

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Lent March 1, 2020

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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.
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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 29– March 8, 2020**

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

MONDAY (March 2) Lenten Weekday

8:30 JOHN & VERONICA JAZIKOFF/Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 3) Lenten Weekday

8:30 SALVATORE NOBILE/Daughter

WEDNESDAY (March 4) Lenten Weekday

8:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/Daughter Tina

THURSDAY (March 5) Lenten Weekday

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/Mamma Teresa
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 6) Lenten Weekday

8:30 EMIRO CASTILLO & FAMILY/ Family

SATURDAY (March 7) Lenten Weekday

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/Jim & Cathy Leggett
 5:00 JOSEPHINE PIGA/Vallatese Society
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 8) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 VICTOR SILVA/Wife & Children
 10:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/Daughter Tina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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

We remember those who have died in the peace of
 Christ, especially:
 Frank Bonavitacola & Sofia Lopez



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 23, 2020	Eastern Europe
5:00	425	91
7:00	912	210
8:00	398	109
10:30	504	103
12:00	1,805	346
Mail	93	
Total	4,137	859

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 Monthly Assessment

First Sunday of Lent/Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and in today's gospel we heard about the three temptations that Jesus had in the desert prior to his public ministry. These temptations are in a sense a way to remember the Exodus, all the temptations that the people of Israel suffered before partaking in the covenant with Yahweh, and so be part of the chosen people. And at the same time, these three temptations are those that we have. The first temptation, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread..." This temptation is called by many "fathers" of the church, the temptation of the bread. And it is if we were asked, were do you look for or put your security in life? Were do I believe that life is? Were do I look for life every day? Normally I look for it in my job, in my efforts, in my money. So, Jesus answer de devil, "Not on bread alone man's live, but on every word that comes from God's mouth." The "Word" has the power to create. Christ put all his trust in his Father, the Lord of life and death. The Second temptation is: "If you are the Son of God, throw your self, from here so the people... because God will send his angels to protect you..." This is the temptation of changing the history, yours and mine, not accepting our lives, and all the doubts that life throw at us. But Christ answered the devil very plainly and sharply, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God..." Making very clear that he is the Son of God or what is the same to say, being God himself. Because being God's son knows that his father did not make a mistake in his history, but it is perfect. And the God allows anything with a reason, so the love of God may be discovered. The third one, "I will give you all these if you fall prostrate and worship me..." The temptation of the Idols of the world, money, possessions, power, success, fame, recognition, affections, etc. What I believe that will make me happy. But there is a problem that every idol demand sacrifices of blood, and so we are ready to sacrifice any thing, health, family, friends, etc. In order to get what we want. But Christ rejects Satan, "... To God alone you shall worship..." Because the Church is a good Mother, she comes into our help during this time of lent, so we can fight back these three temptations, how? To fight the first one, the church recommends us **to Fast**, so we can experienced that life is not coming from what I eat or drink, that I do not die if I skip one or to meals, on the contrary, it is very healthy not to eat so our bodies can be cleanse. To fight the second temptation, **Prayer**, to have a closer relationship with the Lord, an open channel of communication with God, to put before him all my worries, anxieties, and doubts. And to fight the third one, **Alms giving**, no with the mentality that I will help, or solve the economical problems of any body, because it is not so, but as a way of helping ourselves, Christ said in the Gospel: "Make friends with the unjust money, so when it will fall short, you will be received in the eternal kingdom..." May God bless you and your families and friends ways.

Hoy es el primer Domingo de Cuaresma, y el evangelista nos presenta las tres tentaciones que Cristo sufre en el desierto antes de comenzar su vida pública. Estas tentaciones son a modo de recordar lo que el pueblo de Israel sufrió en el desierto, y como Yahvé lo prepara para poder hacer de ellos su pueblo, el rebaño escogido. Pero también, estas tres tentaciones de Cristo son las mismas tentaciones que tenemos todos nosotros. La primera tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, dile a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan..." Con esta tentación, que es llamada por muchos "Padres de la Iglesia," como la tentación del pan, se nos pregunta ¿Dónde busco yo mi seguridad? Donde creo yo que esta la vida, donde la busco todos los días. Normalmente en el trabajo, en el esfuerzo por mejorar la situación en que vivo, etc. Y cristo responde: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios." Cristo pone su confianza en su Padre, el Señor de la vida y de la muerte. La segunda tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, tírate por que esta escrito, el enviara a sus Ángeles para que te protejan..." Esta segunda tentación es la tentación de la historia. La misma que tenemos todos nosotros, la de no aceptar mi historia, mi vida, todas aquellas incógnitas y preguntas que nunca se resolvieron, por que ocurrió esto o aquello, por que estoy aquí, etc. Y sin embargo Cristo responde al diablo de una forma sencilla y contundente, "No tentaras al Señor tu Dios." Dejando claro quien es el, el Hijo único de Dios, o lo que es lo mismo, Dios mismo. Por que siendo hijo sabe muy bien que su padre no se ha equivocado, que todo lo ha hecho bien. Y todo lo permite con una razón importantísima, descubrir el amor de Dios, y que fuera de este amor no hay nada. La tercera, "Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras..." La tentación de los ídolos del mundo, el dinero, las posesiones, etc. Que creo yo que me va a dar la felicidad. Pero el problema es que todo ídolo nos pide sacrificios de sangre, y por estos ídolos estamos dispuestos a sacrificarlo todo, salud, familia, amigos, etc. Sin embargo Cristo, rechaza a Satanás, "...Solo a Dios adoraras." Por esto mismo, la Iglesia como buena madre viene en nuestra ayuda, y por esto la cuaresma, ya que es muy difícil luchar contra estas tentaciones, por esta razón, para combatir la primera tentación, viene en nuestra ayuda con **el Ayuno**, ver que si un día no comemos no nos morimos, ya que la vida no depende de lo que comemos o bebemos en un día. Para la Segunda tentación, la iglesia nos invita a **Rezár**, importantísimo tener hilo directo con Dios, y que mejor que charlar con Dios através de la oración, y la meditación. Y para la tercera tentación, la de los Ídolos del mundo, se nos invita a **hacer Limosna**, no como forma de ayudar a los pobres, sino para ayudarnos a nosotros mismos. Dice Cristo en otro evangelio, "Haceos amigos con el dinero injusto, para que cuando os falte, os reciban el las eternas moradas." Que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias y amigos. Feliz Cuaresma.

Readers & Lectors

**Lectors for the Weekend of
March 7– March 8**

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Elsy Delgado y Maria Duran

Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy

12:00 Noon Yoni Rodriguez y Manuel Majico



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
March 7– March 8**

Saturday, March 7

5:00 PM Jim Leggett

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

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**

**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 is now open.

Please come to the rectory office to reserve a Mass for your loved ones.

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. (Génesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).\

Salmo — Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores (Salmo 51 [50]).

Segunda lectura — Una sola trasgresión acarreó sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos (Romanos 5:12 19 [12, 17-19]).

Evangelio — Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás (Mateo 4:1-11).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Empezó nuevamente la Cuaresma, este tiempo anual en que recordamos y celebramos los cuarenta días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, donde fue tentado por Satanás. El mismo nombre "Cuaresma" recuerda la importancia del número 40 en la tradición judeocristiana. Cuarenta fueron los días del diluvio, los días en que Moisés y Elías pasaron en la montaña de Dios, y los años que el pueblo de Israel caminó por el desierto a la tierra prometida. El número 40 en la Biblia simboliza las pruebas y dificultades de la vida terrenal. Cuarenta es el número de la preparación para algo importante y de crecimiento en la vida. La Cuaresma cristiana que se remonta hasta el siglo IV no sólo conmemora los días que Jesús pasó en el desierto, sino que debe ser un tiempo para reflexionar acerca de nuestra propia vida con sus pruebas y dificultades. El Papa León Magno describe la Cuaresma como un retiro durante el cual los fieles, recordando el ejemplo de Jesús, se preparan para celebrar la Pascua con un corazón purificado y la práctica perfecta de la vida cristiana. —Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gl, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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