

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor  
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar  
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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 15, 2015 TO MARCH 21, 2015**



**SATURDAY (March 14)**

8:30 RUSSELL HARRIS/ Tessie Pozyc  
 5:00 GIUSEPPE COFFARO & SALVATORE TARANTINO/  
 Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Arcieri  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 15) Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 MARY & PIETRO D. PIGA/ Children and Grandchildren  
 10:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (March 16) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 GIUSEPPE & FRANCESCA ARCURI/  
 Giuseppina Piccoli  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (March 17) St. Patrick**

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Wife Antonia Chillemi

**WEDNESDAY (March 18) St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/  
 Franklin & Susan Belluscio

**THURSDAY (March 19) St. Joseph**

8:30 CARMELA E LETTERIO TROVATO/ Antonia Chillemi  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (March 20) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 ROSALBINO PICCOLI/ Giuseppina Piccoli

**SATURDAY (March 21) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 ANNA WILK/ From the family  
 5:00 ROBERT MAGOTCH/ Joseph Magotch  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 22) Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 JOSEPHINE PECORARO/ Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Geraldo  
 10:30 TERESA LORIA/ Biagio Arcieri and Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**2016 MASS BOOK**

The 2016 Mass Book will open at **9:00 AM, Monday March 16, 2015.** You may come in at any point after that time to reserve Masses for your loved ones for the 2016 calendar year.



**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	Peter's Pence
5:00 PM	422	151
7:00 PM	501	241
8:00 AM	256	207
10:30 AM	770	344
12:00 Noon	1,586	845
Mail		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,535</b>	<b>\$1,788</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:**

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: **Frank Scutari and Brigida A. Robles.**

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**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**


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**Fourth Sunday of Lent/Quarto Domingo de Cuaresma 2015**


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This Sunday the gospel presents a Miracle performed by Christ. He opens the eyes to a man who was blind. And we see in the fact to cure this man, even when he does not ask to be healed, maybe he already was accustomed to his situation. In this scene Christ appears to him and transforms his whole life, taking him out of the comfort. And because of this fact he starts to experience many troubles, with the religious leaders, with his parents etc... All this leads him to something more important than just a physical miracle, to make the Glory of God appear, they ask to this man who was borne blind: what do you say about the one who opened you eyes? And he answer was: He is a prophet. And for us today, we were blind? If we were blind, what didn't we see? How did our eyes get opened? And the most important question: what we can say about the one who opened our eyes? All these questions are related because it is not possible answer each one of them individually, and they need to be answered in the same order proposed, not as we wish. So you were blind? We should answer yes because I do not see the love of God anywhere in my life, always working like a donkey, to receive a little affection and noting else, everything in life was a burden. I use to go to mass on Sunday to fulfill a precept, and that's all, I get out from mass exactly the same way as I walked in. I understood that the Lord loves me with no conditions but I do not see this love, everything was based on just my strength. Now can we see how our eyes are opened? These Blind men in the gospel repeat that so many times... "He put clay in my eyes and sends me to wash myself"... This words mean according to the fathers of the church "The Word of Christ" (symbolized in the saliva) and our sins, weakness or humanity (represent by the earth) mixing both of them is this clay made by Christ and this mud makes us feel a little or a lot uncomfortable, this obliges us to go and wash ourselves, to the waters of Baptism, to reconcile with God in the forgiveness of our sins. It is how God opens our eyes, so we can see his love everyday. We can experience this God as a Father, the one who created the whole universe and for our sake sent his son Jesus Christ to save us and give us his Holy Spirit. For all this we can now make a marvelous proclamation of our faith, not just with our lips but with our existence, and bear witness with the concrete facts of our daily life. But in order to answer the most important question that was formulated to this blind man which is: What do you say about the one who had opened you eyes? We can answer like him, "HE IS A PROPHET". He is the only one who loves me the way how I am, and I know this because he made me see how I really am, and made me feel his love when I was a sinner. And if I experienced some changes in my life is not by my strength, it is Christ who acts in me. This is truly to be Christian the one who only glorifies God and puts him always in the first place, not in our human efforts because our deeds, like the psalm say: "This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes". Brothers and sisters rejoice in this fourth Sunday of Lent and let us ask the Lord to give us the grace of conversion in this time so we can praise and bless him with our life. May God bless you all.

En este domingo el evangelio nos presenta un milagro de Cristo, le abre los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Y vemos como este hecho de la curación de este hombre, que no pide ser curado, sino que él esta muy cómodo en esta situación, yo me imagino que tendría días buenos y otros no tan buenos, pero esa es también nuestra vida, ya que nos acomodamos en ella y ya esta, ¿para que cambiar muchas veces, para que arriesgar y si sale mal? Pero Cristo aparece en escena y le trastoca toda la vida, lo saca de su comodidad. Y empiezan a aparecerle muchos problemas, problemas con los líderes religiosos, con sus padres, etc. Pero todo esto es para que pueda darse algo mas importante que el milagro físico, que aparezca la gloria de Dios, de ahí que se le pregunte al que era ciego: ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y responde que es un profeta. Y para nosotros, ¿Estábamos ciegos? Si estábamos ciegos, ¿Qué no veíamos? ¿Cómo se han abierto nuestros ojos, si es que se han abierto? Y la pregunta fundamental, ¿Qué podemos decir del que nos ha abierto los ojos? Todas estas preguntas están relacionadas, por que no es posible responder las individualmente y en el orden en que queramos, sino en el orden establecido. Así que, ¿Estaba ciego? Si, por que no veía el amor de Dios por ningún sitio, siempre trabajando como burro, para recibir un poquito de afecto, y nada más, todo era una carga. Si iba a misa por cumplir, y ya esta, salía igual que como entraba. Pero eso de que Dios me amaba incondicionalmente lo entendía y mucho menos lo veía, todo era en mi esfuerzo. ¿Y si ahora vemos como se nos han abierto los ojos? Este tipo del evangelio lo repite muchas veces, "...Me puso barro en los ojos, y me dijo que fuera a lavarme..." Esto significa según algunos Padres de la Iglesia, que la palabra de Cristo (simbolizada en la saliva) y nuestros pecados, debilidades, nuestra humanidad (la tierra), mezclados, este barro que Cristo hizo, y que nos hace estar un poco o mucho incómodos, nos obliga a ir a lavarnos, a las aguas del bautismo, a la reconciliación con Dios por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Así nos abre los ojos Cristo, para poder ver el amor de Dios en nuestras vidas. Podemos ver y experimentar que Dios es padre, que el es creador de todo, que su hijo Jesucristo es el que ha sido enviado para salvarnos y así darnos su Espíritu Santo. Hacer una maravillosa proclamación de fe, no solo con los labios sino con todo nuestro ser, dando pruebas con hechos concretos en nuestra vida. Para poder responder a la pregunta mas importante que le hacen al ciego de nacimiento ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y podamos responder como este ciego, "Que es un profeta." Que es el único que me ha amado, y lo se por que me ha hecho ver como soy y que Dios me quiere así tal cual. Y si he podido cambiar en algo no he sido yo, ha sido Cristo actuando en mi. Por que este es el cristiano, el que da gloria a Dios. Y pone a Dios como causa primera de todo, no es por mi esfuerzo, o por mi bien hacer, sino que "es Dios quien lo ha hecho, ha sido un milagro patente," como dice el salo. Así que hermanos y hermanas, alegrémonos en este cuarto domingo de cuaresma y pidámosle al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de la conversión en este tiempo para poder alabar y bendecir a Dios, no solo con los labios, sino con toda nuestra vida. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

**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 21 – 22, 2015****Saturday, March 21**

5:00 PM Maryanne Costanza  
7:00 PM Rubia Cardoza y Senon Herrera

**Sunday, March 22**

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz  
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino  
12:00 Noon Jose Bonilla y Raul Alvares

**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of March 21—22, 2015****Saturday, March 21**

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

**Sunday, March 22**

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli  
10:30 AM Martha Devia, Cristian Moron & Gino Merendino  
12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Melida Canela, y Maritza Puello

**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 wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** -- By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** -- The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** -- La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Salmo** -- Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o Salmo 23(22).

**Segunda lectura** -- Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o Efesios 5:8-14.

**Evangelio** -- Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8;

Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



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## ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30AM – 3:30PM St. Anthony's will share a St. Joseph table at the Youth Center. Pasta, salad, bread and a soda: \$5 for adults & \$3 for kids under 12!  
Please come!

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent according to the following schedule:

1:00 PM in English with the school children

6:00 PM in English

7:00 PM in Spanish

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## 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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### RAISED UP BY THE MESSIAH

Last week, when Jesus referred to the destruction of the temple, the account from today's first reading is what would have come to the minds of his listeners. But, as Jesus was speaking on a deeper level, so does today's first reading. In the first paragraph we hear that Israel had, in effect, "fallen" already through its infidelity to the covenant. Lest we get too cozy, this account reminds us that God, though just, loving, and merciful, is capable of punishing sin when that sin is unrepentant. But we are also reminded that God, rich in mercy, anoints individuals to be vessels of salvation as well (in Hebrew, King Cyrus of Persia is called "messiah"). In the Gospel reading, we hear of another Messiah being "lifted up" for our salvation in one of the best-known passages from the New Testament. As Lent concludes and we enter Holy Week, we need to keep our gaze steadfast upon the cross of Christ, the Son of God who came into the world to raise us who had fallen.

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### LEVANTADOS POR EL MESÍAS

La semana pasada, cuando Jesús se refería a la destrucción del Templo, el relato de la primera lectura de hoy es lo que les hubiera venido a la mente a sus oyentes. Pero, dado que Jesús estaba hablando en un sentido más profundo, así también debemos entender la primera lectura de hoy. Escuchamos en el primer párrafo que Israel en efecto ya había "caído" a causa de sus infidelidades contra la alianza. Para no ponernos demasiado cómodos, este relato nos recuerda que Dios, aunque justo, amoroso y misericordioso, es capaz de castigar el pecado cuando es un pecado no arrepenido. Pero también nos recuerda que Dios, rico en misericordia, unge a individuos para que sean a su vez instrumentos de salvación (en hebreo al Rey Ciro de Persia se le denomina "mesías"). En la lectura del Evangelio, escuchamos de otro Mesías que debe ser "levantado" por nuestra salvación, en uno de los pasajes más conocidos del Nuevo Testamento. Al terminar la Cuaresma y entrar en la Semana Santa, debemos mantener nuestra mirada fija en la cruz de Cristo, el Hijo de Dios que vino al mundo para levantarnos a todos los que habíamos caído.

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