

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2015

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Pastoral Staff:

Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor
Rev. Juan Carlos Zapata, Parochial Vicar
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education

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

December 8, 2015 Immaculate Conception

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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2015 TO OCTOBER 3, 2015

SATURDAY (September 26) BVM, Ss. Cosmas & Damian

8:30 JUNG MASTANDUNO/ Peter Canu
 5:00 DEC. MEM. CORALLO FAMILY/ Sally Vaccaro
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (September 27) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 MARY LOU MILAZZO/ niece Rosemary Coppola
 10:30 DOMENICK & GRACE TRIPODI/ daughter Tina
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (September 28) St. Wenceslaus

8:30 DOMENICK & GRACE TRIPODI/ daughter Tina
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (September 29) Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

8:30 KATHLEEN FARLEY/ Dr. & Mrs. Williams

WEDNESDAY (September 30) St. Jerome

8:30 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ Jim & Cathy Leggett
 7:30 GIOACCHINO SIGGIA (MEM. MASS)

THURSDAY (October 1) St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30 LUCY CORDERO/ Jose Cordero
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (October 2) The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ wife Dolly

SATURDAY (October 3) BVM

8:30 VINCENZO & JOHN SACCA/ Maria Sacca
 5:00 JOHN SPORER/ The Konikiewicz Family
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (October 4) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
 10:30 BENIAMINO & ANNA MARIA PAOLUCCI/
 Liboria & Anna
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O

LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **John Cassitta, Giuseppe Musso, Diane D. Noto, and Vito Castaldo.**



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.

Weekly Offering

5:00 PM	360
7:00 PM	483
8:00 AM	495
10:30 AM	808
12:00 Noon	1,552
Mail	
Total	\$3,698

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Elvin Martinez
Carmen Alava	Carmen Mistichelli
Sheree Balaam	Angelo Meo
Oran Bryant	Leonarda Merlo
Karen Bulloch	Carlos Moran
Caterina Campbell	Nick Netta
Isaac Castañeda	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Orlando Chavez	Robergeau Paul
Paul Chiusano	Maria Perdomo
Wayne Cook	Laura Philipone
Mary Cusmano	Peter Philipone
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Frank Pierre
Marianna Dubell	Raul Atilio Portillo
Denise Griest	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Jared Leonardo Henao	Edith Quijada
Jacob Hinman	Endy Quijada
Joshua Hinman	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	Sergio Ricciardi
Michelle Johnson	Isadora Rodriguez
Harry Krampf	Magdalena Rodriguez
Stanley Kuchno	John Ruela
Lindsay LaMarre	Maria Saavedra
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	John Veltre
Barbara McMurray	

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

When: This Sunday, September 27
 Where: Youth Center
 Time: 10:30 AM—4 PM

- We will have dances from different countries
- Food, Drink, and Sweets
- Toys for sale
- Raffles, 50/50, etc.

Come and share our Church's many cultures.

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

XXVI Sunday O.T.

Last week we were speaking about the vocation to serve, to serve others without expecting anything in return. Today Christ is speaking to us very seriously about “The Scandal.” The Scandal is not only the one provoked by a sexual indiscretion or sexual sin, as Adultery, Pornography, etc. But, it is very scandalous to destroy the life of innocent and helpless people as children, like in the case of pedophile sins among the church or outside the church. We have to be very careful and watchful with the usury, pride, and all other sins that in a direct or indirect way affect those who surround us. We are not only scandalized by people with big sins, as those I told you before, but mainly with the lack of Love and compassion, and charity to those in need. Christ speaks of a series of attitudes that we have to keep in order to avoid scandal. Jesus said: “If your foot makes you sin, cut it off.” What does this mean? Easy, the feet are good for what? To Walk, right? Right. But if this walking is to sin, it is better to be a cripple, or to be standing or sitting, than to commit a sinful action, so we can avoid the opportunity to harm anybody. This image of walking is related in the Scripture to lustful actions. Christ said: “If your hand makes you sin, it is better to cut it out, better to enter maimed into heaven, than to go to hell with both hands.” With our hands, we can do very good things, like helping anybody, or neutral things like eating, or taking a shower, etc. But we can commit sin, like killing, or hitting somebody. So to sin with our hands is related with the violence and stealing. The third saying in the Gospel was about : “If your Eye makes you sin, pluck it out.” This saying is related with the envy. To be envious is not to accept God’s Will of how we are, or who we are, so we judge God, we believe that he made mistakes, that he is not just. So be careful when we judge God. God is perfect and he did not commit any mistakes ever. So, let us ask God to give us his help in order to love our neighbor, so we can fulfill all his commandments, because if we love our neighbor we demonstrate and prove that we love God, and as consequence of this we will never scandalize anybody, so we will not need to cut our hands, or foot, or pluck our eye. May God bless you always.

La semana pasada hablábamos sobre la vocación al servicio, a servir a los demás sin esperar nada a cambio. Hoy Cristo nos habla muy seriamente sobre “El escandalo.” No solo viene el escandalo por una indiscreción o un pecado sexual, adulterio, pornografía, etc. También por destruir la vida de los seres mas indefensos, como los casos de pedofilia en la iglesia y fuera de ella también. Hay que cuidarse también de la usura, la soberbia y demás pecados que de una forma directa afecta a los que nos rodean. No solamente escandalizamos por pecados de gran envergadura, como los que he comentado anteriormente, sino sobretudo por la falta de amor hacia los demás. Cristo habla de una serie de formas que hay que guardar, “Si tu pie te hace pecar, córtatelo,” ¿Qué significa esto? Muy sencillo, ¿para que nos sirven los pies? Para caminar ¿verdad? Pues si ese caminar es para pecar, mejor no caminar, quedarse sentado y no moverse, así evitaremos hacer mal a cualquier persona, esta imagen de caminar esta relacionada en las escrituras con los pecados de lujuria. Dice Cristo, “Si tu mano te hace pecar, córtatela.” Esto es igual, con nuestras manos podemos trabajar, podemos comer, podemos ayudar, etc. Pero si las usamos para golpear, para destruir, es mejor quedarse manco, que ir al infierno con las dos manos intactas, este hecho de pecar con las manos esta relacionado con la violencia y el robo. Y la tercera imagen que usa Cristo, es: “Si tu ojo te hace pecar, sácatelo.” Esto tiene que ver muchísimo con la envidia, es decir, no estar contento con lo que Dios te ha dado, y deseas mucho mas. No solo no estas conforme de quien eres o de cómo eres, sino que juzgamos a Dios y creemos que se ha equivocado, así que cuidadito con juzgar a Dios. Dios es perfecto y nunca se equivoca. Pidamos a Dios que nos ayude a poder amar al otro, así cumpliremos todos los mandamientos, por que si amamos al prójimo, demostramos que amamos a Dios, y como consecuencia no escandalizaremos a nadie y no tendremos que cortarnos las manos, o los pies, o sacarnos los ojos. Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

St. Anthony's Food Pantry

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry will be **Wednesday, September 30 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 October 3-4 2015

Saturday, October 3

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas
7:00 PM Marta Portillo y Will Villanueva
(Comentario: Maria Duran)

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert
10:30 AM Julianna Cianfano
12:00 Noon Norma Guido y Hilma Muñoz
(Comentario: Patricia Zelaya)

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

Saturday, October 3

5:00 PM Avery Kenner

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Maria Agliata & Martha Devia
12:00 Noon Patricia Zelaya, Hmna Carol y Melida Canela

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.

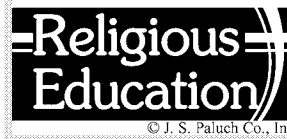
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***TUESDAY:** Novena to St. Anthony
(After 8:30 AM Mass — Chapel)
7:00 PM RCIA (Rectory Basement)

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

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



English CCD Classes are now in session for children from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Classes are held from
9:00 AM—10:25 AM.

Following class the children attend the 10:30 AM Mass. Dismissal is at the end of Mass.

If you have not yet registered,
DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!

Thank you for your cooperation.
Sincerely in Christ
Sister M. Charitina
Director of Religious Education

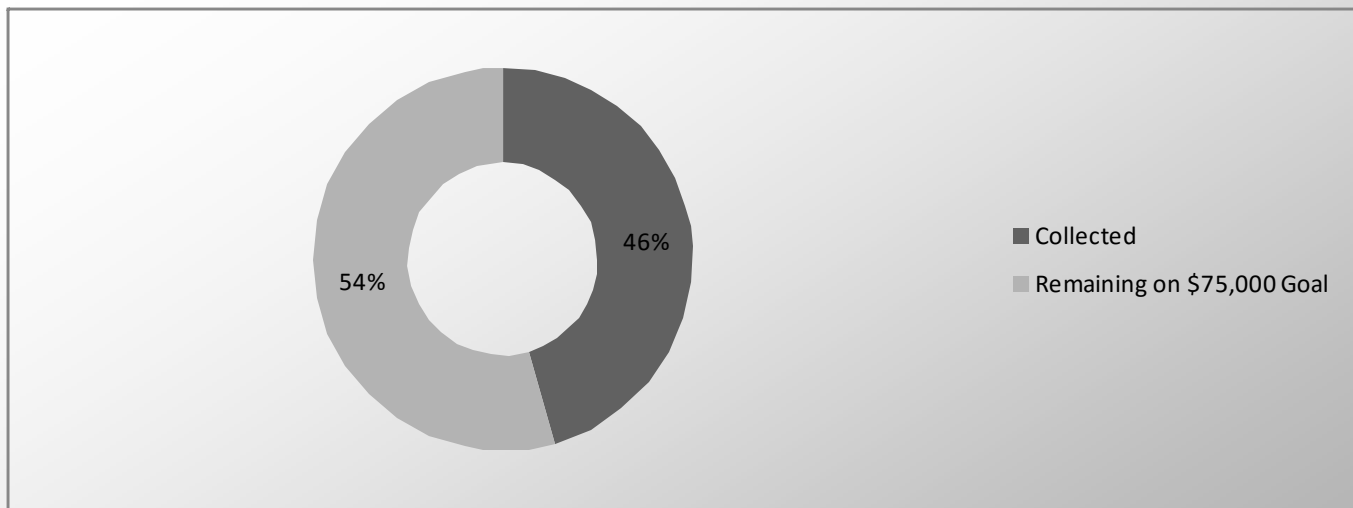
As a reminder, **Spanish CCD Classes** are also in session, and meet every Saturday from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;
Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Name _____

E-Mail Address _____



CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$34,230. Your extra donation will go entirely for this purpose. We are asking that each family donates \$200 to help beautify our Church. Thank you for your generosity.

RENOVACIONES DE LA IGLESIA

Nuestro objetivo para las renovaciones de la Iglesia (pintura y alfombras) es de \$75,000. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$34,230. Su donación adicional se destinará íntegramente a este fin. Pedimos que cada familia dona 200 dólares para ayudar a embellecer nuestra Iglesia. Gracias por tu generosidad.

OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us--rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other--the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent--today's church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God's great free-wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

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NUESTRO DIOS PRÓDIGO

Nos toca volver a aprender una y otra vez cuán pródigo es nuestro Dios. Es como si Dios no pudiera decir "no". Por supuesto, que estamos de acuerdo cuando Dios es pródigo conmigo--rico en misericordia y perdón, generoso con su gracia. Pero cuando se trata del otro --¿el enemigo, el pecador, el hereje, el excluído? Pues entonces queremos que Dios sea tan tacaño con esa persona como yo soy.

Moisés y Josué también querían un mundo así de conveniente. Se preguntaban cómo es que el espíritu de Dios se había posado sobre los dos que no se aparecieron a la reunión --la Iglesia de hoy. Y los apóstoles en el Evangelio se quejaron porque habían unos haciendo milagros que en definitiva no eran seguidores de Jesús. La extensa y libre generosidad de Dios los confundió a todos. Que así sea, dice Jesús. Por su parte, ustedes que guían a otros, continúen siendo dignos de su vocación.

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