

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 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 - 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 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 11, 2015 TO JANUARY 17, 2015

SATURDAY (January 10)

8:30 VITO MONACO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 5:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 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

MONDAY (January 12) Weekday (1st Week in OT)

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin & Susan Belluscio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 13) St. Hilary

8:30 MICHELE MAZZA/ Mr. & Mrs. Ferdinando Rinaldi

WEDNESDAY (January 14) Weekday

8:30 JENNIE PERONE/ Daughter Rose

THURSDAY (January 15) Weekday

8:30 MADONNA DI FATIMA/ Anna Bisconti
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 16) Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Wife Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (January 17) St. Anthony

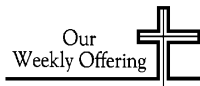
8:30 JAMES T. BYRNES/ Sandy Ciaramella & Family
 5:00 TERESA & PETER LA GUARDIA/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 18) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/ Family
 10:30 COLICCHIO FAMILY/ Lillian Ulisano
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



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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.

| | 12/28 | 1/4 | Monthly |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5:00 PM | 261 | 135 | 74 |
| 7:00 PM | 443 | 553 | 157 |
| 8:00 AM | 562 | 489 | 251 |
| 10:30 AM | 828 | 805 | 395 |
| 12:00 Noon | 1856 | 1089 | 1008 |
| Mail | | | |
| Total | \$3,950 | \$3,071 | \$1,885 |

Also, **\$9,525** was given for the **Christmas Collections**, and **\$1,193** was given for the **Solemnity of Mary**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alfonsina Aker | Barbara McMurray |
| Carmen Alava | John Mariano, Jr. |
| Oran Bryant | Elvin Martinez |
| Caterina Campbell | Angelo Meo |
| Isaac Castañeda | Leonarda Merlo |
| Orlando Chavez | Nick Netta |
| Paul Chiusano | Declan Rocco O'Connor |
| Wayne Cook | Robergeau Paul |
| Mary Cusmano | Frank Pierre |
| Leonor Sepulveda De Devia | Raul Atilio Portillo |
| Marianna Dubell | Carmen Fojo Prieto |
| Denise Griest | Edith Quijada |
| Jared Leonardo Henao | Endy Quijada |
| Jacob Hinman | Oscar Eduardo Ramirez |
| Joshua Hinman | Sergio Ricciardi |
| Millie Infuso | Isadora Rodriguez |
| Joseph B. Jean-Mary | Magdalena Rodriguez |
| Michelle Johnson | John Ruela |
| Stanley Kuchno | Maria Saavedra |
| Lindsay LaMarre | Hugo Santa Maria |
| Tina Lang | Kay Scaturro |
| John Lapolla | Cira M. Senese |
| Theresa Lattanzio | John Veltre |
| Rosa Leon | |

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O



LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Anna Mazza, Carmela Vitabile, Maryjane Candreva, and Mary Burrecci.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

The Baptism of the Lord/El Bautismo Del Señor

Today which is the first Sunday in Ordinary Time - we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. It is most appropriate because baptism begins our life in Christ. As St. Paul tells us today, God "saved us through the bath of rebirth." That "bath of rebirth" is the sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is so important that Jesus himself submitted to it. He had no need to be baptized: He has no sins and he is Son of God by nature. He did not need cleansing and adoption - as we do. Yet, because of the importance of baptism, he allowed John to pour those waters over him. The early Christians struggled with this. Why did the sinless Christ accept a baptism that implied repentance? Gregory Nazienzen - one of the great Greek Fathers - gave this answer: "He comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake." Then he adds, "Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him and rise with him." (PG 36, 350) Jesus made clear the necessity of baptism for salvation. The Catholic Church has always followed that teaching. Last summer - when we had those wonderful readings from John, Chapter 6 - I spoke to you about two sacraments that we must receive in order to have eternal life: Baptism and Eucharist. In the case of the sacraments, their import does not come from the nature of the material substances. You can break water down to hydrogen and oxygen; the Eucharist bread is made from ordinary wheat, nothing else. No yeast, no sugar - only wheat and wheat flour. But the water and the wheat have power because of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul says that God "saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit." At the moment of baptism, the Holy Spirit transforms us into God's children by adoption. And before consecrating the bread, the priest prays, "Let your Holy Spirit come upon these gifts..." That should be our attitude before the sacraments. Today's Psalm says, "How manifold are your works, O Lord!" And it reminds us that God's spirit renews the face of the earth. He does it through very small things: flowing water and wheat bread. And as we see in today's feast of Jesus' baptism: He saves us "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

Hoy que es el primer domingo de tiempo ordinario - celebramos el Bautismo del Señor. Es muy apropiado porque el bautismo inicia nuestra vida en Cristo. Como San Pablo nos dice hoy, Dios "nos salvo...mediante el bautismo." Bautismo es tan importante que Jesús mismo lo acepto. No tenía ninguna necesidad de ser bautizado. No tiene ningún pecado y es Hijo de Dios por naturaleza. No necesitaba purificación y adopción - como nosotros. Sin embargo, a causa de la importancia del bautismo, permitió que Juan derrame esas aguas sobre el. Los primeros cristianos preguntaban: ¿Por que Cristo sin pecado acepto un bautismo que implicaba arrepentimiento? Gregorio de Nazianzo, dio esta respuesta: "Vino para sepultar la humanidad llena de pecado en las aguas. Vino para santificar el Jordán para nosotros." Y añade, "Cristo es bautizado; bajemos con él para subir con él." (PG 36, 350) Jesús enseña claramente la necesidad de bautismo para la salvación. La Iglesia Católica siempre ha seguido esa enseñanza. Durante el mes de agosto - cuando tuvimos las lecturas de Juan, Capitulo 6 - les hable de dos sacramentos que tenemos que recibir para obtener la vida eterna: bautismo y Eucaristía. Para algunos parece extraordinario que tanto depende de algo tan pequeño: un poco de agua y un pedazo de pan. Pero, al pensarlo bien, no es tan raro. Cosas grandes a veces dependen de algo muy pequeño. Los científicos dicen que el universo salio de algo tan pequeño como una cereza - o el puno de un bebe. Un elefante - o un ser humano - desarrolla de algo más pequeño que el punto al final de una frase. Cosas pequeñas puede tener importancia enorme. En el caso de los sacramentos, su importancia no viene de la naturaleza de las sustancias materiales. Se puede reducir el agua a hidrogeno y oxigeno; el pan eucarístico se hace de trigo ordinario, nada mas. Nada de levadura, ni azúcar - solamente trigo y harina de trigo. Pero el agua y el trigo tienen poder a causa del Espíritu Santo. San Pablo dice que Dios nos salva mediante el bautismo y por la acción del Espíritu Santo. Al momento de bautismo, el Espíritu Santo nos transforme en hijos de Dios por adopción. Y antes de consagrar el pan, el sacerdote dice, "Te pedimos que santifiques estos dones con la efusión de tu Espíritu..." Se puede pensar que la próxima cosa que diré es: Aseguren que bauticen a sus hijos y que reciban la Eucaristía. Lo estoy diciendo, seguramente, pero este domingo quisiera proponer algo más: un sentido de asombro ante los dones de Dios. Eso debe de ser nuestra actitud ante los sacramentos. El Salmo dice, ¡Cuántas son tus obras, Señor! Y nos hace recordar que el espíritu (aliento) de Dios renueva la faz de la tierra. Lo hace por cosas pequeñas: agua y pan de trigo. Y como vemos en la fiesta del Bautismo de Jesús. Nos salva mediante el bautismo y la acción del Espíritu Santo.

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 17-18, 2015Saturday, January 17

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Martha Portillo y Will Villanueva

Sunday, January 18

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Manuel Mojico y Melida Canela

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of January 17-18, 2015Saturday, January 17

5:00 PM Avery Kenner
7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, January 18

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Gino Merenedino & Maria Agliata
12:00 Noon TBA

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

7:30 PM AL-ANON - Spanish (Rectory Basement)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 55:1-11.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Isaiah 12:2-6.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) *or* 1 John 5:1-9.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — He aquí mi siervo a quien he dado mi espíritu. (Isaías 42:1-4, 6-7) *o* Isaías 55:1-11.

Salmo — Te alabamos, Señor (Salmo 29 [28]) *o* Isaías 12:2-6.

Segunda lectura — Dios ha ungido a Jesús por el Espíritu Santo y el poder (Hechos 10:34-38) *ó* 1 Juan 5:1-9.

Evangelio — Tú eres mi Hijo, el Amado, al que miro con cariño (Marcos 1:7-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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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!

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.

REHEARSAL

Psalms are sung in the home and rehearsed in the streets.

--St. Ambrose

Radio Relevante

La red nacional de Radio Católica, Radio Relevante, ha comenzado a transmitir programación católica desde dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Newark. Sus oficinas están ubicadas en Newark en el Centro Arquidiocesano en Newark, y podrán prestar declaración bajo WSNW-AM 1430. Por favor tome ventaja de esta salida excelente para noticias católica, de opinión y de entretenimiento.

Como complemento de jubilación con un regalo de Planificación

¿Está a punto de jubilarse o ya está jubilado y está buscando para hacer un regalo de fin de año? Si es así, un Regalo Caritativo Anual puede ser una forma de complementar sus ingresos de jubilación y ayudar a su parroquia al mismo tiempo. Le ayuda Arquidiócesis de Newark que estableció un regalo caritativo anual poniéndose en contacto con Theresa Lynch en la Oficina de Planificación de Dar. Ella puede ser alcanzado en (973) 497-4042 o por correo electrónico a lynchthe@rcan.org.

ENSAYO

Los salmos se cantan en el hogar y se practican en las calles.

--San Ambrosio