

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

July 5, 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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# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/6</b> THERESA GAZZILLO	FAMILY
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/7</b> MIKE AND ROSE KIRLIN	DONOR
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/8</b>	
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/9</b> REV. NICHOLAS R. WASELINE, OSFS	DONOR
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/10</b> MARC DEEGAN	DONOR
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>7/11</b> JOSEPH RYBICKI, SR.	WIFE
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>7/12</b> PHILIP CERESINI, JR.	ANGELINE & FAMILY



## Next Sunday's Readings

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

Isaiah 55:10-11

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

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

Romans 8:18-23

### Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

## Weekly Offertory Report

Due to our early publishing deadline necessitated by the holiday, offertory figures were not ready as the bulletin went to press. These figures will be shown next week.



The prophet Zechariah pictures the coming of the Savior/King as a time of peace. Jesus, the Savior/King, has come.

We might ask, considering all the turmoil in the world around us (or, in some cases, the turmoil within us), where is the peace that he is supposed to bring?

Our question recalls that Jesus told us: I do not give you the peace that the world gives. What then is the peace that Jesus brings? He tells us this morning that his peace is only possessed by the child-like - those who are willing to learn from his gentle, humble lead - those willing to yoke themselves to him. The peace that Jesus can give is refreshment to the weary and to those who find that this worldly life can be burdensome.

Gentleness is learning to love others unconditionally - forgiving them even before they can say "I'm sorry," reaching out to fill their needs even before they can say "I'm in need," lifting their spirits even before they can say, "I feel down today."

When I open myself to be grateful for God's compassionate love for me and am willing to respect his love working in everyone around me, then I am able to experience the peace that Jesus brings. My soul will find rest from the weariness of the world's competition and conniving. The burdens of living each day will be lightened. I will be better able to see the hand of God's love at work in everything and everyone around me.

May each of us be wise enough to learn the secret of inner peace from Jesus who is gentle and humble of heart.

*The Oblates*

"Don't get down about your weaknesses. Start over each day. You make progress by continually beginning again and again.

*St. Francis de Sales*



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

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

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Ann Marie Russo	Betty Rybinski	Wendy Setting
Rami Shehadeh	Alexandra Sparco	Susan & Romie
Starobynski Family	Sharon Sutton	Robin Swanson
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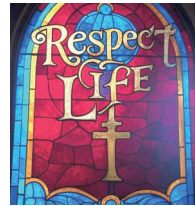
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## Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all who have supported the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. If you have pledged, please remember to fulfill your commitment as payments are received throughout the year. If you have not yet participated, there is still time to make a gift and help support the many ministries that serve our Diocese. Every gift makes a difference.

## Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

... will be held the weekend of November 6-8, 2026. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion or miscarriage. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com) by October 11.



Worldwide, there are approximately 115,000 abortions every day.

## 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!

## Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of July 31 - August 2, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. An additional program will be the weekend of October 2 - 4. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit [www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## Independence Day



In observance of the Independence Day Holiday, the parish office will be closed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Have a Happy Holiday!



# St. Anthony of Padua Grade School



St. Anthony of Padua Grade School is a Catholic elementary school deeply rooted in the Italian immigrant community of the West End of Wilmington and the parish it serves.

The Parish of St. Anthony of Padua was established in 1924 by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales under the leadership of Rev. J. Francis Tucker, OSFS, to serve Wilmington's growing Italian population. The church building itself was dedicated in 1926.



From the outset, education was a priority. By 1932, the parish had begun using the abandoned Number 11 School (located where the parish parking lot is today) for the education of its youth. Initially, only Religion classes along with Italian were offered. In 1938, Franciscan Sisters from Glen Riddle, Pennsylvania, arrived to staff the school. By early 1946 it had become a true & proper elementary school.

In the 1940s and 1950s, enrollment growth made the old facility inadequate. Under the tireless leadership of Fr. Roberto Balducelli, OSFS (who served the parish for decades), parishioners — many skilled artisans and volunteers — undertook an ambitious project to build a new school. Working nights, Saturdays, and holidays for several years, they constructed the current building through donated labor, materials, and fundraising. The school was dedicated on May 29, 1958, in a ceremony that celebrated the community's faith, sacrifice, and commitment.

The grade school also played a foundational role in the establishment of Padua Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school. In 1954, girls from St. Anthony's, unable to find a Catholic high school that would admit them, expressed a desire for their own secondary school. Early Padua classes were held in the grade school building and other temporary spaces before moving to its current location in 1971. This connection highlights the intertwined histories of the parish's educational institutions.

The school evolved while preserving its traditions. A preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds was added in 2006–2007, along with before- and after-school care. It blends Italian cultural heritage with Franciscan and Salesian spirituality, serving a diverse student body in Pre-K through 8th grade. The school emphasizes academic excellence, faith formation, and community service.

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School remains a vibrant part of Wilmington's Little Italy, tied to the parish's annual Italian Festival and its historic church. It stands as a testament to generations of families who built and sustained it through volunteerism and dedication. As its motto reflects, the school values its past while embracing the future — continuing to provide a Catholic education in the heart of the community it has served for the better part of a century.

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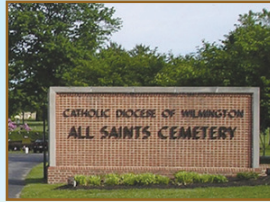
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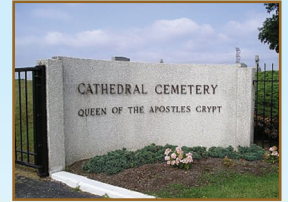
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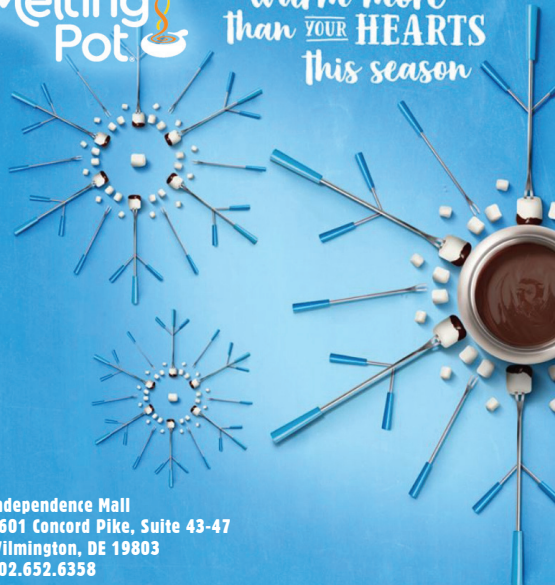
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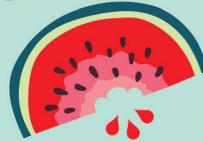
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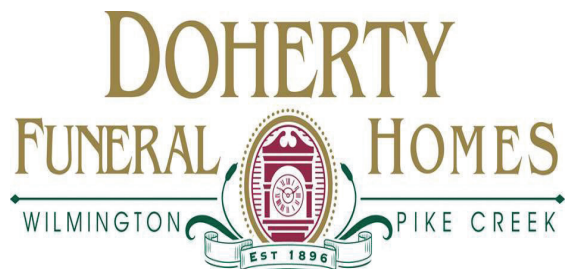
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