

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

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Rev. Oscar Martin Dominguez, Pastor

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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

(All Sundays Including Easter)

May 10 –The Ascension of the Lord.

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. Edwin Lopez, Altar Servers



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 DECEMBER 30, 2017
TO JANUARY 7, 2018**

**SATURDAY (December 30) Sixth Day within the
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 PASQUALE BERZITO/Bob, Marlene & Ashley
5:00 ANTONIO CHIRICHELLO/Wife & Children
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (December 31) The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 NICHOLAS CISTRELLI/Anthony & Mary Wilk
10:30 FILIPPA LISCIANDRA /Mr. & Mrs. Biagio
Arcieri & Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (January 1) Solemnity of Mary

10:30 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (English)
12:00 FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH (Spanish)

TUESDAY (January 2) Sts. Basil & Gregory

8:30 FRANCES LA PORTA/OLGA Family

WEDNESDAY (January 3) Christmas Weekday

8:30 SESTINA YANUZZI/Sacco Family

THURSDAY (January 4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:30 FRANK BARONE/Jose Cordero
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (January 5) St. John Neumann

8:30 MARY GRECO/Family

SATURDAY (January 6) Christmas Weekday

8:30 MARIA SUNTA JOHNSON/Kathy DiPorfio
5:00 RITA IENTILE/Family
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (January 7) The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 NARDINE & BASIL BABULA/Family
10:30 MICHELINA VALIANTE/St. Anthony's Choir
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS



**Next week there will be a second collection
for the Monthly Assessment**



**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

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| 5:00 PM | 417 |
| 7:00 PM | 401 |
| 8:00 AM | 371 |
| 10:30 AM | 581 |
| 12:00 Noon | 1,918 |
| Mail | |
| Total | 3,688 |

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Carmen Alava | Angelo Meo |
| Louise Barile | Leonarda Merlo |
| Oran Bryant | James D. Milazzo |
| Karen Bulloch | Carmen Mistichelli |
| Caterina Campbell | Carlos Moran |
| Isaac Castañeda | Declan Rocco O'Connor |
| Orlando Chavez | Irene Patrone |
| Wayne Cook | Robergeau Paul |
| Mary Cusmano | Maria Perdomo |
| Leonor Sepulveda De Devia | Laura Philipone |
| Marianna Dubell | Frank Pierre |
| Maria Espinoza | Anne Piga |
| Mario Fronzoni | Raul Atilio Portillo |
| Joseph Gambino | Carmen Fojo Prieto |
| Denise Griest | Edith Quijada |
| Paulette Hall | 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 |
| Arlene Marsden | Angela Verlengeri |
| Bob Marsden | John Veltre |
| Elvin Martinez | |

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph
December 31, 2017
My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.
--Luke 2:30-31

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

Feast of the Holy Family—Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. And it is Holy, not because they were kneeling down all day praying, but rather because they submitted themselves one to the other. This is the key word. Submission is not the same thing as being a slave in the sense of the understanding of slavery that modern man has come to understand the term, for today this term has a negative connotation. The term submission, rather, is to freely subordinate my will out of love for the other. With this understanding of “freely”, we can perfectly understand Abraham in the second reading, as he submitted his will to the one of God in perfect freedom. Something that today horrifies us in this our society so “democratic” and “liberal” in which we live in, where the most important person is me, “I.” Christ does not come to take away the right of anybody, but rather, to place someone more important than me, “THE OTHER” over me. THE “YOU” is more important than the “I”. For if this was not the case, then the gospels would not make sense. Let us see, what meaning does it have that a young girl accept the word of an angel, that her fiancée take upon himself that blame that does not belong to him, that no one will accept them, that their child be born in such terrible conditions, that they have to flee their country because they want to kill their baby, and above all, that that child answer his parents in the way that he does in today’s gospel? What is the meaning of all this history and everything that will from here on out, without the subordination of the will, of submitting myself to the other. The same can be said today as well, what meaning I have in my reality of life, family, work, friends, marriage, etc.? For this reason, today’s feast comes to our help, so that I may be able to put the other before all my needs of my will. Mary gives us the secret to success: “Mary kept all these things in her heart.” Let us ask for this grace, this gift today, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Just as the initiator of the neocatechumenal way was inspired to say: “...like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise, where the OTHER is CHRIST. May God bless you in this coming year that is about to begin. Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2018.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. Y es Sagrada, no porque estuvieran todo el día de rodillas y rezando, sino, por que estaban subordinados unos a otros. Esta es la palabra clave. Subordinar no es lo mismo que ser esclavo, en el concepto actual de la palabra esclavitud, que para el hombre moderno, tiene una connotación mala esta palabra. Si no, de someter mi voluntad libremente por amor al otro. En este concepto de “libremente,” como Abraham en la segunda lectura de hoy, someter su voluntad libremente a la de Dios. Algo que hoy en día nos horroriza en esta nuestra sociedad tan democrática y liberal en la que vivimos, donde lo más importante es mi “YO.” Cristo, no viene a quitar los derechos a nadie, sino, a poner algo más importante, “AL OTRO” por encima de mí. El “TU” es más importante que mi “YO.” Porque si no, el evangelio no tendría ningún sentido. Veamos, qué sentido tiene que una jovencita acepte la palabra de un ángel. Que su prometido cargue con una culpa que no es de el; que no sean aceptados por nadie; que ese niño nazca en unas condiciones terribles; que tengan que huir porque quieren matar a ese bebe; y sobretodo, que ese niño responda a sus padres de la manera que lo hace hoy en el evangelio. Qué sentido tiene toda esta historia y todo lo que seguirá de aquí en adelante, sino hay una subordinación de la voluntad, de someterme al otro. Incluso hoy, yo en mi realidad de vida, familia, trabajo, amistades, matrimonio, etc. Por esto, esta fiesta viene en nuestra ayuda, para que pueda poner al otro delante de todas mis necesidades, de mi voluntad. María nos da el secreto del éxito: “Ella guardaba todo en su corazón.” Pidamos esta gracia, este don hoy, por intercesión de la Sagrada familia de Nazaret. Como le fue inspirado al iniciador del camino neocatecumenal: “...como la Sagrada familia de Nazaret, que vivan en humildad, sencillez y alabanza, Donde el OTRO es CRISTO. Que Dios me los bendiga en este próximo año que casi comienza. Feliz Navidad y prospero año 2018.



Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of January 6-7
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Saturday, January 6

5:00 PM Mary Ann Costanza
 7:00 PM Will Villanueva y Senon Herrera
 (C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert
 10:30 AM Ariel Legacy
 12:00 Noon Manuel Majico y Arturo Calle
 (C: Sandra Bonilla)



EMHC for the Weekend of January 6-7

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Saturday, January 6

5:00 PM Mary Wilk
 7:00 PM Reina & Salomon Yanes y Maria Eugenia

Sunday, January 7

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli
 10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Frank Iazzetta
 12:00 Noon Mariza Puello, Ana Marte 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

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.



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***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 -- Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm -- Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading -- Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel -- The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40])

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Los que honran a sus padres recibirán bendiciones y pagarán sus pecados (Siracide 3: 3-7, 14-17) o Génesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Salmo -- ¡Dichoso el que teme al Señor, y sigue sus caminos! (Salmo 128 [127]) o Salmo 105 (104).

Segunda lectura -- Vivan una vida de amor sincero, sean agradecidos, hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús (Colosenses 3:12-21) o Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Evangelio -- María y José llevan a Jesús al templo para consagrarlo al Señor (Lucas 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12





The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children – which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools – will hold its 15th annual High School Basketball Festival on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Kean University in Union. This year's line-up includes the following games; Girls: Oak Knoll vs. Roselle Catholic, Boys: St. Peter's Prep vs. St. Joseph, Hudson Catholic vs. St. Benedict's Prep, Roselle Catholic vs. St. Mary the Assumption, Immaculate Conception vs. Trenton Catholic and Bergen Catholic vs. Union Catholic. For complete game times and information on ordering tickets, please visit www.sfchoops.com or call (973) 497-4278.

FACEBOOK

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

Readers & Lectors We are in need of lectors, especially at the 5:00 pm Mass. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact the rectory and ask for Rose Perone or Mary Wilk.



If you would like to bring up the Offertory Gifts during the Saturday evening or Sunday Mass, please see an usher before the Mass begins.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

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TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un ¡año nuevo, vida nueva! El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la Theotokos; la que "carga a Dios". Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo "desde toda la eternidad fue Dios". Continúa la doctrina y afirma "Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios". ¡Ésta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

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