

# *Saint Anthony of Padua Church*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent     March 11, 2018**

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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**

**(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  
MARCH 10 TO MARCH 18, 2018**

**SATURDAY (March 10) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 MARIO PATERNOSTER/Amelia & Son  
5:00 MARY & PIETRO PIGA/Children &  
Grandchildren  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 11) Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Daylight Savings Time Begins**

8:00 GRACE TRIPODI/Daughter Tina  
10:30 FRANCES GERVAISE/Mr & Mrs Biagio Arcieri &  
Family  
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY (March 12) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 CHESTER WILK/Family  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**TUESDAY (March 13) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 BESSIE GIACALONE/Phyllis Kaltenbach

**WEDNESDAY (March 14) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 GIUSEPPE & FRANCESCA ARCURI/Giuseppina  
Piccoli

**THURSDAY (March 15) Lenten Weekday**

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

**FRIDAY (March 16) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 JOHN & VERONICA JAZIKOFF/Family

**SATURDAY (March 17) Lenten Weekday**

8:30 MARY COLLETTI/URSULA MARSHOTT  
5:00 PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
7:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY (March 18) Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF DI COSIMO  
FAMILY/Family  
10:30 TERESA LORIA/Mr & Mrs Biagio Arcieri &  
Family  
12:00 VARIOUS INTENTIONS

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**Today, there will be a second collection for  
Peter's Pence**



**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.

**Collection amounts will be listed in a future bulletin.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Carmen Alava  
Karen Bulloch  
Caterina Campbell  
Isaac Castañeda  
Orlando Chavez  
Wayne Cook  
Mary Cusmano  
Lonor Sepulveda De Devia  
Marianna Dubell  
Maria Espinoza  
Mario Fronzoni  
Joseph Gambino  
Denise Griest  
Paulette Hall  
Jared Leonardo Henao  
Jacob Hinman  
Joshua Hinman  
Annette Irizarry Jacome  
Joseph B. Jean-Mary  
Michelle Johnson  
Lindsay LaMarre  
John Lapolla  
Theresa Lattanzio  
Rosa Leon  
Arlene Marsden  
Bob Marsden  
Elvin Martinez  
Angelo Meo

Leonarda Merlo  
James D. Milazzo  
Carmen Mistichelli  
Carlos Moran  
Declan Rocco O'Connor  
Irene Patrone  
Robergeau Paul  
Maria Perdomo  
Laura Philipone  
Frank Pierre  
Anne Piga  
Jo 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



**The Bread and Wine will be offered this week in memory of Mary and Pietro Piga requested by Children and Grandchildren**  
**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in memory of Mary & Pietro Piga requested by Children and Grandchildren**

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**WEEKLY HOMILY / HOMILÍA SEMANAL**


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**Fourth Sunday of Lent/Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma 2018**


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This Sunday the Gospel presents a miracle performed by Christ. He opens the eyes of a man who was blind. He was cured even though he did not ask to be healed, since maybe he was already accustomed to his situation. In this scene Christ appears to him and transforms his entire life, and because of this fact, he starts to experience many troubles with the religious leaders, with his parents etc... All this leads him to something more important than just a physical miracle, to make the Glory of God appear, they ask this man who was born blind: what do you say about the one who opened your eyes? His answer was: He is a prophet. For us today, are we blind? If we were blind, what didn't we see? How did our eyes open? - and the most important question: what we can say about the one who opened our eyes? All these questions are related because it is not possible to answer each one of them individually, and need to be answered in the same order proposed, not as we wish. So were you blind? We should answer yes because I do not see the love of God anywhere in my life, always working like a donkey to receive a little praise and nothing else. Everything in life was a burden. I used to go to Mass on Sunday to fulfill a duty, and that's all I got from the Mass. I understood that the Lord loves me unconditionally, but I did not see this love, everything was based on just my strength. Now can we see how our eyes are open? These Blind men in the gospel repeat that so many times... "He put clay in my eyes and sends me to wash myself"... This word according to the fathers of the church "The Word of Christ" (symbolized in the saliva) and our sins, weakness or humanity (represented by the earth) mixing both of them is this clay made by Christ and this mud makes us feel a little or a lot uncomfortable, this obliges us to go and wash ourselves, to the waters of Baptism, to reconcile with God in the forgiveness of our sins. This is how God opens our eyes, so we can see his love everyday. We can experience God as the Father, the one who created the whole universe and for our sake sent his son Jesus Christ to save us and give us his Holy Spirit. For all this, we can now make a marvelous proclamation of our faith, not just with our lips but with our existence, and bare witness with the concrete facts of our daily life. But in order to answer the most important question that was formulated to this blind man which is: What do you say about the one who has opened your eyes? We can answer like him, "HE IS A PROPHET". He is the only one who loves me the way I am, and I know this because he made me see how I really am and makes me feel his love when I was a sinner. And if I experience some changes in my life it is not by my strength but it is Christ who acts in me. This is truly to be Christian, the one who only glorifies God and puts him always first; not in our human efforts because of our deeds. Like the psalm says: "This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes". Brothers and sisters rejoice in this fourth Sunday of Lent and let us ask the Lord to give us the grace of conversion in this time so we can praise and bless him with our life. May God bless you all.

En este domingo el evangelio nos presenta un milagro de Cristo, le abre los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Y vemos como este hecho de la curación de este hombre, que no pide ser curado, sino que él está muy cómodo en esta situación, yo me imagino que tendría días buenos y otros no tan buenos, pero esa es también nuestra vida, ya que nos acomodamos en ella y ya está, ¿para que cambiar muchas veces, para que arriesgar y si sale mal? Pero Cristo aparece en escena y le trastoca toda la vida, lo saca de su comodidad. Y empiezan a aparecerle muchos problemas, problemas con los líderes religiosos, con sus padres, etc. Pero todo esto es para que pueda darse algo más importante que el milagro físico, que aparezca la gloria de Dios, de ahí que se le pregunte al que era ciego: ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y responde que es un profeta. Y para nosotros, ¿Estábamos ciegos? Si estábamos ciegos, ¿Qué no veíamos? ¿Cómo se han abierto nuestros ojos, si es que se han abierto? Y la pregunta fundamental, ¿Qué podemos decir del que nos ha abierto los ojos? Todas estas preguntas están relacionadas, por que no es posible responder las individualmente y en el orden en que queramos, sino en el orden establecido. Así que, ¿Estaba ciego? Si, por que no veía el amor de Dios por ningún sitio, siempre trabajando como burro, para recibir un poquito de afecto, y nada más, todo era una carga. Si iba a misa por cumplir, y ya está, salía igual que como entraba. Pero eso de que Dios me amaba incondicionalmente lo entendía y mucho menos lo veía, todo era en mi esfuerzo. ¿Y si ahora vemos como se nos han abierto los ojos? Este tipo del evangelio lo repite muchas veces, "...Me puso barro en los ojos, y me dijo que fuera a lavarme..." Esto significa según algunos Padres de la Iglesia, que la palabra de Cristo (simbolizada en la saliva) y nuestros pecados, debilidades, nuestra humanidad (la tierra), mezclados, este barro que Cristo hizo, y que nos hace estar un poco o mucho incómodos, nos obliga a ir a lavarnos, a las aguas del bautismo, a la reconciliación con Dios por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Así nos abre los ojos Cristo, para poder ver el amor de Dios en nuestras vidas. Podemos ver y experimentar que Dios es padre, que él es creador de todo, que su hijo Jesucristo es el que ha sido enviado para salvarnos y así darnos su Espíritu Santo. Hacer una maravillosa proclamación de fe, no solo con los labios sino con todo nuestro ser, dando pruebas con hechos concretos en nuestra vida. Para poder responder a la pregunta más importante que le hacen al ciego de nacimiento ¿Y tu que dices del que te ha abierto los ojos? Y podamos responder como este ciego, "Que es un profeta." Que es el único que me ha amado, y lo sé por que me ha hecho ver como soy y que Dios me quiere así tal cual. Y si he podido cambiar en algo no he sido yo, ha sido Cristo actuando en mí. Por que este es el cristiano, el que da gloria a Dios. Y pone a Dios como causa primera de todo, no es por mi esfuerzo, o por mi bien hacer, sino que "es Dios quien lo ha hecho, ha sido un milagro patente," como dice el salmo. Así que hermanos y hermanas, alegrémonos en este cuarto domingo de cuaresma y pidámosle al Señor que nos conceda la gracia de la conversión en este tiempo para poder alabar y bendecir a Dios, no solo con los labios, sino con toda nuestra vida. Que Dios me los bendiga a todos ustedes.

**Readers & Lectors** Lectors for the Weekend of March 17 - 18

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Saturday, March 17

5:00 PM  
7:00 PM Will & Martha Villanueva  
(C: Javier Zapata)

Sunday, March 18

8:00 AM Jennifer Markowycz  
10:30 AM Vincent Ruiz  
12:00 Noon Arturo Calle y Norma Frutos  
(C: Sandra Bonilla)



**EMHC for the Weekend of March 17 - 18**

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Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

8:00 AM Nick Cistrelli  
10:30 AM Maria Agliata, Cristian Moron, Fran Merendino  
12:00 Noon Patricia Zelaya, 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.



**\*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

Stations of



Stations of the Cross will be at 1:30 p.m. in English and 7:00 p.m. in Spanish, Fridays during Lent

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** -- The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** -- Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** -- God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** -- The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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**LECTURAS DE HOY**

**Primera lectura** -- La ira y la misericordia del Señor se manifestaron en el exilio y la liberación del pueblo (2 Crónicas 36:14-16, 19-23) o 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Salmo** -- Que se me pegue la lengua al paladar si no me acuerdo de ti (Salmo 137 [136]) o Salmo 23 (22).

**Segunda lectura** -- Dios, rico en misericordia y amor, nos dio vida con Cristo. (Efesios 2:4-10) o Efesios 5:8-14.

**Evangelio** -- Dios nos dio su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en Él tenga vida eterna (Juan 3:14-21) o Juan 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]





## Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

March 10 - 11

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.



### 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.*

### PRO-LIFE YOUTH RALLY: HEAL THEIR WOUND

Last year 1,901 people died in New Jersey alone from opioid addiction. This epidemic is destroying lives and families. The Pro Life Youth Rally on April 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Respect life Office will address this epidemic.

**WHERE:** ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH RETREAT CENTER  
499 BELGROVE DRIVE, KEARNY, NJ 07032

**TIME:** 8:30AM - 1:00PM **COST:** \$10 PER STUDENT

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT:**

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Students, please consider attending.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim. . Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

## TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El tiempo de Cuaresma se caracteriza por los ayunos y las abstinencias. Recuerdo que como niño mis padres me inculcaron la necesidad de dejar de comer golosinas durante la Cuaresma, de abstenerme del dulce para compartir la amargura del sufrimiento que Cristo sostuvo por mis pecados. Eventualmente en la parroquia, el sacerdote nos animó a guardar el dinerito que ahorrábamos no comprando dulces para mandarlo a los niños pobres. El ayuno y la abstinencia no sólo eran para acompañar a Jesús en su dolor histórico sino para animarlo y consolarlo en sus adoloridos hijo e hijas.

Muchos padres ya no animan a sus hijos e hijas a que hagan abstinencia, no les enseñan la necesidad de dejar algo innecesario para ayudar a los que no tienen o tienen menos. Es una realidad triste porque casi todas las religiones tienen sus prácticas de ayuno y abstinencia, para purificar el templo de nuestro cuerpo. Ciertamente esta forma de penitencia abre el alma a la presencia divina, por lo cual animar a sus hijo y a sus hijas en esta práctica es darles la oportunidad de encontrarse con Dios y con los pobres. Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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