

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

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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

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 APRIL 2, 2017
TO APRIL 8, 2017**

SATURDAY (April 1) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELO STERIO/ Wife Dolly
5:00 FELICIA MAZZA/ Mr. & Mrs. Frank O. Mazza
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (April 2) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 CHRISTINA CARPIGNANO/ Family
10:30 GIUSEPPINA MUSCARITOLO/
Mr. & Mrs. Biagio Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (April 3) Lenten Weekday

8:30 LIBIA COSMAS (BIRTHDAY)/ Husband Mark
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (April 4) Lenten Weekday, St. Isidore

8:30 ANTONIO VECCHIA/ Joseph Burreci

WEDNESDAY (April 5) Lenten Weekday, St. Vincent Ferrer

8:30 ANA MARIA CASTAINCA/ Marlene &
Peter Abitante

THURSDAY (April 6) Lenten Weekday

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

FRIDAY (April 7) Lenten Weekday,

St. John Baptiste de la Salle

8:30 FRANK & LINA ALFANO/ Daughters & Grandchildren

SATURDAY (April 8) Lenten Weekday

8:30 PETER MADORMA/ Daughter Dolly
5:00 DANIEL LA VOLPE/ Son & Daughter
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (April 9) Palm Sunday

8:00 ROME & PHYLLIS DI COSIMO/ Family
10:30 MARY COLLETTI/ St. Joseph Guild
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for
the **Monthly Diocesan Assessment.**

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated this week in memory of **Andrew Dubell, Jr.** donated by **Wife and Children.**

The **SANCTUARY LIGHT** will burn by the tabernacle this week in memory of **Andrew Dubell, Jr.** donated by **Wife and Children.**



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	551
7:00 PM	959
8:00 AM	455
10:30 AM	671
12:00 Noon	2356
Mail	121
Total	\$5,113

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
Elvin Martinez	Angela Verlengeri
Angelo Meo	John Veltre

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD! We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially: **Salvatore Zacchia.**

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**Fifth Sunday of Lent/Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma Ciclo/Cycle A**

We are on the fifth Sunday of Lent which is the last of this important Lenten season for all of us who bear the name Christians. Today as a proposal we listen to the resurrection of Lazarus. This passage of the scripture is one of the few that reveals to us the human nature of Jesus Christ, weeping because of the death of his beloved friend. In front of the fact death of a friend or a close relative, how do we react? The answer of Christ is calm and with integrity, he doesn't freak out or mourn without consolation. That is our way of reaction, right? Jesus appeared on the scene four days after the burial and not only that, he waits for Lazarus' sister, Marta, come out to meet him. Why? Only to lead her to the true faith. Jesus says to her: "your brother will rise." She replies yes he will on the last day. When Christ listens to her answer he wants a profound faith, not just intellectual knowledge of the religion he conducts her to have an experience of the risen Lord. He asks Marta: Do you believe I am the resurrection and life and her answer wasn't just a simple statement. Marta make a serious profession of faith saying: Yes you are the son of the living God. After this, he calls Mary the other sister of Lazarus. If you notice, it is very interesting that he does not approach her sister in the same way. He just ask her: "where have you put him?" Christ who knows the family very well because he gathered with them so many times asks Marta for the profession of faith because she is a woman with very good intentions but lets herself be carried away with the affections. For that reason she always was worried about hospitality, very important for Jews, anxious to have everything ready for the visitor, even do she has to judge her own sister accusing her of doing nothing, just listening to the Master. Christ needs to make sure that Marta confesses faith not only with her mouth but from the bottom of her heart. That's why He does not ask the same to Mary because Jesus knows her very well and how prepared her heart was to confront the hardships of life with hope, knowing that God will appear in any situation of life. Now you and I, how do we respond to any similar circumstances? The gospel comes to tell us courage and invite us to be prepared and have this hope in our God because he does not abandon the ones He chooses and is always very close to the humbled one and to the simple, the one who hope in the power of his word, Christ our Lord. May God bless all of you, your families and friends.

Estamos en el quinto domingo de cuaresma, por cierto el último de este tiempo tan importante para nosotros los cristianos. En este domingo, se nos pone delante el evangelio de la resurrección de Lázaro. Y es uno de los pocos evangelios que nos muestran la humanidad de Cristo, este llora por la muerte de su amigo Lázaro. Pero delante de un acontecimiento de muerte, de un amigo o un familiar, ¿Cómo respondemos nosotros? Cristo responde con mucha entereza y calma, no se agita ni se pone a llorar desconsoladamente como haríamos todos nosotros ¿Verdad? Cristo llega tres días después de la sepultura de su amigo, y no solamente eso, sino que espera a que una de las hermanas del difunto, Marta, salga a su encuentro, ¿Para que? Simplemente para llevarla a la fe verdadera. Cristo le dice: "Tu hermano resucitará." Y ella responde, "Que en la resurrección del último día." Entonces Cristo que ve la respuesta de Marta, la quiere llevar a una fe mucho mas profunda, no simplemente a un conocimiento intelectual de la religión, sino a una experiencia de Cristo resucitado, por eso le pregunta a Marta: "¿Crees que yo soy la resurrección y la vida?" Y la respuesta de Marta no es un simple si y ya esta, sino que Hace una profesión de fe completa, "Si, y tu eres el hijo del Dios vivo." Y después de esto manda llamar a María, la otra hermana de Lázaro y Marta. Y lo interesante es que a esta no le hace el mismo interrogatorio, sino simplemente le pregunta: "Donde lo habéis puesto." Cristo, que ya se había encontrado varias veces con estos tres hermanos, le pide a Marta la profesión de fe, por que ella es una mujer que se deja llevar, con muy buena intención, de los afectos, por eso se la pasaba preocupada de la hospitalidad, muy importante para los judíos, y de que todo estuviera listo y perfecto para cuando el huésped de honor llegase a la casa, y estuviera allí, aunque esto la llevara a juzgar y condenar a su hermana, que se la pasaba sentada escuchando al maestro. Por esta razón, Cristo tiene que asegurarse de que Marta profesa la fe, no solamente con los labios, sino desde el corazón. Por esta razón, no le pide lo mismo a María, ya que Cristo conoce muy bien el corazón de María, y sabe que esta preparado para sobre llevar cualquier situación con la esperanza siempre puesta en que Dios aparecerá de una manera o otra. Y tu y yo ¿como responderíamos en una situación semejante? Por eso, este evangelio de hoy, viene a darnos animo, a que estemos preparados, y a no perder la esperanza de que Dios no abandona a sus elegidos y de que El siempre esta cerca de los humildes y sencillos, que esperan en el poder de su palabra, Cristo nuestro Señor. 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, April 26 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 April 8-9, 2017Saturday, April 8

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza and Mark Cosmas

7:00 PM Will Villanueva y Marta Villanueva
(C: Maria Duran)

Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz and Ann Ruppert

10:30 AM Ariel Legacy and Marc Moron

12:00 Noon Manuel Mojico y Rafaela Avelar
(Cronista: Jony Rodriguez)

EMHC for the Weekend of April 8-9, 2017**(Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)**Saturday, April 8

5:00 PM Joe Gambino

7:00 PM Mariza Puello, Maria Eugenia Usma y
Teresa Marin

Sunday, April 9

8:00 AM Mary Wilk

10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron and
Francesca Merendino

12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Melida Canela, Mariza Puello
Miguel Hernandez, Piter y Besy Aleman

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.

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.

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 -- Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm -- With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading -- If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel -- Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

Salmo -- Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura -- El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

Evangelio -- Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7;

Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;

Mt 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]

CCD WEATHER EMERGENCIES

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

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.

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

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ABRE NUESTRAS TUMBAS

Abre nuestras tumbas, Señor,
sácanos de la cárcel de la muerte.
Pon tu Espíritu en nosotros
para que podamos vivir
en un mundo de libertad.

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JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead--a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that--through Christ--God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and--with Christ--in our life everlasting.

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RESUMEN DEL MINISTERIO DE JESÚS

El relato de cómo Lázaro revivió de entre los muertos es el relato más largo (además de la Pasión) en el Evangelio según san Juan. En él encontramos un resumen de la mayor parte del ministerio de Jesús. Vemos su naturaleza humana cuando se conmueve con la tristeza de Marta y de María y cuando él mismo llora frente a la tumba de Lázaro. Es la sabiduría de la Palabra de Dios hecha carne cuando le explica a sus seguidores que la muerte de Lázaro servirá como una señal de la gloria de Dios. Corona los milagros que obra en el Evangelio según san Juan (que comenzó con el milagro más "humano" de hacer más vino en la boda de Caná) reviviendo a Lázaro de entre los muertos; un "avance", por así decirlo, de su propia muerte y resurrección por venir. Este retrato de Jesús nos recuerda, mientras estamos cerca del fin de nuestro viaje de Cuaresma, que él está con nosotros, nos conoce, nos comprende en cada momento de nuestra vida. Conoce la alegría de nuestras celebraciones humanas, conoce la tristeza de nuestro llanto. Mientras nos preparamos para caminar con él en los días de Semana Santa, tenemos fe de que -por Cristo- la gloria de Dios estará con nosotros a cada momento de nuestra vida y -con Cristo- en nuestra vida eterna.

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