

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

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Pastoral Staff:

Very Rev. John Barno, V.F., Administrator
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Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday: Youth Center 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Thursday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Family Mass)
12:00 noon (Spanish)

Next Holy Day of Obligation

December 8, 2014 The Immaculate Conception

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) 9:00 am - 5:00 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 Tuesday (Cada Martes) 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:

Mr. Pedro Aleman, Trustee
Ms. Rose Perone, Trustee & English Rel. Ed.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Michael Faccione, 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 AUGUST 31, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

SATURDAY (August 30)

8:30 STEPHANIE LUBAS/ Robert & Louise Migliore
 5:00 RICH JONES/ Bruce, Karen and Andrew
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS
 RENARVOTOS: MARIA SOLEDAD & JULIO ALFONSO NARCISO (20 AÑOS DE CASADO)/
 Mama, Papa e Hijos

SUNDAY (August 31) XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 BIAGIA MICELI/ Daughter Theresa Miceli
 10:30 FRANCESCA, SALVATORE & VITO DI BELLA/
 Nancy Petraglia
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (September 1) Sanctification of Human Labor

8:30 ARTHUR MARRA/ Family

TUESDAY (September 2) Weekday

8:30 EMIL MONKOWSKI/ The Burnett & Williams Family

WEDNESDAY (September 3) St. Gregory the Great

8:30 FR. JOHN MURPHY/ Teresa Marin
 MICHELE MAZZA/ John Sacco & Family

THURSDAY (September 4) Weekday

8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Family
 BARBARA ROTHBERG

FRIDAY (September 5) Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma & Famiglia

SATURDAY (September 6) Weekday, BVM

8:30 NICOLA & NICOLINA LOMBARDI/
 Pietro e Carmela Lombardi
 5:00 CHESTER BELKOWITZ/ Wife Lina
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (September 7) XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 MARGARET & WILLIAM CATALINE/ Daughter Mary
 10:30 CARLO MARTINO/ Wife Paolina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **João Goncalves** by **Augusta Goncalves**.

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Let us ask the Lord for this grace: that our hearts become free and filled with light, so that we can rejoice as children of God.

Pope Francis



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	262
7:00 PM	409
8:00 AM	604
10:30 AM	671
12:00 Noon	1,225
Total	\$3,171

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Vito Palmisano.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Elvin Martinez
Carmen Alava	Georgine Mazza
Lina Alfano	Angelo Meo
Mary Brady	Leonarda Merlo
Oran Bryant	Pat Nardone
Caterina Campbell	Nick Netta
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Robergeau Paul
Wayne Cook	Frank Pierre
Mary Cusmano	Raul Atilio Portillo
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Marianna Dubell	Edith Quijada
Denise Griest	Endy Quijada
Jared Leonardo Henao	Usha Raja
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
John Lapolla	Kay Scaturro
Theresa Lattanzio	Cira M. Senese
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	Terry Vitale
John Mariano, Jr.	

St. Anne's Rosary Society will meet **Wednesday, September 3, 2014.** Meeting in the Youth Center at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

FROM THE DESK OF THE ADMINSTRATOR

It's hard to believe, but my assignment as Administrator of St. Anthony's Church has now come to an end. I am writing you today to express my sincere thanks for your kindness to me during my stay here. It has been a joy to get to know you and I will always remember our time together. I appreciate your daily prayers for me and, most especially, the welcome that you gave me when I first arrived. I have already let Fr. Oscar Martin know that you are a warm and welcoming people who love their priests.

Before I depart, please allow me share some thoughts and observations with you. During my stay here, I have seen very clearly that you are a people who truly love God. I have experienced your faith at the Masses I have offered here. I have seen how reverently you receive Communion and how sincerely you pray during and after Mass. I have also observed how attentive you are during the homilies. I can see that you are truly hungry for the Word of Life and that you allow the Holy Spirit to work in you through the words of the Scriptures and the homilies. I have also noted your tremendous respect and love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I am delighted to see how many of you attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration during the week and I am very much edified by your fervent prayer.

As a priest, it is so fulfilling for me to lead you in prayer and bring you into Communion with Jesus again and again especially now that I have seen how wide your hearts are open to Christ. I commend you for your love for Jesus and I encourage you to grow in that love. Please make time for God in daily prayer at home and try to do a few minutes of spiritual reading every day, especially from the Bible or a book written by one of the saints – it will change your whole life. Try it and you will see! A couple of wonderful books I recommend everyone to read are “Divine Mercy in My Soul” by Saint Faustina and “The Story of a Soul” by St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

I also encourage you to make use of the sacraments of our Church, especially Confession, and to attend daily Mass if you can. The daily Mass is a priceless treasure and an outstanding preparation for eternal life. St. John Vianney once said, “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy!” St. Thomas Aquinas said, “The celebration of Holy Mass is as valuable as the death of Jesus on the Cross.” St. Anselm said, “A single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death.” Mass is so valuable to us because we receive an outpouring of grace there to help us to avoid mortal sin, to grow in love for God, and to be more like Him in our daily lives. We can actually become saints by reverently participating in every Holy Mass. Furthermore, our degree of glory in heaven grows higher for all eternity every time we receive Communion with love in the state of grace (free from mortal sin).

Finally, I encourage anyone who is unable to receive Communion because they are in mortal sin due to being in civil marriages or other life situations seriously contrary to the Commandments to try to move forward toward a resolution and reconciliation with God. Please speak with a priest about making some lifestyle changes, going to Confession and arranging for counseling, if necessary, and a Church marriage, when you are ready. Changing for God is easy if we truly love Him. Why not make things right with God today?

As I conclude, I encourage you to be open to the will of God and the wonders He will work in your lives through the changes that are happening at St. Anthony's Church right now. I encourage you to find and embrace the hand of God at work in these changes. If your hearts are open and receptive to grace, you will find God in the newness that has come upon us. Please allow God to reach you, to inspire you, and to renew you during this time of transition.

At our beloved parish, one chapter of our history is completed, but a new chapter has begun – one that is yet unwritten, one which must be written by you! Together with Fr. Martin, I know that you will write it well. As I depart, I remind you of the words that St. John Paul II so often said: “Be not afraid!” I also say to you, “Be not afraid” to begin again, to accept your new pastor, to allow God to reach your hearts in new and refreshing ways. Through the intercession of St. John Bosco, I ask God to bless you and your families and to always keep you close to Him. I now hand the keys over to Fr. Martin. May he be a true father to you and always guide you to Christ. I will miss you but you will always be in my heart.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 1 PM 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 September 6—7 2014

Saturday, September 6

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Raul Alvarado y Irene Perdomo

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Sr. Charitina
12:00 Noon Zoila Torres y Hilma Muños

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of September 6—7, 2014

Saturday, September 6

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

Sunday, September 7

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Martha Devia, Christian Moron and Maria Agliata
12:00 Noon Maria y Miguel Hernandez y Betsy Aleman

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 _____



***MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass [in Spanish] (Youth Center) followed by prayer group
***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

Religious Education Registration for the 2014-2015 Religious Education Program is in full swing. **Parents of students currently enrolled in our (2013-2014) program** are asked to submit the completed registration forms along with tuition payment to the Church by mail, in the Sunday Collection (place in a labeled, sealed envelope), or in person at the rectory office Mondays through Fridays 9:30 AM—5:00 PM. **Parents of NEW students** may obtain a registration form at the rectory office.

All parents are asked to stop by the rectory office and bring with them a RECENT / UPDATED copy of their child's baptismal certificate, which parents must request from the Church of the child's Baptism.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we review the baptismal certificate and have a copy on file in the rectory office.

DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL ADMINISTRADOR

Es difícil creer que mi tarea como administrador de la Iglesia de San Antonio ha llegado a su fin. Les escribo hoy para expresar mi más sincero agradecimiento por su amabilidad durante mi estancia aquí. Ha sido un placer conocerles a ustedes y siempre me acordaré de nuestro tiempo juntos. Agradezco sus oraciones diarias para mí y, muy especialmente, el bienvenido que ustedes me dieron cuando llegué por primera vez. Yo le he dicho al Padre Oscar Martin que ustedes son personas cálidas y acogedoras que aman a sus sacerdotes.

Antes de partir, permítanme compartir algunas reflexiones y observaciones con ustedes. Durante mi estancia aquí, he visto muy claramente que son un pueblo que verdaderamente ama a Dios. He tenido la experiencia de ver su fe en las Misas que he ofrecido aquí. He visto que ustedes reciben reverentemente la Comunión, y como oran sinceramente durante y después de la Misa. También he observado cómo están atentos durante las homilias. Puedo ver que ustedes están realmente hambrientos para la Palabra de Vida y que ustedes permiten que el Espíritu Santo obre en ustedes a través de las palabras de las Escrituras y las homilias. También he tomado nota de su gran respeto y amor por Jesús en el Santísimo Sacramento. Estoy encantado de ver cómo muchos de ustedes asisten a Misa y a la Adoración Eucarística durante la semana y estoy muy edificado por su oración ardiente.

Como sacerdote, es tan gratificante dirigirles en la oración y traerlos a la Comunión con Jesús una y otra vez sobre todo ahora que he visto cómo sus corazones están abiertos a Cristo. Los felicito por su amor a Jesús y les animo a crecer en ese amor. Favor de hacer tiempo para Dios en la oración diaria en casa y dar tiempo para la lectura espiritual todos los días, sobre todo la Biblia o un libro escrito por uno de los santos - que va a cambiar su vida entera. Pruébenlo y verán! Unos libros maravillosos que recomiendo que todos lean son "Divina Misericordia en Mi Alma" de Santa Faustina y "La Historia de un Alma" de Santa Teresa de Lisieux.

También les pido que usen los sacramentos de la Iglesia, especialmente la Confesión, y que asistan a la Misa diaria, si pueden. La Misa diaria es un tesoro de valor incalculable y una excelente preparación para la vida eterna. San Juan Vianney dijo una vez: "Si realmente entendiéramos la Misa, nos moriríamos de alegría!" Santo Tomás de Aquino dijo: "La celebración de la Santa Misa es tan valiosa como la muerte de Jesús en la Cruz." San Anselmo dijo, "Una sola Misa ofrecida por uno mismo durante la vida puede valer más que mil celebradas por la misma intención después de la muerte." La Misa es tan valiosa para nosotros porque recibimos una efusión de la gracia allí para ayudarnos a evitar el pecado mortal, para crecer en el amor a Dios, y para ser más como El en nuestra vida cotidiana. Podemos llegar a ser realmente santos mediante la participación con reverencia en cada Santa Misa. Además, nuestro grado de gloria en el cielo crece más alto para toda la eternidad cada vez que recibimos la Comunión con el amor en el estado de gracia (libres de pecado mortal).

Le sugiero a cualquier persona que no pueda comulgar porque está en pecado mortal debido a los matrimonios civiles o que está en otras situaciones contrarias a los mandamientos de Dios, que vaya hacia una reconciliación con Dios. Hable usted con un sacerdote acerca de hacer algunos cambios de estilo de vida, vaya a la Confesión y a recibir consejo, si es necesario, y a un matrimonio por la Iglesia, cuando estén listo. Cambiar por Dios es fácil si verdaderamente lo amamos. ¿Por qué no hacer la cosa correcta con Dios hoy?

Para concluir, les pido que estén abiertos a la voluntad de Dios y de las maravillas que El hará en sus vidas a través de los cambios que están sucediendo en la Iglesia de San Antonio en estos momentos. Yo les animo que acepten la mano de Dios que hace estos cambios. Si sus corazones están abiertos y receptivos a la gracia, ustedes encontrarán a Dios en la novedad que ha venido. Permitan a Dios alcanzarles, inspirarlos, y renovarlos durante este tiempo de transición.

En nuestra querida parroquia, se completa un capítulo de nuestra historia, pero un nuevo capítulo ha comenzado - uno que aún no está escrito, uno que debe ser escrito por ustedes! Juntos con el Padre Martin, sé que ustedes van a escribir bien. Al partir, quiero que ustedes recuerden las palabras que San Juan Pablo II tantas veces decía: "¡No tengan miedo!" También les digo, "No tengan miedo" para empezar de nuevo, a aceptar su nuevo pastor, de permitir que Dios alcance los corazones en nuevas maneras refrescantes. A través de la intercesión de San Juan Bosco, pido que Dios les bendiga a todas sus familias y que siempre los mantenga a ustedes cerca de El. Ahora le entrego las llaves al Padre Martin. Qué el sea un verdadero padre para ustedes y que siempre los guíe a Cristo. Les echaré de menos, pero siempre estarán en mi corazón.