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MATTHEW 25:23

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YOUR HOLINESS  
GRAZIE SANTITÀ



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# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27, 2025



"Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. And bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.' Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ... 'Blessed are those who have not seen but believed.'"

Is there a Thomas in me? Does my faith allow me to celebrate the most important fact that Jesus died, arose and lives? By His passion, death and resurrection, we too share in the newness of life. We reach out to Jesus as did Thomas. We unlock the doors of our unbelief and allow Him to touch us with His saving grace in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Touched by the Lord, we bring that gift to others. 'Jesus I trust in you.'

*The Oblates*

"Man is the perfection of the Universe. The spirit is the perfection of man. Love is the perfection of the spirit, and charity that of love. Therefore, the love of God is the end, the perfection of the Universe."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized  
**Kora Rae Gardner**  
**Kyla Lou Gardner**  
**Warren Morris Lopes**  
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In your charity, please pray for  
all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

**Saturday Morning Mass Discontinued**  
Please note that Saturday morning 6:45 Mass is discontinued. Saturday morning Masses are celebrated nearby at St. Hedwig Parish (8:00) and at St. Elizabeth Parish (8:15). Thank you for your understanding.



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

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

Revelation 5:11-14

### Gospel:

John 21:1-19

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 04/13/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,556.24
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,377.53
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,178.71
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 14.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$2,314.09

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



## Your Prayers and Support Requested

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	Starobynski Family
Marie Stecko	Bonnie Taddeo	Angelo Tiberi
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, tune in to get a Catholic perspective on near-death experiences when author and theologian, Scott L. Smith, Jr. is interviewed. 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](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and [FaceBook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum).

## Additional Liturgical Ministers Needed

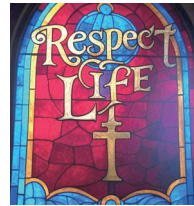
If anyone is interested in serving as a liturgical minister, including Lector, Eucharistic Minister, serving as a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, or Usher/Greeter, please contact the rectory. Training is required for these ministry roles and will be provided.

## Delaware Italian Cinema Series: Final 2025 Screening: *Cabrini*

Please join us on Sunday, 4/27, for the final screening of this year's series in St. Anthony's Grade School Ballad Room, featuring the acclaimed recent film *Cabrini*, chronicling the life of the first Italian-American saint, Mother Cabrini. Doors will open at 1:30PM, a delicious light Italian meal will be served at 2:15PM, and the film will start at 3:00PM, preceded by brief expert commentary and insights. A \$15 contribution is requested. Proceeds benefit the La Piazza di Giustina Italian Summer Language Camp for Children and St. Anthony's Grade School Italian Language and Culture Program.

## Sodality News

In observance of the Easter holiday, The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Communion Sunday will be held on Sunday April 27, 2025. The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40a.m., followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. The meeting will be held promptly after Mass on the main floor of the Rectory. All women 14 years of age and over are welcome to attend.



"I don't think it's ever a tragedy for a baby to be born."

Liz Wheeler

## Next Jubilee Mass

Join us Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 AM for the next in our Centennial Anniversary Jubilee Masses. This Mass will give special recognition to our parish's Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and Knights of Columbus. There will be no 9:00 or 11:00 Mass that Sunday.

**France & Italy**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**July 13-24 2026**

**100 YEARS**

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE**

Join us in 2026 when we will embark on a pilgrimage in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of our Parish!

Highlights in France include Paris, Chartres, Paray-le-Monial, Annecy, and Geneva. Our first stop in Italy will be Padua to honor our beloved parish patron! We'll continue on to Venice, Bologna, Assisi, and finally, Rome.

We hope you will join us!

**Fr. Vincent Kumar, OSFS**  
Pastor

**Stephen Adams**  
Music Director

**Watch the bulletin for updates!**

## Parish Operations Manager Part-Time (25 Hours Per Week)

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is seeking a part-time operations manager to oversee the daily maintenance of all parish facilities, monitoring of life-safety systems, and project coordination. The parish would like to have this position filled by July 1, 2025. Interested candidates are asked to email Bob Shields at [bshields@stanthonynet.org](mailto:bshields@stanthonynet.org) stating their interest in this position. Please provide a cell phone number with the email.

## Parish Calendar

Sunday

12:00 AM, Baptisms



Monday, Apr. 28

through

Sunday, May 4

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

## Grade School Calendar

Tuesday

6:15 PM, Evening of Sacred Music at St. John the Beloved Church Antonians

Wednesday

3:00 – 8:00 PM, Frazberry Fundraiser

Thursday

9:30 AM, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip

Saturday

6:30 PM, Student Achievement Banquet (Padua Academy)  
8:00 PM, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance (Padua Academy)

## St. Anthony's Italian Festival Celebrates Our Parish Centennial!

**100 YEARS**  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH  
Sunday, June 8 - Sunday, June 15

Italian Festival 8-Day Passes & Gift Cards Now Available—PRE-FESTIVAL SALES PRICES  
Magic Money Cards (formerly known as Advance Ride Tickets): NOW AVAILABLE  
**BUY NOW & SAVE!!**

Physical 8-Day Admission Passes & Gift Cards are available:

- at the rectory during office hours (9AM-3PM, Monday-Friday)
- via secure online purchase at the Festival website (<https://sapgs.square.site> or <https://sapde.org/festivalcashless>)
- at the Grade School office during office hours (8:00AM-6PM) & with Home & School Gift Card

Sales (Friday mornings in the Grade School and Sunday, 5/18 at the church after 9AM and 11AM Masses)

### PRICING:

#### PRE-FESTIVAL DISCOUNTED 8-DAY PASS SALE:

- **\$15.00—BUY EARLY, SAVE 25% (\$20.00 if purchased on-site at the Festival).**
- A pass provides one admission per person per day to the Festival.
- Daily Admission (purchased on-site at the Festival only): **\$7 daily for ages 16-61;**  
**Under Age 16 & Over age 61: FREE!**  
**NOTE: Anyone under age 16: MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian age 21 or older at all times**
- **NEW this year: FREE Admission on closing Sunday, 6/15!**

#### ELECTRONIC DAILY ADMISSION AND 8-DAY ADMISSION PASSES ARE AVAILABLE!

Purchase in advance and simply print out or show your QR code on your phone at the admission gate!

Purchase securely via the Festival's Eventbrite site:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-anthonys-italian-festival-2025-tickets-1296045189049?aff=oddtcreator>

**FESTIVAL APPAREL & COLLECTIBLES:** Purchase a selection of Festival-themed clothing and commemorative items, brought to you by our partners at Stitch in Time! (<https://customstitch.com/>) Purchase items securely via the Stitch in Time site and pick up your purchases at the Stitch in Time tent on the Festival grounds!

Italian Festival Website: <https://sapde.org/italianfestival/>

#### PRE-FESTIVAL DISCOUNTED GIFT CARD PRICES:

- \$25.00 Gift Cards: **PRE-FESTIVAL PRICE: \$22.00**
- \$50.00 Gift Cards: **PRE-FESTIVAL PRICE: \$42.00**

A REMINDER: **Almost all Festival vendors are cashless.** Festival gift cards or major credit cards only will be accepted for purchases.

#### PRE-FESTIVAL DISCOUNTED MAGIC MONEY CARDS (formerly Advanced Ride Tickets for Midway rides):

- Magic Money Cards are available for purchase for \$35. Each card is pre-loaded with 175 Midway ride credits.

• **Purchase in advance to save almost \$10 vs. purchasing the same card on-site at the Festival!**

#### IMPORTANT NOTES FOR THE 2025 ITALIAN FESTIVAL:

• **The Italian Festival is cashless to maximize convenience!** All major credit cards, as well as Festival Gift Cards, will be accepted on-site.

• **Festival Money Cards:** For those who do not have a credit card, Festival Money Cards will be available to purchase on-site with cash. A Money Card may also be purchased with a credit card. The Money Cards replace cash, and will work like a Festival gift card or a credit card.

• **IMPORTANT NOTE: Festival Gift Cards will NOT be accepted at the Midway. Midway patrons who have not purchased a Magic Money card prior to the start of the Italian Festival will need to visit the Majestic Midways kiosks on the Midway to purchase a Magic Money Card for use at Midway rides and games.**

• **Everyone is strongly encouraged to purchase items before the Festival to save time and save money.**

• **To ensure the safety of all Festival patrons, all attendees will pass through security screening for admittance to the Festival grounds. Screening is designed for quick and efficient admission.**

**2025 Italian Festival**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, 6/8: 4:00 - 10:30 PM**  
**Monday-Friday, 6/9-6/13: 6:00 - 10:30 PM**  
**Saturday, 6/14: 4:00 - 10:30 PM**  
**Sunday, 6/15: 2:00 - 6:00 PM**

Feast Day Mass (with readings and music in Italian) in Church at 12:30PM; *Festa Patronale* Procession at 2PM, commencing from the front of the church.



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