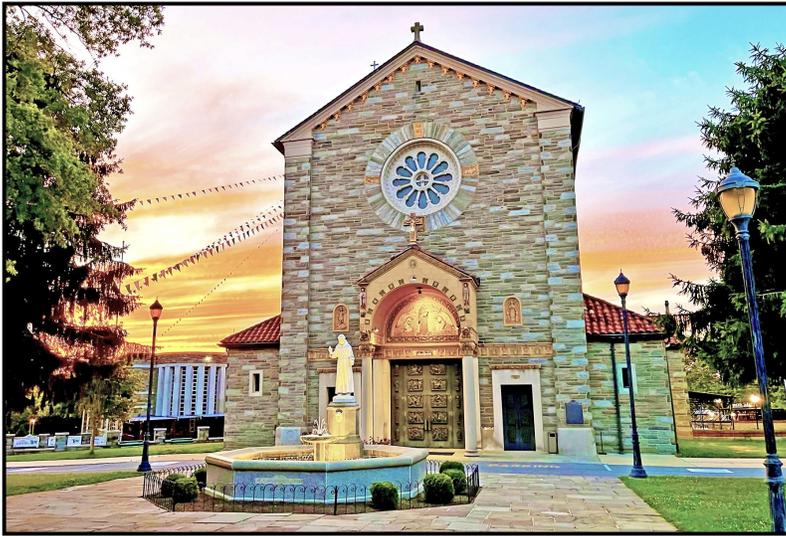


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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



*March 22, 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.

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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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/23</b> MARIA BUCCI	LYDIA & FAMILY
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/24</b>	
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/25</b> THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANTHONY	DAVINA PILEGGI
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/26</b> SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>3/27</b> WILLIAM & ALICE KIRLIN	DONOR
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>3/28</b>	
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>3/29 Palm Sunday</b> ANTHONY DAVID DI PILLA PIA AND VITTORIO GALASSO	DAD & ROSIE GALASSO DAUGHTERS



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

### 2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:6-11

### Gospel:

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Today's Gospel calls us to a deeper faith and trust in Jesus who tells us: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life."

"Do you believe this?"

No one seemed to be prepared for Jesus' next words and actions. "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Then he shouts: "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus comes out, still bound in his linen shroud. Jesus has to tell them to "untie him and let him go free."

We know that this miracle hastened the tragic events of Jesus' arrest, suffering and eventual death on the cross. As we listen today, we are reminded that there are daily deaths to self and sin that we must endure in order to share in Jesus' rising. People and events in our daily living will challenge our faith and trust in Jesus as resurrection and life. How we handle these daily deaths to self and sin is often a good indication of how we will handle our final, earthly death. Seeing them as our opportunities to share in Jesus' suffering and death gives us the courage to accept them gracefully.

Let us resolve, then, to use these challenges to deepen our decision to follow Jesus more closely each day. Jesus has told us that our daily deaths to self and sin, and our eventual physical death, will bring us to our promised share in his glorious risen life. May the grace of God and our faithfulness bring us to the fullness of life Jesus has promised us.

*The Oblates*

"God does not measure our perfection by the many things we do for Him, but by how we do them."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**A. Ralph Giofre**  
**Geraldine F. Romano**  
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/15/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,287.50
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$ 131.55
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 1.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$10,125.79

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

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



"You formed my most inner being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works!"

Psalm 139:13-14

## 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](mailto:wilmingtonprolife@gmail.com)

## 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.

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Fugue in Eb Major, BWV 552 (solo organ)	J.S. Bach
Suite, from <i>Carnival of the Animals</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns
America (Arlington National Cemetery military funeral video)	
Teddy at the Throttle (Silent Movie)	Clarence Badger
Pictures at an Exhibition, Excerpts	Mussorgsky

This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment of the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on DelawareScene.com.

## 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal -

### Many Hands, One Mission: A 50-Year Legacy

Participants in the 2026 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31. Additional reminders will continue through December. Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing. Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

## 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.



## Free Diabetes Prevention Program Enrollment Now Open

Catholic Charities is launching a free Diabetes Prevention Program to help adults at risk for type 2 diabetes build healthier habits through practical, supportive, coach-led classes. The next cohort begins March 17, 2026. Participants will learn simple strategies for nutrition, physical activity, stress reduction, and long-term wellness in a welcoming, community-oriented setting. To request an interest form or ask questions, email [DPP@ccwilm.org](mailto:DPP@ccwilm.org).

## Parish Calendar

**Tuesday**

10:00 AM, Padua Academy

Bishop's Visit

**Friday**

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

**Saturday**

CYM Pilgrimage

**Monday, Mar. 23**

through

**Sunday, Mar. 29**

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

## Grade School Calendar

**Monday & Thursday**

3:00 PM, Girls on the Run Practice



## 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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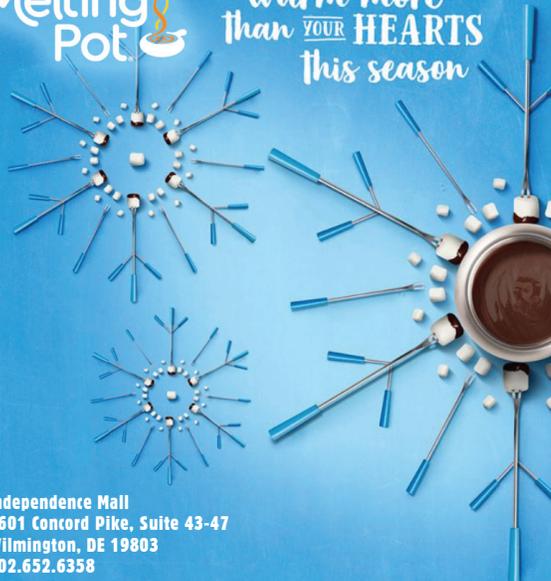
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