

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 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 22, 2015 TO MARCH 28, 2015

SATURDAY (March 21)

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 Gerardo
 10:30 TERESA LORIA/ Biagio Arcieri and Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 23) St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:30 FRED AND JENNIE PERONE/ Daughter Rose
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Family

WEDNESDAY (March 25) The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly

THURSDAY (March 26) Lenten Weekday

8:30 RUSSELL HARRIS/ Kim & George Mouded
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 PASQUALE CHIARIELLO/ Dr. & Mrs. Williams

SATURDAY (March 28) Lenten Weekday

8:30 GESINA CARDAMONE/ Giuseppina Piccoli
 5:00 PRISCILLA BENSI/ Rhodora & Christian Igot
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 29) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 ANDREW DUBELL, JR./ Wife & Children
 10:30 FELICIA MAZZA/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

2016 MASS BOOK

The 2016 Mass Book is now open. You may come now in to reserve Masses for your loved ones for the 2016 calendar year.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated this week in memory of Frank Alfano donated by Lina Alfano.

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE were donated last week in memory of Mary & Pietro Piga by Children and Grandchildren.

The SANCTUARY LIGHT burned by the tabernacle last week in memory of Mary & Pietro Piga donated by Children and Grandchildren.



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	252
7:00 PM	502
8:00 AM	697
10:30 AM	1,009
12:00 Noon	1,900
Mail	348
Total	\$4,708

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 Venezia, Maria DaSilva and Vincenzo Bruno.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma 2015

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 Christians. Today as a proposal we listen to the resurrection of Lazarus. This passage of scripture is one of the few which reveals to us the human nature of Jesus Christ, weeping because of the death of his beloved friend. Confronted with the fact death of a friend or a closed relative, how do we face it? The answer of Christ is calm and with integrity. He doesn't freak out or 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, Martha, to 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 listens her answer he wants a profound faith, not just intellectual knowledge of the religion. He conducts her to have an 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. Martha 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 lead up he does not approach her sister in the same way. He just asks her: "where did you put him?" Christ knew the family very well because he gathered with them so many times. He asked Martha for the profession of faith because she was a woman with very good intentions, but she let herself be drag down by her affection for reason. She was always worried about hospitality (which is very important for Jews), anxious to have everything ready for the visitor. Even so she had to judge her own sister accusing her of doing nothing, just listening to the Master. Christ needed to make sure that Martha confessed faith not only with her mouth but from the bottom of her heart. That's why He did not ask the same to Mary. Jesus knew her very well and how prepared her heart was to confront the hardships of life with hope knowing that God will appear in any situation of life. Now you and I, how do we respond to any similar circumstances? The gospel tells us to have courage and invites us to be prepared and have this hope in our God because he does not abandon the ones He chooses and is always very close to the humble one and to the simple, the one who hopes in the power of his word, Christ our Lord. May God bless all of you, 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

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry will be open once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry will be announced shortly. 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 28 – 29, 2015

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM Maryanne Costanza

7:00 PM TBA

Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Sr. Charitina and Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon TBA

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of March 28—29, 2015

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM Avery Kenner

7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Gino Merendino

12:00 Noon Miguel y Maria Hernandez, Maritza Puello, Ana Marte 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 _____



***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 -- I will make a new covenant; I will write my law 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 learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (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 eterna (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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

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

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;

Lk 1:26-38

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]



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ST. JOSEPH TABLE — JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, March 22nd 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

ST. ANNE ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Anne Rosary Society will have its next meeting on Wednesday, April 8 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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THE NEW COVENANT

When the prophet Jeremiah coined the term "new covenant" he was actually doing something quite radical. For the Jewish people, there was only one covenant, the one made between the Lord God and Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai. For Jeremiah to suggest that God would somehow supersede the covenant with a new one would have sounded audacious to Jewish ears. But in this way he is a predecessor of Jesus who, in the Gospel of John, is continually portrayed as superseding the past, establishing the reign of God in a new way. And in today's Gospel passage, Jesus the "new covenant" speaks the language of his "new commandment" of love when he tells of the dying grain of wheat, and of our own need to die to self in order to be raised with Christ. As Lent ends and we prepare to enter into Holy Week, the dying grain of wheat serves as an excellent symbol of the kind of dying and self-sacrifice to which disciples are called, a symbol of that new covenant written deep within our hearts.

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LA NUEVA ALIANZA

Cuando el profeta Jeremías creó el término "nueva alianza" hacía algo muy radical. Para el pueblo judío, sólo había una alianza, la que el Señor Dios había hecho con Israel por medio de Moisés en el Monte Sinaí. Cuando Jeremías dice que de alguna manera Dios va a reemplazar la antigua alianza con una nueva, seguro que sus oyentes pensaban que era algo muy atrevido. De ese modo Jeremías es un predecesor de Jesús, quien, en el Evangelio de Juan se presenta siempre como alguien que reemplaza el pasado, estableciendo el Reino de Dios de una manera nueva. Y en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús, "la nueva alianza" habla con el lenguaje del "nuevo mandamiento" de amor cuando menciona el grano de trigo que muere y nuestra propia muerte al egoísmo para poder resucitar con Cristo. Al finalizar la Cuaresma y al prepararnos a entrar en la Semana Santa, el grano de trigo que muere es un símbolo excelente del tipo de muerte y autosacrificio al que los discípulos están llamados, un símbolo de esa nueva alianza escrita en lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

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