

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

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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

April 16, 2017 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
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 FEBRUARY 12, 2017 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2017

SATURDAY (February 18) Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

8:30 JOSE JIMINEZ/ Burnett-William Family
 5:00 PAUL, YOLANDA & CHARLES NOVELLO/
 Children and Grandchildren
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 19) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 GIULIA DI COSIMO/ Family
 10:30 JOSEPH BISCO/ Kathleen & Michael Bisco
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 20) Weekday

8:30 DIOGENES LOPEZ/ Marlene & Peter Abitanto
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 21) St. Peter Damian

8:30 GEORGE MILLER/ Oscar Ressber

WEDNESDAY (February 22) The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 MICHAEL CAUTILLO/ Dennis Trotter & Peter Bush

THURSDAY (February 23) St. Polycarp

8:30 MICHAEL CAUTILLO/ Dennis Trotter & Peter Bush
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 24) Weekday


8:30 JIM EMILIONI/ Ninetta & Joe Ferrera & Family

SATURDAY (February 25) Weekday, BVM

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughter &
 Grandchildren
 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/ Wife & Children
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 26) Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 ANTHONY DE CESARE/ Scott Moynihan
 10:30 GIUSEPPINA MUSCARITOLO/ Susan &
 Tommy Bruscianelli
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

 Our Weekly Offering	<p>OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.</p> <p>We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.</p> <p>Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.</p>
Weekly Offering	Winter Energy
5:00 PM	482 265
7:00 PM	555 435
8:00 AM	273 174
10:30 AM	431 255
12:00 Noon	1663 960
Mail	433
Total	\$3,404 \$2,522

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

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

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Sarah Coppola** donated by her Daughter **Rosemary**.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Concetta Patetta, Marie LaMorte and Ernestine Gogliardo.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Seventh Sunday OT/Séptimo Domingo T.O, Ciclo/Cycle A**

We continue with the “Sermon on the Mount,” and the Lord wants to speak to us in this part of the Sermon on justice. That’s why He begins to speak about something that is not very familiar, “Lex Talionis.” The famous “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” which was a form of justice, since if two people fought and one would take the others eye or tooth out the other could only take revenge to the extent that he had been wounded and no more, it was a law that brought justice. Because the truth is that if someone does something to me, my vengeance significantly outweighs the damage received. This is the reason why this ancient law was written, to impart justice. However, Christ goes further, “To him that strikes you on the right cheek offer him the left, if someone forces you to walk a mile, go two with him, etc.” Why does Christ say this to us? It seems that Christ wants to make our life even more complicated of what it already is, Right? No, it’s not like that, because he gives us the answer in the next paragraph of the Gospel, “So that you may be sons of your heavenly Father.” Then what we should ask ourselves is: Am I a Son of my heavenly Father? And what does it mean to be a Son of God? To be a son of God is to do the works of God, “Who makes the sun rise on the good and the evil, over the just and the unjust.” Therefore, looking at our lives and our actions, what would be the answer to these questions? Each one will have to answer according to what is in our hearts. Yet, if we see that I cannot love in this way, that I don’t allow anyone to hurt me or victimize me, even those who are closest to me, by my loved ones, even less by those who are my enemies. Stupendous! This is the first step toward humility, recognizing that I don’t have this spirit in me, that he does me wrong will pay for it with interest. Then I will be able to ask for this spirit, the spirit of Christ, in order to be sons of God, not only juridically, since by our baptism we are sons of God, but by fact, by our actions. This Sermon on the Mount is a photograph of the Christian, this Simeon, shows us who Christ is, but it isn’t a pulling of our ears or a slap in the face, but a good news, since if I am unable to fulfill it by my own strengths, I can ask for the graces that God will one day grant me when this Sermon on the Mount can be fulfilled in me. And to be able, to intercede for the whole world, for the good and the for those who persecute me, for the enemies. May God bless you all.

Seguimos con el “Sermón de la Montana,” y el Señor aquí quiere hablarnos en esta parte del Sermón de la justicia. Por esto empieza a hablar sobre algo que nos es muy familiar, “la ley del Talion.” El famoso “ojo por ojo y diente por diente,” que era una forma de justicia, ya que si dos personas se peleaban y uno le sacaba un diente o un ojo el otro no podía vengarse mas de eso mismo, era una ley que traía la justicia. Por que la realidad es que si alguien me hace algo, mi venganza supera con creces al daño recibido. Por esta razón, esta ley muy antigua fue escrita para impartir justicia. Pero Cristo va mucho más allá, “Al que te golpee en la mejilla derecha ponle también la otra, si alguno te obliga a caminar una milla, ve con él dos, etc.” ¿Por que Cristo nos dice esto? Parece que Cristo quiere hacernos la vida mucho más complicada de lo que es ahora mismo, ¿Verdad? No, no es así, por que la respuesta nos la da en el siguiente párrafo del Evangelio, “Para que sean hijos de su Padre celestial. Entonces lo que deberíamos preguntarnos a nosotros mismos es: ¿Soy Hijo de mi Padre celestial? Y ¿Qué significa ser hijo de Dios? Ser hijo de Dios es hacer las obras de Dios, “Que hace salir su sol sobre buenos y malos, sobre justos e injustos.” Entonces mirando a nuestra vida y a nuestros actos, ¿Cuál sería la respuesta a estas preguntas? Cada uno de nosotros deberá responder de acuerdo a lo que hay en su corazón. Pero si vemos que yo no puedo amar de esta forma, de que yo no me dejo avasallar por nadie, ni siquiera por aquellos que son más cercanos a mí, por mis seres queridos, cuanto mas por aquellos que son mis enemigos. ¡Estupendo! Este es el primer paso hacia la humildad, reconocer que Yo no tengo este espíritu en mí, que el que me hace algo malo me lo va a pagar con creces. Entonces podré pedir este espíritu, el Espíritu de Cristo, para así poder ser hijo de Dios, no solo jurídicamente, por el bautismo somos hijos de Dios, sino de hecho, por nuestros actos. Este Sermón de la montaña, es la fotografía del Cristiano, este Simon, nos muestra quien es Cristo, pero no es un jalon de orejas o una bofetada, sino una buena noticia, ya que si yo no puedo cumplirlo por mis fuerzas, si puedo pedir la gracia de que Dios me conceda un día el que se pueda realizar en mi este sermón de la montaña. Y poder así, interceder por el mundo entero, por los buenos y por los que me persiguen, por los enemigos. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be Wednesday, February 22 from 12:30-1:30 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 February 25-26, 2017Saturday, February 25

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Jose Bonilla y Raul Alvarez
(C: Maria Duran)Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Rafaela Avelar y Jony Rodriguez
(C: Sandra Bonilla)**EMHC for the Weekend of February 25-26, 2017****(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, February 25

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata

12:00 Noon Marisa Puello, Myrna Gonzalez,
Ana Marte y Melida Canela**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.

POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Joseph Social Service Center has a paid part-time job opening: Project Read Program Directory/Technology Coordinator. We are looking for someone with strong management and technical skills to lead the adult job readiness & computer skills training program, which runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:00-2:30. Please visit <http://www.stjeliz.org/project-ready.html> to learn more. If you would like more information, please contact Bernadette Murphy at 908-353-1045 ext. 213. Please email your resume to Bernadette (bmurphy@stjeliz.org) if you are interested in applying.

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 -- Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself.
(Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm -- The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading -- You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel -- Offer no resistance; love your enemies.
(Matthew 5:38-48).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo -- El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura -- Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio -- No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

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CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

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

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;
 Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35;
 Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
 Mt 6:24-34

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For bad weather situations, CCD Closings will be announced on the News 12 New Jersey Website.

ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Are you celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian Marriage in 2017? If so, the Archdiocese of Newark will be having anniversary liturgies celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

¿Esta celebrando 5, 25 y 50 años de matrimonio Cristiano en 2017? Estas liturgias de Aniversario serán celebradas por el Cardenal Joseph Tobin en la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón en Newark en las siguientes fechas:

April 30, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 5 years and 25 years (registrations due by April 19), and
 May 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 50 years (registrations due by April 26).

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

--Anonymous

SCHOLARSHIP

St. Mary's High School is currently registering students for grades 9-12. They are also seeking nominations for the Hilltopper achievement Scholarship. Students interested in this full tuition scholarship should contact the school at 908-352-4350, ext. 208. The deadline to apply is February 28th.

2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for **2018** will open on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM.** You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2018 calendar year on this date.

REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores will be happening again this year. We are looking for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 to participate. For more information, please call Teresa Marin at the rectory. (908)-351-3300

REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores será este año. Estamos buscando a las niñas entre las edades de 10 y 20 para participar. Para obtener más información, por favor llame a Teresa Marín en la rectoría. (908)-351-3300

FACEBOOK

Check out the St. Anthony's Facebook page (facebook.com, search "St. Anthony of Padua Elizabeth NJ") for daily scripture readings and to see an electronic version of this bulletin.

SABIDURÍA DIVINA

El mensaje del Señor, por medio de Moisés, fue "no te vengarás ni guardarás rencor . . . , ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Levítico 19:18). Podríamos pensar, "Excelente enseñanza pero no es muy realista".

Y en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se adelanta. ¿Si te golpean, pon la otra mejilla? ¿Tratar a los enemigos como si fueran amigos? Y así otra vez, estamos tentados a pensar que son bonitos ideales, pero no muy prácticos en el "mundo real".

Pablo hace eco a las palabras de Jesús cuando les dice a los corintios que lo que parece ser sabiduría de los hombres es absurdo para Dios. La sabiduría divina brilla sobre los buenos y los malos, llueve sobre los honestos y deshonestos, sin distinción. Debemos examinar nuestra sabiduría y sentido común para ver cómo estos se comparan con la sabiduría de Dios, y hacer los ajustes correspondientes.

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