

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 12, 2015

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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

May 14, 2015 Ascension Thursday

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 - 8:00 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 Saturday (Cada Sábado) 4:00 PM—5:00 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 APRIL 12, 2015
TO APRIL 18, 2015**

SATURDAY (April 11) Saturday in the Octave of Easter

8:30 PETER MADORMA/ Daughter Dolly
5:00 DOMENICO & LORETTA BELLO/ The Bello Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (April 12) Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

8:00 VELTRE FAMILY/ Piga & Dubell Family
10:30 PASQUALINA PARISI/ Angela Verlengeri
12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

MONDAY (April 13) St. Martin I

8:30 CARMELA MUSCARITOLO/ Mr. & Mrs.
Ferdinando Rinaldi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (April 14) Easter Weekday

8:30 JOSE CORDERO/ Jose Cordero

WEDNESDAY (April 15) Easter Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY W. & MARIE BELLUSCIO/
Son & Daughter Franklin & Susan Belluscio

THURSDAY (April 16) Easter Weekday

8:30 ANGELO ARINIELLO/ Sorella Teresa Cianfano
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (April 17) Easter Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Wife Antonia Chillemi

SATURDAY (April 18) Easter Weekday

8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Maria Sacca
5:00 AUGUSTINO DI PIETRO/ Moglie Alvira DiPietro
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (April 19) Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 ROSE LA VOLPE/ Son & Daughter
10:30 SANTA COLLETTI/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcier & Family
12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



DIVINE
MERCY
SUNDAY



DOMINGO
DE LA DIVINA
MISERICORDIA

Our
Weekly Offering

**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.

	Palm Sunday	Easter Offering	Diocesan Assessment
5:00 PM	576	\$7,709	8 PM 440
7:00 PM	688		
8:00 AM	754	Holy Land Offering	373
10:30 AM	1,371		602
12:00 Noon	3,037	\$1,003	1,962
Mail			93
Total	\$6,426		\$3,470

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker Carmen Alava Oran Bryant Caterina Campbell Isaac Castañeda Orlando Chavez Paul Chiusano Wayne Cook Mary Cusmano Leonor Sepulveda De Devia Marianna Dubell Denise Griest Jared Leonardo Henao Jacob Hinman Joshua Hinman Millie Infuso Joseph B. Jean-Mary Michelle Johnson Stanley Kuchno Lindsay LaMarre Tina Lang John Lapolla Theresa Lattanzio Rosa Leon	Barbara McMurray John Mariano, Jr. Elvin Martinez Angelo Meo Leonarda Merlo Nick Netta Declan Rocco O'Connor Robergeau Paul Frank Pierre Raul Atilio Portillo Carmen Fojo Prieto Edith Quijada Endy Quijada Oscar Eduardo Ramirez Sergio Ricciardi Isadora Rodriguez Magdalena Rodriguez John Ruela Maria Saavedra Hugo Santa Maria Kay Scaturro Cira M. Senese John Veltre
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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Dominic M. Mele, Rosa Pipitone, Margaret Caudle and Rosaria (Rosebud) Caparruva.**



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 • The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated
 • this week in memory of the **Veltre Family** donated
 • by **Piga and Dubell Family**.
 • The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the
 • tabernacle this week in memory of the **Veltre**
 • **Family**. donated by **Piga and Dubell Family**.
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WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Second Sunday of Easter (Divina Misericordia)

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (*Diary* 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary* 341). This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies. (*Diary* 420)

On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*** [our emphasis] On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will I contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary* 699). Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to our neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (*Diary* 742). I want to grant complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. (*Diary* 1109). *Diary, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Divine Mercy in My Soul* (c) 1987 Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA 01263. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Plenary indulgence

I. The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:

Sacramental confession. Eucharistic communion. Prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff.

II. The specific conditions for this Indulgence

On Divine Mercy Sunday in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!").

Homily / Homilia

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina. A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation." The Divine Mercy novena began as a private devotion which Our Lord revealed to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska. The words of the prayers were dictated by Christ Himself to Saint Faustina, and Saint Faustina recorded in her diary Our Lord's instructions for each day's prayer. Christ asked Saint Faustina to recite the novena starting on Good Friday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday). The novena can recited at any time of the year, however, and it is often accompanied by the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which Our Lord also revealed to Saint Faustina.

Cuando Dios quiere revelar un mensaje a la humanidad, no busca a los más importantes y sabios, sino que se revela a través de los más sencillos y humildes, que saben ser dóciles a sus inspiraciones y gracias. Este es el caso del mensaje de la Divina Misericordia dado a la Santa Hna. María Faustina Kowalska, religiosa polaca, instrumento elegido y probado por el Señor. Santa Faustina (como es conocida en el mundo entero) pertenecía a la *Congregación de Hermanas de Nuestra Señora de la Misericordia*, conocidas como las "*Hermanas Magdalenas*" que se dedican a la educación de jóvenes de bajos recursos. Vemos como el Señor empieza a poner las piezas de su "rompecabezas de gracia", en un orden perfecto. El revela Su Misericordia a una religiosa de la comunidad dedicada a Su Misericordia. Santa Faustina estuvo en varias casas de su Orden, siempre realizando trabajos muy sencillos y desapercibidos, tales como la cocina, el jardín, la limpieza del convento o atendiendo la puerta. Precisamente es a esta hermana menos notoria a la que el Señor escoge para dar al mundo entero el gran mensaje de su Misericordia que a tantas almas ha tocado y transformado al propagarse por el mundo entero en momentos tan críticos para la humanidad. El 22 de febrero de 1931, santa Faustina recibió la primera revelación de la Misericordia de Dios, ella lo anota así en su diario: "En la noche cuando estaba en mi celda, vi al Señor Jesús vestido de blanco. Una mano estaba levantada en ademán de bendecir y, con la otra mano, se tocaba el vestido, que aparecía un poco abierto en el pecho, brillaban dos rayos largos: uno era rojo y, el otro blanco." Una mano estaba levantada en ademán de bendecir y, con la otra mano, se tocaba el vestido, que aparecía un poco abierto en el pecho, brillaban dos rayos largos: uno era rojo y, el otro blanco. Yo me quedé en silencio contemplando al Señor. Mi alma estaba llena de miedo.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's Food Pantry will be open once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry is Wednesday, April 15, 2015, from 1 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 April 18-19, 2015

Saturday, April 18

5:00 PM Mary Anne Costanza
7:00 PM Maria Duran y Raul Alvarado

Sunday, April 19

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Francesca Merendino
12:00 Noon Sandra Bonilla y Rubia Cardoza

Eucharistic Ministers for the Weekend of April 18—19, 2015

Saturday, April 18

5:00 PM Avery Kenner
7:00 PM Claudia Yanes y Marta Portillo

Sunday, April 19

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

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 _____



***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

***THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass
7:30 PM AL-ANON—Spanish (Rectory Basement)

***FRIDAY:** 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group

***SATURDAY:** 10:00 AM Spanish CCD

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

Psalm -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading -- The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel -- Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- La comunidad de los creyentes compartía todo con el mismo amor (Hechos 4:32-35).

Salmo -- La misericordia del Señor es eterna. Aleluya (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura -- Si alguien cree que Jesús es el Enviado, ése ha nacido de Dios (1 Juan 5:1-6).

Evangelio -- Felices los que creen sin haber visto (Juan 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



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OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being "of one heart and mind" as was the first community of believers? Today's First Letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God's commandments and loving all of God's children seems to be the start of being "of one heart and mind." We live in a world that stresses differences--differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours.

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NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Starting this week, Confessions will be held on Saturdays from 4 PM to 5 PM. Please take note of this change.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

St. Mary of the Assumption High School Welcomes YOU! Register Now for 9th Grade. 237 South Broad Street, Elizabeth, NJ (908) 352-4350. www.stmaryhsnj.org. *Celebrating our Past ... Focused on our Future!*

UN SOLO CORAZÓN Y UNA SOLA ALMA

Al leer sobre la fe de las primeras comunidades de creyentes puede ser fuente de gran inspiración para los que han sido cristianos por largo tiempo, como también para los que acaban de ser bautizados. ¿Te puedes imaginar a gente de hoy que "tiene un solo corazón y una sola alma" igual que la primera comunidad de creyentes? La primera carta de san Juan que leemos hoy es la clave que nos dice cómo podemos lograrlo. Si guardamos los mandamientos de Dios y si amamos a todos los hijos de Dios parece ser la base de poder tener un "un solo corazón y una sola alma". Vivimos en un mundo que recalca las diferencias -ya sean entre religiones, razas, géneros y clases. Hoy se nos pide que nos enfoquemos en lo que tenemos en común en este frágil planeta que ocupamos.

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NUEVO PROGRAMA DE CONFESIÓN

Comenzando esta semana, Confesiones se celebrarán los sábados 16:00-17:00. Por favor, tome nota de este cambio.

GENEROSIDAD

La generosidad no consiste en dar mucho, sino en dar a tiempo.

--Anónimo