

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

May 17, 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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Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

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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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# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>5/18</b> TONIA MARISA PATTERSON	MOM, DAD & FAMILY
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>5/19</b> MARY R. KIRLIN	DONOR
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>5/20</b> AMERIGO DELUCA	LYDIA & FAMILY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>5/21</b> JOSEPH A. DE JULIIS, SR.	JULIA & FAMILY
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>5/22</b> MARC LAMPE	FAMILY
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>5/23</b> JOSEPH RYBICKI, SR.	WIFE
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>5/24</b> STELLA COFRANCESCO MARYANN PLASTEK	FAMILY FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Acts 2:1-11

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 34

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

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

### Gospel:

John 20:19-23

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 05/10/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,988.84
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 167.11
Percent Difference This Week:	- 2.1%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$15,264.77

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

Today we celebrate the conclusion of Jesus' mission from his Father. We see Jesus stand before his chosen eleven as the Christ, Lord of the universe. With full authority for the salvation of the world, Jesus sends the Eleven forth to make disciples of all the nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity and teach all they have been commanded by Jesus.

Then Jesus returns to his Father, leaving the earth in his bodily form. His leaving emphasizes the importance that faith will play in their mission. They are to put their trust in the Spirit he will leave with them, and they are to act on all they have been taught to believe. They will have doubts and fears as they go, so they are to remember his final words to them: "I am with you always." Jesus' abiding presence with them through the Spirit will give them strength and courage when they need it to continue their efforts.

As we carry out our mission each day, we are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure. Jesus asks us to place our faith in him and give the best effort we can each day. St. Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew, trying to be faithful today to letting Jesus live in us and love through us.

*The Oblates*

"We must live every moment of our life as if it were our last."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Mary E. DiSabatino**  
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

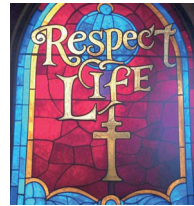
## Feast Day Mass, Sunday, June 7

With the changes to our Festival schedule this year, please note that we will celebrate the Feast of St. Anthony on the first Sunday of the Festival, not the last Sunday. This means that on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the only Mass of the day will be celebrated at 12:30 PM. The Procession of Saints will follow at 2:00 PM.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	Buzzy Cooke	William Crook
Colleen Demko	Bruce DiBiasco	Ann Marie DiBiasco
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	Ed Tucker	Tobias Weaver
Barbara White	Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS	

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



There are between one and two million infertile and fertile couples and individuals who would like to adopt children.

## 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!

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## St. Anthony of Padua Grade School

Due to ongoing renovations, we are currently unable to offer in-person tours. Instead, we invite prospective families to schedule a **Connection Call** with our principal. Visit [sapgs.org](http://sapgs.org) to book a time, or call the school office at 302-421-3743 ext. 103. Come discover our school family, a special part of our parish!

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<http://ihm.org//2026-marriage-retreat>  
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## Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>



On Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Like our earlier Jubilee Masses, the Mass will begin at 10:30 AM. Please take note of this.

## Mission Appeal This Weekend

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.

## Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion Save the Date

Sept. 25, 6-10 p.m.: Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion, Christiana Hilton. Saint Mark's is also hosting a Welcome Home Celebration and tour of SMH for Class of 1976 Alumni on Thursday, Sept. 24 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reunion committee would like to connect with alumni. Contact Patty Curtin White at: [patriciacurtin@comcast.net](mailto:patriciacurtin@comcast.net) or [PCurtin@christianacare.org](mailto:PCurtin@christianacare.org) Or Terri Larson Seeman at: [Glennsman@comcast.net](mailto:Glennsman@comcast.net) (302)893-3479.

## Parish Calendar

**Tuesday**

12:00 PM, Padua Academy

Baccalaureate Practice

**Friday**

9:30 AM, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Practice

**Monday, May 18**

**through**

**Sunday, May 24**

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

## Grade School Calendar

**Monday**

2:00 PM, Band Concert/Art Show

**Tuesday**

8:45 AM, Field Trip, Grades 5 to 7

3:30 PM, Fusco's Takeover (Kirkwood Highway)

**Thursday**

8:00 AM, Field Day

**Friday**

9:30 AM, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Practice

Noon Dismissal



**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)
- 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 versus purchasing 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 9<sup>th</sup> & 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 (Wednesday, 6/10), and the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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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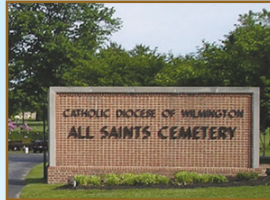
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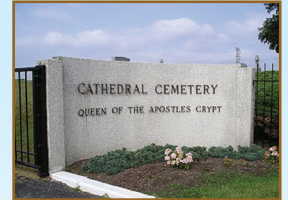
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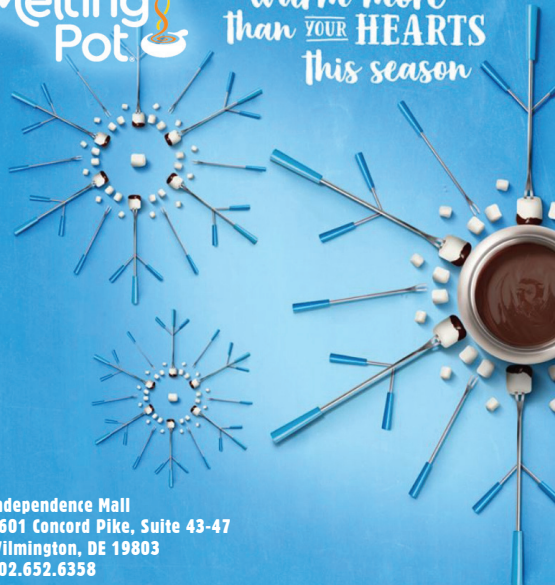
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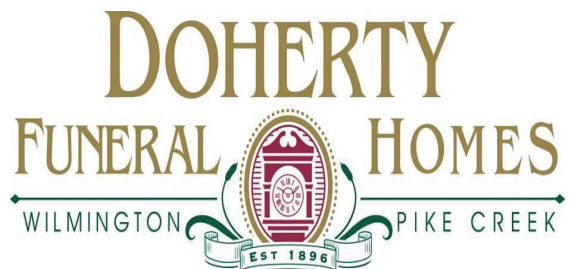
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