



St. Anthony of Padua 2025 Italian Festival

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 8, 2025



"Jesus stood up and exclaimed: 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. There was, of course, no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified."

Pentecost – wind, noise, tongues of fire, signs with which we are familiar. The coming of the Spirit brought radical change. In the Acts of the Apostles, the question was asked, 'have you received the Holy Spirit?' Did the advent of the Spirit produce radical change in living my faith?

Pentecost scripture readings are many and varied, but the underlying question is, 'am I being led by the Spirit?' If I am, I am a child of God and have been adopted, and so I can call God 'Abba', Father. May the Holy Spirit and the gifts He brought direct me this day and every day.

The Oblates

"It is necessary for us to strive to conquer our little temptations, such as fits of anger, suspicions, jealousies, envy, deceitfulness, vanity, attachments, and evil thoughts. For in this way we shall acquire strength to subdue greater ones."

St. Francis de Sales

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In your charity, please pray for
Kim Marie O'Connor
Eleanor A. Stone
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Proverbs 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading:

Romans 5:1-5

Gospel:

John 16:12-15

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 05/25/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 5,850.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$ 8,377.53
Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$2,527.53
Percent Difference This Week: - 30.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$7,917.21

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 06/01/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 6,344.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$ 8,377.53
Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$ 2,033.53
Percent Difference This Week: - 24.3%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$9,950.74

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Allison Auld
Florence Dilks
Joe Formisano
Bill Giles
Paulina Mancini
Marlene Papillo
Ann Marie Russo
Starobynski Family
Angelo Tiberi
Barbara White

William Crook
Patti Edwards
Jacqueline Frey
Mia Gravino
Gay Meriggi
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi
Pat Sianni
Marie Stecko
Lou Vella

Bruce DiBiaso
Joseph Fahey
Mary Jo Ganey
Edward Mackey
Kelly Panella
Maria Quezon
Alexandra Sparco
Bonnie Taddeo
Casey Wersinger

...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/DioceseofWilm 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).

Additional Liturgical Ministers Needed

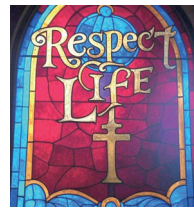
If anyone is interested in serving as a liturgical minister, including Lector, Eucharistic Minister, serving as a Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, or Usher/Greeter, please contact the rectory. Training is required for these ministry roles and will be provided.

Feast Day Mass

Sunday, June 15th, is the last day of the 2025 Italian Festival. It is also the date for our traditional Feast Day Mass. The Mass begins at 12:30 PM. Please note that the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses will not take place that Sunday.

Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund

This weekend, the second collection is for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund. Please help the retired priests of the Diocese of Wilmington by your prayers and by your generous contribution. Find out more and see a new video featuring interviews with Father Melnick, Father Dillingham and Bishop Malooly, at www.cdow.org/PriestRetirementFund. Thank you.



"Pray that America will wake up to the tragedy of children being killed through abortion every day in this nation."
Franklin Graham

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of October 24-26, 2025. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. 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 October 11.

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100 YEARS
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH
ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

Join us in 2026 when we will embark on a pilgrimage in celebration of the 100th 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!

Scouting News

Bishop Koenig will be celebrating Mass to award religious emblems to scouts who have earned the Ad Altare Dei and Parvuli Dei Awards. There are eight recipients this year but all scouts throughout the diocese are encouraged to attend in a show of support. The Mass will be at St. Margaret of Scotland on Saturday, June 14, at 5:30 PM.

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



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:

- **\$17.00—BUY EARLY, SAVE 15% (\$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=oddttdcreator>

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.**

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