

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
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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 DECEMBER 7, 2014 TO DECEMBER 13, 2014

SATURDAY (December 6)

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

MONDAY (December 8) The Immaculate Conception

8:30 TERESA & PETER LA GUARDIA/ Family
 12:00 TOM & SOPHIE FLAMMIA/ Al & Maryanne Costanza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 9) Advent Weekday

Chapel: A. MICHAEL, CHRISTINA, RITA &
 MARIA FACCONI/ Family
 8:30 NICK NETTA/ Doris & Frank Bonavitacola

WEDNESDAY (December 10) Advent Weekday

Chapel: REA LORETTA/ Jose Cordero
 8:30 ANGELA & GIUSEPPE TROVATO/ Antonia Chillemi
 DONATO & MARIETTA ALFANO/ Lina Alfano

THURSDAY (December 11) St. Damasus I

Chapel: LUDOVINA M. LOBO/ For Health
 8:30 GIROLAMO (JIMMY) PALERMO/ Nick Covino
 MARIA & GIUSEPPE COLLETTI/ Husband & Father
 Gaetano Colletti
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin &
 Susan Belluscio

SATURDAY (December 13) St. Lucy

Chapel: ST. LUCY/ Jose Cordero
 8:30 ST. LUCY/ Lina Alfano
 5:00 CHESTER BELKEWITCH/ Wife & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 14) Third Sunday of Advent

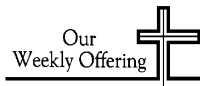
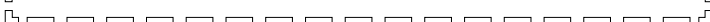
8:00 JOEY & AMIDIO VELTRE/ Cousins
 10:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/ Aunt Rose
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



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.**



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.

	11/23 Offering	11/30 Offering
5:00 PM	381	364
7:00 PM	542	419
8:00 AM	418	422
10:30 AM	934	673
12:00 Noon	1858	1656
Mail	75	506
Total	\$4,208	\$4,040

Also, **\$1,075** was given in offering at the **Thanksgiving Mass.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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 Scaturro
Theresa Lattanzio	Cira M. Senese
Rosa Leon	John Veltre

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We

remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Carmela Tamburello and Maria Orlando.**



WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Today's Gospel, brings to us Good News, the Prophet Isaiah says in the first reading: "Comfort, give comfort to my people...and speak tenderly to Jerusalem..." This is Good news for all those who are oppressed, enslaved and all those who are submitted to others will be freed, because the promised Savior is coming. This is very Good News, much greater than to win the lottery. Why do I say this? First because we are not used to receiving Good News, or rather listening to good news, we listen only to news of wars, catastrophes, destruction, crimes, and above all, what we hear every day is the interior voice that says, "nobody love you". On the other hand if somebody tells us good news, we don't believe it. For that reason if they tell us the Messiah, The Savior of the world, is coming, we don't pay attention. The Gospel today is the beginning of Mark, we find Saint John the Baptist calling us to a serious conversion and repentance. John is the forerunner of the Messiah, and his job is to baptize and prepare peoples dispositions for the coming of The Lord. He proposes this condition: "Convert and repent". Because the Messiah will bring with him the Holy Spirit. Let us ask the Lord in this second Sunday of Advent to help us to prepare for his second coming, so we don't just go for exterior things, Christmas Dinner, gifts, etc... but a new heart able to change from selfishness and pride for one who can love others.

En el Evangelio de hoy, se nos trae una Buena noticia, como dice el profeta Isaías en la primera lectura: "Consolad, consolad a mi pueblo... hablad al Corazón de Jerusalén..." Esta buena noticia es que los que están oprimidos, los esclavos y todos aquellos que están sometidos por otros van a ser liberados, ya que, viene el Salvador prometido. Esto es una muy buena noticia, mucho mejor que si te hubiera tocado la lotería. ¿Por qué digo esto? Primero por que No estamos acostumbrados a recibir buenas noticia, o mejor dicho a escuchar buenas noticias, solo oímos de guerras, catástrofes, destrucción, crímenes, y sobretodo, lo que mas escuchamos todos los días es esa voz interior que nos dice:"Nadie te quiere." Segundo, es que si nos cuentan una buena noticia No la creemos. Por eso si nos dicen que viene el Mesías, el Salvador del mundo, no hacemos ni caso. Por eso el Evangelio de hoy, que es el comienzo del Evangelio de Marcos, esta San Juan Bautista llamando muy seriamente a conversión y al arrepentimiento a todos nosotros. El, Juan, es el precursor del Mesías, y su trabajo era bautizar, y preparar un pueblo que estuviera bien dispuesto para la llegada del Señor. Por eso esta poniendo esta condición:"Convertíos y arrepentíos." Ya que el Mesías, traerá consigo, el Espíritu Santo. Así que, pidámosle al Señor en este segundo Domingo de Adviento prepararnos bien para su venida, que no solo nos quedemos en lo externo, la cena de navidad, los regalos, etc. Sino que nuestro corazón pueda cambiar, de un corazón egoísta y orgulloso, a un corazón que pueda amar a los demás. Que Dios me los bendiga siempre.

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 December 13-14, 2014

Saturday, December 13

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Jose Bonilla y Maria Duran

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Rita Agliata
12:00 Noon Norma Guido y Senon Herrera

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 13—14, 2014

Saturday, December 13

5:00 PM Avery Kenner
7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, December 14

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Gino Merendion & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Patricia SZelaya, Maritza Puello y Ana Marte

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

TODAY'S READINGS
First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).
Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).
Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).
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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,
Call the Admissions Office
At (908) 889-1600 exts. 302 or 328 or visit our website at
www.unioncatholic.org/admissions/scholarships.php



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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. Anne's Rosary Society will meet on **Wednesday, December 10, 2014** at 1:30 PM in the **Youth Center.**

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

Relevant Radio

The national Catholic Radio network, Relevant Radio, has begun broadcasting Catholic programming from within the Archdiocese of Newark. Their Newark offices are located at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, and they may be heard on WSNW—AM 1430. Please take advantage of this terrific outlet for Catholic news, opinion and entertainment.

Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.



“When I Called, You Answered”

Meeting Our Parish Goals

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Annual Appeal. In order for us to receive a rebate, we must exceed our goal in funds collected by December 31st. If you have an outstanding balance on your pledge, please make sure to send it in before the deadline. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete your gift envelope as soon as possible and either send it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark or turn it in to the parish.

Currently, our parish has reached 57% of our goal in funds collected for this year's Appeal. Not only does your contribution benefit the many programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese, but it also has the potential of benefitting our parish with an opportunity for a rebate.

Thank you for supporting the Annual Appeal.

Alcanzando Nuestra Meta Parroquial

Gracias por apoyar el Llamado Anual 2014. Para que nuestra parroquia reciba un reembolso, debemos haber superado nuestra meta en fondos recaudados para el 21 de diciembre. Si usted tiene un saldo pendiente de su promesa, por favor asegúrese de enviarlo antes de la fecha límite. Si aún no ha hecho su donativo, por favor, complete su sobre de regalo tan pronto como se posible y envíelo directamente a la Arquidiócesis de Newark o entréguelo en su parroquia.

Actualmente, nuestra parroquia ha llegado 57% de nuestro objetivo de fondos recaudados para el Llamado de este año. Su contribución no solo beneficiará a los muchos programas y ministerios a través de la Arquidiócesis, sino también tiene el potencial de beneficiar a nuestra parroquia con la oportunidad de un reembolso.

Gracias por su apoyo al Llamado Anual.