

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

January 4, 2026

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 ..... 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.

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Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

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

### Italian Festival

festival@stanthonynet.org

### Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council

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# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 4, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>1/5</b> ROSE MARIE PERROTTI	SHEILA CUSHING
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>1/6</b> IN THANKSGIVING	MARY HARTNETT
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>1/7</b> ROSE PERROTTI	MARIA & JIM HALEY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>1/8</b> CELESTE SALVATORE	MARIE FIDANCE (DAUGHTER) & FAMILY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>1/9</b> PETER & ANNA MCCRARY	LIZ ISBELL
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>1/10</b> JOSEPH RYBICKI, SR.	WIFE
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>1/11</b> JENNIFER BERNADET FERRETTI FR. ROBERT D. KENNEY, OSFS	LOUIS FERRETTI PLASTEK FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

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

Acts 10:34-38

### Gospel:

Matthew 3:13-17

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 12/21/25

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$12,084.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$3,928.05
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 48.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$7,085.01

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

Have you ever thought what could possibly have possessed very wise men to leave their homes and undertake a long, hard desert journey?

What was so special about this new "king of the Jews"? Everyone knew that Israel was under Roman occupation. Any Jewish king would be a mere puppet of the emperor. Why would news of a powerless king in a faraway land be so attractive? Perhaps the Holy Spirit was moving them, touching a sense of longing and hope and compelling them to investigate. These wise men, astrologers and interpreters of dreams clearly believed that they were being led to someone extraordinary.

What must have happened when they arrived where Joseph, Mary and the child were staying? Did they simply present their gifts and then hurry back to the East? I would imagine they stayed for a little while asking Joseph and Mary lots of questions, trying to find out what all these signs were about.

And Mary and Joseph had plenty of extraordinary happenings to tell them about – angels visiting, dreams, Scriptures foretelling their arrival. Even their gifts had been foretold. These men must have been thrilled to know that the longing in their hearts could be fulfilled in this little child! Mary and Joseph evangelized these wise men from the East.

Every one of us longs for a sense of meaning and purpose. All around us people are starving for answers, and the Holy Spirit may want to direct them to us, just as he directed the wise men to Mary and Joseph and the child. Like Joseph and Mary, all we have to do is share with them the ways that God has moved in us, the ways that God has shown us divine love. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest.

As we begin a new year and celebrate the coming of the wise men to the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, let us reflect on the gifts we have received from our loving God - gifts far more valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh. Then we will be well prepared for whoever may show up at our door this year.

*The Oblates*

"Take courage and turn troubles which you cannot remedy into material for progress and maturity."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized:

**Islay Honora Hall**

**Lucia Josephine Ruggerio**

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In your charity, please pray for

**Robert D. Ciritella**

**John F. Spagnolo, Sr.**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.



## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	Buzzy Cooke	William Crook
Bruce DiBiao	Ann Marie DiBiao	Florence Dilks
Amber Dawn Ford	Mary Jo Ganey	Bill Giles
Mia Gravino	David Juliano	Irene Lawhorn
Edward Mackey	Cindy O'Neil	Kelly Panella
Marlene Papillo	Fr. Francis J. Pileggi	Ann Marie Russo
Betty Rybinski	Rami Shehadeh	Alexandra Sparco
Starobynski Family	Robin Swanson	Angelo Tiberi
LuAnn Tiberi	Tobias Weaver	Barbara White

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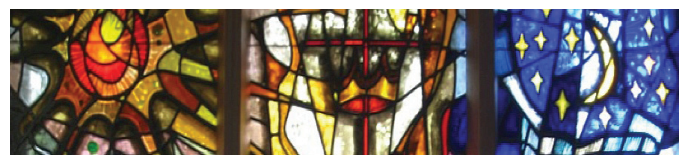
*...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.*



Listen to Catholic Forum each week. Tune-in this week to learn about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, founded by Maryland Eastern Shore native, Servant of God Paul Wattson when Pastor Mark Hansen and Ed Gordon are the guests. 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.

## Souper Bowl Food Collection

The Knights of St. Pius X Council will be conducting their annual Souper Bowl Campaign. All non-perishable food items will be accepted for donation at all Masses from the present up through Super Bowl Sunday, February 8. All donations can be placed in the large wicker basket in the back of church and will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. Thank you for your continued generosity!



"As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

## OCIA

If you are interested in preparing for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) into the Catholic Church, our program this year will be handled at St. Elizabeth's Church, [809 S. Broom St., Wilmington 19805](http://809.S.Broom.St.,Wilmington.19805). Fr. Roger DiBuo is the contact and his phone is 743-6429. Their program involves meeting on Sundays from 9:00 am to 9:55 am, then attending 10:00 am Mass. It is held on alternative Sundays. Fr. Roger will welcome any questions you may have. For our parishioners, the conversion of faith will take place at Easter Vigil Mass on April 4, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

## VIA CRUCIS 2026

IN PERSON SIGN UP -- January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 in Church. Bring your friends, all are welcome.

### St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Open House for Prospective Families

Come see what we are all about and consider joining our Preschool through 8th Grade family. Meet our dedicated staff!

Sunday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-3

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Mass in our church!

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## Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of February 6-8, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Parish Calendar

Sunday

1:30 PM, Via Crucis Signups



Monday, Jan. 5

through

Sunday, Jan. 11

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

## Grade School Calendar

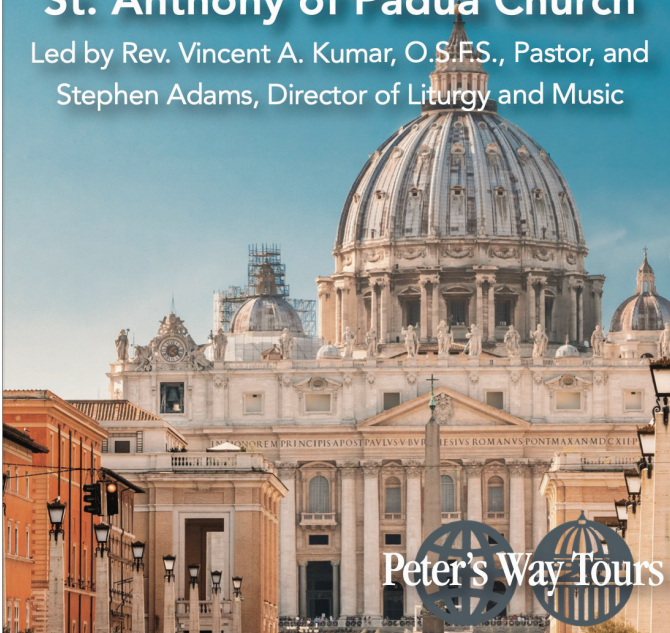
Monday

Classes resume



## 12-Day Pilgrimage to France and Italy Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Church

Led by Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, O.S.F.S., Pastor, and  
Stephen Adams, Director of Liturgy and Music



July 13–24, 2026

[www.petersway.com/1369.html](http://www.petersway.com/1369.html)

If you are interested in signing up or have further questions, please email Stephen at [sadams@stanthonynet.org](mailto:sadams@stanthonynet.org). Deadline to reserve your place on the trip is February 6, 2026.



## Knights Raffle Winners List

The Delaware State Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce the winners of this year's Sight & Sound Theater raffle. They are as follows; Mary Vawter, Christopher Council 3182, St. Thomas Council 12374, Gary Leader, and our own Anthony Albence. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who supported the ticket sales.

## Mass of Remembrance Photos

We still have between 10 and 20 photos at the rectory of deceased loved ones from 2025's Mass of Remembrance. If you submitted one of these photos and would like to retrieve it, please visit the rectory during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 3:30.

## Christmas Food Baskets Program: Thank You!

Because of your generosity, and the support of the Kenny Family Foundation, the operators of area ShopRite supermarkets, our parish helped 21 families enjoy Christmas this year! Thank YOU to all who supported this year's collection benefitting for the Christmas Food Baskets Program. May God bless you in the new year!

## Year End Donation Report

For the calendar year 2025, the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Community donated a total of 3,584 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Knights of Columbus continuing food drive. Ninety-eight pounds were donated to the Bayard House with the rest to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. The Knights are most grateful for your humble generosity.



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