

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2014

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar
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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

January 1, 2015 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

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 - 5:00 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 Wednesday (Cada Miércoles) 6:45 PM—8:00 PM

Religious Education/Catecismo:

English: Sunday at 9:00 am in the Grammar school
RCIA Tuesday 7:00 pm in Rectory Meeting Room.
Español: Sábado a las 10:00 am se reúnen en la cafetería de la escuela.

Sponsorship/Godparent Certificates

Those who need a sponsorship certificate to be a godparent must make an appointment with the priest.

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 Faccone, 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 DECEMBER 28, 2014 TO JANUARY 3, 2015

SATURDAY (December 27)

8:30 NARDINE BABULA/ Family
 5:00 DANIELVAZQUEZ/ Rosemary Coppola
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (December 28) The Holy Family

8:00 FR. VINCENT ZULIANI, SDB & ANGELO NAZIANZENO/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 10:30 ELVIRA MORIELLO/ Daughter & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (December 29) St. Thomas Becket

8:30 ADELFA DIEGUEZ/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (December 30) Sixth Day in Octave of the Nativity

8:30 PAUL FLAMMIA/ Al & Maryanne Costanza

WEDNESDAY (December 31) Seventh Day in Octave

of the Nativity

8:30 MARIA PILLARI/ The Sacca Family

THURSDAY (January 1) Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

FRIDAY (January 2) Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 MICHELE MAZZA/ Brigida Muscaritolo & Family

SATURDAY (January 3) Christmas Weekday

8:30 MICHELE MAZZA/ Rocco Muscaritolo & Family
 5:00 THOMAS J. MC CAFFERY/ Robert & Louise Migliore
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 4) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 RUSSELL HARRIS/ St. Anne's Rosary Society
 10:30 ROSALIA AMADO/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Anthony F. Guiliano Sr., Lena Guilliano, Anthony F. Guiliano Jr., Susan & Lisa Guilliano** donated by **Family**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Irene & William Malloy** donated by **Family**.



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.

	12/14 Offering	Retirement For Relig.
5:00 PM	377	164
7:00 PM	319	217
8:00 AM	503	207
10:30 AM	994	541
12:00 Noon	1502	868
Mail	186	20
Total	\$3,881	\$2,017

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alfonsina Aker | John Mariano, Jr. |
| Carmen Alava | Elvin Martinez |
| Mary Brady | Georgine Mazza |
| Oran Bryant | Angelo Meo |
| Caterina Campbell | Leonarda Merlo |
| Isaac Castañeda | Pat Nardone |
| Orlando Chavez | Nick Netta |
| Paul Chiusano | Declan Rocco O'Connor |
| Wayne Cook | Robergeau Paul |
| Mary Cusmano | Frank Pierre |
| Leonor Sepulveda De Devia | Raul Atilio Portillo |
| Marianna Dubell | Carmen Fojo Prieto |
| Denise Griest | Edith Quijada |
| Jared Leonardo Henao | Endy Quijada |
| Jacob Hinman | Usha Raja |
| Joshua Hinman | Oscar Eduardo Ramirez |
| Millie Infuso | Sergio Ricciardi |
| Joseph B. Jean-Mary | Isadora Rodriguez |
| Michelle Johnson | Magdalena Rodriguez |
| Stanley Kuchno | John Ruela |
| Lindsay LaMarre | Maria Saavedra |
| Tina Lang | Hugo Santa Maria |
| John Lapolla | Kay Scaturro |
| Theresa Lattanzio | Cira M. Senese |
| Rosa Leon | John Veltre |
| Barbara McMurray | |

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

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Feast of the Holy Family/ Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. And it is Holy, not because they were kneeling down all day praying, but rather because they submitted themselves to one another. This is the key word. Submission is not the same thing as being a slave in the sense that modern man has come to understand the term, for today this term has a negative connotation. The term submission, rather, is to freely subordinate my will out of love for the other. With this understanding of “freely”, we can perfectly understand Abraham in the second reading, as he submitted his will to the one of God in perfect freedom. Something that today horrifies us in this our society so “democratic” and “liberal” in which we live, where the most important person is me, “I.” Christ does not come to take away the right of anybody, but rather, to place someone more important than me, “THE OTHER” over me. THE “YOU” is more important than the “I”. For if this was not the case, then the gospels would not make sense. Let us see, what meaning does it have that a young girl accepts the word of an angel, that her fiancée takes upon himself that blame that does not belong to him, that no one will accept them, that their child be born in such terrible conditions, that they have to flee their country because they want to kill their baby, and above all, that that child answer his parents in the way that he does in today’s gospel? What is the meaning of all this history and everything that will come from here on out, without the subordination of the will, of submitting myself to the other. The same can be said today as well, what meaning I have in my reality of life, family, work, friends, marriage, etc.? For this reason, today’s feast comes to our help, so that I may be able to put the other before all the needs of my will. Mary gives us the secret to success: “Mary kept all these things in her heart.” Let us ask for this grace, this gift today, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Just as the initiator of the neocatechumenal way was inspired to say: “...like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise, where the OTHER is CHRIST. May God bless you in this coming year that is about to begin. Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2015.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Y es Sagrada, no porque estuvieran todo el día de rodillas y rezando, sino, por que estaban subordinados unos a otros. Esta es la palabra clave. Subordinar no es lo mismo que ser esclavo, en el concepto actual de la palabra esclavitud, que para el hombre moderno, tiene una connotación mala esta palabra. Si no, de someter mi voluntad libremente por amor al otro. En este concepto de “libremente,” como Abraham en la segunda lectura de hoy, someter su voluntad libremente a la de Dios. Algo que hoy en día nos horroriza en esta nuestra sociedad tan democrática y liberal en la que vivimos, donde lo más importante es mi “YO.” Cristo, no viene a quitar los derechos a nadie, sino, a poner algo más importante, “AL OTRO” por encima de mí. El “TU” es más importante que mi “YO.” Porque si no, el evangelio no tendría ningún sentido. Veamos, qué sentido tiene que una jovencita acepte la palabra de un ángel. Que su prometido cargue con una culpa que no es de el; que no sean aceptados por nadie; que ese niño nazca en unas condiciones terribles; que tengan que huir porque quieren matar a ese bebe; y sobretodo, que ese niño responda a sus padres de la manera que lo hace hoy en el evangelio. Qué sentido tiene toda esta historia y todo lo que seguirá de aquí en adelante, sino hay una subordinación de la voluntad, de someterme al otro. Incluso hoy, yo en mi realidad de vida, familia, trabajo, amistades, matrimonio, etc. Por esto, esta fiesta viene en nuestra ayuda, para que pueda poner al otro delante de todas mis necesidades, de mi voluntad. María nos da el secreto del éxito: “Ella guardaba todo en su corazón.” Pidamos esta gracia, este don hoy, por intercesión de la Sagrada familia de Nazaret. Como le fue inspirado al iniciador del camino neocatecumenal: “...como la Sagrada familia de Nazaret, que vivan en humildad, sencillez y alabanza, Donde el OTRO es CRISTO. Que Dios me los bendiga en este próximo año que casi comienza. Feliz Navidad y prospero año 2015.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry is open on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM. Entrance is 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 January 3-4, 2015

Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Maria Duran y Johana Yanes

Sunday, January 4

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Rita Agliata
12:00 Noon Rafaela y Francisco Avelar

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of January 3-4, 2015

Saturday, January 3

5:00 PM Joe Gambino
7:00 PM Teresa Marin

Sunday, January 4

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Melida Canela, Myrna Gonzalez y Hermana Carol

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.

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.

Email Registration. Clip and Return. Registro de email. Clip y volver.

Name _____
E-Mail Address _____



***MONDAY:** 7:00 PM Mass [in Spanish] followed by prayer group
***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony (After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)
***THURSDAY:** No Holy Hour — New Year's Day
No Al-Anon Meeting — New Year's Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM or
Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM

There is **no make-up for this exam**; the exam fee is \$25.00
For more information regarding scholarship opportunities,
Call the Admissions Office
At (908) 889-1600 exts. 302 or 328 or visit our website at
www.unioncatholic.org/admissions/scholarships.php



Congratulations to Luz Azcovra, who won a computer in the Parish Raffle. Ticket # 529118.

Many thanks to all who participated.



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Who is the Adult Church Choir?

Well, in days gone by, it was this wonderful, dedicated group of parishioners, numbers of at least 25, who gathered in Church Ministry with a passion to sing, rehearse, and add to the liturgy with their harmonies and love of prayerful music. Today, while there are still some with this passion, their numbers are few. And so, the tables turn as they should, and now “YOU” are the “CHOIR”. Remembering “Hymns” are “Songs of Prayer”, we encourage you, the congregation, to be the sound of “Prayer through Music” as well as “Spoken Prayer”. Every voice is “well in tune” to the ears of the Lord.

So, let us “Sing a Joyful Song To the Lord”, when we attend Mass!

New Year’s Day Mass Schedule

On Thursday, January 1, 2015, there will be one tri-lingual Mass held at 10:30 AM for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics should remember to fulfill their obligation to attend Mass on this day.

Relevant Radio

The national Catholic Radio network, Relevant Radio, has begun broadcasting Catholic programming from within the Archdiocese of Newark. Their Newark offices are located at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, and they may be heard on WSNW—AM 1430. Please take advantage of this terrific outlet for Catholic news, opinion and entertainment.

Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today’s. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today’s feast was “invented” in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton