

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

May 3, 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.

Italian Festival
festival@stanthonynet.org

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St. Anthony of Padua Grade School: www.sapgs.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stanthonysgs
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
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stanthonysfestival



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	5/4 WILLIAM & ALICE KIRLIN	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	5/5 FRANKLIN VARONE	DONOR
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	5/6 ANGIE THOMAS	DOMINICK & DAVINA PILEGGI
Thursday, 6:45 AM	5/7 ANGIE THOMAS	THERESA & SCOTT PROUD
Friday, 6:45 AM	5/8 JENNIE FANTOZZI	FAMILY
Saturday, 5:00 PM	5/9 SALVATORE, MARY & ALFONSE CICCARELLI	DOMINICK & MARY CATHERINE RUSSO
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	5/10	



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel:

John 14:15-21

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 04/26/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,979.40
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 176.55
Percent Difference This Week:	- 2.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$12,862.23

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to ministry of the word. The proposal was acceptable to the whole community...They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands upon them."

The Acts of the Apostles, the story of the life of the primitive church, discloses an important step in the growth and structure of the church. Here we discover the choice of the first deacons, part of the sacrament of Holy Orders. As we reflect on the inspiration of the Spirit and the response of the community, may we look to the needs of the church today.

How aware we are of the need of disciples to serve the church today and for tomorrow. It is a concern for all Catholics. May I take a moment and ask myself, when did I encourage a person to follow the Lord as a priest, deacon or the religious life of a brother or sister? Rather than lament the lack of vocations, may I pray for and encourage others to listen to the call of the Lord. May we pray that those who the Lord is calling today, and He is, may hear and respond.

The Oblates

"Let us stay at our Lord's feet and remember 'little peddler-little pack' by practicing the ordinary virtues which are better suited to walking downhill than in climbing: patience, forbearance toward our neighbor, service of others, humility, gentleness of heart, affability, tolerance of our own imperfections."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, OSFS
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

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
Robert LeSieur	Paige Lucas	Edward Mackey
John McGee	Cindy O'Neil	Kelly Panella
Marlene Papillo	Ann Marie Russo	Betty Rybinski
Wendy Setting	Rami Shehadeh	Alexandra Sparco
Starobynski Family	Robin Swanson	Angelo Tiberi
Gina Tiberi	Ed Tucker	Tobias Weaver
Barbara White	Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS	

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

Combined Membership Drives This Weekend!

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality and the Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council #4425 will conduct a joint membership drive for their respective organizations. This is scheduled before and after all Masses the weekend of **May 2-3**. This is an opportunity to learn more about the benefits of membership in these Catholic organizations.

Mother's Day Rose Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be selling roses before and after all Masses the weekend of May 9-10 to benefit Birthright of Delaware. This organization provides help to women facing crisis pregnancies so they may choose life for their babies. Individual roses are \$3 each, three roses for \$5, a dozen is \$20 and \$45 for a bouquet of twenty-five. Let's honor our moms with this special gift on her special day.

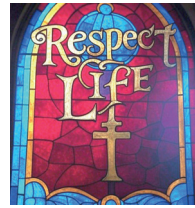
St. Anthony of Padua Grade School

Enrollment is open now! Visit sapgs.org to schedule a tour at your convenience or call the school office at 302-421-3743 if your child would like to shadow for the day. Come meet our school family - a special part of our parish!

First Eucharist

The following young people received First Eucharist on Sunday, April 19th:

Andrew Ashe, Blaise Borsello, Layla Cook, Dominic Charles DeMarco, Violetta Fabris, William Galloway, Andrew Jakotowicz, Damian Lara, Ella Lyons, Adaline Mackie, Mya Pisutvacharakul, Violet Rogers, and Scarlett Zavala.



While the total number of abortions in the United States has been steadily declining for years, there still are over 800,000 performed annually in the United States. A figure roughly equal to the entire population of South Dakota.

Sponsor a New Hymnal

You have likely seen the new blue *Glory and Praise* hymnals in our pews! St. Anthony's is excited to introduce these to the parish community, our first new hymnals in 30 years, which include a wider selection of songs that are familiar to you, as well as Mass readings and responses for all three years of the church's liturgy cycle. We are pleased to offer an opportunity to dedicate a hymnal in honor of or in memory of an individual. Support will be noted by a recognition permanently affixed to a hymnal. If you are interested in this opportunity, please visit the parish's online giving site: (<https://www.osvhub.com/sapde/giving/funds>) or submit your contribution to the rectory, noting whom you would like to honor or remember, and your contact info as well. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sunday, May 31st



On Saturday, May 30th, St. Anthony's will host an Oblate ordination for Deacon Jonathan S. Dick, OSFS at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow in the Ballad Room at 12:30 PM. In recognition of this happy event, we will celebrate just one Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Like our earlier Jubilee Masses, the Mass will begin at 10:30 AM. Please take note of this.

Vocations

Ongoing priesthood discernment group at the Newman Center at UD

One gathering remains on May 12th. Open to young adult men who are age 18 or older. Those interested may contact Fr. Gebhart for more information or go to RSVP: Father.Gebhard@gmail.com.

Mission Appeal May 16 & 17

We will be joined on the weekend of May 16 & 17 by Rev. Evans K. Kulei from the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru in Kenya-East Africa. Father Kulei will share with us his extraordinary challenges of propagating the Catholic Faith in his diocese.

Parish Calendar



Monday, May 4

through

Sunday, May 10

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

School Closed (Professional Development Day)

Tuesday

1:30 PM, May Procession Practice

Wednesday

9:30 AM, May Procession Practice

2:00 PM, May Procession

3:15 PM, Catechetical Certification/Faculty Meeting

Friday

8:30 AM, Walk-a-thon

All events are tentative at this time.

St. Anthony's ITALIAN Festival

Sunday, June 7 - Saturday, June 13

Sunday, 6/7 & Saturday, 6/13: 4:00PM-10:00PM

Monday, 6/8 through Friday, 6/12: 5:30-10:00PM

<https://sapde.org/italianfestival>

<https://facebook.com/stanthonysfestival>

PHYSICAL WEEKLY PASSES, GIFT CARDS, & MAGIC MONEY CARDS:

- at the rectory (9:00AM-3:00PM, Monday-Friday)
- at the Grade School office (8:00AM-6:00PM, Monday-Friday)
- Gift cards also available on Festival website (delivery or pickup) (<https://sapgs.square.site> or <https://sapde.org/festivalcashless>)

PRE-FESTIVAL DISCOUNTED WEEKLY PASSES:

- **\$20.00 Pre-Festival; \$23.00 After Festival starts**
- Provides one admission per person per day to the Festival.

Daily Admission (purchased in advance via **EVENTBRITE*** or on-site):

- **\$8 for ages 16-61**
- **Under Age 16 & Over age 61: FREE!**
- **NOTE: Anyone under age 16: MUST be always accompanied by a parent or guardian age 21 or older**

PRE-FESTIVAL DISCOUNTED GIFT CARD PRICES:

- \$25.00 Gift Cards: **Pre-Festival Price: \$22.00**
- \$50.00 Gift Cards: **Pre-Festival Price: \$42.00**

DAILY AND WEEKLY ELECTRONIC PASSES VIA **EVENTBRITE***:

- Purchase in advance and simply print out or show your QR code on your phone at the admission gate!
- **\$20.00 Pre-Festival; \$23.00 After Festival starts**
- Purchase securely via the Festival's Eventbrite link at: <https://sapde.org/italianfestival>

DISCOUNTED MAGIC MONEY CARDS Info:

- Magic Money Cards are available for purchase for \$35. Each card is pre-loaded with 175 Midway ride credits.
- **Purchase in advance & save almost \$10 vs. purchase on-site**

*NOTE: Eventbrite service fees apply

FESTIVAL APPAREL & COLLECTIBLES

Purchase a selection of Festival-themed clothing and commemorative items, brought to you by our partners at Stitch in Time! (<https://customstitch.com/>)

Purchase items securely via the Stitch in Time site and pick up your purchases at the Stitch in Time tent at 9th & Scott Sts. on the Festival grounds!

ENTERTAINMENT & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- Music nightly on 3 stages by Italian and contemporary artists!
- Italian cultural activities throughout the week, including St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass & Procession of Saints (Sunday, 6/7), Italian children dance troupe (Monday, 6/8), Opera Delaware concerts of Italian arias (Thursday, 6/11), and the 14th Annual Home Winemakers Competition (Saturday, 6/13).

Visit the Festival website for full details!

GOOD TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

- **The Italian Festival is cashless to maximize convenience!** All major credit cards, as well as Festival Gift Cards, will be accepted on-site.
- For those who do not have a credit card, Festival Gift Cards will be available to purchase on-site with cash (credit cards also accepted to purchase Gift Cards).
- Festival Gift Cards are NOT accepted on Midway, only Magic Money Cards. Purchase discounted Magic Money cards in advance or visit the Majestic Midways kiosks on the Midway to purchase a Magic Money Card on-site during the Festival.
- To ensure the safety of all Festival patrons, all attendees will pass through security screening for admittance to the Festival grounds.

NEW FOR 2026:

Feast Day Mass (with readings and music in Italian) and Procession of Saints now on Festival opening day, Sunday, 6/7, at 12:30PM and at 2:00PM, respectively.

2026 Italian Festival

June 7th - 13th

Sunday, 6/7: 4:00PM-10:00PM

Monday, 6/8-Friday, 6/12: 5:30PM-10:00PM

Saturday, 6/13: 4:00PM-10:00PM

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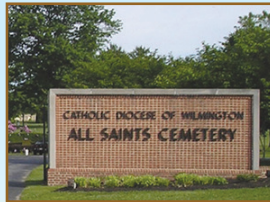
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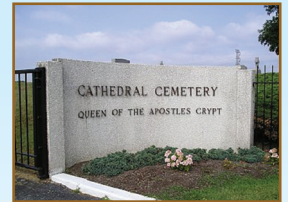
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