

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 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

December 8, 2016 Immaculate Conception

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
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.
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 NOVEMBER 27, 2016 TO DECEMBER 3, 2016

SATURDAY (November 26) BVM

8:30 LEE MARSHOTT/ sister, Ursula
 5:00 CARLO MARTINO/ Wife Paolina
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (November 27) First Sunday of Advent

8:00 LUCIA CERULLO/ Merendino Family
 10:30 FRANK IAZZETTA, SR./ Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (November 28) Advent Weekday

8:30 CATHERINE ANDERSON/ Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Rosaria Webber & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (November 29) Advent Weekday

8:30 ROSE LA VOLPE/ Children

WEDNESDAY (November 30) St. Andrew

8:30 VINCENZO & GIUSEPPE MUSSO/
 Leo DiMatteo Family

THURSDAY (December 1) Advent Weekday

8:30 CATERINA ANDERSON/ Cousins Rocco & Lisa Chirichiello
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 2) Advent Weekday

8:30 CATERINA ANDERSON/ Gerarda Chirichiello

SATURDAY (December 3) St. Francis Xavier

8:30 JAMES MURPHY/ Patricia Pesoli
 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHIELLO/ Carmela Quaglia
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 4) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/ Children
 10:30 VITO ANTONIO MAZZA/
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O

LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Antonina DiGrado**

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Angela Marie Tripodi** donated by **her sister Tina.**

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Angela Marie Tripodi** donated by **her sister Tina.**



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	Due to early printing deadlines, last week's collection amount will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.
5:00 PM	
7:00 PM	
8:00 AM	
10:30 AM	
12:00 Noon	
Mail	
Total	\$

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento, Ciclo/Cycle A

My dear Brothers and sisters, today we begin the Holy Season of Advent. In this season, the Church, as a good mother and teacher, prepares us for something wonderful, the arrival of the Messiah. Advent is divided into two parts, the first two weeks, focusing in the “Second Coming of our Lord,” or as it is called “Parusia.” And the second part, the last two weeks, emphasizing on the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

For the Catholic Church, today is the beginning of the New Year, and we celebrated with a change in everything, color of vestment, new liturgical year, even the gospel reading, we pass from Luke, to Mathew. So we do not wait till December 31st to celebrate “New Year’s.” For St. Paul, in today’s second reading, warns us about the danger of debauchery and drunkenness, and so we can live up to the vocation that we have been called to. It is true, that this is a time for celebrations, but we can not take advantage of these celebrations to lose control of ourselves, and so do some things that we can be sorry afterwards, and maybe it could be too late. So we can focus on the reason for the season, Jesus Christ, The Lord. Advent season is a time of preparation, for Christmas, and Christmas is not just a mere excuse to make some gifts to our loved ones, or to prepare big meals, but to celebrate that our savior is born. That God loves us so much, that he took our flesh to save us. For this reason, we have the need to prepare ourselves for his coming, so we can receive him as he deserves it. And how should we prepare ourselves for his coming? There are three ways to do it, the same ways that we do in lent, with Fasting, Almsgiving, and prayer. These three tools that the Church has to help us to get ready for the important events in our liturgical year, Christmas and Easter. So, prayer, it is very important to use this time of advent to pray a little bit more, just because Jesus Christ is coming and we want to be taken up with him and not left behind, as today’s gospel says. So it is a way to be watchful. The second tool is fasting, I believe, that it is the most difficult one, because with all the festivities and celebration, it is not going to be easy, but it is possible, to deprive our selves of something, so we can ask the Lord to pass through our lives and stay with us. The third one, almsgiving, so we can share with others what we have, believing, that we receive it from the Lord, the one who gives us strength to wake up in the morning to go to work, and the one who provides a job for us. May God bless you always.

Queridos hermanos, hoy empezamos la sagrada estación del Adviento. En esta, la Iglesia como buena madre y maestra, nos esta preparando para algo grande y maravilloso, la llegada del Mesías. El Adviento se divide en dos partes, la primera, que comprende las dos primeras semanas, se enfoca en la “Segunda venida” de nuestro Señor Jesús, y la segunda parte, las dos ultimas semanas del Adviento, cuyo enfoque es en el nacimiento de Cristo en Belén.

Para la Iglesia Católica, hoy es el “Año nuevo.” Nosotros no esperamos al 31 de Diciembre. Pero, para esto San Pablo en la Segunda lectura de hoy nos hace una advertencia, que nos comportemos de acuerdo a la llamada recibida, y al tiempo en que vivimos, nada de desenfrenos y borracheras, etc. Es verdad que este es un tiempo de muchas festividades y celebraciones, pero no debemos olvidar el por que de estas celebraciones. El adviento, un tiempo de preparación para la navidad, y la navidad no es una excusa para hacer regalos y grandes comilonas, sino, el nacimiento del Mesías. Por eso, tenemos que estar alerta y preparados, para recibirlo como se merece. Y ¿Como debemos prepararnos para la venida del Cristo? La Iglesia en su sabiduría, nos invita en este tiempo de preparación a usar las herramientas que tiene para que así podamos celebrar la venida de Jesús de manera adecuada, y no con desenfrenos o de manera ñoña. Haciendo énfasis en lo que es importante y así poder dejar de lado lo superfluo. Por eso la primera herramienta que la Santa Iglesia nos dá en este tiempo es que estamos todos invitados a recogernos un poco mas en la oración, hablar con el señor, pedirle que nos ayude y nos consuele. Que podamos esperararlo en vela y así nos encuentre listos para irnos con el. La segunda herramienta es, hacer algunas obras de caridad, dar limosnas, es un tiempo en que muchas personas están necesitadas, y con esto poder compartir con estos hermanos nuestros mas desafortunados, las bendiciones recibidas de Dios. Y la tercera herramienta es, el ayunar, para así poder esperar a Cristo nuestro Salvador con mas ganas. Para que no seamos dejados sino elegidos como nos dice el Evangelio de Hoy.

Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes en este Adviento.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be announced shortly**. 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 December 3-4, 2016Saturday, December 3

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Marta Villanueva y Jose Bonilla
(C: Maria Duran)

Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Hilma Muños y Soila Torres
(C: Javier Zapata)

**EMHC for the Weekend of December 3-4, 2016
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, December 3

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata and
Gino Merendino
12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Besy Aleman y
Miguel Hernandez

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.

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

--John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

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)

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

Psalm -- Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

Second Reading -- It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel -- Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Todas las naciones confluirán hacia el monte del Señor (Isaías 2:1-5).

Salmo -- Qué alegría cuando me dijeron: "Vamos a la casa del Señor" (Salmo 122 [121]).

Segunda lectura -- Ya es el momento de que se despierten del sueño (Romanos 13:11-14).

Evangelio -- Velen, pues, y estén preparados para la venida del Hijo del hombre (Mateo 24:37-44).

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RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.

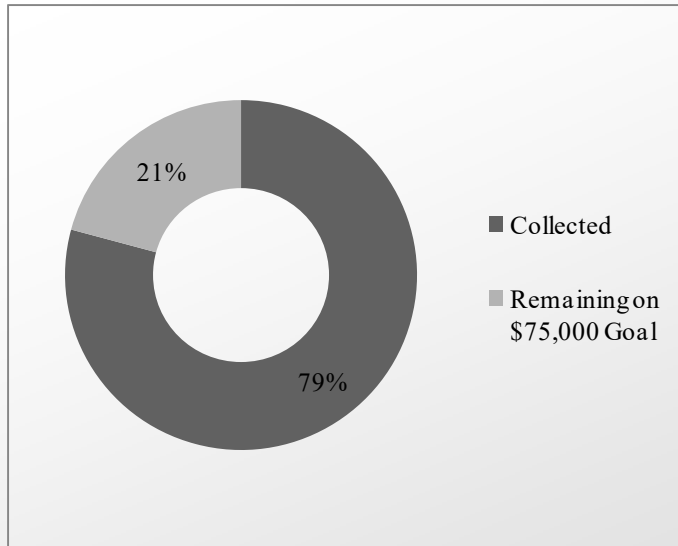
CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

TIEMPO DE PREPARACIÓN

Esta vida es el tiempo de preparación para nuestro estado futuro. Nuestras almas continuarán siendo por siempre lo que hacemos de ellas en este mundo.

--John Tillotson, Arzobispo de Canterbury



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$59,366. 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 \$59,366. 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.

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

The Salesian Cooperators at St. Anthony's would like to thank everyone who took part in their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale.

ST. MARY'S HS GIVING TUESDAY

On Giving Tuesday, November 29, with your help, St. Mary of the Assumption High School, the only remaining co-ed Catholic High School in Elizabeth, will answer a challenge to raise \$40K in One Day! A small group of donors will match all tax deductible gifts during that 24-hour period, dollar for dollar, up to \$20,000 to ultimately generate \$40,000 and create ten scholarships!

For nearly 90 years, St. Mary's has been a cornerstone of the Elizabeth community. This is your opportunity to invest in the future of St. Mary's. Make a gift and change a life. May God bless you for your support of tomorrow's leaders!

For more information, contact Kathleen Staudt at 908-352-4350 ext 213, or visit www.stmaryhs.org.

FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

--Anonymous

“The Future is Hers”

Mother Seton Regional High School Parents' Guild One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ (Exit 135 on the GSP) presents

“The Peppermint Boutique” Craft Fair

Saturday, December 3, 2016:

9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Over 100 vendors of assorted crafts and handmade items!

Free admission / 50-50 raffle / open kitchen

ESTAR PREPARADO

Debes estar preparado. Es así de simple. Al comenzar este tiempo de Adviento, el Señor Jesús nos llama a estar preparados para su venida. En esta época del año, gran parte de nuestra atención se centra en estar preparados para los detalles que acompañan las fiestas. Compramos regalos; decoramos nuestro hogar por fuera y por dentro; preparamos comidas especiales para esta época; escribimos y enviamos tarjetas de Navidad; asistimos a conciertos navideños; nos preparamos para recibir a los familiares y amigos en nuestro hogar o para visitarlos en sus hogares. No podemos ignorar los detalles que forman parte de este tiempo. Quizás este Adviento sea un tiempo para prestar atención a todos esos detalles con un enfoque diferente. Mientras nos preparamos para celebrar la fiesta de Navidad, ¿qué tal si reconocemos plenamente la presencia del Señor mientras realizamos estas tareas? El Señor muchas veces viene a nosotros de formas maravillosamente sorprendentes. Estemos preparados.

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