

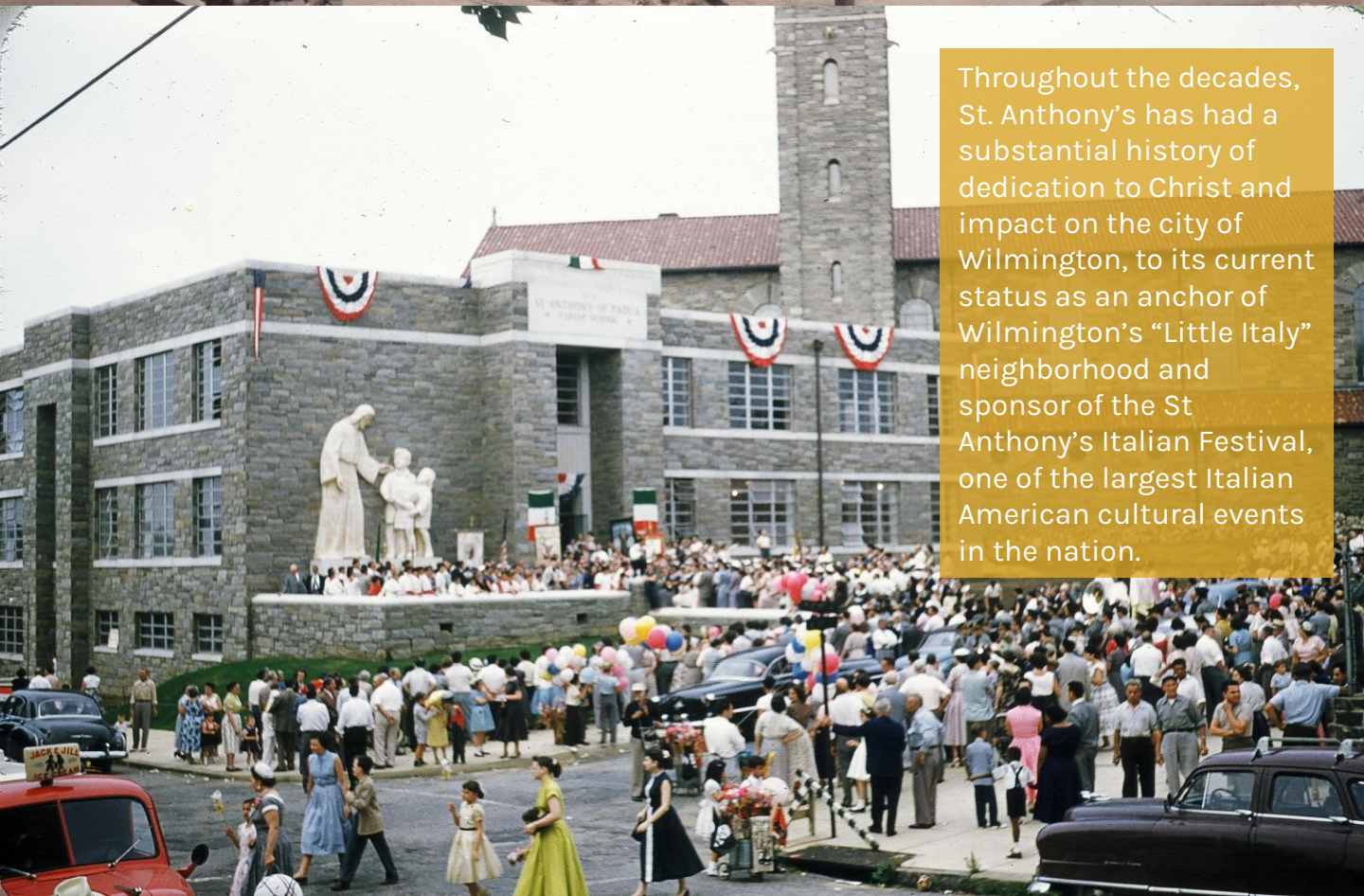
100 YEARS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

CAMPAIGN FOR ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH



ST. ANTHONY'S

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is a Roman Catholic community rooted in a tradition of dedicated, loving service to God and to each other, as we experience the presence of Jesus Christ in our journey toward salvation. Founded in 1924 by Italian immigrants to Wilmington, our parish community has grown and changed significantly over nearly 100 years. Construction of the church was completed in 1926, education at the parish began in the 1930's, with the current grade school building dedicated in 1954. Padua Academy, our parish high school for girls, moved to its own dedicated campus in 1971.



Throughout the decades, St. Anthony's has had a substantial history of dedication to Christ and impact on the city of Wilmington, to its current status as an anchor of Wilmington's "Little Italy" neighborhood and sponsor of the St Anthony's Italian Festival, one of the largest Italian American cultural events in the nation.



AT A GLANCE

Parish founded in 1924

More than 600 families

Rev. Mark J. Wrightson
has served as pastor
since 2018

Seven clergy and parish
staff members

Located in the heart of
Little Italy

30+ ministries and
organizations



A TRANSFORMATIONAL MOMENT

St. Anthony's has been blessed with an amazing campus thanks to the vision and generosity of past generations of parish members. Our facilities enable glorious worship, fun-filled fellowship events, extraordinary formation and life-changing outreach.

As St. Anthony's approaches its 100th Anniversary, it has created a moment to reflect on the past and look towards the next century. As part of an important planning process, and in consultation with community members, the parish has updated its 2017 Strategic Plan and identified several areas of investment that will strengthen our church facilities, grade school and Padua Academy for years to come.

To support these critical projects, St. Anthony's is embarking on its most ambitious fundraising effort since the parish was built 100 years ago. This transformational endeavor will secure a firm foundation for the parish for the next 100 years!



THE FUTURE OF ST. ANTHONY'S

A transformational investment in our church and schools will allow the parish to serve our community for the next 100 years. This campaign will seek upwards of \$4 million in philanthropic support for the following projects.

CHURCH PRIORITIES

1. Church Roof Repair

The existing clay tile roof has been a significant feature on the church since its inception and served well for many decades. But as with all building materials, they ultimately meet their life expectancy and begin to fail. Over the past year, several roof tiles have been damaged which has resulted in leaks within the church. The time has finally come to replace these tiles and repair the roof.

2. Fr. Roberto Balducelli, OSFS, 2nd Century Endowment Fund

In order to properly support the Parish in the long term, St. Anthony's needs to expand its endowment funding. Managed well, the endowment would provide sufficient income to meet ongoing operations of the Church. This would alleviate the burden on the operating budget, allowing the Parish to redeploy funding towards programs and ministry.

3. Paving Upgrades

The current slate paving around the church and school has begun to crumble and fail. In order to maintain the beauty of our Parish, as well as the safety of our parishioners and vehicles, they need to be replaced.

4. New Restroom

In response to community feedback and suggestions, St. Anthony's is planning to create a new restroom at the entrance to the church, opposite the pre-existing restroom. This additional facility would provide a significant convenience for those attending Mass and other functions.

5. HVAC Upgrades at Rectory

Upgrades to the Rectory heating and cooling systems include replacing the current boiler and air handling system. These are now past their service life and require modern equipment that is safe and more energy efficient.



GRADE SCHOOL PRIORITIES

6. Additional Staff for Marketing and Admissions

Marketing and admissions are key priorities to the future of our grade school. A dedicated professional can help us reach out to potential families, promote the school and provide a personalized experience for new parents. This will help increase enrollment, expand the positive image of the school, and ensure a vibrant future.

7. Tuition Support

We consider it imperative to support our families in every way possible. A focus on affordability through tuition support will have a direct and positive impact on enrollment, enabling outstanding students and families to attend St. Anthony's Grade School.

8. Fournier Hall Gym Floor

St. Anthony's recognizes that participation in team and individual athletic programs offers students the opportunity to build skills, teamwork, and character in and out of the gym. With so many of our students engaging in athletics, we have a responsibility to maximize our students' experience with much needed, modern upgrades to our gym floor.



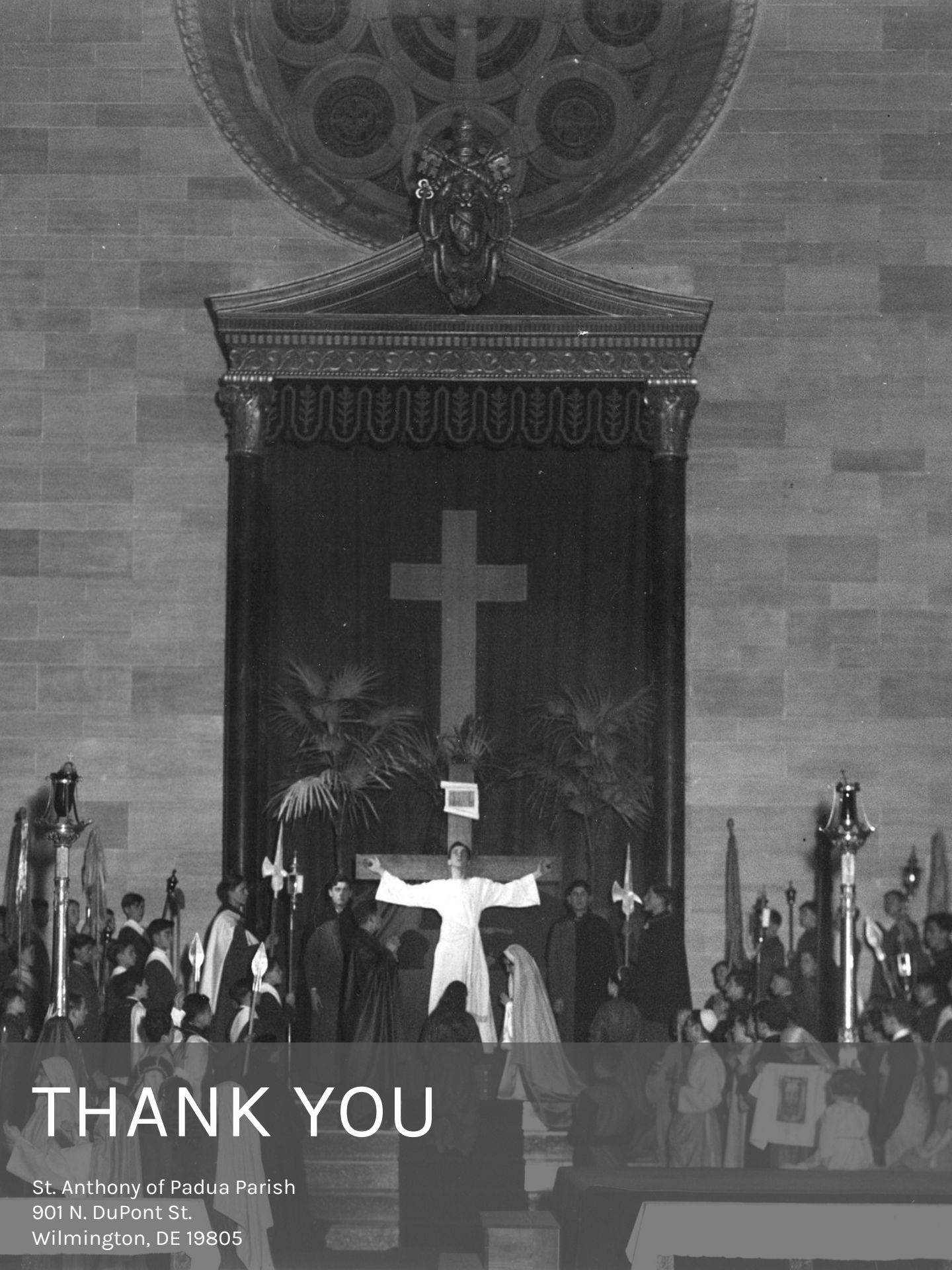
PADUA ACADEMY PRIOTITIES

9. Roberto Hall Renovation

Padua Academy has long sought to make improvements to Roberto Hall in order to further expand and improve usage of this small auditorium. Updates would include new seating, flooring, stage curtains, projector, screen lighting and painting. The brick would also be covered up throughout the hall. These needed upgrades will greatly improve the ability to host multi-purpose lectures, seminars, performances and more fully serve as a vital community, civic and cultural space

10. Science Classroom Refurbishments

In recent years, Padua Academy students have shown a strong interest in STEM electives, with many also expressing long-term goals within science-related professions. While the curriculum has evolved to serve that interest, the classrooms in which students participate in this cutting edge learning would be enriched through much needed updates. Refurbishments that increase flexible functionality in our STEM spaces would further support students in their collaborative, inquiry-driven instruction. Some of the refurbishments would consist of new flooring, new furniture, painting of the labs, and critically, new equipment.



THANK YOU

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