

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2017

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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

April 16, 2017 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
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.
Mrs. Mary Wilk, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Teresa Marin, Spanish Rel. Ed.
Mr. Will Villanueva, Trustee
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 JANUARY 1, 2017 TO JANUARY 7, 2017

SATURDAY (December 31) Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:30 ELDA ESPOSITO/ Sacca Family
 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHIELLO/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 1) Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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

MONDAY (January 2) Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 THERESA SCHADE/ Janet Guiliano
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (January 3) Christmas Weekday

8:30 SANTA STEELE/ Janet Guiliano

WEDNESDAY (January 4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 MARY GRECO/ Family

THURSDAY (January 5) St. John Neumann

8:30 RITA IENTILE/ Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 6) St. Andre Bessette


8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma Teresa

SATURDAY (January 7) St. Raymond of Penyafort

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters and Grandchildren
 5:00 THERESA SCHADE/ Josie and Bella Piga
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 8) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 MARY CLARE DI MAGGIO/ Grandma Angela DiMaggio
 10:30 BIAGIO TARTAMELLA/ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cusmano
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

 Our Weekly Offering	<p>OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION is shown below. 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> <p>Weekly Offering</p> <p>5:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Mail Total</p> <p>Due to early printing deadlines, last week's collection amount will appear in next Sunday's bulletin.</p>
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

Alfonsina Aker	James D. Milazzo
Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
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
Lindsay LaMarre	Salvatore Saluccio
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	Rosalie Tinnirella
Barbara McMurray	Angela Verlengeri
Elvin Martinez	John Veltre
Angelo Meo	Joseph Weseloski
Leonarda Merlo	



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WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Solemnity of Mary Mother God / Solemnidad de Maria Madre de Dios

Dear brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God (in Greek ‘Theotokos’). Today’s Gospel presents the announcement of the angels to the shepherds so they can see the Good News become flesh. It is great News for us today, because the shepherds received this announcement by the angels of the birth of the Son of God. The shepherds were very low class, rude people with not very good manners that preferred live separated from the society. For us it is a very Good News and what is this News? That the Savior of the World has been Born and the people send to give this announcement are very normal people like you and me, so you don’t need to be an excellent or a good person to carry out this Good News . God chose who he wanted to bring this news to humanity. Also we celebrate this feast of Mary the Mother of God; Mary in her smallness keeps it all in the heart, rationally uncomprehending. Having the certainty that one day all becomes clear; sense that all will receive according to the plan laid out by God. Why is a Good News for all of us? That the Savior of the world is born!!! And those who will announce this news are regular people like you and me, which the heralds do not need to be a very special of wonderful people or even good. God chooses whomever he wants to make his message arrive to everybody. Let us celebrate too *Mary the Theotokos*, the Mother of God. Mary that in her lowliness kept everything in her heart, having the certainty that one day she will understand God’s will. God only looks for a heart that is ready to accept his will and is prompted to go and announce the Gospel to all the nations throughout the graces receive by his only Son. So, the question is, are we ready to pick up this challenge, that God is proposing to us today? If the answer is Yes, let us ask the Lord for the Holy Spirit, so that we can go and proclaim that Christ our Lord is born. **Happy New Year!!!**

Mis queridos hermanos, estamos celebrando la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios (en griego “*Theotokos*”). El Evangelio de Hoy, nos cuenta el hecho del anuncio de los ángeles a los pastores y de que estos van a ver esta buena noticia hecha carne. Esto es una muy buena noticia para todos nosotros también. Ya que, si los ángeles anunciaron el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios a los pastores, unos hombres muy rudos y con muy pocos modales, muy ariscos y desenfrenados; gente que preferían vivir fuera de la sociedad que ser juzgados por ella. Para nosotros que no somos tan antisociales es una muy buena noticia como ya he dicho anteriormente. Y ¿Cuál es esta buena noticia? Que el salvador del mundo ha nacido, y que los que van a anunciarla son gente tan normal y común como tu y yo, no se necesita ser magnifico ni siquiera bueno para anunciar el evangelio. Dios elige a quien quiere para hacer llegar esta noticia a todos los hombres. Y también celebramos el hecho de María la Theotokos, la Madre de Dios. María que en su pequeñez lo guarda todo en su corazón, sin entender racionalmente nada. Teniendo la certeza de que un día todo se aclarara, que todo recibirá su sentido de acuerdo al plan trazado por Dios. Y ¿Por qué es una buena noticia para todos nosotros? Por que Dios no se fija en la capacidad intelectual de las personas, ni siquiera en su fortaleza física o espiritual, sino que solamente busca un corazón que este dispuesto a aceptar su voluntad y el mandato de anunciar la salvación de toda la humanidad a través de su hijo único, de este bebe que nos ha nacido en Belem de Judá. Entonces, ¿estamos dispuestos, tu y yo a aceptar este desafío que Dios nos propone hoy? Si es así, pidamos al Señor que nos conceda su Espíritu Santo para poder anunciar a la creación entera que Cristo nuestro Señor y Salvador ha nacido. **Felicidades en este nuevo año 2017.**

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, January 25 from 12:30-1:30 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 January 7-8, 2017Saturday, January 7

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Senon Herrera y Jose Bonilla
(C: Raul Alvarez)

Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Norma Frutos y Soila Torres
(C: Sandra Bonilla)

**EMHC for the Weekend of January 7-8, 2017
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, January 7

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata and
Gino Merendino
12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Maria Hernandez,
Miguel Hernandez 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.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

--Benjamin Franklin

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)

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!
(Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalms -- May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading -- God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel -- The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El Señor te bendiga y te proteja.
Que el Señor te mire con benevolencia y te conceda la paz (Números 6:22-27).

Salmo -- El Señor tenga piedad y nos bendiga
(Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios envió a sus corazones el Espíritu de su Hijo, que clama "¡Abbá!" (Gálatas 4:4-7)

Evangelio -- Los pastores se volvieron a sus campos, alabando y glorificando a Dios por todo cuanto habían visto y oído (Lucas 2:16-21).

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CARRYING OF THE GIFTS

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

RCIA

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process the Catholic Community provides to welcome adults who wish to become Catholic and to prepare adult Catholics to receive Confirmation (and when needed, First Eucharist.) Please contact the Parish for more information.

TIEMPO

No malgastes tu tiempo, porque es lo que constituye la vida.

--Benjamin Franklin



INNER CITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children—which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools—will hold its 14th annual High School Basketball Festival on January 7 and 8, 2017, at Kean University in Union. The teams playing include: Saint Peter's Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt. St. Dominic, St. Benedict's Prep, Marist, Union Catholic, St. Mary's, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph's Regional and Marist. For complete game schedules, times and information, on ordering tickets, please visit www.sfchoops.com or call (973) 497-4279.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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LA BENDICIÓN QUE RECIBIMOS

La bendición que experimentamos en Cristo Jesús es proclamada en Números como una bendición especial para el pueblo de Israel. Ellos y nosotros seremos bendecidos por la invocación de la misericordia de Dios, la gloria resplandeciente de su rostro que nos mira con amor y no se aleja de nosotros con ira. ¡Hemos sido bendecidos por la paz de Dios!

Nuestro deseo y nuestra esperanza se cumplen en esta bendición, que se hace visible en la venida de Jesús. En Jesús, la imagen del Dios invisible, se nos muestra su rostro y su presencia se nos da a conocer en la bondad amorosa y fiel.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

En Nicaragua y otras naciones latinoamericanas se celebra el final de un año con la "quema del año viejo". Construyen grandes muñecos con ropa vieja, pólvora y papel que se encienden a medianoche entre los dos años. Celebrar el comienzo de un año nuevo tiene una larga trayectoria en la historia humana. Hace unos 4000 años el pueblo de Babilonia ya festejaba la llegada de un nuevo año con grandes fiestas de primavera. Los judíos, al igual que otros pueblos agrícolas, también celebraban su año nuevo durante la primavera, el primer día de Nisán (a principios de abril).

Fue Julio César quien nos dio la fecha del primero de enero como el inicio de nuestro calendario. En 1582 el Papa Gregorio XIII reformó el calendario para darnos el que actualmente está en uso. No obstante, los cristianos continuaron celebrando el año nuevo en primavera para evitar los excesos del "hombre viejo". Hace 400 años la Iglesia comenzó a celebrar el día primero de enero buscando cristianizarlo lo mejor posible. Por eso en el calendario litúrgico este día es dedicado a María, Madre de Dios.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.