

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

February 15, 2026

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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Padua Academy Website: www.paduaacademy.org

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



"If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God you too shall live... Before you are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him, immense is the wisdom of the Lord, he is mighty in power and all seeing. The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, he understands man's every deed."

How many choices we make every day. Many times, we are not even aware of choosing one thing over another. We decide, period. But there are things of value and great importance which require thought and careful consideration. How do I know the difference?

There are life giving decisions, important family matters, the common good or well-being of others, which tell us, slow down, what are the consequences before you make a rash move. The author tells us to make right and deliberate choices. The phrase 'what would Jesus do?' is a point well taken, or as Sirach state 'if you trust in God, you too shall live.' 'Jesus, I trust in you.'

The Oblates

"Walk always near to God, for the gentleness of His shadow is more wonderful than the brightness of the sun."

St. Francis de Sales

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In your charity, please pray for
Steven P. Figliola
Margaret S. Sharp
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 16th. The only Mass of the day will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. 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.



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

2nd Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4:1-11

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/08/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 7,607.00

Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$ 8,155.95

Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$ 548.95

Percent Difference This Week: - 6.7%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: +\$6,868.04

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

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

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Ann Marie DiBiao
Mary Jo Ganey
Irene Lawhorn
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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.

**CATHOLIC FORUM EPISODE
PREMIERING ASH WEDNESDAY**

Emily Mae Mentock, Author
Praying with the Psalms
3 Minute Devotionals for Lent & Holy Week

FEB. 18, 2026 @ NOON
RELEVANT RADIO 640
FEB. 21, 2026 @ 1:30PM

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Praying with the Psalms
3-Minute Devotions for Lent and Holy Week 2026
EMILY MAE MENTOCK

Easter Flowers Memorials

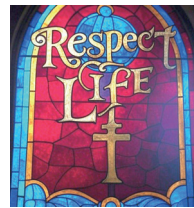


Once again, we are presenting our Easter Flowers program. This effort helps to fund the Easter Flower church decorations. As in years past, we ask \$15.00 per memorial. Send your memorials marked "Easter

Flowers" to the rectory **no later than Friday, March 27th**. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, February 18th, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. There will be several opportunities to receive ashes throughout the day. We have two morning Masses. Our daily Mass at 6:45 AM, and a special Ash Wednesday Mass with our Grade School & Padua Academy (all are welcome to attend). Additionally, there will be a prayer service at 12:00 Noon and our Via Crucis presentation at 7:30 PM. Ashes will be administered at all 4 events. (Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation.)



"Protecting life is our duty as Catholics, and ending legal protection for abortion is imperative."

Denver Archbishop
Samuel J. Aquila



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

Monday, Presidents' Day

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

Masses: 6:45 AM, 9:30 AM

12:00 PM, Liturgy of the Word

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

Ashes administered at all events

Monday, Feb. 16

through

Sunday, Feb. 22

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday, Presidents' Day

School Closed

Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

9:30 AM, Mass

Thursday

9:00 AM, Dental Presentation
for Pre-K to 1st Grade

Friday

Joe Corbi Paper Orders Due

Oblate Annual Appeal This Sunday

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 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. 3rd)** 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 25th, 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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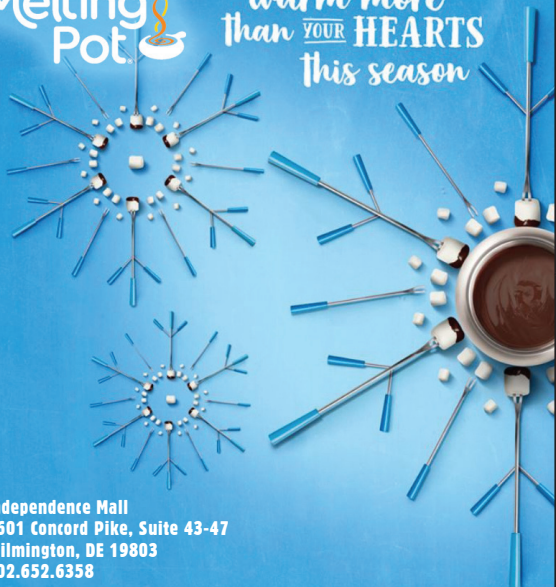
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