

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

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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

December 25, 2015 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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
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.
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education
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 13, 2015 TO DECEMBER 19, 2015

SATURDAY (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
 5:00 MARIA & JOE COLLETTI/ Husband & Father
 7:00 MISA DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE CAACUPÉ

SUNDAY (December 13) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 MARY & PIETRO D. PIGA/ Children & Grandchildren
 10:30 BRIGIDA A. ROBLES/ Angela Verlengeri
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 14) St. John of the Cross

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin & Susan Belluscio
 ST. LUCY/ Lina Alfano
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 15) Advent Weekday

8:30 FRED MICHAEL PERONE/ Aunt Rose

WEDNESDAY (December 16) Advent Weekday

8:30 CARMELA MADORMA/ Daughter Dolly

THURSDAY (December 17) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 MARIETTA & DOMENIC BIANCO/ Lina Alfano

FRIDAY (December 18) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Wife Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (December 19) Late Advent Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY MARSHOTT/ Daughter Ursula
 5:00 GIOVANNI & AMELIA ANTONUCCIO/ Children
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 20) Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 REV. PATRICK DIVER, SDB & REV. VINCENT ZULIANI, SDB/
 Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 10:30 CARMELA ARCIERI/ Biagio Arcieri & Brothers & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SECOND COLLECTION

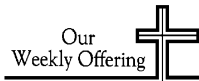
The second collection this weekend is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**

JESUS IS BORN!

We would like to form a Bilingual Choir for the Christmas Midnight Mass. There will be a rehearsal from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, December 16th. Please call Anjanette (908) 718-5829 or Edwin (908) 447-6439 for more information.

¡JESÚS NACIÓ!

Desearíamos formar un coro bilingüe para la misa de medianoche de Navidad. Habrá un ensayo de 7:30 pm a las 8:30 pm del miércoles, 16 de diciembre. Por favor llame a Anjanette (908) 718-5829 o Edwin (908) 447-6439 para más información.



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	Monthly Assessment
5:00 PM	453	277
7:00 PM	639	477
8:00 AM	371	355
10:30 AM	660	401
12:00 Noon	1519	1005
Mail	195	168
Total	\$3,837	\$2,683

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro D. Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren.**

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro D. Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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| Alfonsina Aker | Elvin Martinez |
| Carmen Alava | Carmen Mistichelli |
| Sheree Balaam | Angelo Meo |
| Oran Bryant | Leonarda Merlo |
| Karen Bulloch | Carlos Moran |
| Caterina Campbell | Nick Netta |
| Isaac Castañeda | Declan Rocco O'Connor |
| Orlando Chavez | Robergeau Paul |
| Paul Chiusano | Maria Perdomo |
| Wayne Cook | Laura Philipone |
| Mary Cusmano | Peter Philipone |
| Leonor Sepulveda De Devia | Frank Pierre |
| Marianna Dubell | Raul Atilio Portillo |
| Maria Espinoza | Carmen Fojo Prieto |
| Denise Griest | Edith Quijada |
| Jared Leonardo Henao | Endy Quijada |
| Jacob Hinman | Oscar Eduardo Ramirez |
| Joshua Hinman | Sergio Ricciardi |
| Joseph B. Jean-Mary | Isadora Rodriguez |
| Michelle Johnson | Magdalena Rodriguez |
| Harry Krampf | John Ruela |
| Stanley Kuchno | Maria Saavedra |
| Lindsay LaMarre | Gladys San Antonio |
| John Lapolla | Hugo Santa Maria |
| Theresa Lattanzio | Frank Tinnirella |
| Rosa Leon | John Veltre |
| Barbara McMurray | |

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Third Sunday of Advent/Segundo Domingo de Adviento**

The disciples of John asked Jesus: “Are you the one who is to come, or should we wait for another?” And Jesus answered them: “Go and tell John what you have seen; the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lepers get cured...” These are the messianic signs, that everything recuperates its original beauty, as a Jewish Talmud recount, “When the people got out of Egypt, they were blind, mute, lame, etc... And Yahweh restored them to their original beauty. Because of this, when John received the news from his disciples of the signs that Jesus performed, he did not get surprised. Because he saw in these signs that Jesus was the Messiah, and that there was not more waiting to do. So, today, the third Sunday of Advent 2015, how can we recognize the Messiah? What signs have we seen that we must follow him? Because Christ is going to ask us, why are you here today? What you have come here to do today? What do you want to see? So, I will tell you the same thing of Christ. Because I hope you have come to see the Messiah, and not only to fulfill an obligation, but to look for the one who can give you “Eternal Life.” The Lord is inviting us to see the signs that He, Christ, has been leaving in our lives, so we can recognize him as the true messiah. Many times we have misinterpreted those signs of Christ and have followed a false messiah, who promised us happiness. That’s why Christ put in front of us the image of John the Baptist, that is coming today to call us to conversion “Convert and repent from your sins, so your heart may turn to the Lord.” This third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, because true happiness comes from having found the Lord that is the only one who can makes us happy, restoring us to our original beauty according to God’s plan, and so, to take away the ugliness of our sins and wrong doing. May God bless you always.

Le preguntaron a Jesús, los discípulos de Juan: ¿Eres tu el que Ha de venir, o tenemos que esperar a otro? Y Jesús les responde: “Id a decirle a Juan, lo que habéis visto, “Los cojos andan, los sordos oyen, los ciegos ven, los leprosos quedan limpios...” Estos son las señales mesiánicas, que todo vuelve a recuperar su esplendor, su belleza original. Como cuenta un Talmud Judío, “Cuando lo Israelitas salieron de Egipto, todos iban deformes, cojos, ciegos, sordos, mudos, etc. Y Yahvé les hizo recobrar su belleza original. Por eso Juan cuando recibe esta noticia no se extraña, a lo mejor sus discípulos dirían, que respuesta tan rara nos ha dado este. Pero Juan ve en estas señales que verdaderamente Jesús es el Mesías y que no hay que esperar a nadie más. Entonces, hoy, en este domingo tercero de Adviento, ¿como podemos reconocer al Mesías? ¿Qué señales vemos o hemos visto para seguirlo? Por que Cristo nos va a preguntar, ¿Qué habéis venido a hacer hoy aquí? ¿Qué habéis venido a ver? Pues yo os digo lo mismo, no de mí, sino de El, de Cristo. Por que espero que hayáis venido a ver al Mesías, no solo a cumplir con una obligación, sino a buscar al que os puede dar la vida Eterna. Así que el Señor nos esta invitando hoy, a ver las señales que el ha ido dejando en nuestras vidas para que podamos reconocerlo como el verdadero Mesías, ya, muchas veces hemos mal interpretado esas señales y hemos seguido a otro, aun falso profeta que nos prometía la felicidad. Por eso Cristo hoy nos viene a poner delante a Juan el Bautista, que nos viene a decir: “Convertíos y arrepentíos de vuestros pecados y que vuestro corazón se vuelva al Señor vuestro Dios.” Este es este tercer domingo de Adviento, o también conocido como “Domingo de Gaudete,” ya que la verdadera alegría viene de habernos encontrado con el Señor, que es el que nos puede hacer felices, devolviéndonos a nuestra belleza original, según el plan de Dios, y así poder quitar la fealdad producida en nosotros por nuestros pecados y equivocaciones. Que Dios los bendiga a todos siempre.

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, December 23, 2015 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 19 – 20, 2015

Saturday, December 19

5:00 PM Mary Anne Costanza
7:00 PM Zenaoda Figueroa y Abel Flores
(Comentario: Paola Villanueva)

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Julianna Cianfano
12:00 Noon Manuel Mojico y Maria Duran
(Comentario: Sandra Bonilla)

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of December 19 - 20, 2015

Saturday, December 19

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Rita Agliata & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Miguel Hernandez, Melida Canela y Maria Hernandez

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.

STRENGTH AND COURAGE

Prayer infuses the weak with strength and the fainthearted with courage.

--Anonymous

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)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM AL-ANON—Spanish (Rectory Basement)

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

Attention



St. Mary's HS in Elizabeth invites all to attend a pep rally to kick off the winter sports season on **Thursday, December 17th at 7pm.** Tickets are just \$3 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, check out our website at www.stmaryhsnj.org or call [908-352-4350](tel:908-352-4350)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

AN ADVENT PRAYER

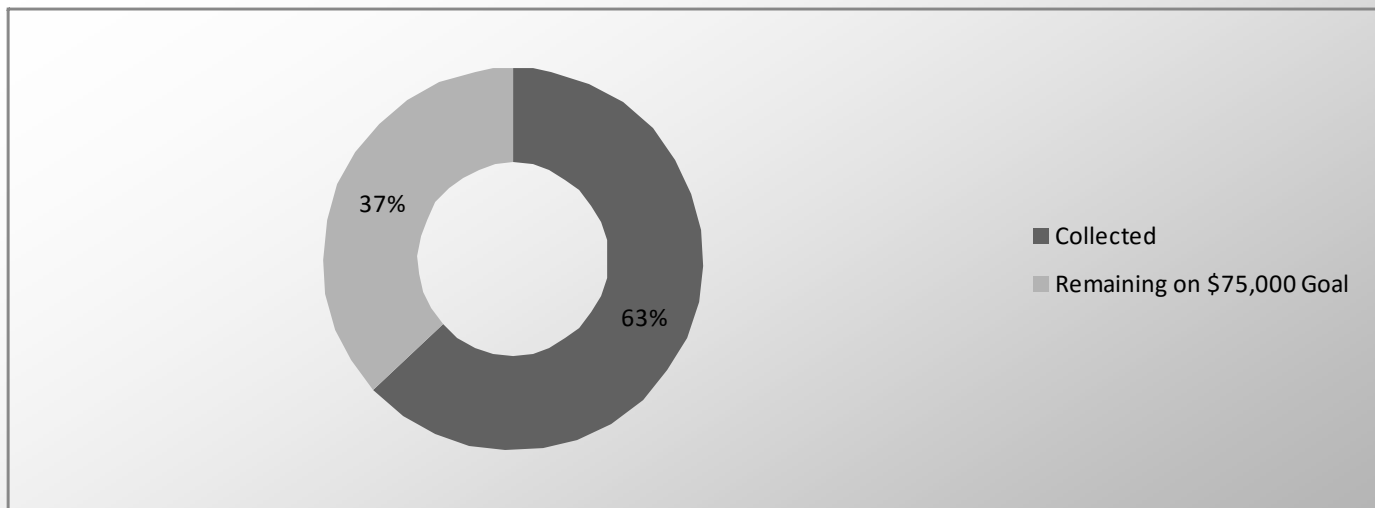
May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us--God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope for the revelation of the glory of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

--From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

FORTALEZA Y VALOR

La oración infunde fuerza al débil y valor al temeroso.

--Anónimo



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$47,296. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$47,296. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

CELEBRATE

This Sunday, God rejoices and sings because of us. We read in Zephaniah today that God "will sing joyfully because of you, / as one sings at festivals" (Zephaniah 3:18). We know plenty about singing at festivals. Already our ears are ringing with the songs and carols that anticipate the Christmas season.

Paul reminds us of the source of our own double rejoicing: God is the mighty savior who is in our midst (in Zephaniah's words). Because this is so, says Paul, we can rejoice and be at ease. We don't have to worry, for God's peace will stand guard over our hearts and minds.

A medieval carol depicts Christmas as "my dancing day" and urges us to enter into the dance. Why all the merrymaking? Because "the Lord is near," as Paul reminds us (Philippians 4:5). He then points to another reason for the dancing: the dawn of the promise of peace, the peace beyond all understanding, that is now within our grasp.

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CELEBRA

Este domingo, Dios canta y se regocija por nosotros. Leemos hoy en Sofonías que Dios "se llenará de júbilo por tu causa, como en los días de fiesta" (Sofonías 3:18). Sabemos mucho de cantar en festivales. Ya nuestros oídos resuenan con los cantos y villancicos que anticipan la época navideña.

Pablo nos recuerda la fuente de este doble regocijo: Dios, tu poderoso salvador, está en medio de ti (en palabras de Sofonías). Por ser así, nos dice Pablo, podemos alegrarnos y estar en paz. No tenemos que inquietarnos, porque la paz de Dios custodiará nuestros corazones y pensamientos.

Un villancico antiguo representa la Navidad como "el día de mi baile" y nos urge a tomar parte en el baile. ¿Por qué todo el regocijo? Porque "el Señor está cerca" nos recuerda Pablo (Filipenses 4:5). Entonces apunta a la otra razón para el baile: el amanecer de la promesa de paz, la paz que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, y que ya está al alcance de la mano.

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