

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

January 19, 2025

Pastor
Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, OSFS

In Residence
Bro. Joseph G. Schodowski, OSFS



Masses

Sunday9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday6:45 am
Saturday6:45 am & 5:00 pm
Holidays & Holy Days.....Consult the bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday4:00 - 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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Padua Academy.....302-421-3739
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Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

Parish Business Manager
Bob Shields 302-421-3700 ext. 105

Coordinator of Liturgy & Music
Stephen Adams.....302-421-3700

Registration: New parishioners are requested to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with the Parish Secretary.

Italian Festival
302-421-2790

Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council
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302-824-8132

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Padua Academy Website: www.paduaacademy.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/paduaacademy

St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025



Monday, 6:45 AM	1/20 ANTHONY IGNUDO	LYDIA & FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	1/21 AMERIGO DE LUCA	LYDIA & FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	1/22 LEONORE J. MIRABELLA	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	1/23	
Friday, 6:45 AM	1/24 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES	
Saturday, 5:00 PM	1/25 JAMES TIGANI	FAMILY
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	1/26	



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 15

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel:

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/05/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$12,406.00
 Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$ 8,377.53
 Actual vs. Last F/Y: +\$4,028.47
 Percent Difference This Week: + 48.1%
 Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: +\$2,414.75

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/12/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$7,913.88
 Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$8,377.53
 Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$ 463.65
 Percent Difference This Week: - 5.5%
 Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: +\$1,951.10

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



As a first step in "going public" goes, this first demonstration of Jesus' divine power is, to say the least, an understatement. No miraculous healing. No exorcism of demons, no raising someone from the dead. Instead, he simply prevents the caterer from running out of wine at a wedding reception.

Here is an example of how God's power permeates all human experiences, even the most ordinary. We are speaking here of the practice of the "little virtues," a notion precious indeed to St. Francis de Sales and a hallmark of his understanding of Christ's saving power. In his Treatise on the Love of God, Francis de Sales wrote: "It may well be that a very small virtue has greater value in a soul in which sacred love reigns with fervor than martyrdom itself in a soul in which love is languid and feeble." (Book 11, Chapter 5) Put another way, the little virtues, the expression of care or concern in seemingly ordinary circumstances, may be "found more pleasing in God's sight than great and famous deeds performed with little charity or devotion."

Still, there is a place for great displays of love: "I do not say that we may not aspire to outstanding virtues, but I say that we must train ourselves in the little ones without which the great ones may be false or deceptive." (Stopp, Selected Letters, p. 159)

Jesus may have been tempted to believe that changing water into wine was beneath his divine - perhaps even his human - dignity. In the end, however, the needs of others were more persuasive than the desire to make a "big splash" in the eyes of others. Ironically, it may have been Jesus' willingness to employ his heavenly powers for such a down-to-earth request that enabled his disciples to "begin to believe in him."

His greater, more famous and once-in-a-lifetime displays of power would, indeed, come later. But whether on the cross of Calvary, or at a simple wedding in Cana, the power, the promise and the person were one and the same.

The moral of this miracle? *Nothing is too small for the Kingdom of God.*

The Oblates

"An action of small value performed with much love of God is far more excellent than one of a higher virtue, done with less love of God."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Margaret A. Cole
 and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Lola Abbondandolo	Allison Auld	William Crook
Bruce DiBiasi	Patti Edwards	Joseph Fahey
Joe Formisano	Jacqueline Frey	Mia Gravino
Edward Mackey	Paulina Mancini	Gay Meriggi
Kelly Panella	Marlene Papillo	Fr. Francis J. Pileggi
Maria Quezon	Ann Marie Russo	Pat Sianni
Alexandra Sparco	Marie Stecko	Bonnie Taddeo
Casey Wersinger	Barbara White	

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

Faith & Charity Appeal for 2024

With great joy, we are proud to report that we met and exceeded our assigned goal of \$41,000.00. Parishioners and "Friends of St. Anthony's" have given \$41,535.00 out of a pledged total of \$41,795.00. A big "Thank You" to all who participated in giving to this effort.

Catholic Forum

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Via Crucis 2025

Missed sign-ups due to a scheduling conflict? It's NEVER too late!! Hope to see you on Sunday in Church at 1:45 PM. Full rehearsal will follow at 2:00 PM. Don't forget to bring a friend. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Food Donation Totals 2024

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community donated a total of 4,204 lbs of non-perishable food items during the calendar year of 2024. The Knights of Columbus, St. Pius X Council members delivered 3,951 lbs to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank and 253 lbs to the Bayard House Maternity Home. Your donations are much appreciated. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

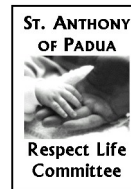
Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive

The Knights of Columbus - St. Pius X Council #4425 will conduct their annual Souper Bowl Campaign. All non-perishable food items may be donated and placed in the large community basket located in the rear of the church from the present up to Super Bowl Sunday on February 9, 2025. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

Respect Life

"I believe every abortion is a tragedy."

Diane Abbott



More Respect Life...

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of May 2-4, 2025. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by April 18.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all married couples in the Diocese of Wilmington to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on World Marriage Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 1:00pm at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Those celebrating significant anniversaries (5-year increments) - 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or any anniversary beyond 50, will receive a special certificate from the Bishop. Reservations are needed, no matter what the anniversary year. Reservations are required by February 4, 2025.

Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link - <https://cdowcym.wufoo.com/forms/zdx6q1g0hx3jsm>

Feast of St. Francis de Sales

On Friday, January 24th, in observance of the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, we will celebrate Mass at 9:30 AM with our grade school and Padua Academy. There will be no 6:45 Mass that day.

Mass with Bishop Koenig

On Tuesday, January 28th, Bishop Koenig will celebrate Mass at 10:00 AM. There will be no Mass at 6:45 AM that day.

Parish Calendar

Monday, MLK, Jr. Day

8:00 Mass
(Only Mass of the day)

Tuesday

6:30 PM, Finance Council
(Grade School Meeting Room)

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptism
2:00 PM, Via Crucis Rehearsal

Monday, Jan. 20

through

Sunday, Jan. 26

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

Grade School Calendar

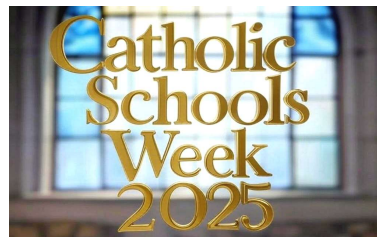
Monday, MLK, Jr. Day
School Closed

Friday

9:30 AM, Feast of St. Francis
de Sales Mass

Sunday

Catholic Schools Week Begins



Retrouaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Saturday Morning Mass Schedule

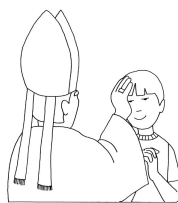
Please note that the 6:45 AM Saturday Masses for January 25th and February 1st are cancelled. The 5:00 PM Vigil Masses on those days are unaffected and will be celebrated.

MLK Jr. Holiday



In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, the rectory and Grade School will be closed Monday, January 20. The daily morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

Confirmandi 2024



The following students received the Sacrament of Confirmation at our church on December 7, 2024:

Raphael Raphael Arias, Ryan Joseph Arrighi, Alyssa Rose Calvarese, Mason Anthony Carroll,

Taylor Gabriel Exelby, Michael Michael Henry, Rachel Colette Hill, Delaney Monica Loyola, Charlotte Theresa Manning, Julian Jude Moss, Gavin Anthony Rychalsky, Kaley Helena Rychalsky, Cathryn Valerie Sargent, Celeste Ada Scarpato, Sean Francis Stella, Cole Rocco Williams, & Caitlin Clare Zweidinger

Election of Parish Trustees

In keeping with the laws of the State of Delaware, lay parish trustees are elected annually. Currently, Anthony Frabizzio and Anthony Albence serve as the trustees. Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio have indicated that they are willing to serve another term as trustees. If any other qualified parishioner is interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the parish office no later than **January 21st**. Elected trustees serve for a term of one year and serve with the bishop, the chancellor, and the pastor in representing the parish in civil and legal matters. To be an elected trustee, you must be a registered member of the parish, a practicing Catholic, and at least 25 years of age.

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