

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016

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## **Pastoral Staff:**

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

## **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**

November 1, 2016 All Saint's Day

## **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**

You must be an **active parishioner** 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.  
Sr. Marie Charitina, S.C., Dir. Rel. Education  
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 JULY 24, 2016  
TO JULY 30, 2016**

**SATURDAY (July 23) St. Bridget, BVM**

8:30 ANTHONY DE MEOLA/ Wife Millie  
5:00 ANN BARA/ Phyllis Gleason  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (July 24) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 ANDY CASANO/ Counting Group  
10:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/ Gerardo, Massimo &  
Simone Chirichiello  
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (July 25) St. James**

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters and  
Grandchildren  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (July 26) Ss. Joachim and Anne**

8:30 ANNA DI MEO/ Niece Amelia and Son

**WEDNESDAY (July 27) Weekday**

8:30 VITO MICHELE & GERARDO BEN ROSATA/  
Sister, Brigida Muscaritolo

**THURSDAY (July 28) Weekday**

8:30 VIRGINIA PANICO/ Aunt Dorothy Nascondiglio  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (July 29) St. Martha**

8:30 JOHN M. RIGGI/ Sons of Peterstown

**SATURDAY (July 30) St. Peter Chrysologus, BVM**

8:30 COSIMO CICCHINO/ Dotty Nascondiglio &  
Son Thomas  
5:00 SOULS IN PURGATORY/ James & Cathy Leggett  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (July 31) Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 ELISE BASTARDO/ John Sacco & Family  
10:30 GIUSEPPE QUAGLIA/ Antonio Guiducci & Family  
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated  
this week in memory of **Joey & Amidio Veltre**  
donated by the **Piga Family**.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!** We remember those who have died in  
the peace of Christ, especially: **Vincent LaQuaglia, Francesca Veneziano and Krystal Colon.**



**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**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	499
<b>7:00 PM</b>	606
<b>8:00 AM</b>	344
<b>10:30 AM</b>	512
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	1440
<b>Mail</b>	140
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,541</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH,** especially:

Alfonsina Aker	Carmen Mistichelli
Carmen Alava	Angelo Meo
Sheree Balaam	Leonarda Merlo
Louise Barile	Carlos Moran
Oran Bryant	Declan Rocco O'Connor
Karen Bulloch	Robergeau Paul
Caterina Campbell	Maria Perdomo
Isaac Castañeda	Laura Philipone
Orlando Chavez	Peter Philipone
Wayne Cook	Frank Pierre
Mary Cusmano	Anne Piga
Leonor Sepulveda De Devia	Raul Atilio Portillo
Marianna Dubell	Carmen Fojo Prieto
Maria Espinoza	Edith Quijada
Mario Fronzoni	Endy Quijada
Denise Griest	Oscar Eduardo Ramirez
Ann Harris	Sergio Ricciardi
Jared Leonardo Henao	Angel Rivera
Jacob Hinman	Isadora Rodriguez
Joshua Hinman	Magdalena Rodriguez
Joseph B. Jean-Mary	John Ruela
Michelle Johnson	Maria Saavedra
Stanley Kuchno	Salvatore Saluccio
Lindsay LaMarre	Gladys San Antonio
John Lapolla	Hugo Santa Maria
Theresa Lattanzio	Frank Tinnirella
Rosa Leon	Angela Verlengeri
Barbara McMurray	John Veltre
Elvin Martinez	Charles White

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**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**

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**Seventeenth Sunday OT/Decimo Septimo Domingo TO, Ciclo C**

If someone asked me why I believe in God, I would reply: Faith is a gift. It depends on God's initiative, his free grace. Still, there are good reasons to believe that God exists. Even if you cannot prove the existence of God in the way you can prove the existence of the city of Bellingham, it is not unreasonable to believe in him. But, you know, if I was to give the real reason why I believe in God, I would have to say this: I believe in God because he answers prayers. If you wonder whether God really exists, try prayer. Jesus tells us: Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. When we intercede for others, we should imitate Abraham's boldness. He prayed for a city caught up in unnatural vices, not unlike cities today. At first it sounds almost like he is bargaining with God, but that is not the case. He is simply making a bold, direct request. He says that even though he is nothing more than "dust and ashes," still he presumes to speak to God. In the Mass the celebrant says that because Jesus taught us to call God our Father, we have courage to say... The Latin is *Audemus dicere*, we dare to say. Imitate Abraham: Pray boldly...but not in a demanding way. It would be crazy to bargain with God as if we have something to give him in exchange. It would be like me waking up some morning thinking, "I'll ask Bill Gates for a favor." So I go and empty my savings account and drive over to Medina. Somehow I get Bill Gates' attention and I hold up a hundred dollars, "Bill, look what I brought you. I need to talk to you." He might smile to himself, but surely he would think, "I have hundreds of millions of dollars. I don't need a hundred dollars from Father Bloom." Well, something similar applies to God; only the difference is even more extreme. Everything we have comes from God and belongs to him. Still there is something God wants from us. He wants us to draw near to him. He wants to give us everything valuable; everything which has beauty, power and goodness. In a word, God wants us to have him. For that reason Jesus says: Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Si alguien me pregunta si creo que Dios existe, replico: La fe es un don. Depende de la iniciativa de Dios, de su gracia libre. Sin embargo, hay buenos motivos para creer que Dios existe. Aun si uno no puede comprobar la existencia de Dios como se puede comprobar la existencia de la ciudad de Arequipa, no es irrazonable creer en el. Pero, si yo iba a dar el motivo real por el cual creo en Dios, tendré que decir: Creo en Dios porque contesta oraciones. Si tu te preguntas si Dios realmente existe, pruebes la oración. Jesús nos dice: Pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontraran, toquen y se les abrirá. Debemos imitar a Abraham en su audacia. En la primera lectura es como el regateaba con Dios, pero no es verdad. Solamente esta haciendo un pedido directo y sencillo. Abraham intercede por una ciudad con vicios innaturales, no como una ciudad de hoy en día. Así de primera pareciere que Abraham esta intentando regatear con Dios, pero este no es el caso. Dice que, a pesar ser solamente "polvo y ceniza," se atreve hablar a Dios. En la misa el celebrante dice que como Jesús nos enseña llamar a Dios como Padre, nos atrevemos a decir... Imitar a Abraham: rezar con audacia...pero no exigiendo. Estaría loco regatear con Dios como si tuviéramos algo para darle en cambio. Imaginen se yo me despierto pensando, "Le pediré algo a Bill Gates." Pues, voy en mi carro hasta Medina y le muestro un billete de cien dólares. "Mira, Bill, lo que te he traído. Tengo que hablar contigo." El se sonreirá y pensará, "Yo tengo centenares de millones de dólares. No necesito cien dólares del Padre Oscar." Pues, algo semejante aplica a Dios, solo que la diferencia es una mas extrema. Todo lo que tenemos viene de Dios y pertenece a el. No obstante, hay algo que Dios quiere de nosotros. Quiere que nos acerquemos a el, recibir de el todo que vale, todo que tiene belleza, poder y bondad. En una palabra, Dios quiere que tengamos a el. Por esa razón Jesús dice: Pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontraran, toquen y se les abrirá.

**St. Anthony's Food Pantry**

St. Anthony's runs a Food Pantry once a month. The next day for the Food Pantry **will be on Wednesday, July 27 at 1:00 PM.** Enter 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 July 30-31, 2016**Saturday, July 30

5:00 PM Sr. Clare  
7:00 PM Andres Duran y Jose Bonilla  
(c: Joana Yanes)

Sunday, July 31

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert  
10:30 AM Rita Agliata  
12:00 Noon Rafaela Avelar y Soila Torres  
(C: Teresa Marin)

**EMHC for the Weekend of July 30-31, 2016  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, July 30

5:00 PM Frank Mazza  
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, July 31

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli  
10:30 AM Maria Agliata and Cristian Moron  
12:00 Noon Peter Aleman, Besy Aleman 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.

**THE MARK OF THE MAKER**

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.

--St. Anthony of Padua

**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.



**\*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

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** -- Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

**Psalm** -- Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

**Second Reading** -- Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

**Gospel** -- Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** -- Por el bien de los diez no destruiré la ciudad (Génesis 18:20-32).

**Salmo** -- Te damos gracias de todo corazón (Salmo 138 [137]).

**Segunda lectura** -- Enterrados con Cristo en el bautismo, también fuimos resucitados con él, todas nuestras transgresiones son perdonadas (Colosenses 2:12-14).

**Evangelio** -- Pidán y recibirán, el Padre da el Espíritu Santo a los que se lo piden (Lucas 11:1-13).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;  
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42

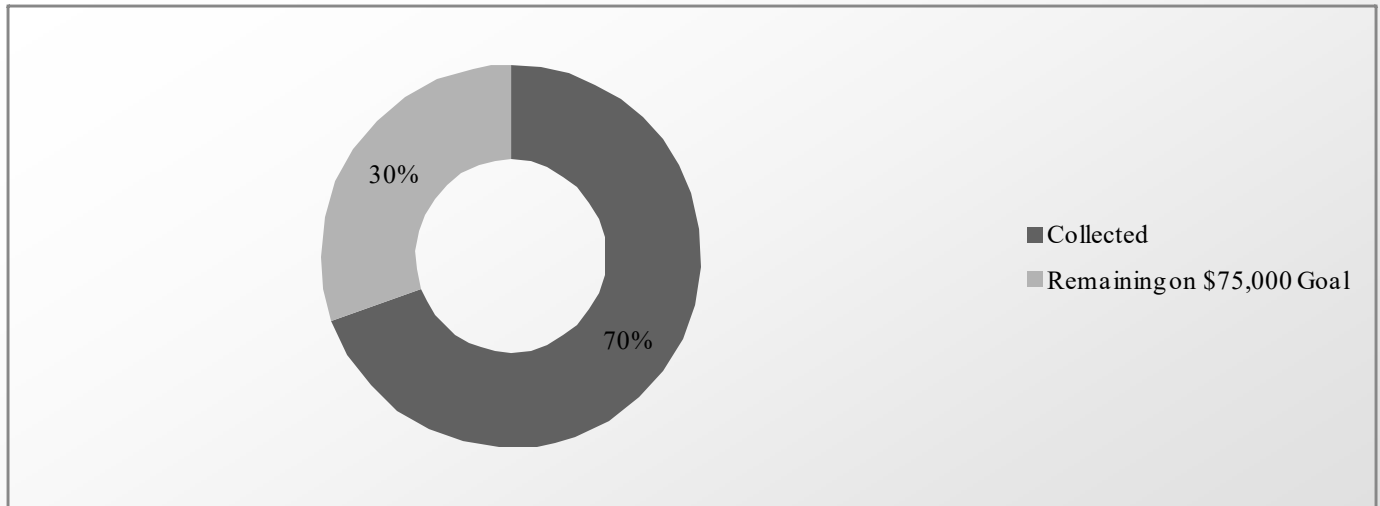
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**LA MARCA DEL HACEDOR**

Si las cosas creadas están tan llenas de hermosura, ¡cuán esplendoroso ha de ser el Creador! La sabiduría del Obrero se hace presente en su obra.

--San Antonio de Padua



### CHURCH RENOVATIONS

Our goal for Church renovations (painting and carpeting) is \$75,000. So far we have collected \$52,176. 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 \$52,176. 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.

### ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

Contact: Mr. DeLeon Phone: 908-352-4350  
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### SIGUE REZANDO

Santa Mónica, cuya fiesta celebramos en agosto, se conoce generalmente como "la madre persistente". Ella vio como su hijo mayor, Agustín, le daba la espalda a su fe cristiana.

Mónica estaba exasperada. Durante años se dio por vencida de hablar directamente a su hijo siguiendo el consejo de un obispo de la región que le dijo que era mejor hablar con Dios sobre Agustín que con Agustín sobre Dios.

La madre nunca dejó de rezar por su hijo. Finalmente, Agustín abandonó su rebeldía, fue bautizado y luego ordenado y nombrado obispo de Hipona. San Agustín se convirtió en uno de los eruditos más importantes de la Iglesia.

Las lecturas de hoy destacan la importancia de la oración persistente. Abraham, a pesar de temer molestar al Señor, continúa preguntándole sobre el destino de Sodoma y Gomorra. Jesús, en el Evangelio según san Lucas, le dice a sus discípulos "pidan y se les dará, busquen y encontrarán, toquen y se les abrirá" (Lucas 11:9). Esta es nuestra tarea: seguir rezando.