

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

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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

(All Sundays Including Easter)

May 10 –The Ascension of the Lord.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: Holy Hour following 7 pm Mass

Hora Santa después de la misa 7 pm

Office Hours:

Daily (Diario) (M - F) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

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** (registered) 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. Edwin Lopez, Altar Servers



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 24 TO MARCH 4, 2018**

SATURDAY (February 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELA HIGGINS/Peter & Wendy Wysocki
5:00 JOHN CRINCOLI/Mario Moriello
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 25) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, PEDRO SERRANO &
MONSERRATE APONTE/Family
10:30 MARIA FEDERICO/Mr & Mrs Biagio Arcieri &
Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 26) Lenten Weekday

8:30 JOSEPH DI LEO/Joe & Rosalie Weseloski
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CONNIE VICARI/Rich & Mae Siano

WEDNESDAY (February 28) Lenten Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/Jim & Cathly Leggett

THURSDAY (March 1) Lenten Weekday

8:30 NATALE GUARDINO/Giovanna & Tony Cerullo
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 2) Lenten Weekday

8:30 GUISEPPE & VINCENZO SCOZZARO/Nicolo &
Vincenza Arcieri

SATURDAY (March 3) Lenten Weekday

8:30 JOHN PENNEL/Sons of Peterstown
5:00 YOLANDA, PAUL & CHARLES NOVELLO/
Children & Grandchildren
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 4) Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 DOMENICK TRIPODI/Daughter Tina
10:30 GERARDO STANCO/Moglie Pasqualina & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



Next week there will be a second collection for the
Monthly Assessment.



**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

5:00 PM	322
7:00 PM	554
8:00 AM	252
10:30 AM	436
12:00 Noon	2,200
Mail	185
Total	3,949

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	Leonarda Merlo
Karen Bulloch	James D. Milazzo
Caterina Campbell	Carmen Mistichelli
Isaac Castañeda	Carlos Moran
Orlando Chavez	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Wayne Cook	Irene Patrone
Mary Cusmano	Robergeau Paul
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Maria Perdomo
Marianna Dubell	Laura Philipone
Maria Espinoza	Frank Pierre
Mario Fronzoni	Anne Piga
Joseph Gambino	Jo Piga
Denise Griest	Raul Atilio Portillo
Paulette Hall	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Jared Leonardo Henao	Edith Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Endy Quijada
Joshua Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Annette Irizarry Jacome	Sergio Ricciardi
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Angel Rivera
Michelle Johnson	Isadora Rodriguez
Lindsay LaMarre	Magdalena Rodriguez
John Lapolla	John Ruela
Theresa Lattanzio	Maria Saavedra
Rosa Leon	Salvatore Saluccio
Arlene Marsden	Hugo Santa Maria
Bob Marsden	Frank Tinnirella
Elvin Martinez	Rosalie Tinnirella
Angelo Meo	Angela Verlengeri
	John Veltre

Stations of



the Cross
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**Stations of the Cross will be at
1:30 p.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in
Spanish, Fridays during Lent**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Lent/Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma 2018

Today's Old Testament reading tells about Abraham's amazing trust in God. After praying for decades that God would give him a son, his wife Sarah finally gave birth to Isaac. As you can imagine, Isaac was more precious to Abraham than all the land and sheep God had given him. His entire possessions meant less to him than the little finger of his son. Yet God tested his faith by asking him to do something that we have a hard time understanding. He asked him to take his only son up a hill, place him on a stone table on which he would empty out the boy's blood. Abraham did not understand why God required such a thing, but he made a great act of trust. As they climbed the hill, Abraham carried the fire and the knife - those things which could harm his child. On little Isaac's back he tied the bundle of wood. When they arrived at the summit, the boy said, "Father, I see the altar; I see the fire and I see the knife; but where is the lamb for the sacrifice?" Although the question must have broken the old man's heart, Abraham did not waver in his faith, "My son, God himself will provide the lamb for sacrifice." God did provide. If we trust in God, he will sometimes answer our prayers in marvelous ways - as he did with Abraham. God sent an angel to stop his hand and when he untied his son, they saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. God gave an immediate answer, but a question still lingered in the air. For two thousand years, the children of Abraham would ask the same question as Isaac. It echoed down their history: "Where is the lamb for sacrifice?" We have the answer in today's Gospel. When Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain, a cloud lowered and they heard the same words spoken concerning Isaac: "This is my beloved son." Like Isaac, they loaded wood on Jesus' back and lead him up a hill. This time there would be no last minute rescue. It was not because God the Father could not send an angel to save his Son. No, Jesus would provide the definitive answer to our question: "Where is the lamb of sacrifice?" The Lamb is Jesus himself. No animal, even a beautiful innocent lamb, has blood precious enough to remove sin. Jesus, God in human flesh, is the only one who can completely take away sins. Abraham teaches us trust in God, no matter what. Jesus demonstrates that our trust will never be in vain. St. Paul expresses it this way: "If God is for us who can be against us?" Then he goes on to point out that the Father did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for our sake. If he did that, will he not give us everything else? When you think about it, everything else is already included in Jesus: healing, peace, forgiveness, life, power, joy. Brothers and sisters, we are already at the Second Sunday of Lent. Only four weeks remain until Holy Week. Today Jesus invites us to ascend that mountain with him, to place in him our full trust.

La lectura del Antiguo Testamento cuenta la confianza sobrehumana de Abraham. Después de rezar por mucho tiempo que Dios le diera un hijo, Sara finalmente dió a luz a un hijo, Isaac. Como se puede imaginar, Isaac era más valioso para Abraham que toda la tierra y ovejas que Dios le había dado. Todas sus posesiones significaban menos para él que el meñique de su hijo. Dios puso a prueba su fe pidiéndole hacer algo difícil de entender. Le pidió llevar su hijo a un monte, ponerlo sobre un altar de piedra sobre la cual derramaría la sangre de su hijo. Abraham no entendió porque Dios requería tal cosa, pero hizo un gran acto de fe. Mientras subían al monte, Abraham llevó el fuego y el cuchillo. Sobre la espalda del pequeño Isaac, Abraham ató la leña. Cuando llegaron al cumbre, el niño dijo, "Papá, veo el altar; veo el fuego y veo el cuchillo; pero ¿Dónde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" La pregunta debe de haber quebrantado el corazón de Abraham, pero Abraham no vaciló en su fe, "Hijo mío, Dios mismo proveerá el cordero para el sacrificio." Dios, sí, proveyó. Si confiamos en Dios, a veces nos contestará nuestras oraciones en formas maravillosas - como hizo por Abraham. Dios envió un ángel para parar su mano y cuando desató su hijo, vieron un carnero enredado por los cuernos entre las ramas de un arbusto. Dios les dio una respuesta inmediata, pero una pregunta quedaba en el aire. Por dos mil años, los hijos de Abraham iban a hacer la misma pregunta como Isaac. Resonaba por su historia: "¿Dónde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" Tenemos la respuesta en el evangelio de hoy. Cuando Jesús llevó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un monte alto, una nube descendió y escucharon las mismas palabras pronunciadas sobre Isaac. "Este es mi hijo amado" Esta vez no iba a haber un rescate del último momento. No fue porque Dios Padre no podía enviar un ángel para salvar su Hijo. No, Jesús iba a dar la respuesta definitiva a la pregunta, "¿Dónde esta el cordero para el sacrificio?" Jesús mismo es el Cordero. Ninguno animal, ni un cordero inocente, tienen la sangre tan preciosa para quitar el pecado. Jesús, Dios en carne humana, es el único que puede quitar completamente el pecado. Abraham nos enseña confianza en Dios, pase lo que pasa. Jesús demuestra que nuestra confianza jamás será en vano. Como dice San Pablo lo expresa así: "Si Dios esta a nuestro favor, ¿Quién estará en contra nuestra?" Luego señala que el Padre no nos escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino lo entregó por nosotros. Si hizo eso, ¿no nos dará todo junto con Hijo? Cuando lo pensamos bien, todo ya está incluido en Jesús: sanación, perdón, vida, poder, alegría. Hermanos, ya estamos al Segundo Domingo de la Cuaresma. Solamente cuatro semanas nos quedan hasta la Semana Santa. Hoy Jesús no invita subir aquel monte con él, poner en el nuestra plena confianza. Que Dios me los bendiga siempre.

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of March 3 -4

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Saturday, March 3

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Javier Zapata y Marta Villanueva
(C: Raul Alvares)

Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Norma Frutos
(C: Teresa Marin)



EMHC for the Weekend of March 3-4

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Saturday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Frank Iazzetta
12:00 Noon Maria Eugenia, Besy Aleman y Mariza Puello

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

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.



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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 -- The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalms -- I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading -- God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel -- This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).
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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- El sacrificio de nuestro patriarca Abraham (Génesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18).

Salmo -- Caminaré en presencia del Señor, en el país de la vida (Salmo 116 [115]).

Segunda lectura -- Dios nos entregó a su propio Hijo (Romanos 8: 31-34).

Evangelio -- Este es mi Hijo amado (Marcos 9: 2-10).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

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 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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]





Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal ***February 24—25***

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the back of the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.



2018 Men's Conference and Women's Day of Reflection

The Women's Conference will be held at Seton Hall University on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** and the Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R will be the main celebrant for both Masses.

See Flyers in the back of the Church for more details.

Archdiocese of Newark 2018 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 molly 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 18, 2018, to The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*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.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The second Sunday of Lent every year recalls the Transfiguration of the Lord. Since the fourth century, Mount Tabor has been the focus of devotion to this event. As mountains go, it is not particularly lofty, rising about fifteen hundred feet, within view of the Sea of Galilee and very close to Nazareth. Scripture doesn't identify the mountain, but in the year 348 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem said he preferred Mount Tabor to Mount Hermon as the site of the Transfiguration, and his opinion won. It has long been a strategic military site, and ancient fortresses are visible on the heights. Over the centuries, churches and fortified monasteries rose on the mountaintop, only to be destroyed by various invaders. Six hundred years ago, local Christians started to decorate the ruins with flags and banners on the Feast of the Transfiguration. In 1631, the Sultan granted permission to the Franciscans to live on Mount Tabor, and they have been there ever since, discovering the ruins of an old Crusader church and constructing the present church on the site in 1924. The top of the mountain is divided into Greek Orthodox and Latin (that's us) zones. At one time, tourists arrived on the summit by bus, but this is no longer permitted. Some ride bicycles up a challenging and winding path, while others take the four thousand three hundred steps constructed for Christian pilgrims in the fourth century. It's hard to imagine the fishermen following Jesus up this craggy mountain without complaint. Visitors will sympathize with Peter's plan to construct booths and stay put with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah for a while, enjoying the view, and planning the trip back down

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Regresando a los tres pilares de la conversión, el ayuno es mucho más que el simple hecho de no comer, es aprender a negarme a mí mismo para que ya no sea yo quien vivo, sino Cristo que vive en mí. Es el negarme de ciertas cosas para dar vida a los demás.

El ayudar es poner en práctica la caridad y la justicia social. Es buscar el cargar con nuestra propia cruz y ayudar a los demás con la de ellos. En otras palabras, es practicar la misma generosidad de Dios quien hace caer la lluvia sobre los Buenos y los malos, es amar sin distinción de personas.

Contemporáneamente, el orar es entrar en conversación con Dios, es recogerse para entrar en la presencia de Dios, con todo lo que uno es y todo lo que uno tiene, poniendo todo en las manos misericordiosas del Padre que nos ama. Esta Cuaresma procuremos hacer lo que debemos hacer todo el año: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Es difícil, pero no nos desanimemos porque el Espíritu Santo viene a nuestro alcance porque donde somos más débiles, Cristo es nuestra fuerza.

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