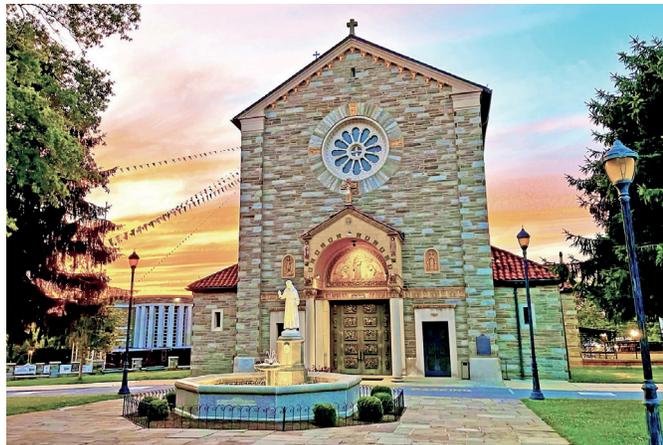


# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



*February 16, 2025*

**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.

## **Contacts**

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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

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# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2025



<b>Monday,</b> 8:00 AM	<b>2/17 Presidents' Day</b> BABY BOY FIDANCE MARIE FIDANCE FAMILY
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/18</b> YOLANDA ZAMBINO JOANNE MINUTELLA
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/19</b>
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/20</b>
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/21</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> 6:45 AM 5:00 PM	<b>2/22</b> PARISHIONERS
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>2/23</b> ANGELO & PALMINA COFRANCESCO RALPH SIANNI FAMILY WIFE, SONS & HALLIE



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1st Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

### 2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

### Gospel:

Luke 6:27-38

## "God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/09/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$7,660.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$8,377.53
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 717.53
Percent Difference This Week:	- 8.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$2,493.28

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green. In the year of drought, it shows no distress, but still bears fruit...When Jesus came down the mountain, he stopped at a level stretch...then raising his eyes to his disciples, he said: 'Blest are you poor...who hunger...are weeping for life, strength and the power...when they shall hate you.'"

Saint Luke offers us the 'sermon on the plain' while we are also familiar with Matthew's 'sermon on the mount.' The beatitudes of both, varying slightly, offer us a plan for our lives as disciples, relating what confronts us, our opportunities for growth, and the promised rewards.

The image of the strong tree of Jeremiah portrays all of us, trusting in the Lord, resisting the many evils which confront us. We cannot do it alone, but draw our strength from a life of prayer, celebration of the sacraments and being 'people of the beatitudes.'

*The Oblates*

"For just as God gives each animal through its nature the instincts needed for its self-preservation, so too - if we offer no obstacle to grace - He gives each of us the inspirations needed for life."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for

**Kim Gallagher**

**Michael F. H. Rausch**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Presidents' Day

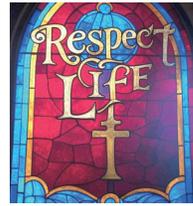


In observance of Presidents Day, our grade school and parish office will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The only Mass of the day will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Lola Abbondandolo	Allison Auld	William Crook
Bruce DiBiaso	Florence Dilks	Patti Edwards
Joseph Fahey	Joe Formisano	Jacqueline Frey
Mary Jo Ganey	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	Lou Vella
Casey Wersinger	Barbara White	

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



"Just because something happens to be legal does not make it moral, ethical or right. Abortion is perhaps one of the most dramatic examples of a situation where something is legal, but is very much a sin against God."

A.L. Barry, The Lutheran Church  
President of The Missouri Synod

## Catholic Forum

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## Statement of Contributions

Parishioners who would like a year-end statement of contributions for use in tax returns should call Lisa at the rectory, 302-421-3700, x107. If you get voicemail, leave your name, envelope number (if you know it), and whether you want to pick up the statement at the rectory or have it mailed to you. Please allow 3 business days for processing. Online Giving members can access their contribution statements by logging into the system and following the prompts.

## Welcome to St. Anthony's!



The following individuals and families have joined the parish since December 3, 2023: **Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Antignani, Peggy Behm, Ms. Anne Belic, Mr. & Mrs. John Brady, Nicholas Calvarese, John Channell, Carson Deyo & Pamela LaRosa, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Dickson, Dr. Lisa DiEnno, Mrs. Bonnie DiMichele, Mr. Derick Furtado, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Giacotto, Mr. Jesse Gledhill & Ms. Chelsea Shaw, Mr. Joseph Goodwin & Ms. Lauren Matrisciano, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Inga, Mr. Salvatore Latina, Cody Lockwood & Paige Francesco, Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Manning, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Mannino, Jr., Bethany McKelvey, Mr. & Mrs. David Nauman, Ms. Tonya Perron, Mr. Michael Rawding & Ms. Marissa Sipala, Ms. Linda Rein, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rizzo, Mr. & Mrs. Zach Ryan, Mr. Joseph Sakitis, Miss Erin Sanna, Mrs. Susan Schneese, Mr. Anthony Serio, Mr. Nicholas Teta, Jr., Mr. Benjamin Thornes & Miss Angela Ianni, and Glen Trudel.**

## 14th CYM Pilgrimage

Join hundreds of others on Saturday, April 12, 2025, as we walk the streets of Wilmington carrying the Pilgrimage Cross with Bishop Koenig. We are excited to welcome back "[The Scally Brothers](#)" to lead worship throughout the day. We start at St. Elizabeth with prayer and a concert, to St. Francis Hospital for a special blessing of the patients, then **Reconciliation at St. Anthony of Padua, followed by the Stations of the Cross at Padua Academy**, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul, and Blessing of Palms and Mass upon our return to St. Elizabeth. [More details and the registration are posted online at \[cdowcym.org\]\(http://cdowcym.org\)](#). Join this event commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and His pilgrimage to Calvary on Good Friday.

## The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a faith-based women's organization that honors the Blessed Mother and leads initiatives to support the St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Sodality Communion Sunday is held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. Monthly Meetings are held in the Ballad Room promptly after Mass. All women 14 years of age and over are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email [BVMsodality@stanthonynet.org](mailto:BVMsodality@stanthonynet.org) or contact Tina Madanat, President, at 302-547-1582.

## We need your help...

... to protect Delaware's vulnerable citizens! **House Bill 140, that legalizes physician-assisted suicide, was voted out of committee and is on the "ready list" to go before the full Delaware House of Representatives.**

**What is at Stake?** HB 140 is government-sanctioned suicide. It can lead to a slippery slope, with vulnerable individuals — such as the elderly, disabled, or those experiencing depression — being pressured into choosing death over life.

For more information, and to send a customizable email to your Representative in Dover, visit [cdow.org/stopassistedsuicide](http://cdow.org/stopassistedsuicide).

## Parish Calendar

Monday, Presidents' Day

Parish Office Closed

Saturday

11:00 AM, Baptism

8:00 PM, Benefit Concert in  
Church

Sunday

2:00 PM, Via Crucis Practice

Monday, Feb. 17

through

Sunday, Feb. 23

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

## Grade School Calendar

Monday, Presidents' Day

School Closed



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## Concert for Hurricane Victims

Liam Aber is a Junior at Salesianum High School. After playing the piano for over 10 years, he decided to learn how to play the organ, quickly advanced and has even played during several church Masses. Currently, after 10 years, he is aiming to earn his diamond award in 4-H and has chosen to host a benefit concert for the victims of Hurricane Helene in North Carolina as his community service project. Liam will be hosting an organ concert on **Saturday, February 22, at 8pm in our church**. Please come to support!

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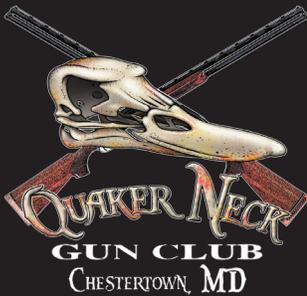
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