

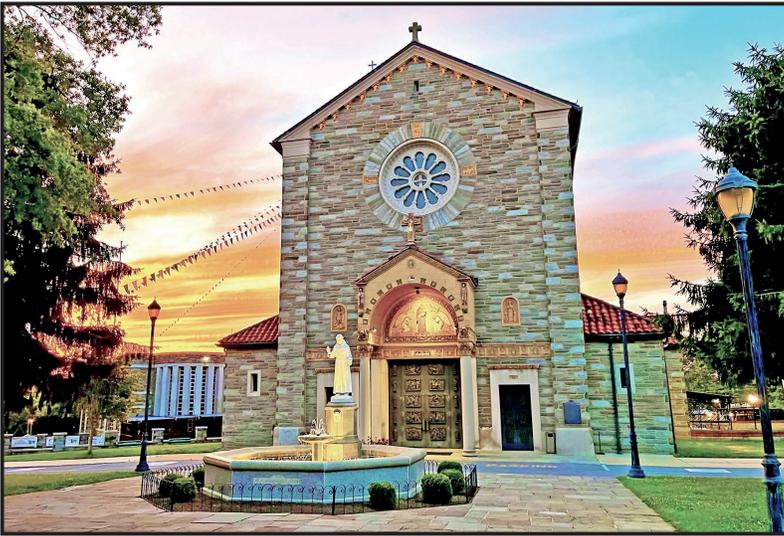
St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

March 8, 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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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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St. Anthony of Padua Grade School: www.sapgs.org
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Instagram: www.instagram.com/sapgs.de

Padua Academy Website: www.paduaacademy.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/paduaacademy

St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	3/9 PETER & ANNA MCCRARY	LIZ ISBELL
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	3/10 BRO. MIKE ROSENELLO, OSFS	DONOR
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	3/11 SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Thursday, 6:45 AM	3/12	
Friday, 6:45 AM	3/13 FRANK J. SERIO, SR.	FAMILY
Saturday, 5:00 PM	3/14 JOHN & JOSEPHINE RUSSO	RUSSO FAMILY
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	3/15	



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel:

John 9:1-41

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/22/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,895.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 260.95
Percent Difference This Week:	- 3.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$8,143.64

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/01/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,382.50
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,226.55
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 15.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$9,370.19

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Lent is a time for us to encounter Jesus in a very personal way so that we deepen our baptismal consecration and commitment. John tells us that he wrote about the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman so that we "may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief we may have life in his name."

Notice that, during this encounter, Jesus is drawing the woman beyond earthly realities and concerns to the deeper realities of the eternal. Jesus offers her "living water." He means water that gives life, but her attention is on earthly water. She asks him, rather sarcastically, if he thinks he's better than Jacob who gave them this well. Jesus refuses to be side-tracked from his goal - to give her water that will permanently end her thirst. All she can see is the convenience of not having to come to the well every day.

The purpose of the story is to remind us that even committed disciples need to be brought to deeper understanding and conversion.

How great is our thirst during this Lenten season? What is the "food" we are seeking? What is it that Jesus wants us to understand through our Lenten encounters with him? St. Paul reminds us that God has proven his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Our Lenten journey will be more fruitful if we are sincerely open when we encounter Jesus and are willing to be led by grace into a deeper conversion of mind and heart to the ways of the Lord. Then our hope will be based on the love of God poured out into our hearts.

The Oblates

"Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again, never to be broken off."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	Buzzy Cooke	William Crook
Bruce DiBiasi	Ann Marie DiBiasi	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.

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

For fifty years, the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal has carried faith into the future—strengthening our Church and caring for those in need throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. This year, Bishop Koenig is asking every parish family to join in. Your participation matters as much as the gift itself. When every household gives, our parish grows stronger—and our shared mission thrives. If you have not yet made your pledge, please do so today. 50% of all first-time gifts stay right here in our parish, and funds raised beyond our goal also support local needs. Together, with many hands and one mission, we can ensure our faith remains vibrant for generations to come. Visit 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,**

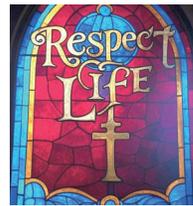
March 27th. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

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://paduasoiree2026.givesmart.com>

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.



"A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope."

Pope John Paul II

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!

No Candle Sales - Holy Week

The Catholic Church's teaching is that no candles are to be lit in Church during Holy Week, therefore, no candles will be sold after Sunday, March 22 and will resume after the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass.

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

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 or contact Mary Kate (Rispoli) Hollingsworth, President, at 302-244-2375.

Parish Calendar

Thursday

6:00 PM, Padua Academy
Ring Mass

Friday

7:30 PM, Via Crucis



Monday, Mar. 9

through

Sunday, Mar. 15

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

Grade School Calendar

Tuesday & Wednesday

8th Grade Retreat at Holy Cross



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*.

Grade School News

We are excited to invite families to "Walk Through Wednesdays" throughout 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.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GRADE SCHOOL

LITTLE LISTENERS STORY TIME

HOSTED BY OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT STUDENTS

Join us for a special morning of stories and smiles!

Our middle school students in the Enrichment Program will be reading to children ages 2-4 in a cozy, welcoming setting designed just for little learners.

Our Story Time:

- Each child will receive a free book to take home as a special gift!
- Parents are asked to stay and enjoy the experience alongside their child.
- We can't wait to share a love of reading with your little one!

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AGES 2-4

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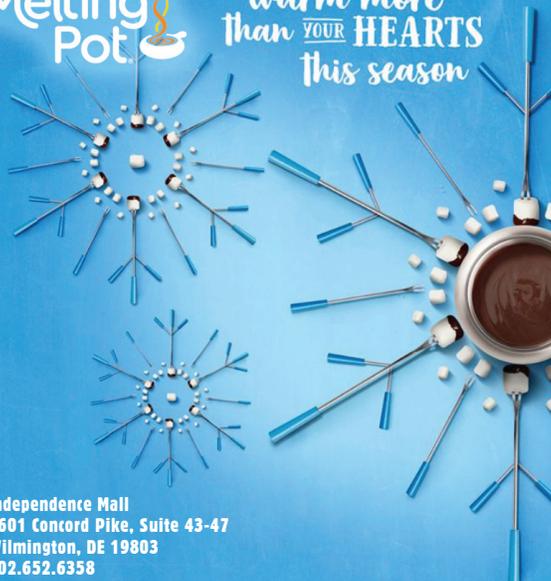
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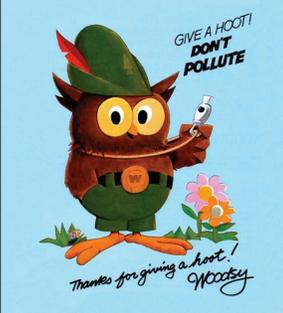
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