

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



November 16, 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

Saturday 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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festival@stanthonynet.org

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St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



As we approach the end of the Church year, the Scripture readings begin to call our attention to the end-times.

They remind us that Jesus came among us to inaugurate the kingdom of God. Through the sacrifice he offered on the cross, our sins have been forgiven and we have been reconciled with our Father. We have been given a share in Jesus' new life and that makes us children of the kingdom of God who are journeying home to our Father's house.

This Eucharist allows us to share in the one sacrifice of Jesus, to open ourselves once again to the grace of salvation, to reconcile ourselves more deeply with our Father and with one another, and to be nourished with the bread of life for our continuing journey home.

The word and sacrament we share here today can help us to keep our minds and hearts focused on Jesus and his words to us. That focus will enable us to avoid the agitation and anxiety many people around us experience as we hear talk of the end times. We hear many claims about special revelations concerning the end of the world. The apocalyptic message of the Scriptures has always raised these kinds of claims. They disturb many good people. Jesus tells us very clearly today: "By patient endurance you will save your lives."

How should we deal with these times? First, it's a time to be thankful. God's plan of salvation is moving closer to its completion, as it does each day. It's also a time for us to rededicate ourselves to living out our faith commitment more fully each day: praying for deeper faith in God's continuing love for us and reflecting that love in the way we live with each other.

So let us take heart and patiently resolve to live each day with faith. Let us love our God with our whole being and love one another as Jesus has loved us. Our patient endurance will lead us to salvation. In this way, our journey home will be a safe and sure one.

The Oblates

"Whatsoever happens, never let go; hold steadfastly to God, in peace, trusting His Everlasting Love for you."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized...

Vincente Joseph Pasquale, Jr.

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In your charity, please pray for

Vincent Ferretti

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Monday, 6:45 AM	11/17 ED HOJNICKI	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	11/18 ALBERT ZAMBINO	JOANNE MINUTELLA
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	11/19 SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Thursday, 6:45 AM	11/20 DONALD PASCAL	MICHAEL & ELAINE REILLY
Friday, 6:45 AM	11/21 PETER & ANNA MCCRARY	LIZ ISBELL
Saturday, 5:00 PM	11/22 ST. JUDE	TINA AUSTIN
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	11/23 JULIUS BERETTA NICHOLAS COFRANCESCO	DONOR FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/09/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$10,687.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$2,531.05
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 31.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$3,712.75

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Allison Auld
Bruce DiBiao
Joseph Fahey
Mary Jo Ganey
David Juliano
Paulina Mancini
Kelly Panella
Maria Quezon
Rami Shehadeh
Starobynski Family
Bonnie Taddeo
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Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

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Florence Dilks
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Gay Meriggi
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Ann Marie Russo
Pat Sianni
Marie Stecko
Angelo Tiberi
Casey Wersinger

William Crook
Patti Edwards
Jacqueline Frey
Mia Gravino
Edward Mackey
Cindy O'Neil
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi
Betty Rybinski
Alexandra Sparco
Robin Swanson
LuAnn Tiberi
Barbara White

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



"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

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The Christmas Food Basket Program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St Pius X Council # 4425, in partnership with the parish. The program will provide gift cards to recipients this year, as has been the case in recent years, and parishioners and friends are asked to make monetary donations to support the program to raise funds to purchase the gift to be distributed. In the past, Kenny Family Shoprite has been very generous, but additional assistance is needed. You, our caring parishioners, help make this holiday happen for a lot of people. Donations (checks or gift cards to local supermarkets) can be dropped into the collection baskets at Masses, or mailed or dropped off to the rectory in envelopes labeled "Christmas Food Basket Program." Checks can be made payable to St Anthony of Padua. You can also donate via the parish online giving program at the parish website: <https://sapde.org>. Click on "Online Giving," then choose the Christmas Baskets fund option.

If you know of someone in need, please contact the rectory and leave the name and phone number of the individual or family whom you would like to add to the program this year. Requests will be taken until November 28, and those confirmed to participate in the program will be contacted the first week in December.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Maria Panella, at 302-379-3029. As always, thank you for your consideration in helping those less fortunate than ourselves this holiday.

Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast

We hope you can join us for a joyful morning of food, fun, and prizes at the traditional Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 7, 2025, in the School Ballad Room following 9:00 a.m. Mass. The ticket cost is \$22 per person and breakfast will be catered by Creations by Catherine. For questions or ticket purchase, contact Treasa Denney, Vice President at BVMsodality@stanthony.net or 302-753-5266.



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. This week, we talk with Father Joseph Chorpensing, OSFS, author of "Saint Joseph and the Carmelite Reform of Saint Teresa of Avila." 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.

Christmas Giving Tree



This year for our Christmas Giving Tree, we are collecting donations (cash, checks, payable to St Anthony's and various gift cards). To streamline the process, we will no longer have the actual tree in church as in years past. If you can contribute, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for the "Christmas Giving Tree." Drop it in the collection at Mass or take it to the rectory office. We have families in need of food and gift assistance, especially during the holiday season. We – and they – greatly appreciate your generosity. The program ends December 12.

Parish Calendar

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptism



Monday, Nov. 17

through

Sunday, Nov. 23

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday through Friday

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday

8:00 AM, Hearing Screenings

Friday

11:30 AM, Father Trainor

Scholarship Luncheon

Sodality News

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Communion Sunday will be held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40am followed by Mass at 9:00am. Our monthly meeting will be held in the Ballad Room promptly after Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Baby Bottle Return

The Knights kindly ask all those parishioners who took a Birthright baby bottle to please return them with your donation by the weekend of November 22/23. Any returns after this weekend should be given to an usher or dropped off at the Rectory. Thank you for your participation and support for this important fundraiser!

Keep Christ in Christmas



The Knights will be selling religious Christmas cards, car magnets and puzzles before and after most Masses through most weekends up through Thanksgiving Day. Please make use of these items to observe the birth of the Savior. Your support will be most appreciated!

Knights Fundraiser Sights & Sounds Theater

In addition to Christmas card sales, the Knights will be selling raffle tickets for the Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA. Tickets are \$10 each. Five winners from across the State will each receive a \$200 gift certificate to the Theater and a \$100 Visa gift card. The drawing will be held on the first Saturday in December. The raffle is sponsored by the Delaware State Council and the proceeds will help to support the charitable works of the Knights. Good luck!

Year-End Giving: 2025 Tax Incentives Make This the Year to Give to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal:

Recent federal tax updates now allow *all taxpayers*—even those who take the standard deduction—to claim a deduction for charitable contributions. That means your gifts to the **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**, and the charities of your choice, may qualify for additional tax benefits this year.

It's also worth noting that new limits on charitable deductions are expected to take effect in **2026**, so **2025 is the ideal year to increase your giving** and make your generosity go further.

As always, we recommend consulting your financial or tax advisor for details on how these opportunities may benefit you.

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