

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

February 8, 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.

## Contacts

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Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

Coordinator of Liturgy & Music  
Stephen Adams.....302-421-3700

**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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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/9</b> PETER & ANNA MCCRARY      LIZ ISBELL
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/10</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/11</b>
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/12</b>
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>2/13</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>2/14</b>
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>2/15</b> ANGELO & PALMINA COFRANCESCO      FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Sirach 15:15-20

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

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

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

### Gospel:

Matthew 5:17-37

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/01/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,520.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 635.72
Percent Difference This Week:	- 7.8%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$7,416.99

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/25/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 4,826.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$3,329.95
Percent Difference This Week:	- 40.8%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$8,052.71

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



"I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world."

Saint Paul described his mission and mercy, admitting it was the power of God which led and directed him. It is the same Holy Spirit and grace of God directing the church today and which empowers us to be the salt of the earth and light for our world.

Salt, light, two seemingly insignificant elements, so essential in our lives, but essential for vision, healing and fidelity for our lives. That is what we are for the Lord's church today.

*The Oblates*

"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for

**Louis Casapulla**

**Francis A. Mercante**

**Dorothy DiFilippo Olszewski**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Presidents' Day

In Observance of the Presidents' Day holiday, the Parish Office and our Grade School will be closed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Have a Happy Holiday!

## Italy Trip Canceled

The parish trip to Italy for the Summer of 2026 has been canceled due to insufficient number of signups.



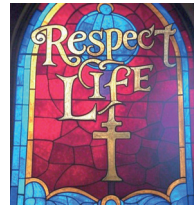
## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale  
Bruce DiBiao  
Amber Dawn Ford  
Mia Gravino  
Edward Mackey  
Marlene Papillo  
Betty Rybinski  
Starobynski Family  
LuAnn Tiberi  
Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

Buzzy Cooke  
Ann Marie DiBiao  
Mary Jo Ganey  
Irene Lawhorn  
Cindy O'Neil  
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi  
Rami Shehadeh  
Robin Swanson  
Tobias Weaver

William Crook  
Florence Dilks  
Bill Giles  
Paige Lucas  
Kelly Panella  
Ann Marie Russo  
Alexandra Sparco  
Angelo Tiberi  
Barbara White

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



"At no time is the human being a blob of protoplasm. As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person that you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

D. Jerome LeJeune, M.d., Ph.D



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## 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!

## Pass the WORD 2026



Dear Friends in Christ:

Grace and peace be with you all.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the **Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal**, I am filled with gratitude for the generations of faithful parishioners whose generosity has carried our Church forward. For fifty years, **many hands with one mission** have built up the Church we cherish today—supporting ministries that care for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of people throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Now, it is our turn to strengthen that legacy for the next fifty years. This year's appeal is more than a request for support—it is a call for participation. Every household in our parish is invited to take part so that, together, we can reach our participation goal and show that our community of faith is united and strong.

In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from Bishop Koenig inviting your support through prayer and giving. I ask that you respond generously. If you are a first-time donor, know that 50% of your gift will stay right here in our parish to help meet local needs, and once we exceed our goal, additional funds will also remain here.

Let us join our hearts and hands in gratitude for those who came before us and in hope for those who will follow. Together, with many hands and one mission, we will ensure that our faith continues to thrive for generations to come.

May God bless you and your family,

Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, OSFS  
Pastor

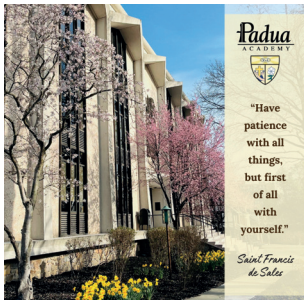
## Parish Calendar

**Friday**

8:30 AM, Padua Academy  
Faculty Retreat Mass

**Sunday**

2:00 PM, Via Crucis Practice



**Monday, Feb. 9**

**through**

**Sunday, Feb. 15**

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

## Grade School Calendar

**Friday**

11:00 AM, Middle School to  
Padua Academy  
Noon Dismissal



## Oblate Annual Appeal Sunday, February 15th

Dear Parishioners,

For the past 103 years, Oblates have been ministering at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, where we have shared the Spirituality of our patron, St. Francis de Sales. He is at the heart of our lives, our mission, and our ministries.



The Oblates share St. Francis' teachings as we minister in parishes, high schools, universities, and chaplaincies. Our community also has many aging and retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Now, almost 35% of our order is living in retirement, most of them at Annecy Hall in Childs,

MD. The health care and personal living costs for these men continue to rise.

You are invited to support the Oblates through the **Oblate Annual Appeal**. Your gift to this appeal assists the Oblates in supporting our ministries as well as seminarian formation: ~\$72,000/per man and our retired Oblates ~\$54,000/man. Please consider supporting my fellow Oblates brothers. Your participation in the **Oblate Annual Appeal** is vital to the continuation of our ministry.

Please use the yellow special collection envelope included with your January & February offertory envelopes and place it in the collection basket. Donations to the **Oblate Annual Appeal** are also accepted online. Go to <https://www.osvhub.com/sapde/giving/funds>. Scroll down until you see the giving portal for the Oblate Annual Appeal, then click on "Give Now."

Learn more about the Oblates at [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org) or on Facebook and Instagram. On behalf of my Oblate brothers, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely in St. Francis de Sales,

Father Vincent

## 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 (Feb. 18th) and Good Friday (Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>)** 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.**

## Grade School Open House Rescheduled for Spring

We were really looking forward to welcoming families on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and then, due to the snowstorm, February 1st, but with roads still in poor condition & temperatures not rising above freezing, we have made the decision to reschedule our Open House for the spring. Instead, we are excited to invite families to "**Walk Through Wednesdays**" throughout February & March. Stop by for a drop-in tour from 3:00 – 6:00 PM to see the school and speak with our administration. Tours during the day may be scheduled at your convenience.



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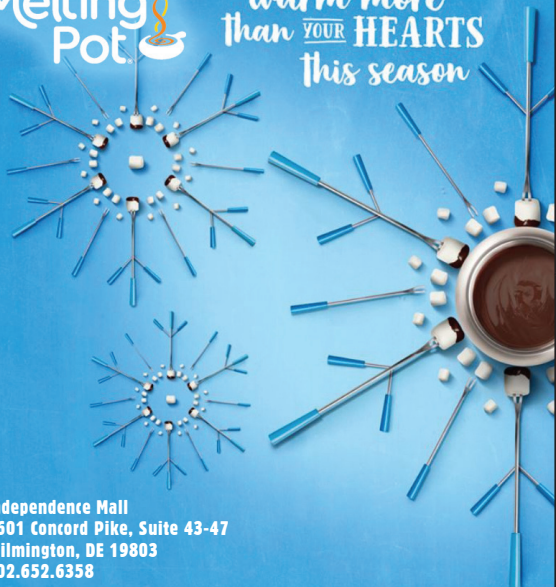
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