardo Ramirez Sergio Ricciardi Isadora Rodriguez Magdalena Rodriguez John Ruela Maria Saavedra Hugo Santa Maria Kay Scaturo Cira M. Senese John Veltre
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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM,
O LORD! We remember those who have
 died in the peace of Christ, especially:
John Gleason and Vincent Campanelli.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Epiphany/ Epifanía

Epiphany: “The manifestation of God to the gentiles, who are represented by the figures of the three Kings of the Orient.” This is our feast, of all those who come from gentile background. This is the moment where God has made himself present in this poor and defenseless child. During Christmas, God has manifested himself as the first amongst the shepherds, a class of people who were considered crude and of low social status, and yet, they were part of the people of Israel, the people chosen by God as his personal possession. Today with the feast of the Epiphany, God makes himself present to the PAGANS, to those who seek in the stars the meaning to life and their future; the deep desire to know the how and why of their existence. In one way or another all of us have our altars and devotions which are not totally dedicated to the observance of the law of God. This is the feast of the Mercy of God for all the peoples who do not yet know him. This is the first time that God shows His desire to be known by all men and women, first by his people, the Jews, and then by all the rest of nations. So that by letting go of their search for life in foreign things, which cannot give it to them, they can return to the Only author and Giver of life, which is present this time in the humility and defenselessness of the flesh of a baby, who, in a way, threatens the power of “Herod the Great.” This little child places before our attention a different reality, the Love that God has for all of his creation, for all men and women. Let us ask God to grant us, just like these three Wise Kings, to be able to recognize him as he truly is: as King, which is why they gave him Gold; as God, for which reason they offered him Incense; and Myrrh, the bitterness, as a sign of all that he will suffer for us. May God bless you in this year which has just begun.

Epifanía:”La manifestación de Dios a los gentiles, en la figura de los tres Reyes Magos de Oriente.” Esta es nuestra fiesta, la de todos los que venimos de la gentilidad. Donde Dios mismo se ha manifestado en este niño pobre e indefenso. En la navidad, Dios se manifestó primero a los pastores, gente ruda y de poco nivel social, pero pertenecientes al pueblo de Israel, el pueblo escogido por Dios como posesión personal. Hoy con esta fiesta de la Epifanía, Dios se manifiesta a los PAGANOS, a los que buscan en las estrellas el sentido de la vida y su porvenir; el conocer el cómo y porque de la existencia. A todos nosotros, que de una forma o de otra, con nuestros altares y devociones, pero no totalmente dedicados a la observación de la ley de Dios. Esta es la fiesta de la Misericordia de Dios para con todos los pueblos que no lo conocen todavía. Esta es la primera vez que Dios muestra su deseo de dejarse conocer por todos los hombres y mujeres, primero por su pueblo escogido, los judíos, y después por todos los demás pueblos. Para que dejando de buscar el sentido de sus vidas en otras cosas que no pueden dárselos, se vuelvan al Único autor y Dador de vida. Esta vez en la humildad y la fragilidad de la carne de este bebe. Y que de alguna forma, amenaza al poder de “Herodes el Grande.” Este niño, que nos pone delante una realidad distinta, que es el Amor que Dios tiene por todas sus criaturas, por todos los hombres y mujeres. Pidamos a Dios que nos conceda, como a estos tres Reyes Magos, reconocerlo como lo que es: Rey, por eso le dieron Oro; como Dios, por eso le ofrecieron Incienso; y Mirra, la amargura, por todo lo que va a sufrir por nosotros. Que Dios me los bendiga en este año que apenas acaba de comenzar.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM. Entrance is 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 10-11, 2015Saturday, January 10

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Maria Duran y Johana Yanes

Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Rita Agliata

12:00 Noon Rafaela y Francisco Avelar

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of January 10-11, 2015Saturday, January 10

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia

12:00 Noon Melida Canela, Myrna Gonzalez y Hermana Carol

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.

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.

Email Registration. Clip and Return. Registro de email. Clip y volver.

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____



***MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass [in Spanish] followed by prayer group

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

7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** No Holy Hour — New Year's Day

No Al-Anon Meeting — New Year's Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere—be gentle.

—J. Masai



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Who is the Adult Church Choir?

Well, in days gone by, it was this wonderful, dedicated group of parishioners, numbers of at least 25, who gathered in Church Ministry with a passion to sing, rehearse, and add to the liturgy with their harmonies and love of prayerful music. Today, while there are still some with this passion, their numbers are few. And so, the tables turn as they should, and now “YOU” are the “CHOIR”. Remembering “Hymns” are “Songs of Prayer”, we encourage you, the congregation, to be the sound of “Prayer through Music” as well as “Spoken Prayer”. Every voice is “well in tune” to the ears of the Lord.

So, let us “Sing a Joyful Song To the Lord”, when we attend Mass!

New Year’s Day Mass Schedule

On Thursday, January 1, 2015, there will be one tri-lingual Mass held at 10:30 AM for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics should remember to fulfill their obligation to attend Mass on this day.

Relevant Radio

The national Catholic Radio network, Relevant Radio, has begun broadcasting Catholic programming from within the Archdiocese of Newark. Their Newark offices are located at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, and they may be heard on WSNW—AM 1430. Please take advantage of this terrific outlet for Catholic news, opinion and entertainment.

Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Epiphany celebrates the wake-up calls of life, the showings of God’s majesty and power in the person of Jesus. The feast alerts us to look for signs of the Lord’s grace and action in our lives today. In this context, the call of the Second Vatican Council to reform the sacramental life of the Church, including our pattern of care for the sick, is indeed a holy awakening.

Prior to the 1960s, our care for the sick had collapsed in the popular imagination into something everyone called “last rites.” An immensely complicated ritual, with anointing accompanied by quickly muttered Latin prayers, was enacted for a marginally conscious person at “death’s door.” By the time a priest was called, the sick person might not be able to receive viaticum, or derive much personal benefit from the ritual. The healing effects of the sacrament, investing suffering with the dignity of a link to Christ’s cross, and the immense assurance of forgiveness for a person reviewing the life journey, were hidden. Suddenly, an epiphany swept through the Church, and the way we care for the sick was utterly transformed. It took several centuries, however, for the Church to reach that moment of renewal.