

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

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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

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 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 12, 2017 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2017

SATURDAY (February 11) Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

8:30 GIUSEPPE & GIOVANNA CHILLEMI/
Antonia Chillemi
5:00 PHYLLIS LO BRACE/ Josie & Bella
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 12) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 DONNA KURDYLA/ Kurdyla Family
10:30 GIUSEPPE & VINCENZO SCOZZARO/
Mr. & Mrs. Nicolo Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 13) Weekday

8:30 GIUSEPPINA MUSCARITOLO/ Giovanni &
Maria Bariamonte
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 14) Ss. Cyril / Methodius

8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Franklin &
Susan Belluscio

WEDNESDAY (February 15) Weekday

8:30 GEORGE MILLER/ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Red

THURSDAY (February 16) Weekday

8:30 CARMELA MELILLO/ Figlia Teresa
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 17) Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order


8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (February 18) Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

8:30 JOSE JIMINEZ/ Burnett-William Family
5:00 PAUL, YOLANDA & CHARLES NOVELLO/
Children and Grandchildren
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 19) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 GIULIA DI COSIMO/ Family
10:30 JOSEPH BISCO/ Kathleen & Michael Bisco
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

 <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	Monthly Assessment
5:00 PM	301	199
7:00 PM	686	442
8:00 AM	317	213
10:30 AM	445	274
12:00 Noon	2027	1188
Mail		80
Total	\$3,776	\$2,396

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

Carmen Alava	Leonarda Merlo
Louise Barile	James D. Milazzo
Oran Bryant	Carmen Mistichelli
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Isaac Castañeda	Robergeau Paul
Orlando Chavez	Maria Perdomo
Wayne Cook	Laura Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Peter Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Frank Pierre
Marianna Dubell	Anne Piga
Maria Espinoza	Raul Atilio Portillo
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Louis E. Gonzalez	Edith Quijada
Denise Griest	Endy Quijada
Ann Harris	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Annette Irizarry Jacome	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

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Tripodi Family** donated by **Tina Tripodi**. The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Angela Marie Tripodi** donated by her **Sister Tina**.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Sixth Sunday OT/Sesto Domingo T.O, Ciclo/Cycle A**

Christ tells us in today's Gospel: "I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets, but rather to fulfill them..." And He places us with a series of examples of the Mosaic Law, and of how Christ comes to fulfill it. However, this new way of fulfilling the law is much more difficult. If before to kill one had to do it physically, now simply by calling your brother stupid you are already killing him, etc. Where does Christ want to take us with this "New Law?" To, simply realize that by our own strength we cannot fulfill the law, and keep in mind that these supposedly are the easiest commandments to keep, since they refer to our relationship to our neighbor. Therefore, let us analyze how our relationship is with others since we might be unpleasantly surprised. So, how is my relationship with my family and friends, or with my colleagues at work, or with my neighbors? Because if I don't treat them as I should, but as they deserve to be treated according to how I think, judge and believe to be opportune on account of their actions, then I am in trouble, right? How is my relationship with my husband or wife, or with the rest of women or men? Or do I meet my promises and things I have sworn to? In the end, how am I? Am I as stupendous as I appear to be in front of others? Or am I rather a wolf disguised as a lamb. The Lord is inviting us today to recognize who we are, because many times we don't even know ourselves, especially when we compare ourselves to others, "I would never do that." Be careful! It's very dangerous to say this since in the first place we don't know the majority of times what makes someone act in one way or another, we don't know the motives, intentions, and circumstances that surround people's actions. That's why Christ encourages us with these words to discover who we are, to remove all the makeup that we apply to ourselves every day in order to be love and for once to see ourselves as we are, not despair if we see something we don't like, but to have the certainty that God loves us as we are, and if we haven't murdered someone, or haven't committed adultery, or perjury or not kept our word, it hasn't been because of our virtues, but by the grace of God that acts in us and protects us. Let us ask God this grace today, Lord help me to truly know myself, to know that at any moment if you lift your protecting hand from my head, I can commit any grave sin, and in that way may I always recognize your love in me, and as a consequence of your love that I may love my neighbor as myself. May God bless you all and your families.

Cristo nos dice en el Evangelio de hoy: "No he venido a abolir la ley y los profetas, sino a darles cumplimiento..." Y nos pone una serie de ejemplos de la ley de Moisés, y de cómo Cristo viene a cumplirla. Pero, en esta nueva forma de cumplir la ley, es mucho más difícil. Si antes para matar tenias que hacerlo físicamente, ahora solamente con llamar a tu hermano estúpido ya lo estas matando, etc. Adonde nos quiere llevar Cristo con esta "Nueva Ley." Simplemente a que nos demos cuenta de que nosotros solos y por nuestras propias fuerzas no podemos cumplir la ley, y eso que estos mandamientos son supuestamente los mandamientos más fáciles, ya que estos se refieren a nuestra relación con el prójimo. Así que analicemos como es nuestra relación con los demás, por que nos podemos llevar una sorpresa no muy agradable. Así que, ¿como es mi relación con mis familiares y amigos, o con mis compañeros de trabajo, o con mis vecinos? Por que si no los trato como debería, sino como se merecen según yo pienso, juzgo y creo oportuno por sus acciones, estoy en un buen problema, ¿verdad? ¿Cómo es mi relación con mi esposo o esposa, o con las demás mujeres u hombres? O ¿Cumplo mis promesas y juramentos? En definitiva, ¿como soy yo? ¿Soy tan estupendo como aparezco delante de los demás? O soy más bien un lobo disfrazado de cordero. El Señor, nos esta invitando hoy a reconocer quien soy yo, por que muchas veces ni siquiera nos conocemos a nosotros mismos, sobretodo cuando nos comparamos con los demás, "Eso yo nunca lo haría." ¡Cuidado! Esto es muy peligroso decirlo, ya que primero no sabemos la mayoría de las veces lo que lleva a alguien a actuar de una forma o de otra, no sabemos que motivos, intenciones, y circunstancias rodean los actos de las personas. Por esto Cristo nos anima con estas palabras a descubrirnos quienes somos, a quitarnos todo el maquillaje que nos ponemos todos los días para que nos quieran y una vez que nos veamos como somos, no desesperarnos si vemos algo que no nos gusta, sino tener la certeza de que Dios nos ama como somos, y sino hemos matado a alguien, o no hemos cometido adulterio, o no hemos jurado en falso o faltado a nuestra palabra, no es por nuestras virtudes, sino por la gracia de Dios que actúa en nosotros y nos protege. Pidámosle a Cristo hoy esta gracia, Señor, ayúdame a conocerme de verdad, a saber que en cualquier momento si tú levantas tu mano protectora de mi cabeza, yo puedo cometer cualquier pecado grave, y así poder siempre reconocer tu amor en mi, y como consecuencia amar al prójimo como a mi mismo. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias

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, February 22 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 February 18-19, 2017Saturday, February 18

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Marta Villanueva y Jose Bonilla
(C: Javier Zapata)Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla y Rubia Cardoza
(C: Teresa Marin)**EMHC for the Weekend of February 18-19, 2017****(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, February 18

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata and
Gino Merendino12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Besy Aleman,
Marisa Puello 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Josephine's Place in Elizabeth:

English Conversation 1 or 1 1/2 hours per week

Computer Basics 1 1/2 hours per week

Clerical Work

English Grammar 1 1/2 hours per week

Social Media

Contact: Carmen Nunez 908-436-0099**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.

**EVENTS**

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***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 -- God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm -- Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading -- God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel -- Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37)

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Dios nos permite tomar decisiones, pero no debemos optar por la injusticia o el pecado (Sirácide 15:16-21).

Salmo -- Dichosos los que caminan en la voluntad del Señor (Salmo 119 [118]).

Segunda lectura -- La sabiduría de Dios es misteriosa y escondida (1 Corintios 2:6-10).

Evangelio -- Jesús no ha venido a abolir la ley ni los profetas, sino a darles plenitud (Mateo 5:17-37).

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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For bad weather situations, CCD Closings will be announced on the News 12 New Jersey Website.

ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Are you celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian Marriage in 2017? If so, the Archdiocese of Newark will be having anniversary liturgies celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

¿Esta celebrando 5, 25 y 50 años de matrimonio Cristiano en 2017? Estas liturgias de Aniversario serán celebradas por el Cardenal Joseph Tobin en la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón en Newark en las siguientes fechas:

April 30, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 5 years and 25 years (registrations due by April 19), and May 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 50 years (registrations due by April 26).

THE CURE

The only known cure for fear is faith.

--Lena K. Sadler

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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TÚ DECIDES

"Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos", nos dice Eclesiástico (Sirácide). Dios "ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras" (Eclo 15:15, 16). Este es un gran misterio: Dios no nos controla tan completamente que no podemos elegir nuestro propio camino. Es cierto que tenemos límites, pero nadie sino nosotros mismos podemos elegir el camino dentro de esos límites.

En la lectura de hoy del Evangelio según san Mateo, Jesús nos recuerda que somos libres y responsables de nuestra vida. Nos llama a ir más allá de las palabras de los mandamientos para considerar su significado. Si vas más allá del adulterio verás el egoísmo que envenena nuestro amor. Si vas más allá del asesinato verás la ira que corroe nuestra compasión. Si vas más allá del falso testimonio (perjurio) verás las mentiras y engaños que producen este comportamiento.

Nuestra vocación es elegir la vida para nosotros mismos, y tomar un camino a través de nuestro mundo que haga la vida posible y más abundante para otros también.

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EL REMEDIO

El único remedio conocido para el temor es la fe.

--Lena K. Sadler