

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

*December 8, 2024*

**Pastor**  
Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, OSFS

**In Residence**  
Bro. Joseph G. Schodowski, OSFS



## **Masses**

Sunday .....9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Monday - Friday .....6:45 am  
Saturday.....6:45 am & 5:00 pm  
Holidays & Holy Days.....Consult the bulletin

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday.....4:00 - 4:45 pm  
*Any time by appointment at the rectory.*

For guidance with respect to Baptisms and weddings, please contact the rectory at 302-421-3700 / parish@stanthonynet.org.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Weddings must be booked at least one year in advance of planned wedding date.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2024



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM 9:30 AM	<b>12/9 Immaculate Conception (observed)</b> EDWARD HOJNICKI FAMILY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/10</b> WILLIAM & ALICE KIRLIN FAMILY
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/11</b> MARIO FRABIZZIO FAMILY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/12</b> JOSEPH D. DEJULIIS WIFE & FAMILY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>12/13</b> MARY R. KIRLIN FAMILY
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:00 PM	<b>12/14</b> PARISHIONERS ANNA SANTACECILIA FRIEND
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>12/15</b> ANNA SANTACECILIA MARIE LOUISE POTOCHNY FLORENCE R. SCORSONE LISA SERIO



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

### Responsorial Psalm:

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

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

Philippians 4:4-7

### Gospel:

Luke 3:10-18

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/24/24

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,166.46
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,377.53
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$ 788.93
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 9.4%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 4,815.54

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



"My prayer is that your love may more and more abound, both in understanding and wealth of experience, so that with a clear conscience and blameless conduct you may learn to value the things that really matter, up to the very day of Christ. It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God."

As I take the prayer of Paul and apply it to my life today, may I learn to live what really matters. Try to ignore the commercials telling me what I need to buy for someone else. Pray this prayer for them. Try to look deep into your heart and discover what really matters for you. What is my wish for my family; how grateful am I for the gift of health, faith, family and friends? How concerned am I for someone who is ill, who has real material or physical needs, who needs my welcoming hand? This is the real Christmas list.

Paul sent this greeting card to help and encourage. May you, too, be found richly endowed with real gifts that matter in your greetings for others.

*The Oblates*

"Because the Eternal Father willed His only-begotten Son to be the Head and absolute Lord of all creatures (Col. 1:15-18), He willed that the most holy Virgin should be the most excellent of all creatures, since He had chosen her from all eternity to be the Mother of His Divine Son."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized:

**Callum Scott Babe**

**Ethan Parker Greenberg**

**Leah Marie Greenberg**

**Kira Lynne Renbicki**



In your charity, please pray for

**William David Donofrio**

**Joseph Molitor**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Allison Auld  
Joseph Fahey  
Paulina Mancini  
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi  
Alexandra Sparco  
Casey Wersinger

Bruce DiBiaso  
Joe Formisano  
Gay Meriggi  
Maria Quezon  
Marie Stecko

Patti Edwards  
Jacqueline Frey  
Kelly Panella  
Pat Sianni  
Bonnie Taddeo

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

## Annual Prayer List Reset

We have performed our annual cleanup of the above prayer list. This involved the removal of names that have been on the list since this time last year, less specific cases where we know the persons should still be included. Bear in mind that the prayer list is for people going through serious, critical life challenges, not lesser maladies. **If we removed someone who should still be included, please call the rectory at 421-3700, ext. 101.** They will be reinstated.



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, hear an interview with Steffani Aquila about her new book, "Festive Faith: Catholic Celebrations Through the Year and Around the World." The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 PM; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoons at 1:30. More information is available at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) & [FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

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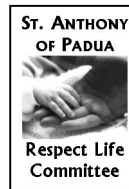
The St. Anthony's Home & School board is once again selling gift cards for the holiday season. Use gift cards to shop for everyone on your list and help support the home & school board! Purchase gift cards from top brands, including Amazon, Dunkin, Target, WaWa, and more. Whether you buy the gift cards to shop, or give as presents—you are helping support the board with every gift card purchased. Gift cards will be on sale after mass on December 8th & 15th. Payment by cash/check is **strongly** preferred, but cc/debit cards will be accepted. Any questions, please contact the program coordinator, Ryan McLaughlin @ [rymcl77@gmail.com](mailto:rymcl77@gmail.com).

## Christmas Flowers



You may wish to help St. Anthony's with our Christmas flower expenses. If you want to donate poinsettias for our sanctuary decorations, each memorial is \$15. Just put your gift in an envelope and mark it, "Christmas Flowers." Include your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory you are giving it. **Deadline is Monday, December 16th.** After New Year's, we will publish a list of donors. Thank you!

## Respect Life



Former abortion doctor McArthur Hill has told of how he would try to save premature babies and then find the babies he'd aborted were bigger than the premature ones he'd saved. "It was at this point that I began to have nightmares..."

## Christmas Giving Tree

### Volunteers Needed!



Our Giving Tree Committee is taking confidential nominations of gift recipients for Christmas. Those interested in being gift recipients, *especially those from our parish*, should contact Chris Hostler at 421-3700, ext. 100, or email her at [chostler@sapde.org](mailto:chostler@sapde.org) for more information. Our Christmas Giving Tree should be up at the time this bulletin is published. **The tags will be on the tree till Sunday, December 8th. Please return your tags and gift cards as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday, December 11th.** We need to present them to the families in time to purchase their gifts. There will be a basket in church at the Giving Tree or drop off at the rectory. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Chris would also be most appreciative if one or two volunteers would kindly step forward to help her with this annual parish tradition.

## Immaculate Conception

Normally, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Due to the 8<sup>th</sup> being in conflict with the Second Sunday of Advent, Catholics will observe the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> this year. Please join us either at 6:45 AM or 9:30 AM for Mass in our church. The 9:30 Mass will feature our Grade School and Padua Academy, however, **all are welcome.** Please note that the Immaculate Conception *is* a Holyday of Obligation.

## Little Sisters of the Poor

Next weekend, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, the second collection will be for the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor. All donations received will be used for the direct care of the Residents in Jeanne Jugan Residence, Newark, Delaware. The Sisters are grateful for your generosity and thank you with prayers for your intentions and those of your loved ones.



## Parish Calendar

### Friday

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal  
7:00 PM, Advent Confessions

### Saturday

2:30 PM, Wedding

Monday, Dec. 9

through

Sunday, Dec. 15

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

## Grade School Calendar

### Tuesday

9:30 AM, Pre-K & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Field Trip



## Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast

We hope you can join us for food, fun and prizes at the traditional Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 8, 2024, in the School Ballad Room following 9:00 a.m. Mass. The ticket cost is \$20, and breakfast is catered by Creations by Catherine. For questions or ticket purchase, contact Lina Plastek, Secretary, at [BVMSodality@stanthony.net](mailto:BVMSodality@stanthony.net) or 302-530-4918.

## Advent Confessions

In addition to the Sacrament of Penance schedule shown in the next column, we offer two sessions on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> (12:00 – 2:00 PM; 5:00 – 7:00 PM). Prepare your heart and soul for the Christmastime Eucharist.

## The Return of Midnight Mass

For the first time since 2019, Midnight Mass will be celebrated Midnight, Christmas Eve (technically, 12:00 AM, Christmas Morning). This Christmas marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Mass said at St. Anthony's, so we hope that regardless of the Mass you choose that you'll join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus.



## CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE OF THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND MASSES

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday, December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2024**

4:00 PM to 4:45 PM

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

7:00 PM until finished

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Tuesday, December 24, 2024: Vigil of Christmas**

4:00, 7:00, & 12:00 Midnight

**Wednesday, December 25, 2024:**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

11:00 AM

**Saturday, December 28, 2024**

8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

**Sunday, December 29, 2024: Holy Family**

9:00 & 11:00 AM

**Tuesday, December 31**

8:00 AM

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025 – Mary, Mother of God**

(Holyday of Obligation)

11:00 AM

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

6:45 AM & 5:00 PM

*Confessions 4:00 – 4:45 PM*

**Sunday, January 5, 2025: Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Note: The only morning Masses Thursday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, through Saturday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will be held at 8:00 AM daily.

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