

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



February 23, 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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Registration: New parishioners are requested to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with the Parish Secretary.

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

FEBRUARY 23, 2025



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| Monday, 6:45 AM | 2/24 EUGENE DELLE DONNE | PARENTS |
| Tuesday, 6:45 AM | 2/25 | |
| Wednesday, 6:45 AM | 2/26 | |
| Thursday, 6:45 AM | 2/27 | |
| Friday, 6:45 AM | 2/28 NANCY BESTWICK | AL |
| Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:00 PM | 3/1 PARISHIONERS MICHAEL & IRENE ANDREOLI | FAMILY |
| Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | 3/2 JEAN SCALESSA STANLEY PLASTEK | DONOR FAMILY |



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel:

Luke 6:39-45

Weekly Offertory

Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday, we are unable to present the collection figures for February 15th & 16th. These will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who dislike you, bless those who speak ill of you and pray for those who mistreat you."
"Be merciful just as your heavenly Father is merciful."

We all know how difficult this is to do.

We'll never be able to do it without God's grace, without learning to be very conscious that God is present with us each day, without asking God for the strength of his grace many times each day. The invitation of Jesus to love those who get in our face, who know how to push all our buttons, goes against our natural feelings of irritation and anger. Jesus seems to be asking too much.

What Jesus is asking of us is to be all that grace enables us to be. By our baptism, we have been given a share in the life and love of God. Jesus has become our brother; we are children of our heavenly Father by grace. Divine life is in us and that life enables us to live as Jesus lived. Jesus is asking us to learn to live by the new life we have been given. Because of grace, we are able to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Jesus has shown us how to love those who irritate us, how to forgive those who injure us.

St. Francis de Sales recommends several practices that can help us remember the strength of divine life within us.

Begin the day with a short prayer of awareness: "My God, you are here loving me today; help me to remember you're with me as we go through the day." Then, talk with God about the grace I will need to deal with particular people in my life who can irritate me or have mistreated me. During the day, when I know I'm going to meet such a person, I ask God's help that I may relate with that person in a way that is pleasing to God. Then, each evening, thank God for the times when grace gave me strength and ask pardon for the times I forgot to ask for God's help and failed because I tried to do it on my own.

The Oblates

"Those who are utterly filled with charity turn to God's will by more than mere obedience to his commandments. They also give him their hearts, follow him in all that he commands, counsels or inspires, unreservedly, with no exceptions whatsoever."

St. Francis de Sales



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

Your Prayers and Support Requested

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| Lola Abbondandolo | Allison Auld | William Crook |
| Bruce DiBiasi | 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.

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, Jessica Rodgers from the Patients' Rights Action Fund will discuss physician assisted suicide from a secular, non-partisan point of view. The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts and YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm debuts every Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.; and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30. More information is available at cdow.org/CatholicForum and [FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

Souper Bowl Report

The St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community donated a total of 996 pounds of non-perishable food items towards the annual Knights of Columbus Souper Bowl Campaign. All of these items were delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. Thank you so much for your generosity!

LENTEN GUIDELINES

Penitential Fast and Abstinence

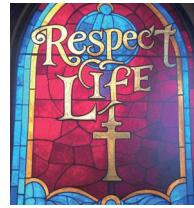
The current discipline of penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten season may thus be summed up:

- **Ash Wednesday (Mar. 5th) and Good Friday (Apr. 18th)** are **days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast**, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Constitution on the Liturgy, no. 110).

- The other **Fridays of the season of Lent** are **days of abstinence from meat**.

- **The Fridays of the year outside Lent** remain **days of penance**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance: this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

- **All those who are fourteen years old** are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are **eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old**.



"Abortion on demand has, in my judgment, contributed significantly to an environment in our country in which life has become very cheap."

Robert Casey

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.

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.

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.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday

6:00 PM, Parish Council
(Grade School)

Wednesday

1:00 PM, Padua Ring Mass
Rehearsal

Sunday

1:30 PM, Via Crucis
Dress Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 24

through

Sunday, Mar. 2

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

Grade School Calendar



100th Anniversary Capital Campaign

This is an opportunity to help ensure the sustainability and viability of our parish at this transformational moment as we conclude our first century and begin our second century of faith and service. Please help show your support for St. Anthony's by participating in St. Anthony's 100th Anniversary Capital Campaign.

Assistive Listening Devices Available in Church

With the recent upgrade to the church sound system, we are now pleased to offer Assistive Listening Devices. These easy-to-use units can assist both those with hearing aids and those who do not have hearing aids to enjoy an enhanced level of audio from the church sound system. Look for the signs about them in the back of the church near the main entrance, and ask an usher or other church volunteer to sign out a unit for your use at Mass.

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!

Are you worried because your children have stopped practicing their faith?

Join the "Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle" on Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at the Newman Center at the St. Thomas More Oratory at the University of Delaware. The "Blue Hen Rosary Cenacle" prays for all children who have fallen away from the faith, as well as University of Delaware students and all college students across the country. Join us in person or via Zoom. Send the first and last name of your children or grandchildren along with your name, email address and phone number to receive the Zoom link. For more information or to add your loved one to the prayer list email to BlueHenRosary@gmail.com.

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