

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 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

May 14, 2015 Ascension Thursday

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 MARCH 1, 2015 TO MARCH 7, 2015

SATURDAY (February 28)

- 8:30 RICKY APONTE & GIUSEPPE ANTONACCI/
Grandmother & Mom Maria Antonacci
- 5:00 JUANA E. RODRIGUEZ & CARLOS FIGUEROA JR./
Juan & Livia
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 1) Second Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 MICHAEL CRINCOLI/ Diane & Joseph Pompeo
- 10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Wife and Family
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 2) Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 RUSS HARRIS/ Sons of Peterstown
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 3) St . Katherine Drexel

- 8:30 VINCENT CORSENTINO/ Matthew Rinaldo

WEDNESDAY (March 4) St. Casimir

- 8:30 DOMINICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina

THURSDAY (March 5) Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 RUSS HARRIS/ Sacca Family
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 6) Lenten Weekday, World Day of Prayer

- 8:30 JOSEPH CHIRICO/ Sally Vaccaro

SATURDAY (March 7) Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

- 8:30 ALFONSO & CARMELA DI COSMO/
Daughter-in-law Margherita DiCosmo & Grandchildren
- 5:00 FELIX NEGRON, JR./ Parents
- 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 8) Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 JOSEPHINE PECORARO/ Dr. & Mrs. Williams
- 10:30 ULISANO FAMILY/ Lillian Ulisano
- 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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 • The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are
 • donated this week in memory of **Leonard J.**
 • **Guarino** donated by **Son Mike and**
 • **Grandsons Mike Jr., Lenny, Johnny and**
 • **Brian.**
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SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the **Monthly Diocesan Assessment.**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the **Holy Father (Peter's Pence.)**



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

5:00 PM	173
7:00 PM	252
8:00 AM	169
10:30 AM	553
12:00 Noon	1835
Mail	465
Total	\$3,447

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 Giacobbe and Flora Gallo.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Lent/Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma 2015

Today's Old Testament reading tells about Abraham's amazing trust in God. After praying for decades that God would give him a son, his wife Sarah finally gave birth to Isaac. As you can imagine, Isaac was more precious to Abraham than all the land and sheep God had given him. His entire possessions meant less to him than the little finger of his son. Yet God tested his faith by asking him to do something that we have a hard time understanding. He asked him to take his only son up a hill, place him on a stone table on which he would empty out the boy's blood. Abraham did not understand why God required such a thing, but he made a great act of trust. As they climbed the hill, Abraham carried the fire and the knife - those things which could harm his child. On little Isaac's back he tied the bundle of wood. When they arrived at the summit, the boy said, "Father, I see the altar; I see the fire and I see the knife; but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Although the question must have broken the old man's heart, Abraham did not waver in his faith, "My son, God himself will provide the lamb for sacrifice." God did provide. If we trust in God, he will sometimes answer our prayers in marvelous ways - as he did with Abraham. God sent an angel to stop his hand and when he untied his son, they saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. God gave an immediate answer, but a question still lingered in the air. For two thousand years, the children of Abraham would ask the same question as Isaac. It echoed down their history: "Where is the lamb for sacrifice?" We have the answer in today's Gospel. When Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain, a cloud lowered and they heard the same words spoken concerning Isaac: "This is my beloved son." Like Isaac, they loaded wood on Jesus' back and lead him up a hill. This time there would be no last minute rescue. It was not because God the Father could not send an angel to save his Son. No, Jesus would provide the definitive answer to our question: "Where is the lamb of sacrifice?" The Lamb is Jesus himself. No animal, even a beautiful innocent lamb, has blood precious enough to remove sin. Jesus, God in human flesh, is the only one who can completely take away sins. Abraham teaches us trust in God, no matter what. Jesus demonstrates that our trust will never be in vain. St. Paul expresses it this way: "If God is for us who can be against us?" Then he goes on to point out that the Father did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for our sake. If he did that, will he not give us everything else? When you think about it, everything else is already included in Jesus: healing, peace, forgiveness, life, power, joy. Brothers and sisters, we are already at the Second Sunday of Lent. Only four weeks remain until Holy Week. Today Jesus invites us to ascend that mountain with him, to place in him our full trust. May God bless you always.

La lectura del Antiguo Testamento cuenta la confianza sobrehumana de Abraham. Después de rezar por mucho tiempo que Dios le diera un hijo, Sara finalmente dió a luz a un hijo, Isaac. Como se puede imaginar, Isaac era más valioso para Abraham que toda la tierra y ovejas que Dios le había dado. Todas sus posesiones significaban menos para él que el meñique de su hijo. Dios puso a prueba su fe pidiéndole hacer algo difícil de entender. Le pidió llevar su hijo a un monte, ponerlo sobre un altar de piedra sobre la cual derramaría la sangre de su hijo. Abraham no entendió porque Dios requería tal cosa, pero hizo un gran acto de fe. Mientras subían al monte, Abraham llevó el fuego y el cuchillo. Sobre la espalda del pequeño Isaac, Abraham ató la leña. Cuando llegaron al cumbre, el niño dijo, "Papá, veo el altar; veo el fuego y veo el cuchillo; pero ¿Dónde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" La pregunta debe de haber quebrantado el corazón de Abraham, pero Abraham no vaciló en su fe, "Hijo mío, Dios mismo proveerá el cordero para el sacrificio." Dios, sí, proveyó. Si confiamos en Dios, a veces nos contestará nuestras oraciones en formas maravillosas - como hizo por Abraham. Dios envió un ángel para parar su mano y cuando desató su hijo, vieron un carnero enredado por los cuernos entre las ramas de un arbusto. Dios les dio una respuesta inmediata, pero una pregunta quedaba en el aire. Por dos mil años, los hijos de Abraham iban a hacer la misma pregunta como Isaac. Resonaba por su historia: "¿Dónde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" Tenemos la respuesta en el evangelio de hoy. Cuando Jesús llevó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un monte alto, una nube descendió y escucharon las mismas palabras pronunciadas sobre Isaac. "Este es mi hijo amado" Esta vez no iba a haber un rescate del ultimo momento. No fue porque Dios Padre no podía enviar un ángel para salvar su Hijo. No, Jesús iba a dar la respuesta definitiva a la pregunta, "¿Donde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" Jesús mismo es el Cordero. Ninguno animal, ni un cordero inocente, tienen la sangre tan preciosa para quitar el pecado. Jesús, Dios en carne humana, es el único que puede quitar completamente el pecado. Abraham nos enseña confianza en Dios, pase lo que pasa. Jesús demuestra que nuestra confianza jamás será en vano. Como dice San Pablo lo expresa así: "Si Dios esta a nuestro favor, ¿Quién estará en contra nuestra?" Luego señala que el Padre no nos escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino lo entregó por nosotros. Si hizo eso, ¿no nos dará todo junto con Hijo? Cuando lo pensamos bien, todo ya está incluido en Jesús: sanación, perdón, vida, poder, alegría. Hermanos, ya estamos al Segundo Domingo de la Cuaresma. Solamente cuatro semanas nos quedan hasta la Semana Santa. Hoy Jesús no invita subir aquel monte con él, poner en el nuestra plena confianza. Que Dios me los bendiga siempre.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry will be open once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is Wednesday, March 18, 2015, from 1 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 March 7 – 8, 2015Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Abel Flores y Johana Yanes

Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Dominique Randazzo
12:00 Noon Norma Frutos y Joni Rodriguez

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of March 7—8, 2015Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Martha Devia, Cristian Moron & Maria Agliata
12:00 Noon Miguel y Maria Hernandez, Myrna Gonzalaez

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 _____



***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)

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

***SATURDAY:** 10:00 AM Spanish CCD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm -- I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel -- Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white (Mark 9:2-10).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Dios puso a prueba la devoción de Abraham al pedirle que sacrificara a su hijo Isaac (Génesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Salmo -- Siempre confiaré en el Señor (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios entregó a su único Hijo para que ahora interceda por nosotros (Romanos 8:31b-34).

Evangelio -- Jesús, acompañado por Elías y Moisés, se transforma de manera luminosa ante Pedro, Santiago y Juan (Marcos 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;

1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION RICE BOWL—
Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services**

Operation Rice Bowl is a Lenten practice of learning, praying and giving. The money you save, especially if you choose to give up a favorite food or snack, will be used for self-help projects for those who are in need. If you choose to participate you will receive a Lenten calendar which contains a short reflection for each day, as well as stories about those in need who have benefitted from the money raised through ORB. Cardboard rice bowls include a Lenten calendar and are available on the table near each door as you leave.

Families are encouraged to participate as a family and place the rice bowl on the table where you gather for supper.

ST. ANNE ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

The St. Anne Rosary Society will have its next meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at 1:00 PM in the Youth Center.

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE
RETIREMENT**

**OF DEACON JOE CAPORASO
FROM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ACADEMY**

Thursday, May 21, 2015 from 6:00 to 10:00 in the evening
Galloping Hill Caterers—1085 Galloping Hill Road, Union, NJ 07083
Tickets — \$60 can be purchased at Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy
227 Centre Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

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ESCUCHA Y SIGUE

"Este es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo". Y sí que lo escucharon. Desde ese momento, Pedro, Santiago y Juan fueron sus ardientes seguidores, desechándolo todo para seguir las huellas del Maestro. Tal como proclama el salmista, "Señor, he aquí tu servidor", los tres discípulos se comprometieron a vidas de increíbles penurias e indescriptible gozo. Después de ese día en la montaña, nunca más dudaron de la vocación escogida.

Aunque nuestras pruebas no sean tan severas como la de Abraham, ni nuestros momentos sublimes tan dramáticos como la Transfiguración, todos confrontamos los retos cotidianos de caminar "en presencia del Señor en el país de la vida". Mientras seguimos nuestros diversos llamados a amar y servir, seamos confortados por lo que Pablo les recuerda a los romanos: "Si Dios está a nuestro favor, ¿quién estará en contra nuestra?"