

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Advent November 30, 2014

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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Deacon Joseph Caporaso, Principal

Eucharist:

Daily: Chapel 8:30 am
Monday: 7:00 pm (Spanish)
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, 2014 The 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 - 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 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. 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 NOVEMBER 30, 2014 TO DECEMBER 6, 2014

SATURDAY (November 29)

8:30 GERNEROSA DI COSMO IN CHIRICHELLO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 5:00 MRS. ROSE LA VOLPE/ Husband Dan LaVolpe & Children
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (November 30) First Sunday of Advent

8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF DI COSIMO FAMILY/ Family
 10:30 MARIA AGLIATA/ Mr. & Mr. Biagio Arcieri & Carmela & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 1) Advent Weekday

8:30 ALFREDO DE PAOLA/ Gerarda Gianetta
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 2) Advent Weekday

8:30 ELVIRA MORIELLO/ Joad Silva Malaco

WEDNESDAY (December 3) St. Francis Xavier

Chapel: JAMES BENINATO, JR. (BIRTHDAY)/ Mother
 8:30 TONY CIARMELLA/ Frank & Joan DePaolo

THURSDAY (December 4) St. John Damascene

Chapel: NELLIE DI CARLO/ Janet Bonica
 8:30 BARBARA ROTHBERG
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 5) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma e Famiglia

SATURDAY (December 6) St. Nicholas

8:30 SARAH MALTA (4TH ANNIV.)/ Children
 5:00 CARMINE BOVE/ Gerarda Gianetta
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS
 MASS DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CAACUPÉ

SUNDAY (December 7) Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 ANTONIO MAZZA/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 JOHN CAFARO, MD/ Marta Cianfano & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



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 printer deadlines, this week's collection amounts 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:

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| Alfonsina Aker | Barbara McMurray |
| Carmen Alava | John Mariano, Jr. |
| Lina Alfano | Elvin Martinez |
| Mary Brady | Georgine Mazza |
| Oran Bryant | Angelo Meo |
| Caterina Campbell | Leonarda Merlo |
| Isaac Castañeda | Pat Nardone |
| 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 | Usha Raja |
| Joshua Hinman | Oscar Eduardo Ramirez |
| Millie Infuso | Sergio Ricciardi |
| Joseph B. Jean-Mary | Isadora Rodriguez |
| Michelle Johnson | Magdalena Rodriguez |
| Stanley Kuchno | John Ruela |
| Lindsay LaMarre | Maria Saavedra |
| Tina Lang | Hugo Santa Maria |
| John Lapolla | Kay Scaturo |
| Theresa Lattanzio | Cira M. Senese |
| Rosa Leon | John Veltre |

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for the **Monthly Diocesan Assessment.**

There will be a second collection next weekend for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Advent/Primer Domingo de Adviento

On this First Sunday of Advent, the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass can guide us on how to prepare. Isaiah recognized how sin influences and corrupts all those it touches, the whole community. As we reflect on this, we can recognize with concern that we must be vigilant not to become blind or indifferent to the poison of sin in the world and in our hearts. Advent is not necessarily a penitential season in the same way that Lent is – but Advent is still a time to take stock ... perhaps to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation ... certainly to pray for an inner conversion of our hearts. Jesus puts it bluntly to his disciples in today's Gospel: "Be watchful! Be alert!" We can apply this exclamation to the words in the changed translation in the prayers of Mass. And we can apply this exclamation to the words and actions in our daily lives. We enter these changes with Advent hope, and not with despair. We recall that the apostles themselves fell asleep at a critical time, during our Lord's Agony in the Garden. The Lord forgave them, and forgives us when we fall short in faith as well. Advent is full of anticipation, and of spiritual longing. As God's people, we wait for the coming of the Lord; we remember his first coming. But we are confident that he remains in the present moment too. Every Sunday – every day even – we celebrate his presence through the gift he has given, the sacrifice of his Body and Blood. At Mass, the words may sound different, but the faith remains the same. Yes, it is a new season. We have a new chance, right now, to open our hearts to the Lord, to dwell on the meaning of the Sacred Scriptures and to ponder the significance of the words we offer at Mass – those newly translated and those that remain the same. In Advent and always, let us heed the Master's challenge to be watchful and alert!

En este primer Domingo de Adviento, las lecturas proclamadas en la Misa pueden en guiarnos en como prepararnos. Isaías señala como la influencia del pecado corrompe todo lo que toca, a la comunidad entera. Si reflexionamos en esto podemos entender el porque de estar vigilantes y no ser ciegos e indiferentes ante el veneno del pecado en el mundo y en nuestros corazones. Adviento no es necesariamente un tiempo penitencial como lo es la cuaresma –pero es un tiempo de valores... Talvez de frecuentar el Sacramento de la Penitencia.. Ciertamente de rezar por la conversión interna de nuestros corazones. Jesús habla francamente a sus discípulos en el evangelio de hoy: Estad vigilantes y alerta!" y podemos aplicar esta exclamación a las palabras y acciones en nuestra vida diaria. Entramos a este Adviento con mucha esperanza. Recordemos como los apóstoles se han quedado dormidos en u momento critico, durante la agonía de El Señor en Getsemani. El Señor los perdona al igual que a nosotros cuando caemos en nuestra fe. Adviento esta lleno de las cosas por venir y de deseos espirituales. Como pueblo de Dios esperamos por la segunda venida del Señor , recordamos su primera venida (en Belén). Pero al mismo tiempo tenemos la certeza de que esta presente en el momento actual. Cada Domingo - y cada día- Celebramos su presencia real através del regalo de su cuerpo y su sangre. En nuestra Misa nuestra fe permanece igual pero al mismo tiempo es un nuevo tiempo. Tenemos nuevamente otra oportunidad ahora mismo de abrir nuestros corazones al Señor , Para vivir con el sentido de la Sagrada Escritura y profundizar el significado de las palabras ofrecidas en la misa. En Adviento y siempre escuchemos al Maestro que nos invita a estar ¡Vigilantes y Alertas!"

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry now opens once a month. The next food distribution will be Wednesday, December 24th, 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 December 6-7, 2014

Saturday, December 6

5:00 PM Mary Anne Costanza
7:00 PM Norma Guido y Adriana Guido

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM NO MASS
12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla

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

Saturday, December 6

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

Sunday, December 7

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM NO MASS
12:00 Noon TBA

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] followed by prayer group**

***TUESDAY: Novena to St. Anthony (After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)**

7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY: No Holy Hour. Happy Thanksgiving.**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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**UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE**

Give the Gift of Life!

Tuesday, December 9th 7:45 AM—1:45 PM

Contact Ed Thornton to make an appointment

ethornton@unioncatholic.org

Walk-ins are also welcome!

**UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOLARSHIP EXAM**

Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM or

Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM

There is **no make-up for this exam**; the exam fee is \$25.00

For more information regarding scholarship opportunities,

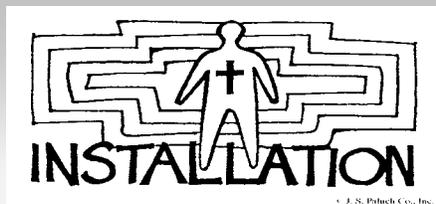
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On **Sunday, December 7, 2014**, Fr. Oscar Martin Dominguez will be officially installed as Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church **at the 12:00 Noon Mass**. Bishop Cruz will be in attendance. The Mass Schedule for that day will be as follows: 8:00 AM: English Mass, and 12:00 Noon: **TRI-LINGUAL Installation Mass**. Immediately after the Mass there will be a reception in the Youth Center. All are welcome. **THERE WILL BE NO 10:30 AM MASS THIS DAY.**

Monday, December 8, 2014, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses this day will be held at **8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon in English and 7:00 PM in Spanish.**

St. Anthony's Seniors will have their Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 17, 2014** in the **Youth Center**. More information to follow.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church's pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus' saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter's mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital "T." We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.