

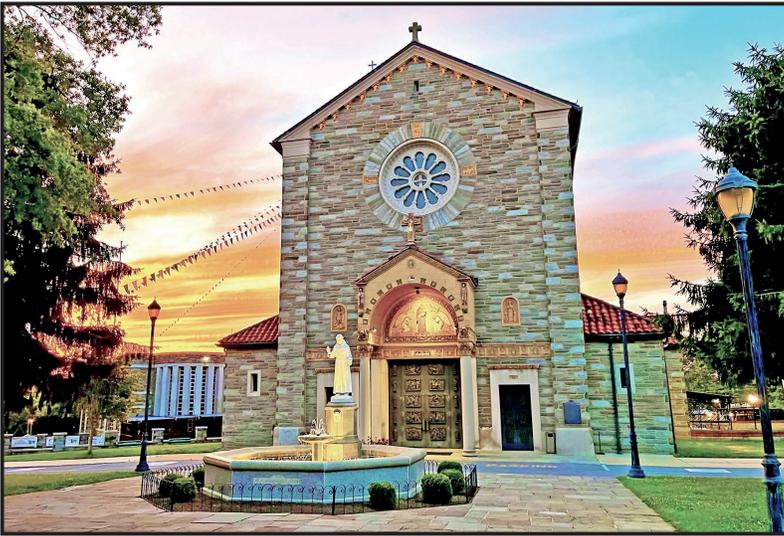
# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

*March 1, 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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**St. Anthony Grade School**..... 302-421-3743  
9th & Scott Sts., Wilmington, DE 19805  
Judith Jakotowicz White, *Principal*

**Padua Academy**.....302-421-3739  
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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.

**Italian Festival**  
festival@stanthonynet.org

**Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council**  
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302-743-8748

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 1, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/2</b>		
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/3</b>	DECEASED SISTERS OF CHARITY	ED ANDREWS
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/4</b>	ZAMBINO FAMILY	MINUTELLA FAMILY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/5</b>	MAYE GREVE	JOE
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/6</b>	SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>3/7</b>		
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>3/8</b>	FILOMENA GIAMMARCO LAMPE ANNA & GIUSEPPE D'ERAMO	FAMILY SPITELLE & D'ERAMO FAMILIES



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Exodus 17:3-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

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

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

### Gospel:

Matthew 4:5-42

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/15/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,692.50
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,536.55
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 18.8%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$8,404.59

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

"He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

Our Lent is our response to the saving work Jesus performed in our behalf. Jesus died and rose, because of our need and His overpowering love for us. Because of habit, or even indifference, we just acknowledge or presume what happened, rather than think about where we would be at this moment, if God's plan was not carried out. All this happened because of our need. His saving work continues and with Peter we shout out, 'Lord is good that we are here.'

'Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.'

*The Oblates*

"In our duties we must work calmly and with composure, performing them as promptly as possible and as well as we can. When we rush or lose our peace of mind, our tasks will be done poorly or not at all."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Alberico Cafini**  
and the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Holiday Masses

Please note that Masses on federal holidays (usually occurring on Mondays) will no longer be celebrated at 8:00 AM, but rather at the usual 6:45 AM daily Mass time.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	Buzzy Cooke	William Crook
Bruce DiBiaso	Ann Marie DiBiaso	Florence Dilks
Amber Dawn Ford	Jean Forlano	Mary Jo Ganey
Bill Giles	Mia Gravino	Irene Lawhorn
Paige Lucas	Edward Mackey	John McGee
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	Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

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

## Parish Trustees

Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio will continue to serve as Parish Trustees for 2026 and look forward to continuing to serve the parish community.

## 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal - Many Hands, One Mission: A 50-Year Legacy

This year marks the golden jubilee of the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal — fifty years of carrying faith into the future through ministries that serve the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of God's people across Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. As we celebrate this milestone, we are being asked not only to give, but to participate. Every parish has both a financial goal and a participation goal. Bishop Koenig hopes every household will join in — because when every hand is part of the mission, our Church grows stronger for the next generation. For those participating for the first time, 50% of your gift will stay right here in our parish to support local needs. And once our parish exceeds its goal, a portion of all funds raised above it will remain here as well. Let us honor the generosity of those who built our Church before us by strengthening it for those who will come after. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith endures for the next fifty years and beyond. To learn more or make your pledge, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org), click Giving → Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

## 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.

## Padua Academy's 2026 Spring Soirée

You're invited to celebrate the mission of Padua Academy on March 14 from 6-10pm at the Deerfield Golf Club! Stakeholders of Padua Academy will gather for our 2026 Spring Soirée: an evening of good company, good food and live music -- all in support of increased access to Catholic education. Support Padua's Endowment and the need-based tuition assistance it offers as we honor two exceptional stakeholders: alumna and legendary Philly journalist Pat Ciarrocchi, and bariatric surgeon and mentor Dr. Gail Wynn. Tickets and information can be found at <https://paduasoirée2026.givesmart.com>



"I think we have deluded ourselves into believing that people don't know that abortion is killing. So any pretense that abortion is not killing is a signal of our ambivalence, a signal that we cannot say yes, it kills a fetus."

Faye Wattleton

## Souper Bowl Report

The Knights are happy to announce that the St. Anthony's Parish Community donated a total of 782 pounds of non-perishable food items for the annual Souper Bowl Campaign. All items were donated to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. We are grateful for your continued generosity!

## Lenten Fish Fry at St. John the Beloved

The St. John the Beloved Knights of Columbus will be holding Lenten Fish Fry dinners on February 27, March 13, and March 27 at the Church Hall located on 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington 19808. Dinners will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and include a choice of fried or baked flounder along with two side dishes plus a dinner roll. Dinners are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Take-out is available. The council is also offering Fish Sandwich To-Go meals from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm on February 20, March 6 and March 20. Each bag includes a breaded fish sandwich, a bag of potato chips, a cookie and a beverage. Meals are \$10 each. A pint of Vegetable Lentil soup is also available for \$5. Pre-orders only. See <https://sjbkofcde.org/fish/> for more details on both events.

## A Day of Reflection with the Little Sisters of the Poor

"Have you asked Jesus what His plan is for your Life?"

Come, Listen, Pray and See about God's call to be a Consecrated Religious Sister.

Saturday, March 14, 2026

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For Women 18 – 35 years old

Cost is FREE.

The day includes – Rosary, Mass, discussions, Adoration, and lunch.

Location:

Jeanne Jugan Residence/Little Sisters of the Poor  
185 Salem Church Road, Newark DE  
302-386-5886

<https://littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org/>

**R.S.V.P. By March 7 to Sr. Janet Mary**

[vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:vocnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org)

## Sodality

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a faith-based women's organization that honors the Blessed Mother and leads initiatives to support St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Sodality Communion Sunday is held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. Monthly Meetings are held in the Ballad Room promptly after Mass. All women 14 years of age and over are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email [BVMsodality@stanthonynet.org](mailto:BVMsodality@stanthonynet.org) or contact Mary Kate Hollingsworth, President, at 302-244-2375.

## Parish Calendar

Friday

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

Saturday

9:00 AM, Italo-Americans

United Mass

12:00 PM, Baptism



Monday, Mar. 2

through

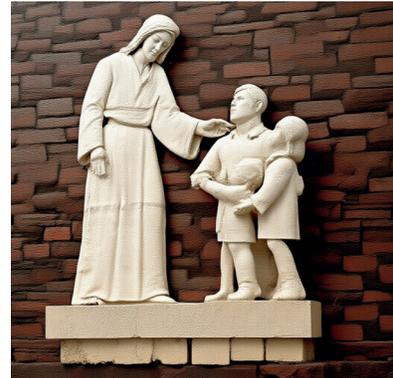
Sunday, Mar. 8

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

## Grade School Calendar

Friday

9:30 AM, Mass



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

**Sacrament of Penance**

**Saturday, March 28**

4:00 to 4:45 PM

**No Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 4**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Saturday, March 28**

Blessing of Palm and Procession

at 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 29**

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

*9:00 Mass livestreamed*

**Holy Week: March 30, 31 & April 1**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

Daily Masses: 6:45 AM

**Holy Thursday, April 2**

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 PM

*7:00 Mass livestreamed*

**Good Friday, April 3**

Church open for prayer & reflection:

12:00 Noon through Lord's Passion

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

*3:00 Liturgy livestreamed*

**Holy Saturday, April 4**

Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

*Livestreamed*

**Easter Sunday, April 5**

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

*9:00 Mass livestreamed.*

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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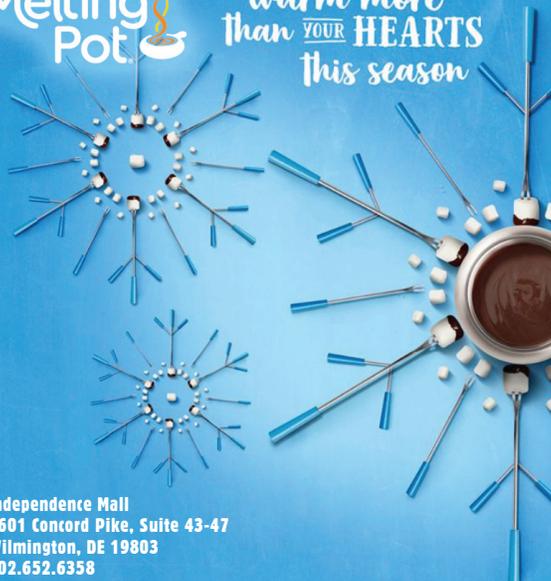
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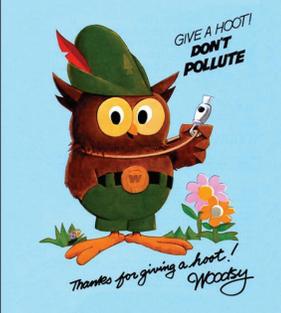
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