

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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 12, 2017 TO MARCH 18, 2017

SATURDAY (March 11) Lenten Weekday

8:30 DOROTHY ABITANTO/ Marlene & Peter Abitanto
 5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/ Children & Grandchildren
 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

MONDAY (March 13) Lenten Weekday

8:30 NICOLETTA & MARIANGELO PATERNOSTER/
 Amelia Paternoster and Son
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (March 14) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/ Antonia Chillemi

WEDNESDAY (March 15) Lenten Weekday

8:30 MARY COLLETTI/ Mary & Joe Cusmano

THURSDAY (March 16) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANTHONY & MARIE BELLUSCIO/ Son and
 Daughter Franklin & Susan Belluscio
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (March 17) Lenten Weekday, St. Patrick

8:30 GIUSEPPE & FRANCESCA ARCURI/
 Giuseppina Piccoli

**SATURDAY (March 18) Lenten Weekday,
 St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:30 JOHN & VERONICA JAZIKOFF/ Family
 5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHIELLO/ Mother & Father
 7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (March 19) Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 CARMELO, FRANCESCA &
 ELVRIA LA ROCCA/ Family
 10:30 TERESA LORIA/ Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri &
 Family
 12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Mary & Pietro Piga** donated by **Children and Grandchildren**.

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.

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.

	Weekly Offering	Monthly Assessment
5:00 PM	535	167
7:00 PM	669	376
8:00 AM	380	206
10:30 AM	444	294
12:00 Noon	2540	1582
Mail		70
Total	\$4,568	\$2,692

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, especially

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

Second Sunday of Lent/Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma Ciclo (Cycle) A

This Sunday's first reading deals with one of the most important events of the Bible - the call of Abraham. Abraham - as I am sure you know - is our "father in faith" not just for Jews and Christians, but also for our Muslim brothers and sisters. To understand what it means to be a "son of Abraham" we have to know something about his call. It is significant to know *where* he was called from. The book of Genesis tells us that God called Abraham out of Ur - a city in what today is southern Iraq. According to archeological investigations, Ur may have been the world's largest city at the time of Abraham. Archeology has revealed massive structures called ziggurats, which were marvels of the ancient world. The broad streets and large marketplaces give us a picture of a bustling city. For all its flourishing economy and advanced technology, Ur had a dark underside. Like many ancient civilizations, they practiced human sacrifice - including the sacrifice of small children. One reason God called Abraham was to fight against this horrendous practice. He did it in a paradoxical way. As a test of obedience, He ordered Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac - but at the last moment sent an angel to stop him. From that point on the true Israelite would oppose child sacrifice. Throughout the Hebrew Scriptures, prophets such as Jeremiah denounced the practice of sacrificing the children to Moloch. To be a son of Abraham meant to defend children against those who would sacrifice them. May the Good Lord bless you and your families and friends always.

Las primera lectura trata uno de los eventos mas importantes de la Biblia - el llamado de Abraham. El es "padre en fe" no solamente de judíos y cristianos, sino también nuestros hermanos musulmanes. Para entender lo que significa lo que significa ser "hijo de Abraham" tenemos que saber algo de su llamado. Es significativo saber desde donde fue llamado. El libro de Génesis dice que Dios lo llamo desde Ur - una ciudad en lo que hoy es Irak del sur. Según las investigaciones arqueológicas, Ur puede haber sido la ciudad más grande del mundo en el tiempo de Abraham. La arqueología revela estructuras masivas, "zigurats," que fueron las maravillas del mundo antiguo. Sus calles y mercados amplios dan la impresión de una ciudad bien activa. A pesar de su economía y tecnología, Ur tenía un lado oscuro. Como muchas civilizaciones antiguas practicaron el sacrificio humano - incluyendo el sacrificio de niños pequeños. Un motivo para llamar a Abraham fue para luchar contra esta práctica horrenda. Dios lo hizo en una manera difícil de entender al principio. Como prueba de obediencia, ordeno a Abraham a sacrificar su hijo Isaac y al último momento envió un ángel para pararlo. Desde ese momento el verdadero Israelita opondría el sacrificio de niños. En las escrituras hebreas, profetas como Jeremiah denunciaron la práctica de sacrificar a los niños a Moloch. Para ser hijo de Abraham significaba defender a niños contra los que los sacrificarían. Que Dios me los Bendiga a todos ustedes y a sus familiares y amigos.

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 18-19, 2017Saturday, March 18

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
7:00 PM Mart Villanueva y Jose Bonilla
(C: Maria Duran)

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz
10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
12:00 Noon Hilma Muños y Soila Torres
(C: Javier Zapata)

**EMHC for the Weekend of March 11-12, 2017
(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, March 18

5:00 PM Jim Leggett
7:00 PM Reina Yanes y Salomon Yanes

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
10:30 AM Cristian Moron, Gino Merendino,
Maria Agliata
12:00 Noon Myrna Gonzalez, Besa Aleman,
Miguel Hernandez 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.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP

A true friend can hear a tear drop.

--Anonymous

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 LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm -- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel -- Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Abram partió como se lo había ordenado el Señor (Génesis 12:1-4a).

Salmo -- Señor, muéstrate bondadoso con nosotros, puesto que en ti hemos confiado (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura -- Comparte conmigo los sufrimientos por la predicación del Evangelio, sostenido por la fuerza de Dios (2 Timoteo 1:8b-10).

Evangelio -- "Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias, escúchenlo" (Mateo 17:1-9).

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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.

AMISTAD

El verdadero amigo puede oír una lágrima caer.

--Anónimo



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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

2018 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for **2018** is now open. Anyone wishing to reserve Masses for loved ones for the 2018 calendar year should contact the Rectory.

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

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.

SORE SHINS

Don't break your shin on a stool that is not in your way.

--Irish proverb

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The following letter was issued by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, on February 23, 2017:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick — March 17, 2017 — falls on the Friday of the Second Week of Lent.

After due consideration of a number of requests, I dispense the people of the Archdiocese of Newark from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2017.

I remind Catholics who avail themselves of this dispensation that the Church highly encourages you to substitute some other act of penance, such as special prayer, acts of piety or works of charity on March 17th.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

PART TIME JOB AVAILABLE

St. Joseph Social Service Center has a paid part-time job opening: Project Ready Program Director/Technology Coordinator. We are looking for someone with strong management and technical skills to lead the adult job readiness and computer skills training program. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 9:00-2:30. The ideal candidate will have a business or education background and be willing to network on behalf of the adult job seekers in the program. Please visit <http://www.stjeliz.org/project-ready.html> to learn more. If you would like more information, please contact Bernadette Murphy at 908-353-1045 ext. 213. Please e-mail your resume to Bernadette (bmurphy@stjeliz.org) if you are interested in applying.

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.