

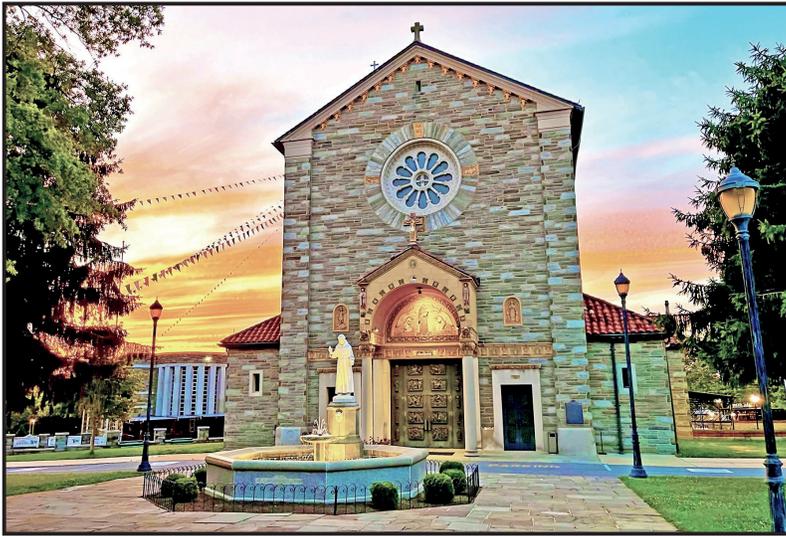
St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

March 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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festival@stanthonynet.org

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	3/16 SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	3/17 CAROL ALL DOUGHERTY	DONOR
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	3/18 FILOMENA GIAMMARCO LAMPE	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	3/19 PADRE PIO	DONOR
Friday, 6:45 AM	3/20 THOMAS FIDANCE	WIFE MARIE & FAMILY
Saturday, 5:00 PM	3/21	
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	3/22 SALVATORE & REGINA CAMPESE PHILIP CERESINI, JR.	FAMILY ANGELINE & FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel:

John 11:1-45

Jesus, the light of the world, gives sight to the man who has been blind from birth. The waters of the pool of Siloam wash away the muddy earth from his eyes, and he sees - an obvious reference to the waters of Baptism.

It's hard to believe that the Pharisees could be so obstinate in their refusal to believe what the man reported to them. They are blinder than the man ever was. Even the parents are afraid to believe their own son's story, for fear of being put out of the synagogue.

The Gospel points out that Jesus wasn't only interested in the man's bodily sight. He came to give him "saving sight" - the fullness of faith in him as God's Son and Savior of the world. The man's belief in Jesus cost him his place in the synagogue.

The final scene of the story shows us the tragedy that is unfolding. Those who took great pride in their religious sight are not open to the light that Jesus brings. They are the truly blind.

Each of us, from time to time, shares in the various attitudes displayed in the Gospel story. Sometimes we are like the man born blind and Jesus must give us sight. Sometimes, like the Pharisees, we're reluctant to see his workings in those around us. Like the man's parents, we can be afraid to acknowledge the light of Christ because others may criticize us, or worse, reject us. The Gospel is encouraging us to live faithfully by the light that Jesus gives us.

The Oblates

"The measure of our love is to love without measure."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Faith A. Trotto
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/08/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,780.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$ 624.05
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 7.7%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$9,994.24

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

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



"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth . . . and the right of every child to be born."

Birthright International

Prolife Mass, Adoration and Procession

On Thursday, March 19th, there will be an 8am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter, 500 N. West St., followed by Adoration and then a procession to the 625 Shipley St. Planned Parenthood where we will pray for the little ones, their parents, the abortionists and the escorts. Lunch following (freewill offering) at St Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 800 Lea Blvd. Wilmington. Join us for all or any part of this Lenten day of prayer! Contact: wilmingtonprolife@gmail.com

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.

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.

Malvern Retreat House

"Come Into My Eucharistic Presence"

We invite men and their sons to a weekend encounter with Jesus at the Mid-May & Archbishop Fitzmaurice Men's Retreat, May 15th-17th, 2026. Our Retreat Director is Msgr Stephen McHenry. Our guest speaker is Kevin Reliey, a former Eagle. Register at: <https://www.malvernretreat.com/events/mid-may-arch-fitzmaurice-2026/> or contact Maurice Sadowsky at mjsadowsky@yahoo.com. Malvern offers retreats for women, men, married couples, families, young adults, and those in addiction recovery. Please visit malvernretreat.com.



Parish Calendar

Friday

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

Sunday

5:00 PM, Baptism within Mass



Monday, Mar. 16

through

Sunday, Mar. 22

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

School Closed (Professional Development Day)

Tuesday

9:30 AM, Reconciliation,
Grades 3 – 8

Thursday

9:15 AM, Field Trip,
Grades 3 & 6

Friday

It's Academic

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2026

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, March 28

4:00 to 4:45 PM

Monday, March 30

3:00 to 8:00 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

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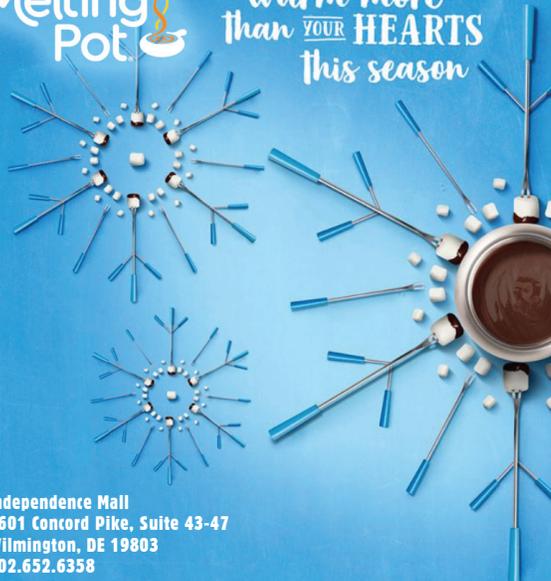
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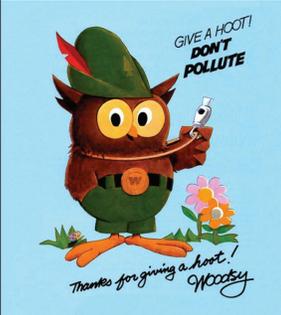
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