

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

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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)

May 21-Ascension of Jesus

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
February 22– March 1, 2020**

SATURDAY (February 22) The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 BRIDGET MILEWSKI/Mary & Debbie
5:00 MARGHERITA DI COSMO/Teresa Cianfano
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 23) 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 GAETANO MAZZA/John & Margaret Gonzalez
10:30 FRANCES COLORAFI/Libera Paolucci
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 24) Weekday

8:30 ROCCO ANTONIO GUIDUCCI/
Antonio DiPaola & Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 25) Weekday

8:30 JOHN KOLESAR/Family

WEDNESDAY (February 26) Ash Wednesday

8:30 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
12:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
7:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

THURSDAY (February 27) Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 ST ANTHONY/Teresa Marin
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 28) Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 DOMINIC CHIRICO/Carmela Chirico & Family

SATURDAY (February 29) Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30 MADONNA TINDARI/Theresa Nobile
5:00 ROCCO ANTONIO GUIDUCCI/
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

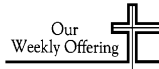
SUNDAY (March 1) First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AMERIGO DECOSIMO/FAMILY
10:30 GERARDO STANGO/Mogli, Pasquelina Stango
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM,
O LORD!**

We remember those who have died in the peace of
Christ, especially:

Pietro Colletti
&
Andrea Pastoriza



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.

February 16, 2020

5:00	243
7:00	814
8:00	348
10:30	443
12:00	1,931
Total	3,779

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Carmen Alava	James D. Milazzo
Karen Bulloch	Joseph Merlo Jr.
Caterina Campbell	Carmen Mistichelli
Isaac Castañeda	Carlos Moran
Orlando Chavez	Rosemarie Newton
Alberto Chumbiray	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Maritza Chumbiray	Pietro Paolucci
Wayne Cook	Robergeau Paul
Rosemary Coppola	Maria Perdomo
Mary Cusmano	Frank Pierre
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Jose Luis Porto
Maria Espinoza	Gisel Porto
Mario Fronzoni	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Sherry Gallanter	Edith Quijada
Joseph Gambino	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Jared Leonardo Henao	Sergio Ricciardi
Jacob Hinman	Angel Rivera
Joshua Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Magdalena Rodriguez
Lindsay LaMarre	John Ruela
John Lapolla	Maria Saavedra
Theresa Lattanzio	Salvatore Saluccio
Rosa Leon	Hugo Santa Maria
Elvin Martinez	Frank Tinnirella
Anthony Merlo	Rosalie Tinnirella
Leonarda Merlo	John Veltre
	Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata



This week there will be a Second Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next Week there will be a second collection for the Monthly Assessment

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Seventh Sunday OT/Séptimo Domingo T.O.**

We continue with the “Sermon on the Mount,” and the Lord wants to speak to us in this part of the Sermon on justice. That’s why He begins to speak about something that is not very familiar, “Lex Talionis.” The famous “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,” which was a form of justice, since if two people fought and one would take the others eye or tooth out the other could only take revenge to the extent that he had been wounded and no more, it was a law that brought justice. Because the truth is that if someone does something to me, my vengeance significantly out ways the damage received. This is the reason why this ancient law was written, to impart justice. However, Christ goes further, “To him that strikes you on the right cheek offer him the left, if someone forces you to walk a mile, go two with him, etc.” Why does Christ say this to us? It seems that Christ wants to make our life even more complicated of what it already is, Right? No, it’s not like that, because he gives us the answer in the next paragraph of the Gospel, “So that you may be sons of your heavenly Father.” Then what we should ask ourselves is: Am I a Son of my heavenly Father? And what does it mean to be a Son of God? To be a son of God is to do the works of God, “Who makes the sun rise over the good and the evil, over the just and the unjust.” Therefore, looking at our lives and our actions, what would be the answer to these questions? Each one will have to answer according to what is in our hearts. Yet, if we see that I cannot love in this way, that I don’t allow anyone to hurt me or victimize me, even those who are closest to me, by my loved ones, even less by those who are my enemies. Stupendous! This is the first step toward humility, recognizing that I don’t have this spirit in me, that he does me wrong will pay for it with interest. Then I will be able to ask for this spirit, the spirit of Christ, in order to be sons of God, not only juridically, since by our baptism we are sons of God, but by fact, by our actions. This Sermon on the Mount is a photograph of the Christian, this Simeon, shows us who Christ is, but it isn’t a pulling of our ears or a slap in the face, but a good news, since if I am unable to fulfill it by my own strengths, I can ask for the graces that God will one day grant me when this Sermon on the Mount can be fulfilled in me. And to be able, to intercede for the whole world, for the good and the for those who persecute me, for the enemies. May God bless you all.

Seguimos con el “Sermón de la Montana,” y el Señor aquí quiere hablarnos en esta parte del Sermón de la justicia. Por esto empieza a hablar sobre algo que nos es muy familiar, “la ley del Talion.” El famoso “ojo por ojo y diente por diente,” que era una forma de justicia, ya que si dos personas se peleaban y uno le sacaba un diente o un ojo el otro no podía vengarse mas de eso mismo, era una ley que traía la justicia. Por que la realidad es que si alguien me hace algo, mi venganza supera con creces al daño recibido. Por esta razón, esta ley muy antigua fue escrita para impartir justicia. Pero Cristo va mucho más allá, “Al que te golpee en la mejilla derecha ponle también la otra, si alguno te obliga a caminar una milla, ve con él dos, etc.” ¿Por que Cristo nos dice esto? Parece que Cristo quiere hacernos la vida mucho más complicada de lo que es ahora mismo, ¿Verdad? No, no es así, por que la respuesta nos la da en el siguiente párrafo del Evangelio, “Para que sean hijos de su Padre celestial. Entonces lo que deberíamos preguntarnos a nosotros mismos es: ¿Soy Hijo de mi Padre celestial? Y ¿Qué significa ser hijo de Dios? Ser hijo de Dios es hacer las obras de Dios, “Que hace salir su sol sobre buenos y malos, sobre justos e injustos.” Entonces mirando a nuestra vida y a nuestros actos, ¿Cuál sería la respuesta a estas preguntas? Cada uno de nosotros deberá responder de acuerdo a lo que hay en su corazón. Pero si vemos que yo no puedo amar de esta forma, de que yo no me dejo avasallar por nadie, ni siquiera por aquellos que son más cercanos a mí, por mis seres queridos, cuanto mas por aquellos que son mis enemigos. ¡Estupendo! Este es el primer paso hacia la humildad, reconocer que Yo no tengo este espíritu en mí, que el que me hace algo malo me lo va a pagar con creces. Entonces podré pedir este espíritu, el Espíritu de Cristo, para así poder ser hijo de Dios, no solo jurídicamente, por el bautismo somos hijos de Dios, sino de hecho, por nuestros actos. Este Sermón de la montaña, es la fotografía del Cristiano, este Simon, nos muestra quien es Cristo, pero no es un jalón de orejas o una bofetada, sino una buena noticia, ya que si yo no puedo cumplirlo por mis fuerzas, si puedo pedir la gracia de que Dios me conceda un día el que se pueda realizar en mi este sermón de la montaña. Y poder así, interceder por el mundo entero, por los buenos y por los que me persiguen, por los enemigos. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

Readers & Lectors

**Lectors for the Weekend of
February 29– March 1**

Saturday, February 29

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Elsy Delgado y Jose Argueta

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Madgalena Ortiz y Manuel Majico



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
February 29– March 1**

Saturday, February 29

5:00 PM Jim Leggett

7:00 PM Salomon Yanes, Reina Yanes y Maria Duran

Sunday, March 1

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Nicholas Arias

12:00 Noon Patricia Zelaya, Ana Marte, Melida Canela, y
Marisa 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.



***MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

***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

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.

Archdiocese of Newark 2020 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, March 1, 2020 , to The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020**

June 7, 2020

**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.*

The 2021 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, February 25th at 8:30 a.m. Please come to the rectory office to reserve a Mass for your loved ones.



There will be a Flea Market in the Youth Center on Saturday, **February 29th** between 9 am and 5 pm.

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For bad weather situations, CCD Closings will be announced on the News 12 News website and our Facebook page and Website.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — No te vengues ni guardes rencor, ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo (Levítico 19:1-2, 17-18).

Salmo — El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso (Salmo 103 [102]).

Segunda lectura — Tú eres templo de Dios y eres santo (1 Corintios 3:16-23).

Evangelio — No ofrezcas resistencia; ama a tus enemigos (Mateo 5:38-48).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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SANTO Y PERFECTO

Nuestra apertura a la poderosa acción de Dios nos ayuda a entender las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy, cuando exige que seamos "perfectos". A muchos de nosotros nos da escalofrío el pensar en ser perfectos. Francamente la idea de llegar a ser perfectos parece imposible. Pero, justo antes que la desesperación aparezca, recordamos que somos simplemente creaturas. Si Dios quiere que seamos "santos" y "perfectos" como en lo enfatiza la lectura de hoy, entonces Dios proveerá todo lo que necesitamos para eliminar nuestras imperfecciones. Si guardamos rencor en contra de alguien y no podemos imaginar librarnos de ese resentimiento, Dios puede ayudar. Si dañamos nuestros propios cuerpos con malos hábitos, el Espíritu Santo puede fortalecer nuestra decisión y transformar nuestro comportamiento diario. Si anhelamos la ventaja sobre los demás, si nos disgusta la idea de amar a personas "indignas", si preferimos abrumadoramente la comodidad y estabilidad sobre la naturaleza de la abundante generosidad, Jesucristo, Rey de la gloria puede convertir nuestros corazones tímidos. Estas transformaciones requieren tiempo, paciencia y oración. Sentarse en silencio para meditar en las lecturas de hoy es un excelente tipo de oración, y una inspiradora forma de empezar.

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