

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

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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**

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 MARCH 19, 2017 TO MARCH 25, 2017**

**SATURDAY (March 18) Lenten Weekday, St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:30 JOHN & VERONICA JAZIKOFF/ Family  
 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/ Mother & Father  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 19) Third Sunday of Lent**

8:00 CARMELO, FRANCESCA & ELVRIA LA ROCCA/ Family  
 10:30 TERESA LORIA/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (March 20) St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**

8:30 ROSALBINO PICCOLI/ Famiglia Piccoli  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (March 21) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 ANNA WILK/ Family

**WEDNESDAY (March 22) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 CARMELA & LEHERIO TROVATO/ Antonia Chillemi

**THURSDAY (March 23) Lenten Weekday, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

8:30 DOMENICA & SALVATORE LA FACE/ Dominic & Maria LaFace  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (March 24) Lenten Weekday, Bl. Oscar Romero**

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters & Grandchildren

**SATURDAY (March 25) The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30 JENNIE & FRED PERONE/ Daughter Rose  
 5:00 GIOVANNI BIANCO/ Daughters & Grandchildren  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 26) Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 PRISCILLA BENSI/ Rhodora & Christian Igot  
 10:30 GIUSEPPE COFFARO & SALVATORE TARANTINO/ Mr. & Mrs. Nicolo Arcieri & Family  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Frank & Lina Alfano** donated by **Joann Barberio & Sons.**

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL**

Please remember to return your pledge envelopes for the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you.



**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	Peter's Pence
5:00 PM	438	100
7:00 PM	633	175
8:00 AM	303	106
10:30 AM	487	105
12:00 Noon	1905	515
Mail	257	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,023</b>	<b>\$1,001</b>

**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
Elvin Martinez	Angela Verlengeri
Angelo Meo	John Veltre

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!** We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Michelina Fischetti.**

**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL****Third Sunday of Lent/Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma, Ciclo/Cycle A**

Christ asks us today like the Samaritan woman: Give me a drink? How is it possible that Christ, who is God, asks me, a sinner, to give him to drink? This is the key of this gospel because we can have many excuses avoiding giving Christ to drink like this woman, because he does not have the bucket or the cistern is too deep etc... after this he replies: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst, everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." We look for this water every day but we do not find it. Happiness is what Christ wants to give us. And we look for it every day. Because we do not have it we need to be happy with other gratifications, little money, little affections, some fun, etc. At the end the result is the same, our life is not satisfied, is always something missing. This Samaritan woman discover this, according to the exegete she was a bad reputation woman, the fact to go to the cistern (well) at noon is not a proper time, that should be done early in the morning. She discovers the emptiness of her life, nothing can give her life or joy. Work is a burden, everybody uses or abuses her in exchange for some coins and at the same time she uses others. For this Christ wants to give her a new water, a water to quench her thirst forever so she will not have to search for more to relieve this desire for happiness in other things. She realizes when Christ asks to call her husband the answer was: I do not have a husband and Christ replies: "For you have had five husbands and the one you have now is not you husband either." Because those are not true relationships, husband and wife, they are just convenient relations where husband and wife use each other, they do not love each other, nor give their life for the other person keeping for themselves. Love is to have this encounter with happiness when I die to myself and give you life for others like Christ has done for us. This is the call of the gospel for each of us today. If you are not satisfied like the Samaritan woman, take courage! The Lord can give us the grace we need so we can find true happiness, life, this water jumping like a spring to Eternal life, because anyone who has life within him, even if he dies, will live forever. You will find something greater than what you have in this life: "Eternal Life." That way you don't have to go day by day looking for life and happiness where we know they are not. May God bless you all and you families.

Cristo nos pregunta hoy lo mismo que a la Samaritana: ¿Dame de beber? ¿Como es posible, que Cristo siendo Dios, me pida a mi, un simple pecador, que le de beber? Pues esta es la clave de este evangelio. Por que podemos poner muchas excusas para evitar de darle de beber a Cristo, como esta mujer, que sino tiene cubo para sacar el agua, que si el pozo es profundo, etc. Y después, le dice "El agua que yo tengo, hará que nunca más tengas sed," ya que el agua que bebes siempre hace que tengas que volver a beber. Es el agua que buscamos todos los días y no encontramos, la felicidad, eso es lo que nos quiere dar Cristo. Y la buscamos todos los días, y como no la encontramos, intentamos contentarnos con alguna que otra gratificación, un poco de dinero, un poco de afecto, un poco de diversión... Pero al final el resultado es el mismo, la insatisfacción en nuestra vida, siempre nos falta algo. Esto es lo que descubre esta mujer. La samaritana, que según los exegetas, era una mujer de mala reputación, ya que el hecho de ir a por agua al pozo a medio día, no es normal, sino que debería de ir temprano en la mañana. Descubre que su vida esta vacía, que nada le da la vida o alegría. Que el trabajo, es un fastidio, que todo el mundo la usa o abusa de ella a cambio de unas monedas, y ella a su vez usa a los demás. Por esto Cristo quiere darle un agua nueva, un agua que le quite la sed para siempre y así no tenga que buscar más para apagar sus ansias de felicidad con otras cosas. Ella se da cuenta cuando Cristo le dice que llame a su marido, y ella le dice que no tiene, y Cristo le responde que ha tenido cinco maridos y que ninguno era marido de ella. Por que esas relaciones no eran relaciones de amor, esposo y esposa, sino relaciones por conveniencia, marido-mujer. Se usaban, no se amaban, no daban la vida, se la guardaban cada uno. Por que Amar, que es encontrar la felicidad, es cuando se muere al yo, y se da la vida por el tu, el otro, como Cristo ha hecho por todos nosotros. A esto nos esta llamando este evangelio a cada uno de nosotros hoy, a que si nos encontramos en una situación de insatisfacción como la samaritana, ¡animo! Que el Señor nos puede dar la gracia que necesitamos para encontrar la verdadera felicidad, la vida, esa agua que salta como manantial hacia la vida eterna, por que el que tiene esta vida dentro aunque muera vivirá para siempre, ya que habrá encontrado algo mucho más grande que esta vida que tenemos hoy, tendrá "Vida Eterna." Y así no tendrá que volver día tras día a buscar la vida, la felicidad donde sabemos que no esta. 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, March 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 March 25-26, 2017**Saturday, March 25

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Vivianeth Lorenzo y Abel Flores  
(C: Raul Alvares)Sunday, March 26

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Rafaela Avelar y Jony Rodriguez  
(C: Patricia Zelaya)**EMHC for the Weekend of March 25-26, 2017  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, March 25

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, March 26

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata

12:00 Noon Sr. Carol, Besy Aleman,  
Mariza 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.

**SPRING**

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

--Henry Van Dyke

**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** -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

**Psalm** -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel** -- Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** -- Agua salió de la roca para apagar la sed del pueblo (Éxodo 17:3-7).

**Salmo** -- Si hoy oyen su voz, no endurezcan su corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

**Segunda lectura** -- El amor de Dios se ha derramado en nuestro corazón por el don del Espíritu Santo (Romanos 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Evangelio** -- El agua que yo les daré se convierte en el manantial de vida eterna (Juan 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b- 26, 39, 40-42]).

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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.

**LA PRIMAVERA**

El primer día de primavera es una cosa, pero el primer día primaveral es otra. La diferencia es a veces hasta de un mes.

--Henry Van Dyke



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

### CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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

### 2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for **2018** is now open. Anyone wishing to reserve Masses for loved ones for the 2018 calendar year should contact the Rectory.

### REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017. We are looking for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 to participate. For more information, please call Teresa Marin at the rectory by March 18, 2017. (908)-351-3300

### FACEBOOK

Check out the St. Anthony's Facebook page (facebook.com, search "St. Anthony of Padua Elizabeth NJ") for daily scripture readings and to see an electronic version of this bulletin.

### ST. ANTHONY'S ADULT CHOIR

St. Anthony's Adult Choir, which sings at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses is holding rehearsals on Tuesdays starting at 7:30 PM in the main church.

### REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores será el sábado, 3 de junio de 2017. Estamos buscando a las niñas entre las edades de 10 y 20 para participar. Para obtener más información, por favor llame a Teresa Marín en la rectoría. (908)-351-3300, antes del 18 de marzo de 2017.

### PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE

St. Joseph Social Service Center has a paid part-time job opening: Project Ready Program Director/Technology Coordinator. We are looking for someone with strong management and technical skills to lead the adult job readiness and computer skills training program. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:00-2:30. The ideal candidate will have a business or education background and be willing to network on behalf of the adult job seekers in the program. Please visit <http://www.stjeliz.org/project-ready.html> to learn more. If you would like more information, please contact Bernadette Murphy at 908-353-1045 ext. 213. Please e-mail your resume to Bernadette (bmurphy@stjeliz.org) if you are interested in applying.

### SEDIENTOS DE LAS AGUAS QUE DAN VIDA

Especialmente durante la Cuaresma, la Semana Santa y el tiempo de Pascua, los textos de oración de la Iglesia Occidental se deleitan con imágenes paradójicas de Cristo: la vida eterna que muere, el anfitrión de la cena que es también alimento, el crucificado sediento del que mana agua de vida de su costado. Estas imágenes fluyen de las representaciones de Jesús por parte de los evangelistas y de su mismísimo ministerio, durante el cual muchas veces cambió o invirtió las expectativas que las personas tenían sobre él o sobre los designios de Dios. Esta "inversión" está en juego en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando Jesús habla con una extranjera enemiga que está por debajo de su condición social. Además él, el que tiene sed, demuestra que la mujer es la única que tiene sed verdadera. Él -cuyos labios secos dirán "Tengo sed" antes de morir- es la fuente de vida y del agua que da vida. La Cuaresma nos llama a reflexionar sobre cómo cada uno de nosotros tiene sed de Cristo y nos lleva, en última instancia, de vuelta a las aguas dadoras de vida de nuestro bautismo en su Cuerpo.

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