

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 5, 2017**

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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**

April 16, 2017 Easter Sunday

## **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

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.

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 MARCH 5, 2017 TO MARCH 11, 2017**

**SATURDAY (March 4) Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

8:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina  
 5:00 TERRI SCHADE/ Josie & Bella  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 5) First Sunday of Lent**

8:00 ROBERT DE VITO/ Bello Family  
 10:30 GERARDO STANCO/ Moglia Pasqualina e Famiglia  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (March 6) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 CARMELA CIANFANO/ Mamma Teresa  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (March 7) Lenten Weekday,**

**Ss. Perpertia & Felicity**

8:30 CATERINA & FRANCO CRINCOLI/ Maria LaFace

**WEDNESDAY (March 8) Lenten Weekday,**

**St. John of God**

8:30 JEFFREY OAKLEY/ Bella

**THURSDAY (March 9) Lenten Weekday,**

**St. Frances of Rome**

8:30 KRYSTAL COLON/ Cheryl Giuliano-Feller  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**FRIDAY (March 10) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 ANTHONY VECCHIA/ Domenic & Maria LaFace

**SATURDAY (March 11) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 DOROTHY ABITANTO/ Marlene & Peter Abitanto  
 5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children & Granchildren  
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 12) Second Sunday of Lent**


8:00 CHESTER WILK/ Family  
 10:30 DOMENICK TRIPODI/ Daughter Tina  
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL**

Please remember to return your pledge envelopes for the Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal in the collection baskets at Mass. Thank you.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 12, 2017. Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed that Saturday

Our Weekly Offering		<b>OUR OFFERTORY COLLECTION</b> 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.		
<b>Weekly Offering</b>		
<b>5:00 PM</b>	594	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	627	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	415	
<b>10:30 AM</b>	537	
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	2710	
<b>Mail</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,883</b>	

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

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

**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL****First Sunday of Lent/Primer Domingo de Cuaresma Ciclo/Cycle A**

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, and in today's gospel we heard about the three temptations that Jesus had in the desert prior to his public ministry. These temptations are in a sense a way to remember the Exodus, all the temptations that the people of Israel suffered before partaking in the covenant with Yahweh, and so be part of the chosen people. And at the same time, these three temptations are those that we have. The first temptation, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread..." This temptation is called by many "fathers" of the church, the temptation of the bread. And it is if we were asked, where do you look for or put your security in life? Where do I believe that life is? Where do I look for life every day? Normally I look for it in my job, in my efforts, in my money. So, Jesus answer the devil, "Not on bread alone does man live, but on every word that comes from God's mouth." The "Word" has the power to create. Christ put all his trust in his Father, the Lord of life and death. The Second temptation is: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself, from here so the people... because God will send his angels to protect you..." This is the temptation of changing the history, yours and mine, not accepting our lives, and all the doubts that life throw at us. But Christ answered the devil very plainly and sharply, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God..." Making very clear that he is the Son of God or what is the same to say, being God himself. Because being God's son He knows that his father did not make a mistake in his history, but it is perfect. And that God allows anything with a reason, so the love of God may be discovered. The third one, "I will give you all these if you fall prostrate and worship me..." The temptation of the Idols of the world, money, possessions, power, success, fame, recognition, affections, etc. What I believe that will make me happy. But there is a problem that every idol demands sacrifices of blood, and so we are ready to sacrifice any thing, health, family, friends, etc. In order to get what we want. But Christ rejects Satan, "... To God alone you shall worship..." Because the Church is a good Mother, she comes to our help during this time of lent, so we can fight back these three temptations, how? To fight the first one, the church recommends us **to Fast**, so we can experience that life is not coming from what I eat or drink, that I do not die if I skip one or two meals, on the contrary, it is very healthy not to eat so our bodies can be cleansed. To fight the second temptation, **Prayer**, to have a closer relationship with the Lord, an open channel of communication with God, to put before him all my worries, anxieties, and doubts. And to fight the third one, **Alms giving**, not with the mentality that I will help, or solve the economical problems of anybody, because it is not so, but as a way of helping ourselves, Christ said in the Gospel: "Make friends with the unjust money, so when it will fall short, you will be received in the eternal kingdom..." May God bless you and your families and friends always.

Hoy es el primer Domingo de Cuaresma, y el evangelista nos presenta las tres tentaciones que Cristo sufre en el desierto antes de comenzar su vida pública. Estas tentaciones son a modo de recordar lo que el pueblo de Israel sufrió en el desierto, y como Yahvé lo prepara para poder hacer de ellos su pueblo, el rebaño escogido. Pero también, estas tres tentaciones de Cristo son las mismas tentaciones que tenemos todos nosotros. La primera tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, dile a estas piedras que se conviertan en pan..." Con esta tentación, que es llamada por muchos "Padres de la Iglesia," como la tentación del pan, se nos pregunta ¿Dónde busco yo mi seguridad? Donde creo yo que esta la vida, donde la busco todos los días. Normalmente en el trabajo, en el esfuerzo por mejorar la situación en que vivo, etc. Y Cristo responde: "No solo de pan vive el hombre, sino de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios." Cristo pone su confianza en su Padre, el Señor de la vida y de la muerte. La segunda tentación, "Si tu eres el hijo de Dios, tírate por que esta escrito, el enviara a sus Ángeles para que te protejan..." Esta segunda tentación es la tentación de la historia. La misma que tenemos todos nosotros, la de no aceptar mi historia, mi vida, todas aquellas incógnitas y preguntas que nunca se resolvieron, por que ocurrió esto o aquello, por que estoy aquí, etc. Y sin embargo Cristo responde al diablo de una forma sencilla y contundente, "No tentarás al Señor tu Dios." Dejando claro quien es el, el Hijo único de Dios, o lo que es lo mismo, Dios mismo. Por que siendo hijo sabe muy bien que su padre no se ha equivocado, que todo lo ha hecho bien. Y todo lo permite con una razón importantísima, descubrir el amor de Dios, y que fuera de este amor no hay nada. La tercera, "Todo esto te daré si te postras y me adoras..." La tentación de los ídolos del mundo, el dinero, las posesiones, etc. Que creo yo que me va a dar la felicidad. Pero el problema es que todo ídolo nos pide sacrificios de sangre, y por estos ídolos estamos dispuestos a sacrificarlo todo, salud, familia, amigos, etc. Sin embargo Cristo, rechaza a Satanás, "...Solo a Dios adoraras." Por esto mismo, la Iglesia como buena madre viene en nuestra ayuda, y por esto la cuaresma, ya que es muy difícil luchar contra estas tentaciones, por esta razón, para combatir la primera tentación, viene en nuestra ayuda con **el Ayuno**, ver que si un día no comemos no nos morimos, ya que la vida no depende de lo que comemos o bebemos en un día. Para la Segunda tentación, la iglesia nos invita a **Rezar**, importantísimo tener hilo directo con Dios, y que mejor que charlar con Dios a través de la oración, y la meditación. Y para la tercera tentación, la de los Ídolos del mundo, se nos invita a **hacer Limosna**, no como forma de ayudar a los pobres, sino para ayudarnos a nosotros mismos. Dice Cristo en otro evangelio, "Haceos amigos con el dinero injusto, para que cuando os falte, os reciban en las eternas moradas." Que Dios los bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familias y amigos. Feliz Cuaresma.

**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, March 22 from 12:30-1:30 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 March 11-12, 2017**Saturday, March 11

5:00 PM Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Senon Herrera y Will Villanueva  
(C: Teresa Marin)Sunday, March 12

8:00 AM Anna Ruppert

10:30 AM Mark Moron

12:00 Noon Marta Villanueva y Jose Bonilla  
(C: Sandra Bonilla)**EMHC for the Weekend of March 11-12, 2017  
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, March 11

5:00 PM Frank Mazza

7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, March 12

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Francesca Merendino,  
Maria Agliata12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Melida Canela,  
Marisa Puello 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.

**LOVE AND DEEDS**

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

--St. Teresa of Ávila

**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)

**\*THURSDAY:** Holy Hour after 7:00 PM Mass

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** -- The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** -- Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** -- Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** -- Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** -- Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y ambos se dieron cuenta de que estaban desnudos. Cosieron, pues, unas hojas de higuera, y se hicieron unos taparrabos.

**Salmo** -- Ten piedad, Señor, porque somos pecadores.

**Segunda lectura** -- Una sola trasgresión acarreó sentencia de muerte para todos, pero la rehabilitación merecida por uno solo, obtuvo perdón y vida para todos.

**Evangelio** -- Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo servirás.

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**CARRYING OF THE GIFTS**

CCD Children will carry the gifts at the 10:30 Mass.

**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.

**EL AMOR Y LAS OBRAS**

Dios no quiere nuestras obras, sino el amor que las inspira.

--Sta Teresa de Ávila



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;  
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;  
Mt 17:1-9 n

### CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For bad weather situations, CCD Closings will be announced on the News 12 New Jersey Website.

### ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

Are you celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian Marriage in 2017? If so, the Archdiocese of Newark will be having anniversary liturgies celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

¿Esta celebrando 5, 25 y 50 años de matrimonio Cristiano en 2017? Estas liturgias de Aniversario serán celebradas por el Cardenal Joseph Tobin en la Catedral Basílica del Sagrado Corazón en Newark en las siguientes fechas:

April 30, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 5 years and 25 years (registrations due by April 19), and May 7, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., 50 years (registrations due by April 26).

### TIMING

What you give in health is gold.  
What you give in sickness is silver.  
What you give after death is lead.

--Jewish proverb

### 2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2018 will open this **Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM.** You may begin reserving Masses for loved ones for the 2018 calendar year on this date.

### REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017. We are looking for girls between the ages of 10 and 20 to participate. For more information, please call Teresa Marin at the rectory by March 18, 2017. (908)-351-3300

### REINA DE LAS FLORES

Reinas de las Flores será el sábado, 3 de junio de 2017. Estamos buscando a las niñas entre las edades de 10 y 20 para participar. Para obtener más información, por favor llame a Teresa Marín en la rectoría. (908)-351-3300, antes del 18 de marzo de 2017.

### FACEBOOK

Check out the St. Anthony's Facebook page (facebook.com, search "St. Anthony of Padua Elizabeth NJ") for daily scripture readings and to see an electronic version of this bulletin.

### ST. ANTHONY'S ADULT CHOIR

St. Anthony's Adult Choir, which sings at the 10:30 AM Sunday Masses is holding rehearsals on Tuesdays starting at 7:30 PM in the main church.

### FORTALEZA ANTE LA TENTACIÓN

El primer domingo del tiempo de Cuaresma siempre incluye el relato evangélico de la tentación del Señor Jesús en el desierto por el diablo. Este año tiene como trasfondo la primera lectura de Génesis, en la que se narra la primera tentación del diablo que ocurre en el jardín del Edén. El relato del Evangelio transcurre en el desierto. Los creyentes sabemos que la tentación viene tanto en nuestros propios jardines como en los desiertos de nuestra vida. La Cuaresma comienza, y nuestra atención se dirige a esa tentación dentro de nosotros de hacernos como Dios - queremos control, poder y respuesta a todas las difíciles preguntas de la vida. A nuestras comunidades de fe se les ofrece este tiempo de arrepentimiento para que podamos unir nuestro corazón al de otros en el difícil camino de la conversión. Nos volvemos a Dios y hacia los demás buscando fortaleza ante la tentación.