

Saint Anthony of Padua Church

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

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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) (M - F) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

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** (registered) 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
FEBRUARY 17 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2018**

SATURDAY (February 17) Saturday after Ash Wed

8:30 ANGELA HIGGINS/Gina Oles
5:00 ANGELO CRINCOLI/Mario Moriello
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 18) First Sunday of Lent

8:00 JULIA & DOMENICO DI COSIMO/Family
10:30 NATALE GUARDINO/Francesco & Susan Quaglia
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

MONDAY (February 19) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ONOFRIO CHILLEMI/Antonia Chillemi
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY (February 20) Lenten Weekday

8:30 EDWARD HIGGINS/Vivian Wysocki

WEDNESDAY (February 21) Lenten Weekday

8:30 EDWARD HIGGINS/Gina & Jay Oles

THURSDAY (February 22) The Chair of St. Peter

8:30 EDWARD HIGGIN/Margie, Bill & Joe Smela
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY (February 23) Lenten Weekday

8:30 EDWARD SISK/Tony Zengaro

SATURDAY (February 24) Lenten Weekday

8:30 ANGELA HIGGINS/Peter & Wendy Wysocki
5:00 JOHN CRINCOLI/Mario Moriello
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (February 25) Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, PEDRO SERRANO &
MONSERRATE APONTE/Family
10:30 MARIA FEDERICO/Mr & Mrs Biagio Arcieri &
Family
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

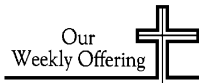
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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!



We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially:

- Lucille Disano**
- Vincenzo Carubia**
- Francesco Logiudice**
- Jeronimo Duran**



**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	Winter Energy
5:00 PM	267	276
7:00 PM	634	471
8:00 AM	284	176
10:30 AM	446	135
12:00 Noon	1,587	1,153
Mail	272	347
Total	3,487	2,558

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

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

GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.
--St. Perpetua

WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL

First Sunday of Lent/Primer Domingo de Cuaresma 2018

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, were 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 answers the devil, "Man does not live on bread alone, 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 down... 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 throws 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 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 anything; 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 aid 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. To fight the third one, **Alms giving**, not with the mentality that I will help, or solve the economical problems of anyone, 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 através 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.

Readers & Lectors Lectors for the Weekend of February 24 - 25
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Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM
 7:00 PM Diego Rosas y Isabel Franco
 (C: Teresa Marin)

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Ann Ruppert
 10:30 AM Mark Moron
 12:00 Noon Magdalena Ortiz y Sandra Bonilla
 (C: Maria Duran)



EMHC for the Weekend of February 24 - 25

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Saturday, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Mary Wilk
 10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron
 12:00 Noon Ana Marte, Melida Canela y Mariza 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

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 -- God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm -- Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading -- The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel -- This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura -- Dios estableció una alianza con Noé y sus hijos y les prometió que nunca más habría un diluvio devastador (Génesis 9:8-15).

Salmo -- Tus sendas, Señor, son misericordia y lealtad, para los que guardan tu alianza (Salmo 25 [24]).

Segunda lectura -- Aquella agua representaba el bautismo que ahora nos salva (1 Pedro 3:18-22).

Evangelio -- Después de los cuarenta días en el desierto,

Jesús viene a Galilea proclamando el Evangelio de Dios (Marcos 1:12-15).

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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: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10





Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal February 17 and 18

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the back of the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.



2018 Men's Conference and Women's Day of Reflection

The Women's Conference will be held at Seton Hall University on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** and the Men's Conference on **Saturday, March 10, 2018**.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R will be the main celebrant for both Masses.

See Flyers in the back of the Church for more details.

Archdiocese of Newark 2018 Lenten Regulations

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare to share molly and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018, to The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory. -- Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

La Cuaresma tiene sus raíces en la preparación para el Bautismo de adultos y en el arrepentimiento de pecadores públicos. Ambas se concentran en la conversión y en especial en los tres pilares de la misma. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de encontrarnos de manera fuerte y vital con estos tres pilares: ayunar, ayudar y orar. Éstas son las prácticas cuaresmales que la Iglesia ha ido proclamando y practicando desde tiempos antiguos. Son prácticas que los cristianos deberíamos emplear todos los días de nuestra vida, pero con mayor fervor durante la Cuaresma para poder celebrar dignamente las fiestas de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

La conversión es un proceso por el cual regresamos a participar de la vida divina que recibimos en el Bautismo. Dios Padre mandó a su Hijo para salvarnos. He allí el por qué, el ayuno, el altruismo y la oración es colaborar con Dios. Dios mismo colabora con nosotros derramando su Espíritu en nuestros corazones. Con el poder del Espíritu Santo podemos practicar el ayunar, ayudar y orar de manera vital.

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