

# Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016

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## Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor  
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar

## 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

November 1, 2016 All Saint's 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 - 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

You must be an **active parishioner** for at least 6 months to receive a Certificate of eligibility to be a sponsor or godparent.

Debe ser un **feligrés activo** durante al menos 6 meses para recibir un certificado de elegibilidad para ser un patrocinador o padrino.

## 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

**SATURDAY (September 3) St. Gregory the Great**

8:30 REV. JOHN PATRICK MURPHY/ Teresa Marin  
 5:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (September 4) Twenty-Third Sunday in O. T.**

8:00 CARLO MARTINO/ Wife Paolina  
 10:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Webber & Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (September 5) St. Teresa of Calcutta**

8:30 J. R. SANGUILIANO/ Frank—Affordable Printing  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (September 6) Weekday**

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/Children &  
 Grandchildren

**WEDNESDAY (September 7) Weekday**

8:30 GERARDO CICHETTI/ Mr. & Mrs.  
 Frank O. Mazza

**THURSDAY (September 8) The Nativity of the BVM**

8:30 MARIA & ASSUNTA DI MEO/ Amelia Paternoster  
 and Son  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (September 9) St. Peter Claver**

8:30 GIUSEPPE PICCOLI/ Moglie Giuseppina Piccoli

**SATURDAY (September 10) Weekday, BVM**

8:30 ANGELA ROSA/ Antonio Vecchio & Famiglia  
 5:00 TERESA & PETER LA GUARDIA/ Family  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (September 11) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O. T.**

8:00 GIULIA DI COSIMO/ Family  
 10:30 CARMELA TAMBURELLO/ Husband & Children  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is for the  
**Church in Central and Eastern Europe.**

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mariantonia Mariani** donated by **Rocco and Lucy.**

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O**

**LORD!** We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Aniello Lippo.**



**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**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	197
<b>7:00 PM</b>	639
<b>8:00 AM</b>	594
<b>10:30 AM</b>	706
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	2112
<b>Mail</b>	293
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,541</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:**

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

**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL****Twenty-Third Sunday OT/Vigésimo Tercer Domingo TO, Ciclo C**

Jesus says something similar in today's Gospel. He talks about making a commitment and following through. In this case it is the most basic commitment - to become a disciple. Jesus compares discipleship to fighting a battle or to building a tower. Before you enter battle, be sure you have sufficient troops to engage the enemy. Before you start building the tower, count your bricks. In other words, be prepared to follow through. Jesus tells us exactly what it costs to be a disciple. He doesn't hide it from us. He tells right up front that it will cost everything. It means putting Jesus ahead of any human relationship. To get his point across he uses a harsh word. He speaks about "hating" one's father or mother, wife or children, brothers and sisters. The word is meant to shock us out of our complacency, the idea that we can hold something back from Jesus.\*\* Even when we recognize that the word "hate" in this context means to "love less," it is still pretty shocking. I mean, who does Jesus, think he is? Is he saying he is more important than ones parent, spouse, child or sibling? The answer to that question is that Jesus not only thinks, but knows who he is: the incarnation of God. As Emmanuel, God among us, Jesus must ask for our total allegiance. Sometimes people look at discipleship as if it was like belonging to a political party. But we do not follow Jesus because we are comfortable with his platform. I have to admit that many of the things Jesus said make me very uncomfortable. But I follow him; I want to be his disciple because I believe he is who he says he is: the Bridegroom, the Lord of the Sabbath, the one who forgives men's sins. Blessed Mother Teresa knew something that most of us do not know: Suffering has meaning in Jesus. It is worth suffering any deprivation for his sake. Jesus came to show us the Father. He came to bring us God. He is God. That is why he must come first. If we have Jesus, we have everything. Jesus spoke about "hating" parents, spouse, child and sibling - that is, loving them less than Jesus himself. He said that not because he literally wants us to hate them, but because he wants us to love them in the correct way. If we put Jesus first, we will do right by others. We will learn to really love that other person. My dear parishioners let me put it to you as plainly as I can: The best thing you can do for someone - whether parent, wife, child, sibling or friend - the best thing you can for that other person is to become a disciple of Jesus. For most of us September is the beginning of a new year. It is a time to make a new beginning - to reinvent oneself, to discover your true self in Jesus. That means: Put Jesus first. Stop being a victim. Like Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, embrace your life - with all its pain and possibility. Take up your cross and become a disciple. Put Jesus ahead of every consideration - and you will find the joy you were meant to have. The bottom line is this: You and I can choose who we will become - and if you choose Jesus, you will find your true identity. May God bless you always.

Como dejar de ser una victima y empezar a tomar posesión de la propia vida. Es difícil para nosotros, especialmente hoy, porque vivimos en una sociedad promueve la mentalidad de victima - que mis problemas son causados por otras personas o fuerzas ciegas fuera de mi control. Al hacer compromisos inteligentes y cumplir con ellos, podemos determinar quienes seremos. No tenemos que sentirnos atrapados en una personalidad que no podemos cambiar. Haciendo buenas decisiones, podemos reinventarnos. Es un mensaje sencillo y básico, pero siempre necesitamos escucharlo. Jesús dice algo semejante en el evangelio de hoy. Habla de hacer un compromiso y cumplirlo. En este caso es el compromiso más básico - ser un discípulo. Jesús compara el ser discípulo con salir a una batalla o construir una torre. Antes de entrar en la batalla, estar seguro que tengas suficientes soldados. Antes de construir una torre, contar los ladrillos. En otras palabras, estar preparado a cumplir el compromiso. Jesús nos dice exactamente lo que cuesta ser discípulo. No lo esconde de nosotros. No dice directamente que costara todo. Significa poner a Jesús adelante de cualquier relación humana. Dice que tenemos que preferir a el sobre padre, madre, esposa, hijos y hermanos. ¿Como puede Jesús exigir tanto? Lo puede hacer porque es la Encarnación de Dios. Como Emanuel, Dios entre nosotros, Jesús tiene que pedir nuestra lealtad total. A veces algunos ven el discipulado como ser miembro de un partido político. Pero no seguimos a Jesús porque estamos cómodos con su plataforma. Tengo que admitir que hay muchas cosas que Jesús dijo que me hacen sentir incomodo. Pero lo sigo, quiero ser su discípulo porque creo que es lo que dice: El Novio, el Señor del Sábado, el que perdona los pecados. Jesús quiere que nos reinventamos - que descubramos nuestro ser verdadero en relación a el. Significa, como Jesús nos dice, cargar la cruz. Dios quiere que lo amemos no por lo que el nos da sino por lo que es es. Dios puede quitar las buenas sensaciones para que aprendamos un amor mas profundo. Y en el caso de un gran santo como la Madre Teresa, el puede hacerlo para dar un ejemplo para nosotros. Ojo, hermanos, si tú estas experimentando oscuridad, no hay que concluir que ya eres un gran santo como la Madre Teresa, sino ver las otras causas. Quizás debes ir al medico o comenzar un programa de ejercicio o cambiar un poco la dieta. O tal vez hay un pecado escondido que uno tiene que sacar del corazón, con la ayuda de Dios. Para la mayoría de nosotros el mes de septiembre es el comienzo del nuevo año. Es el momento para hacer un nuevo comienzo - reinventarse, descubrir el ser verdadero en Jesús. Significa: Poner a Jesús en primer lugar. Dejar de ser victima. Abrazar tu vida - con todo su sufrimiento y posibilidades. Cargar la cruz y ser discípulo. Poner a Jesús encima de toda consideración - y encontraras la alegría que es tu destino. Tú y yo podemos escoger quienes seremos. Si escoges a Jesús, encontraras tu identidad verdadera. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos.

**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, September 28, from 1 to 4 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 September 10-11, 2016****Saturday, September 10**

5:00 PM Sr. Clare  
7:00 PM Manuel Majico y Jose Bonilla  
(C: Maria Duran)

**Sunday, September 11**

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert  
10:30 AM Vincent Ruiz  
12:00 Noon Hilma Muños y Soila Torres  
(C: Javier Zapata)

**EMHC for the Weekend of September 10-11, 2016  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)****Saturday, September 10**

5:00 PM Frank Mazza  
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

**Sunday, September 11**

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli  
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Martha Devia and  
Cristian Moron  
12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Besy Aleman y  
Miguel 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.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA BUS TRIP**

To the National Center for Padre Pio in Barto, PA. Sunday, September 18, 2016, Departing St. Anthony's at 9:00 AM after the 8:00 AM Mass. There will be no Mass at the Padre Pio Center. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include a sandwich for lunch. For tickets, call the Rectory office to reserve your seat between 5 PM and 8 PM Monday through Friday

**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

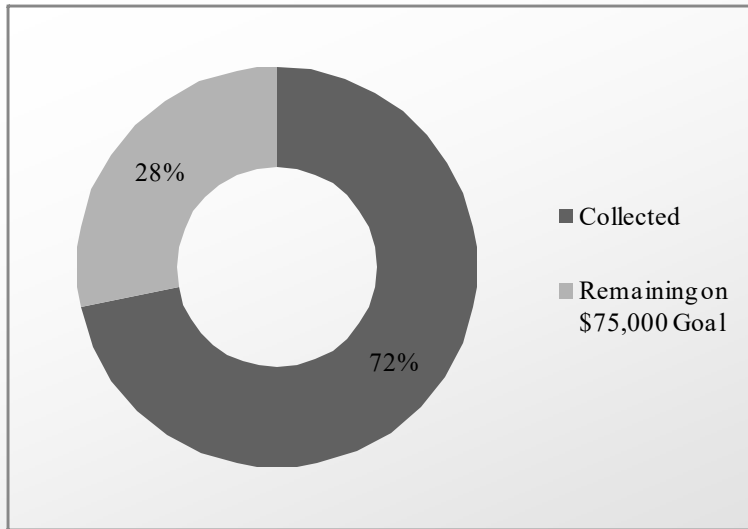
**\*FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education Program is in full swing. Registration cost is \$40 for one student, \$55 for two in the same family, and \$75 for 3 or more students in the same family.

**Parents of students currently enrolled in our (2015-2016) program** are asked to submit the completed registration forms along with tuition payment to the Church by mail or in person at the rectory office Mondays through Fridays 9:30 AM—5:00 PM.

**Parents of NEW students** may obtain a registration form at the rectory office, and are asked to stop by the rectory office and bring with them a RECENT copy of their child's baptismal certificate, which they must request from the Church of the child's Baptism.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that we review the baptismal certificate and have a copy on file in the rectory office.



**CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$53,826. 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 \$53,826. 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.

**Crucifixion**

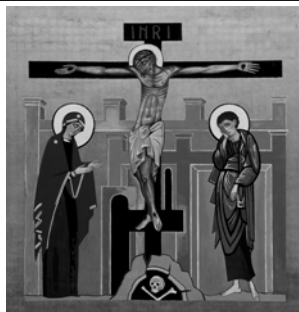
**Details of the Icon**

It is a very sober Icon. It introduces Christ on the cross and beside him there are the Virgin Mary and St. John the Apostle. Both are the beloved witnesses of this mystery and heirs of the Last Words of Jesus to his Church. This scene is capture at Calvary, shown by the little heap of soil upon which the cross is erected. At the base of the cross there is a dark cave and inside it there is a skull, which reveal to us what is invisible and hidden. The skull symbolizes the dust from which Adam was formed. The blood from Jesus’ feet, the redemptive blood, baths the skull. In the Icon we can see the Holy City of Jerusalem in which Christ has been condemned. The city appears close enough; even though Christ was crucified outside the city’s wall.

**Christ Crucified**

The cross with Jesus’ Body is raised from Earth to Heavens. It is the bridge which united Heaven and Earth, Man can be lifted towards the Kingdom of Heaven from his sinful condition, his pride and arrogance. Christ nailed to the cross, appears at the very moment in which he has handed over his Spirit to the Father. He has his eye closed and has fulfilled the Scriptures. Jesus is naked, the soldiers had gambled his clothes. Jesus entered, naked, into the combat with the evil potencies which entered Adam’s soul and made Adam experienced the shamefulness of his nakedness. Jesus has slept on the cross as he has lived always, praying, in total communion with the Father. In some icons, from his pierced side, came out two streams, one white, symbolizing the water sign of the Holy Spirit which Jesus handed over to the Father and the Church. And de other streams, red, symbolizing the blood, sign of the life shared for the love of his friend.

**(Continued Next Week)**



**Crucifixión**

**Detalles del icono**

El icono es sobrio y esencial. Presenta a Cristo en la cruz y a su lado la Virgen María y san Juan, testigos amorosos del misterio, herederos de las últimas palabras del testamento de Jesús a su Iglesia. La escena está captada en el monte Calvario, indicado apenas con un pequeño montículo sobre el que está erigida la cruz. En la base de esta cavidad hay un espacio oscuro y dentro vemos una calavera que nos muestra lo que está invisible, escondido. El polvo del primer hombre, Adán, simbolizado por este cráneo, es bañado por la sangre que cae de los pies traspasados de Cristo, la sangre de la redención. Se contempla también en perspectiva la ciudad santa de Jerusalén en la que Cristo ha sido condenado. La ciudad parece cercana, aunque Jesús ha sido crucificado fuera de sus murallas.

**El crucificado**

La cruz con el cuerpo de Cristo, se levanta de la tierra hacia el cielo. Es el puente que une la tierra con el reino del cielo. El hombre puede levantarse hacia este reino, hacia la eternidad, desde su condición de pecado terrenal, desde su vida de vanagloria y soberbia. Clavado en la cruz, Cristo aparece ya en el momento en que ha entregado su espíritu al Padre. Ha cerrado los ojos. Ha completado todo lo que se había escrito de El en la Biblia. Aparece desnudo, porque se han sorteado sus vestidos. Él entra, desnudo, en el combate con las potencias del mal que, entrando en el alma de Adán le hicieron experimentar la vergüenza de su desnudez:

Se ha dormido en la cruz orando, como había vivido siempre: en oración, en comunión con el Padre. En algunos iconos del costado de Cristo salen como dos riachuelos de color blanco y rojo que quiere significar la sangre y el agua. La sangre que es signo de la vida, porque El ha dado la vida por los amigos. El agua que es signo del Espíritu, porque antes de expirar El ha “entregado el Espíritu” al Padre y a la Iglesia.

**(Continúa la próxima semana)**