

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 22, 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. 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
March 21– March 29, 2020**

SATURDAY (March 21) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANNA WILK/Family
5:00 DOLORES DEVEREAUX & LEEDEE WAH JR/
Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 22) Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 DOMENIC MELE/Mele Family
10:30 THERESA LORIA/
Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (March 23) Lenten Weekday

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

TUESDAY (March 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/
Daughters & Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY (March 25) Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 FRED & JENNIE PERONE/Daughter Rose

THURSDAY (March 26) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/Wife Dolly
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 27) Lenten Weekday

8:30 PHILIP CASTILLO (Birthday)/Family

SATURDAY (March 28) Lenten Weekday

8:30 SUSANA CASTILLO/Family
5:00 GESINA CARDAMONE/Giuseppina Piccoli
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 29) Fifth Sunday of Lent

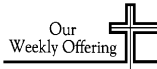
8:00 LEONOR DIZON/Dizon Family
10:30 FELICIA MAZZA/Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mazza
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



The Bread and Wine will be offered this week in
memory of:

Frank and Lina Alfano

Requested by Joanne Barberio & Sons



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.

Collection amounts will be in a future bulletin

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



Next Week there will be a second collection for the American Missions Catholic Relief

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Fourth Sunday of Lent/Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

This Sunday the gospel present a Miracle performs by Christ. He opens the eyes to a man who was blind. And we see in the fact to cure this man, even when he do not ask to be heal, maybe he already was accustom to his situation, I think he had spend in his life some good days and others not so good, but this is also reflect of our life, we adjust to any situation and that's it, we think many times why to change? Why to risk? If everything will go bad at the end? In this scene Christ appear to him and transform his whole life, taking him out of the comfort. And because this fact he stars to experience many troubles, with the religious leaders, with his parents etc... All this lead him to something more important that just a fiscal miracle, to make the Glory of God appeared, they ask to this man who was borne blind: what do you say about the one who open you eyes? And he answer was: is a prophet. And for us today, we were blind? If we were blind, what we don't saw? How our eyes got open? And the must important question: what we can say about the one who had opened our eyes? All these questions are related because is not possible answer each one of them individually, and need to be answer in the same order proposed not as we wish. So you were blind? We should answer yes because I do not see the love of God anywhere in my life, always working like a donkey, to receive a little affection and noting else, everything in life was a burden. I use to go to mass on Sunday to fulfill a precept, and that's all, I get out from mass exactly the same way how I walk in. I understood that the Lord loves me with no conditions but I do not see this love, everything was based in just my strength. Now can we see how our eyes are open? These Blind men in the gospel repeat that so many times... "He put clay in my eyes and sends me to wash myself"... This words mean according to the fathers of the church "The Word of Christ" (symbolized in the saliva) and our sins, weakness or humanity (represent by the earth) mixing both of them is this clay made by Christ and this mud make us feel a little or a lot uncomfortable, this oblige us to go and wash ourselves, to the waters of Baptism, to reconcile with God in the forgiveness of our sins. Is how God open our eyes, so we can see his love everyday. We can experience this God as a Father, the one who create the whole universe and for our sake send his son Jesus Christ to save us and give us his Holy Spirit. For all this we can now make a marvelous proclamation of our faith, not just with our lips but with our existence, and bear witness with the concrete facts of our daily life. But in order to answer to the most important question that was formulated to this blind man witch is: What do you say about the one who had open you eyes? We can answer like him, "HE IS A PROPHET". He is the only one who had love me the way how I am, and I know this because he make me see how I am really are, and make me feel his love when I was a sinner. And if I experience some changes in my life is not by my strength is Christ who act in me. This is truly to be Christian the one who only glorify God and put him always in the first place not in our human efforts because our deeds, like the psalm say:" This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes". Brothers and sisters rejoice in this four Sunday of lent and let us ask the Lord to give us the grace of conversion in this time so we can praise and blessed him with our life. May God bless you all.

En este domingo el evangelio nos presenta un milagro de Cristo, le abre los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Y vemos como este hecho de la curación de este hombre, que no pide ser curado, sino que él esta muy cómodo en esta situación, yo me imagino que tendría días buenos y otros no tan buenos, pero esa es también nuestra vida, ya que nos acomodamos en ella y ya esta, ¿para que cambiar muchas veces, para que arriesgar y si sale mal? Pero Cristo aparece en escena y le trastoca toda la vida, lo saca de su comodidad. Y empiezan a aparecerle muchos problemas, problemas con los líderes religiosos, con sus padres, etc. Pero todo esto es para que pueda darse algo mas importante que el milagro físico, que aparezca la gloria de Dios, de ahí que se le pregunte al que era ciego: ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y responde que es un profeta. Y para nosotros, ¿Estábamos ciegos? Si estábamos ciegos, ¿Qué no veíamos? ¿Cómo se han abierto nuestros ojos, si es que se han abierto? Y la pregunta fundamental, ¿Qué podemos decir del que nos ha abierto los ojos? Todas estas preguntas están relacionadas, por que no es posible responder las individualmente y en el orden en que queramos, sino en el orden establecido. Así que, ¿Estaba ciego? Si, por que no veía el amor de Dios por ningún sitio, siempre trabajando como burro, para recibir un poquito de afecto, y nada más, todo era una carga. Si iba a misa por cumplir, y ya esta, salía igual que como entraba. Pero eso de que Dios me amaba incondicionalmente lo entendía y mucho menos lo veía, todo era en mi esfuerzo. ¿Y si ahora vemos como se nos han abierto los ojos? Este tipo del evangelio lo repite muchas veces, "...Me puso barro en los ojos, y me dijo que fuera a lavarme..." Esto significa según algunos Padres de la Iglesia, que la palabra de Cristo (simbolizada en la saliva) y nuestros pecados, debilidades, nuestra humanidad (la tierra), mezclados, este barro que Cristo hizo, y que nos hace estar un poco o mucho incómodos, nos obliga a ir a lavarnos, a las aguas del bautismo, a la reconciliación con Dios por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Así nos abre los ojos Cristo, para poder ver el amor de Dios en nuestras vidas. Podamos ver y experimentar que Dios es padre, que el es creador de todo, que su hijo Jesucristo es el que ha sido enviado para salvarnos y así darnos su Espíritu Santo. Hacer una maravillosa proclamación de fe, no solo con los labios sino con todo nuestro ser, dando pruebas con hechos concretos en nuestra vida. Para poder responder a la pregunta mas importante que le hacen al ciego de nacimiento ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y podamos responder como este ciego, "Que es un profeta." Que es el único que me ha amado, y lo se por que me ha hecho ver como soy y que Dios me quiere así tal cual. Y si he podido cambiar en algo no he sido yo, ha sido Cristo actuando en mi. Por que este es el cristiano, el que da gloria a Dios. Y pone a Dios como causa primera de todo, no es por mi esfuerzo, o por mi bien hacer, sino que "es Dios quien lo ha hecho, ha sido un milagro patente," como dice el salo. Así que hermanos y hermanas, alegrémonos en este cuarto domingo de cuaresma y pidámosle al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de la conversión en este tiempo para poder alabar y bendecir a Dios, no solo con los labios, sino con toda nuestra vida. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

Readers & Lectors

**Lectors for the Weekend of
March 28- March 29**

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM

7:00 PM Maria Duran y Vivianett Lorenzo

Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz

10:30 AM Mark Moron

12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Sandra Bonilla



**Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of
March 28- March 29**

Saturday, March 28

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

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

Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli

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

12:00 Noon Peter y Besy Aleman, 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.*

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Samuel ungió a David para ser rey (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Salmo — El Señor es mi pastor; nada me falta (Salmo 23 [22]).

Segunda lectura — Levántense de entre los muertos, hijos de la luz (Efesios 5:8-14).

Evangelio — De esto estoy seguro: Yo era ciego pero ahora puedo ver (Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven’s banquet.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos católicos aprovechan el tiempo de Cuaresma para confesarse. El sacramento de Reconciliación tiene una historia un poco complicada, pues ha sufrido muchos cambios con el transcurrir de los siglos. Al principio, la penitencia sólo se celebraba una sola vez en la vida de un cristiano y era necesaria en caso de pecado grave, como lo era la apostasía, el adulterio y el asesinato. El penitente tenía que hacer una confesión en público, frente al obispo y la comunidad entera. La penitencia consistía de un ayuno severo y vestir una indumentaria especial que lo distinguía. Esta penitencia podía durar semanas, y a veces, meses. Durante este tiempo, el penitente no podía estar presente en la mesa de la Eucaristía hasta que el obispo le diera la bendición de reconciliación, la cual, a menudo, se llevaba a cabo el Jueves Santo. Con el paso del tiempo, los cristianos se dieron cuenta de la necesidad de celebrar el sacramento de la Reconciliación con más frecuencia y por otras clases de pecado.

Algún tiempo después, esta práctica cayó en el desuso y fue sustituida por la confesión privada, la cual se originó entre los monjes irlandeses. Después, esta práctica fue aceptada por toda la Iglesia. De esta manera es que nació el sacramento de la reconciliación que conocemos hoy. Actualmente, a pesar de que la Iglesia dice que no es necesario acercarse al confesionario antes de recibir la Comunión, se nos exhorta a confesarnos por lo menos una vez al año, o lo antes posible después de haber cometido pecado grave.

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