

# ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 13, 2018



Are we ready?

In our living out of the Gospel message, we experience the tension of trying to recognize the Lord walking with us over against the responsibility of the ministry that has been handed on to us as Jesus returns to the Father. On the one hand, we are not alone. On the other, we have been entrusted to carry on the Good News ourselves.

On a practical level, this tension is close to home: We are celebrating the Ascension on a Sunday, while our neighbors a few miles to the north already celebrated it on Thursday. Indeed, the ecclesiastical provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha, and Philadelphia have retained the celebration on the traditional Thursday. All other provinces, including Baltimore of which the diocese of Wilmington is a member, transfer the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Perhaps these few days (and miles) in-between allow us the chance to develop the insight to recognize the Lord's continued presence, and the courage to exercise our discipleship.

Father Mark

“Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself.”

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized...

**Joseph Adam Ayers**

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In your charity, please pray for

**Emily Cannon**

**Bonita B. Jodz**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Academic Achievement

As a result of work completed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking quarter the following students from our parish have merited honors at Padua Academy:

*High Honors:* Katherine Collier, Samantha DiVirgilio, Margo Nauman, and Kaila Timko

*Honors:* Ellen Banker, Noelle DiVirgilio, Andrea Reynolds, and Julia Wood



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

### Gospel:

John 20:19-23

## “God's Plan for Giving”

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 05/06/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$10,851.36

Budget: \$11,361.51

Actual vs. Budget This Week: -\$ 510.15

Percent Difference This Week: - 4.5%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$9,471.83

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

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|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Mateo Ahumada         | Nancy Brown        | Marianne Calvarese     |
| Roger Chao            | Mary T. DiBiasco   | Judi DiFrancesco       |
| Thomas DiGuglielmo    | Tommy DiVirgilio   | Christopher Ganey      |
| James Ganey           | Richard Jakotowicz | Mark Johnson           |
| William J. Nardo, Jr. | Kelly Panella      | Charles Rosenberg, Sr. |
| Jimmy Silicato        | Larry Silvestri    | Albert Vietri          |
| Robert Walton         | Annmarie White     |                        |

...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.

## Newman Connection

The Diocese of Wilmington has partnered with the Newman Connection, a non-profit organization that works with college Catholic campus ministries helping to facilitate the introduction of those ministries to incoming college freshmen. Interested students who will be college freshmen this coming fall should contact Jim at the rectory to fill out a registration card: parish@stanthonynet.org

### 1st Annual "Lou's Crew" (Lou Calvarese)

#### American Heart Association Benefit...

Saturday, June 16th, 7 – 11 p.m.

St. Elizabeth's Grant Hall

1500 Cedar Street, Wilmington, DE 19805

\$35.00 pp includes Beer, Wine, Soda & Buffett (\$40 @door if available)

Featuring Lou's favorite band: "Goody Blue Shoes"

Checks may be mailed to:

P.O. Box 2324, Wilmington, DE 19899

Make checks payable to Susan Schneese c/o American Heart Assoc.

Tickets may be purchased through the app "ZELLE" using the email

LOUSCREWBENEFIT@GMAIL.COM.

## New Parish Website!

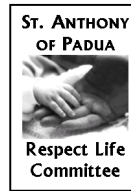
St. Anthony's is pleased to announce our new parish website, which features significant usability upgrades and a wide expansion of content. The new site is "live" now, & we will prepare to wind down the existing site after 5/15/2018. Please bookmark the new site & start visiting it today! The new site address is: [sapde.org](http://sapde.org). Stop back often as we continue to add content to the new site!

## Annual Catholic Appeal

### Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith

Participants in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"When we die, we will come face to face with God, the Author of Life. Who will give an account to God for the millions and millions of babies who were not allowed a chance to live, to experience loving and being loved?"

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

## Second Collection

Next weekend, May 12th and 13th, the scheduled second collection will be for the Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund.

## BVM May Devotion

Please join the **Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality** for their May devotion to our Blessed Mother.

**Sunday 5/13** Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary during the 9:00 a.m. Mass

**Sunday 5/20** Office prayers at 8:45 a.m. prior to the 9:00 a.m. Mass; Following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, the Sodality is hosting the refreshments served at the Social.

**Sunday 5/27** Recitation of the Rosary immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## Mother's Day Rose Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses before and after all Masses the weekend of May 12-13 to benefit Birthright of Delaware. The roses are priced at \$2.00 each, \$5.00 for three, \$18.00 per dozen, and \$35.00 for a bouquet of twenty-five. Please consider honoring Mom with a red rose, the symbol of life, while helping moms facing crisis pregnancies choose life for their babies. Your past generous support has made this program a success year after year!

## Pentecost Sunday "Red Foods" Social

A new parish tradition, the Pentecost Sunday Social featuring red foods (the color of the Holy Spirit, whose descent into the world we celebrate on Pentecost) will be held on **Sunday, 5/20/2018 after the 11AM Mass** in the Ballad Room of the Grade School. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social will feature a variety of great treats from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degners Greenhill Deli, and a variety of red (& other) foods. Thanks to the Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality for their sponsorship of this social, & for all they do to serve our parish community.

## Summer Youth Camps at Salesianum

Interested in attending a girls basketball, boys basketball, baseball, football, lacrosse, soccer, or wrestling camp for youth? Go to [www.elitecamps.org](http://www.elitecamps.org) for information about age groups, dates, and prices and for registration.

## Parish Calendar

### Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday

9:00 AM, Sodality Mass

10:00 AM, Sodality Meeting  
(Ballad Room)

12:00 PM, Pentecost Social  
(Ballad Room)

Monday, May 14

through

Sunday, May 20

*(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)*

## Grade School Calendar

### Wednesday

Field Day

6:00 PM, YAC (Ballad Room)

### Friday

8:00 AM, Grade School Mass



## Looking For an Inexpensive Way to Promote Your Business?

Would you like to reach the tens of thousands of people who attend the Italian Festival? Consider banner advertising on our perimeter gate. It's an easy & affordable way to spread the word about your business! For more info email us at: [festival@stsanthonynet.org](mailto:festival@stsanthonynet.org) or send a message to the Festival Facebook page ([facebook.com/stanthonysfestival](https://facebook.com/stanthonysfestival)).

## 2018 Italian Festival: Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year again! The region's largest Italian-American cultural event, and the primary fundraiser benefitting our Grade School, is coming up, Sunday, June 10-Sunday, June 17! Volunteers are essential to the Festival's success. It's a fun and very fulfilling way to support our school and parish, and to be part of a treasured community tradition. Of course, without volunteers, there is no Festival! No special skills or experience needed—everyone is welcome to volunteer! Check out volunteer opportunities at the Festival website: [www.stanthonysfestival.com](http://www.stanthonysfestival.com), & click on the **Sign Up To Volunteer Online** link on the upper right of the home page. Then follow instructions on that page to our online signup link.

**A reminder that Grade School families are expected to volunteer 15 hours for the Festival. In addition to the online signup option, look for information that will be sent home with students regarding the volunteer assignment/signup process. School families may sign up either online or by completing & returning the paper signup form.**

Thanks to everyone for your continued support!

## St. Anthony's Italian Festival 2018

Italian Festival 8-Day Passes & Gift Cards Now Available—

### PRE-FESTIVAL SALES PRICES

Passes are a great gift for graduation or any occasion! Gift cards perfect gift for Moms, Dads, grads—everyone. Also a smart way to provide funds to the kids for use at this year's Festival. **BUY NOW & SAVE!!**

Passes & Gift Cards are available:

- at the rectory during office hours (8AM-4PM, Monday-Friday and 5:30PM-8PM, Monday-Thursday)
- at the Church after 5:30PM/7AM/9AM Masses
- via secure PayPal purchase on the Festival website ([www.stanthonysfestival.com](http://www.stanthonysfestival.com))
- with Home & School gift card sales at the Grade School on Friday mornings & at 11AM Masses on Sundays

### PRICING:

- PRE-FESTIVAL 8-DAY PASS PRICE:
  - **\$12.00—20% OFF price is purchased at the Festival (\$15.00).**
  - A pass provides one admission per person per day to the Festival.
  - **Festival Admission Policy: Under age 14: FREE (if accompanied by a parent or guardian age 18 or older); \$5 daily for ages 14-61; Over age 61: FREE.**
- PRE-FESTIVAL GIFT CARD PRICES:
  - \$25.00 Gift Cards: **PRE-FESTIVAL PRICE \$22.00**
  - \$50.00 Gift Cards: **PRE-FESTIVAL PRICE \$42.00**

*NOTE: Advance Ride Tickets will also be on sale when available. (mid-May)*