

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2016

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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

March 27, 2016 Easter Sunday

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 FEBRUARY 21, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 27, 2016

SATURDAY (February 20) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY IANNIELLO/ sister Carmela Chirico
 5:00 LIBORIA MUNI/ Gerardo Gianetta & Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 21) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett
 10:30 MARIE MC DONNELL/ Angela Verlengeri
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS
 MANUEL CAMPOS

MONDAY (February 22) Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY/ Gilberto Sanchez
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 23) St. Polycarp

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank Malta

WEDNESDAY (February 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MYLES WARD/ Wife Virginia

THURSDAY (February 25) Lenten Weekday

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters & Grandchildren
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 26) Lenten Weekday

8:30 GIUSEPPINA PUMA RUVOLO/ Caterina & Joe Tramuta


SATURDAY (February 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARIA & JOE COLLETTI/ Husband and Father
 5:00 VINCENZO TALIERCIO/ Carlos & Nancy Matos
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 28) Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett
 10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Wife Pasqualina & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially:
John J. Mariano and Rocco DiPaola.

 <p>Our Weekly Offering</p>	<p>OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below.</p> <p>We sincerely thank all those parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish.</p> <p>Be assured that the Lord will never be outdone in rewarding those who give even a glass of water in His Name.</p>	
	Weekly Offering	Energy Collection
5:00 PM	325	355
7:00 PM	250	259
8:00 AM	161	280
10:30 AM	428	332
12:00 Noon	1320	1039
Mail	75	60
Total	\$2,559	\$2,334

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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
Wayne Cook	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Laura Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Peter Philipone
Marianna Dubell	Frank Pierre
Maria Espinoza	Raul Atilio Portillo
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Denise Griest	Edith Quijada
Ann Harris	Endy Quijada
Russell Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Harry Krampf	Gladys San Antonio
Stanley Kuchno	Hugo Santa Maria
Lindsay LaMarre	Frank Tinnirella
John Lapolla	Angela Verlengeri
Theresa Lattanzio	John Veltre
Rosa Leon	Charles White
Barbara McMurray	

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Second Sunday of Lent / Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma**

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ. We are celebrating the Second Sunday of Lent, or “Transfiguration Sunday.” The Gospel of this Sunday presents to us Jesus’ transfiguration before three of his apostles, Peter, James and John. Our Lord chose these three of his intimate friends to be witnesses of this amazing moment in Jesus’ journey. Then, two other very significant men for the Jewish people appear, Moses and Elijah, they are the two witnesses of the Old Testament. Moses, the one who made the people of Israel a nation and gave them the “Torah,” and the other Elijah, “The Prophet” per excellence. And they were conversing with Christ about his journey towards the “Paschal Mystery,” toward our salvation. We can wonder about what this gospel has to do with the first reading, in it, we have this moment in the life of Abraham, in which God makes a promises to him, “Your descendants will be like the stars of heaven...” God not only made a promise to Abraham, but made a covenant with him, without asking Abraham to sign this pact, because the only one who passed through the animals divided in two was God, while Abraham slept. So God swore an oath to Abraham that if He did not fulfill his part, he will be divided like the animals of the sacrifice. And if we go ahead, the gospel of this Sunday is the fulfillment of this covenant, Jesus Christ is entering into his Father’s will, that is that everyone of us will belong to the descendants of Abraham, the Church. But for this he needed to have this encounter with these two witnesses, Moses and Elijah. And here the three apostles, are representing us, because if we have an encounter with God, through prayer, events, etc. we would like to remain there forever, but, Jesus told them no, lets go, this is just a foretaste of what is coming, so when the moment of the trial appears you will have something to hold on to. When the temptation to run away comes, you will stay faithful to me. This is the invitation that the Lord is making to us today, that we will be like him in glory, so courage! my brothers and sisters, Jesus is with us. May God bless you always.

Queridos hermanos en Cristo. Estamos celebrando el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma, o “Domingo de la Transfiguración.” El Evangelio de este domingo nos presenta a Jesús transfigurándose delante de tres de sus apóstoles, Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Nuestro Señor escoge a tres de sus íntimos amigos para que sean testigos de este momento tan importante en la su vida. Y continuación, aparecen dos de los personajes mas importantes de la historia del pueblo de Israel, Moisés y Elías, que son dos de los testigos mas importantes del Antiguo Testamento, Moisés el libertador y el que da la ley a su pueblo y lo hace una nación; y Elías el profeta por excelencia. Ellos estaban conversando con Cristo sobre su viaje final a Jerusalén para realizar “El Misterio Pascual, el misterio de nuestra redención. Podemos pensar , que tiene esto que ver con la primera lectura, que nos habla de la promesa que hizo Dios a Abraham, “Tu descendencia será tan numerosa como las estrellas del cielo...” Dios no solo le hace una promesa a Abraham, pero también una alianza sin pedirle que selle este pacto, ya que el único que promete cumplir su parte es Dios, mientras que Abraham en su debilidad se queda dormido. Así que Dios hace un juramento a Abraham, de que si no lo cumple que le pase lo que a estos animales divididos para el sacrificio de esta alianza. Y así, si nos adelantamos al evangelio otra vez vemos que este es el cumplimiento de esta promesa hecha a Abraham, Jesucristo que entra en la voluntad su Padre, que es la salvación de todos, y esto nos hace ser descendientes de Abraham. Por esta razón, Jesús necesita de estos dos testigos de excepción, Moisés y Elías. Y también los Apóstoles, que nos representan a nosotros todos, por que las veces que Dios se ha encontrado con nosotros, ha sido tan estupendo que no queríamos irnos nunca, pero Jesús les dijo que no, que había que seguir adelante. Este momento solo era una prueba del amor de Dios, para que cuando llegara el momento de la prueba tuvieran algo donde sostenerse, cuando la tentación de salir corriendo apareciese, permaneciesen fieles a Cristo. Esta es la invitación que el Señor nos hace hoy a nosotros, para que seamos como él en la gloria. Así que !Animo! Hermanos que el Señor los bendiga.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is **February 24, 2016 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM**. Enter 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 February 27-28, 2016Saturday, February 27

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Martha Villanueva y Will Villanueva
(C: Emi Yanes)

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Sr. Charitina
12:00 Noon Manuel Mojica y Rubia Cardoza
(C: Teresa Marin)

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of February 27 - 28, 2016Saturday, February 27

5:00 PM Frank Mazza
7:00 PM Teresa Marin y Marissa Puello

Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Rita Agliata & Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Maritza Puella 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.

DIRECTION

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are going.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation
(Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body.
(Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).

Gospel -- Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).
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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor hizo una alianza con su siervo fiel Abram, diciendo: "A tu descendencia daré esta tierra" (Génesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Salmo -- El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación
(Salmo 27 [26]).

Segunda lectura -- Esperamos al Señor Jesús, quien nos cambiará para conformarnos con su cuerpo glorificado (Filipenses 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).

Evangelio -- Pedro, Santiago y Juan presencian la transfiguración de Jesús en el monte (Lucas 9:28b-36).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;

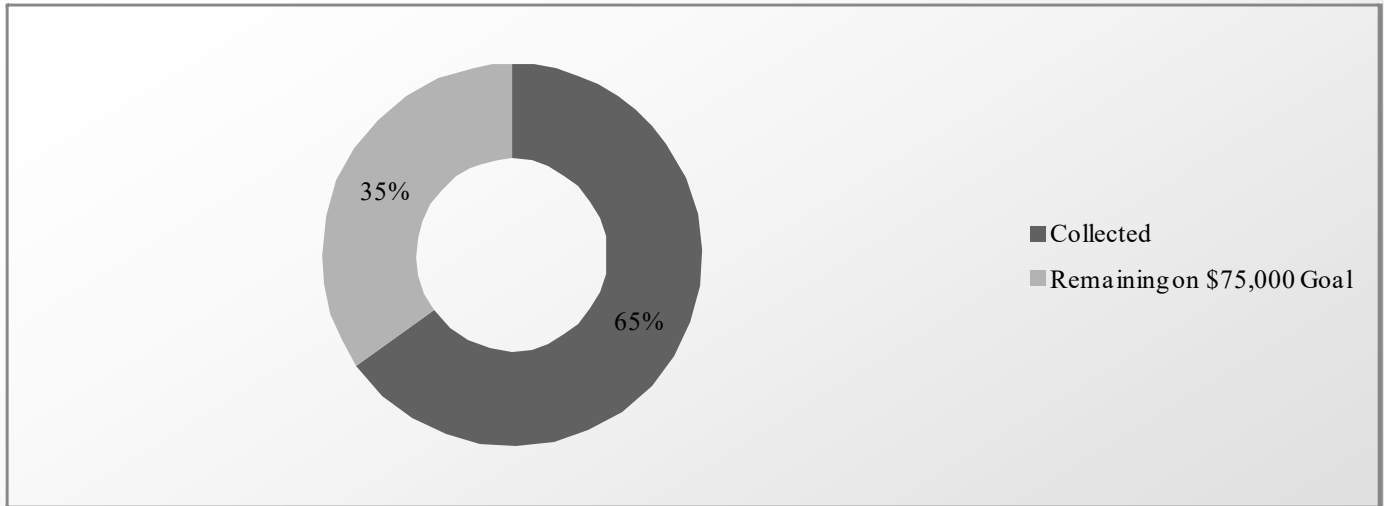
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

DIRECCIÓN

La gran cosa en este mundo no es tanto en qué lugar estamos, sino en qué dirección nos dirigimos.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$48,821. 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 \$48,821. 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.

ST. JOSEPH TABLE

Please join us on Sunday, March 13, 2016, at 11:30 AM for the St. Joseph's Table. We will have a spaghetti dinner at the Youth Center. \$5.00 per person. Please contact the rectory for more information and tickets. All proceeds will benefit our Church.

2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 will open on **Monday, March 7, 2016 at 1:00 PM.** You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2017 calendar year on this date.

TABLA DE SAN JOSÉ

Por favor, únase a nosotros el Domingo, 13 de marzo 2016, a las 11:30 AM para la Tabla de San José. Tendremos una cena de espaguetis en el Centro Juvenil. \$5.00 por persona. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la rectoría para más información y comprar su entradas. Todos lo recaudado se destinarán a nuestra Iglesia.

Archdiocese of Newark — 2016 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2016, to The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22, 2015.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*