

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2016

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Pastoral Staff:

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

March 27, 2016 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 Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 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

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

Staff:

Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
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 6, 2016 TO MARCH 12, 2016

SATURDAY (March 5) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARY PALERMO/ Giovanni & Giovanna Ferrera
 5:00 YOLANDA & PAUL NOVELLO
 & CHARLES NOVELLO/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 6) Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/ Angelina & Maria DiLorenzo
 10:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 7) Lenten Weekday,

Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:30 CARMELA TAMBURELLO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 8) Lenten Weekday, St. John of God

8:30 ROSE-MARIE DONAHUE/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza

WEDNESDAY (March 9) Lenten Weekday,

St. Frances of Rome

8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Maria Sacca

THURSDAY (March 10) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CARMELA & LETTERIO TROVATO/
 Mrs. Antonia Chillemi
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 11) Lenten Weekday

8:30 NORA SARMIENTO/ Sister

SATURDAY (March 12) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CHESTER WILK/ Family
 5:00 GIUSEPPE COFFARO & SALVATORE
 TARANTINO/ Mr. & Mrs. Nicola Arcieri & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 13) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children
 10:30 PAOLA LOMBARDI/ Pietro & Carmelo Lombardi
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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 • The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated
 • this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga**
 • donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.
 • The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the
 • tabernacle this week in memory of **Mary &**
 • **Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and**
 • **Grandchildren**.
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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.

Weekly Offering	
5:00 PM	455
7:00 PM	703
8:00 AM	450
10:30 AM	7887
12:00 Noon	2574
Mail	159
Total	\$5,128

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Rocco Chiavuzzo and Rosanna Pezzella-Esaldo.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Elvin Martinez
Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
Sheree Balaam	Angelo Meo
Oran Bryant	Leonarda Merlo
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Nick Netta
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Laura Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Peter Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Raul Atilio Portillo
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Ann Harris	Endy Quijada
Russell Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Harry Krampf	Salvatore Saluccio
Stanley Kuchno	Gladys San Antonio
Lindsay LaMarre	Hugo Santa Maria
John Lapolla	Frank Tinnirella
Theresa Lattanzio	Angela Verlengeri
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	Charles White

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fourth Sunday of Lent / Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**

Dear brothers and sisters, in today's gospel we received a very good word from John the Evangelist, and it is not just a miracle done by Jesus Christ, but a catechesis of the primitive church related to baptism. Because everybody that was ready to be baptized needed to answer one question: what do you say of the one who opened your eyes? Because they were called enlightened, by the very fact of their baptism. So the first step was to recognize that they were blind, and what they could not see was the love of God in their lives.

In this process of recognizing their blindness, they should accept that Christ put this mud in their eyes, the mix of Christ's word and their own sins, the Love of God and their own humanity, all celebrated in a community. Thus it is to show, how the Lord had intervened in their histories.

More or less as it happened in the first reading with the election of David as King of Israel, being the last one of his family, the least important, the one in charge of tending the flock, the one with no rights, that's why he is not called to the presence of the prophet Samuel since the beginning, but God had him in mind, and God warned the prophet telling him that there is one of Jesse's children missing. Because the most important thing is that God is the one who chooses, and He has chosen us for a very important mission, that we will go and give witness of how good he has been with us. But for this we need to be enlightened in our history, in our lives, so we can see and recognize that every event in our lives, good or not, has been allowed by God so we can give testimony of his kind paternity toward all humanity. So, today, "What do you say of the one who opened your eyes?" Are you able to answer that he is the Messiah, the son of the living God? That he has made well everything that makes the blind see, the lame walk and the mute speak. What is your blindness today? What prevents you from seeing the love of God today?

For this the church is calling us to be the last ones, so we can experience the election of God in our lives.

May the Lord bless you always.

Queridos hermanos, hoy el Evangelio nos presenta una palabra estupenda del evangelio de Juan, y no es solamente el relato de uno de los milagros de Cristo, sino una catequesis de la iglesia primitiva relacionada con el bautismo. Ya que todos los que iban a ser bautizados tenían que responder a una pregunta, y tu, ¿que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Ya que los que iban a ser iluminados por el bautismo tenían que primero reconocerse ciegos, es decir que no veían lo que el Señor había hecho en sus vidas. En este proceso, tenían que reconocer como el Señor había puesto ese barro en sus ojos, esa mezcla de la saliva y la tierra, la palabra de Dios junto con la humanidad del hombre, los pecados y la palabra de Dios celebrada en comunidad. Es decir, como el Señor había actuado en sus historias. Un poco como pasa en la primera lectura con la elección de David como rey de Israel. David es escogido siendo el ultimo, el menos importante de su familia, siendo el menor, en Israel, el menor de la casa no tenia derecho a nada, por eso no es llamado a presencia del profeta Samuel desde el principio, sino cuando Dios le dice al profeta que faltaba uno de los hijos de Jesé. Lo importante es que Dios es el que elige, y a todos nosotros nos a elegido el Señor para una misión muy importante. Que vallamos y demos testimonio de lo bueno que ha sido con nosotros, pero para esto necesitamos ser iluminados en nuestra historia, en nuestra vida, para poder ver y así reconocer que todos los acontecimientos, buenos y no tan buenos según nosotros, los ha permitido Dios para que podamos dar testimonio de su bondad y paternidad para contados los hombres y mujeres del mundo. Por eso hoy, ¿Que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Eres capaz de responder que es el Señor, el Mesías, el hijo de Dios. Que todo lo ha hecho bien, que hace ver a los ciegos. Cual era tu ceguera, que era lo que te impedía ver a Dios. Para esto, la iglesia nos llama a ser los últimos, por que en ese lugar es donde podemos encontrarlo, donde experimentaremos la elección del Señor en nuestra vida.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is **March 23, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM**. Enter 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 12-13, 2016Saturday, March 12

5:00 PM Sr. Clare
7:00 PM Jose Bonilla y Zenaida Figueroa
(C: Emi Yanes)

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla y Rubia Cardoza
(C: Teresa Marin)

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of March 12 – 13, 2016Saturday, March 12

5:00 PM Avery Kenner
7:00 PM Teresa Marin y Ramon Yanes

Sunday, March 13

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Martha Devia & Gino Merendino
12:00 Noon Maritza Puella, Ana Marte y Hmna. 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.

CHARACTER

A simple judge of my character is how I treat a person who can do absolutely nothing for me.

--Anonymous

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.



***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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm -- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading -- We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel -- We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El pueblo de Dios entra a la tierra prometida (Josué 5:9a, 10-12) o 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Salmo -- Haz la prueba y verás qué bueno es el Señor (Salmo 34 [33]) o Salmo 23(22).

Segunda lectura -- Ahora somos embajadores de Cristo (Corintios 5:17-21) o Efesios 5:8-14.

Evangelio -- Debemos celebrar cuando nuestro hermano se arrepiente y vuelve a la vida (Lucas 15:1-3, 11-32) o Juan 9: 1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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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: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

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: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11;

Alternate readings (Year A):

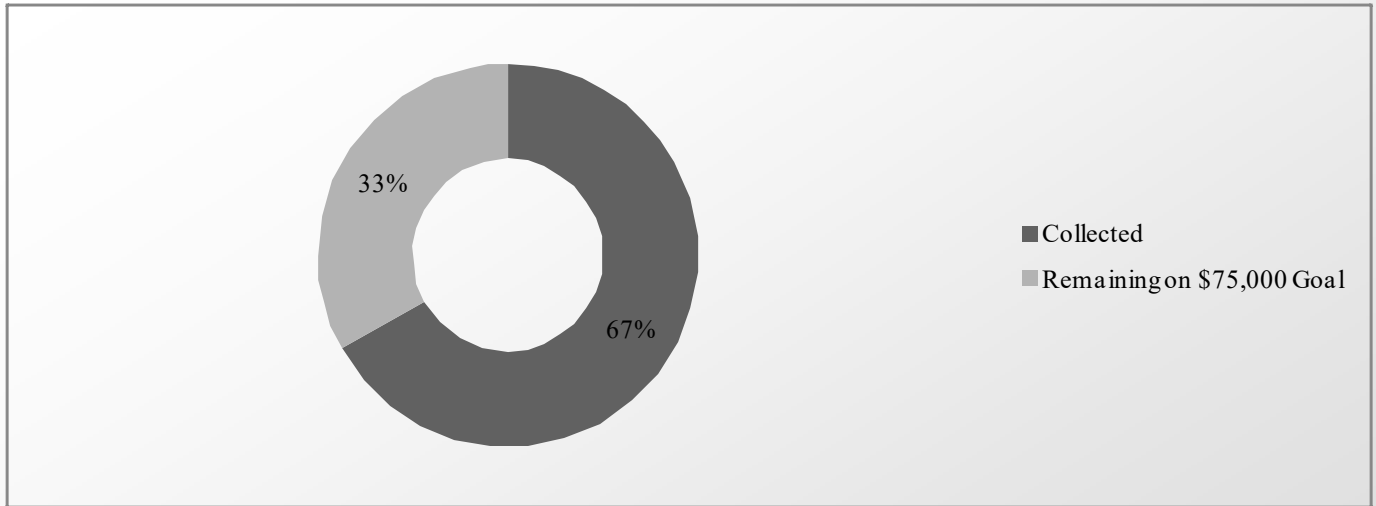
Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

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

CARÁCTER

Una simple manera de juzgar mi carácter es ver cómo trato a una persona que no puede hacer absolutamente nada por mí.

--Anónimo



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$50,221. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$50,221. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Please join us on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 11:30 AM for the St. Joseph's Table. We will have a spaghetti dinner at the Youth Center. \$5.00 per person. Please contact the rectory for more information and tickets. All proceeds will benefit our Church.

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 will open on **this Monday, March 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM.** You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2017 calendar year on this date.

TABLA DE SAN JOSÉ

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Domingo, 13 de marzo 2016, a las 11:30 AM para la Tabla de San José. Tendremos una cena de espaguetis en el Centro Juvenil. \$5.00 por persona. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la rectoría para más información y comprar su entradas. Todos lo recaudado se destinarán a nuestra Iglesia.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in the Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2016. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows: April 24, 2016, at 3:00 PM for people married 5 and 25 years, and May 1, 2016, at 3:00 PM for couples married 50 years. Please contact the Rectory if you are interested. Deadline to register is April 10 for the 5 and 25 year Mass, and April 18 for the 50 year Mass.

MISAS ANIVERSARIOS

La Arquidiócesis de Newark se prepara de nuevo la tradición anual de honor a aquellas parejas en la Arquidiócesis que celebrarán cinco, veinticinco y cincuenta años de matrimonio cristiano en el año 2016. Estas liturgias aniversario será celebrada por el Arzobispo John J. Myers en la Basílica Catedral del Sagrado corazón de Newark de la siguiente manera: 24 Abril, 2016 a 15:00 para las parejas casadas 5 y 25 años, y 1 de mayo, 2016 a 15:00 para matrimonios 50 años. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la Rectoría si está interesado. Fecha límite para inscribirse es el 10 de abril para la misa 5 y 25 años y el 18 de abril para la misa de 50 años.