

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2014

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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 25, 2014 Christmas Day

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. 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 DECEMBER 21, 2014 TO DECEMBER 27, 2014

SATURDAY (December 20)

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/ Daughter Ursula
5:00 CARMELA ARCIERI/ Biagio, Nick & Joe Arcieri & Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 21) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 DOMENICA CARONIA/ Children
MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children & Grandchildren
10:30 DANIEL PATRICK MALLOY/ Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 22) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 SARA & DOMENICO OLIVERIO/ Family
CAROL CARAVANO/ Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 23) Late Advent Weekday

Chapel: FIORETTA & DOMINIC FACCONI/ Son
8:30 CARMINE & GRAZIA MORIELLO/ Famiglia Moriello

WEDNESDAY (December 24) Late Advent Weekday

Chapel: MARIA BENEDETTA LOBO/ Daughter
8:30 FRANK ALFANO/ Wife Lina Alfano
4:00 PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 MIDNIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 FOR THE PEOPLE
12:00 OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY (December 26) St. Stephen


8:30 LUCIA TROVATO/ Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (December 27) St. John

8:30 MARIA BABULA/ Family
5:00 DANIELVAZQUEZ/ Rosemary Coppola
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 28) The Holy Family

8:00 FR. VINCENT ZULIANI, SDB & ANGELO NAZIANZENO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
10:30 ELVIRA MORIELLO/ Daughter & 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.

Due to printing deadlines, this week's collection amounts will appear in next week's bulletin.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	John Mariano, Jr.
Carmen Alava	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
Barbara McMurray	

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.
 The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Giuseppe & Amalia Papetti** donated by **Family**.
 A **VOTIVE CANDLE** will burn on the **Main Altar** this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Patrick Nardone**.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

My dear brothers and sisters, this fourth and last Sunday of Advent, the Lord brings us a marvelous Word, a Word we have heard many times and, still, hearing it fills us with tenderness and affection towards our Mother the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the Gospel of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary. Mary, the young woman of Nazareth, who receives with surprise this announcement, is truly surprised to be elected by the Holy One to be the mother of the Messiah, the Savior of the World. This is what the readings of this Sunday are about, in preparation of the feast of the Nativity, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is the Election that God makes, as said by a wise professor I had in the seminary: "God does what he wants, because that's why he is God..." God elects whom ever he wants, like in the first reading of the book of Samuel. God elects David, not because he was the best, or the strongest, or the greatest of the sons of Jesse, but only because he was the last one, and like this knowing that even though he was a disaster he was humble, as said in the scriptures, David was a man in harmony with God's heart. A great sinner, but with humility to acknowledge his own sins and to ask for forgiveness. Mary, conceived without sin, as we celebrated on the 8th of December, is elected for a very important mission which will contain much suffering from the beginning, to be the mother of God. We are all called to this by our Baptism to be mother of God, and so the promise that we received on the day of our baptism, may be fulfilled, that in us may be born Christ so that He may continue today in his Saving Mission. Now, are we ready to accept this Challenge? Because the Lord does not judge by outward appearances, He Elects whom ever He wants, but He always respects our freedom to say no, or to say this is too much for me. Therefore, beloved brothers and sisters, let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, to be able to say as she, although not understanding, but may your will be done. May God bless you always.

Mis queridos hermanos, en este cuarto y último domingo del adviento, el Señor nos trae una palabra maravillosa, una palabra que la hemos escuchado tantísimas veces y que siempre que la oímos nos llena de ternura y cariño hacia nuestra madre la Santísima Virgen María. Es el Evangelio de la Anunciación del Ángel Gabriel a María. María, esta jovencita de Nazaret, que recibe con sorpresa este anuncio, y que se sorprende muchísimo de ser la elegida por el Santo, para ser la madre del Mesías, del Salvador del mundo. De esto tratan las lecturas de este domingo, en preparación para la fiesta de la Navidad, del nacimiento de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. De la Elección que hace Dios, como decía un profesor muy sabio que tuve en el seminario: "Dios Hace lo que le da la gana, por que para eso es Dios..." Dios elige a los que el quiere, como en la primera lectura del libro de Samuel. Dios eligió a David, no por que era el mejor, o el mas fuerte, o el mas maravilloso de los hijos de Jesse, sino por ser el ultimo, y así saber que aunque era un desastre era humilde, como dicen las escrituras, David un hombre de acuerdo al corazón de Dios. Un gran pecador, pero con la humildad para reconocer sus pecados y pedir perdón. María, concebida sin pecado, como celebramos el día ocho de Diciembre, es elegida para una misión muy importante que acarrea un sufrimiento grandísimo desde el principio, ser la madre de Dios. A esto estamos todos llamados por nuestro bautismo a ser madre de Dios, a que la promesa que se nos hizo el día de nuestro bautismo, se haga realidad, a que en nosotros nazca Cristo para que pueda seguir hoy su misión salvadora. Per, ¿Estamos dispuestos a aceptar este desafío (este Challenger)? Por que el Señor no se fija ni en apariencias ni es presencia, el Elige a quien quiere, pero siempre respeta nuestra libertad de decir no quiero, o esto es demasiado para mi. Así que, mis queridos hermanos, pidámosle a las Santísima Virgen María, el poder decir como ella, no entiendo, pero que se haga tu voluntad. 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 27-28, 2014Saturday, December 27

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Maria Duran y Andres Duran

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Rita Agliata
12:00 Noon Sergio Iglesias y Erika Pego

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 27—28, 2014Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Maria Hernandez, 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.

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 — Christmas Day
No Al-Anon Meeting — Christmas Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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**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

Thank you!

“We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members,” writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. May God bless you for your generosity!



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Who is the Adult Church Choir?

Well, in days gone by, it was this wonderful, dedicated group of parishioners, numbers of at least 25, who gathered in Church Ministry with a passion to sing, rehearse, and add to the liturgy with their harmonies and love of prayerful music. Today, while there are still some with this passion, their numbers are few. And so, the tables turn as they should, and now “YOU” are the “CHOIR”. Remembering “Hymns” are “Songs of Prayer”, we encourage you, the congregation, to be the sound of “Prayer through Music” as well as “Spoken Prayer”. Every voice is “well in tune” to the ears of the Lord.

So, let us “Sing a Joyful Song To the Lord”, when we attend Mass!

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.

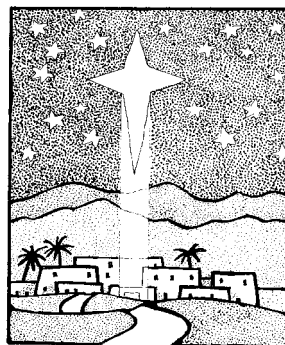
Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

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.

LET US KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

**CHRISTMAS IS THE CELEBRATION OF
THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST**

WITHOUT CHRIST THERE IS NO CHRISTMAS



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