

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

June 28, 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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St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	6/29 PAULA WILLIAMS	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	6/30 ROBERT ZAWISZA	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	7/1	
Thursday, 6:45 AM	7/2 SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Friday, 6:45 AM	7/3	
Saturday, 5:00 PM	7/4	
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	7/5 ANTHONY DAVID DI PILLA PHILIP CERESINI, JR.	DAD & ROSIE ANGELINE & FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel:

Matthew 11:25-30

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 06/21/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,474.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,318.05
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 16.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$14,561.72

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

We just heard St. Paul remind us of the wonderful gift we received in Baptism.

We joined Jesus in his death to sin once and for all and we were given a share in his risen life, a life for God. Paul tells us that we must continue to think of ourselves in light of what happened to us in our Baptism: in Jesus we are dead to sin; we are living for God.

Our Baptism changed us into new people who share in divine life. The challenge for us is to choose each day to live as a redeemed person.

Today's Gospel is Matthew's conclusion to Jesus' great missionary instruction to his disciples – to you and me. Our Baptism commissioned us to be missionaries – to live our new life in Jesus with enthusiasm and to share with others the good news we are experiencing so that they can experience it too.

Jesus reminds us that much of our missionary efforts will be done in little things: giving a cup of cold water in his name. He tells us that there is a profound implication to even the smallest act of unselfish love. In these little acts of kindness, we can mirror the loving kindness of our God. Our God in return gives us a reward immensely greater than our efforts deserve. That is the nature of God's loving kindness.

Let us resolve once again to live more faithfully the new life we were given in our Baptism. Let us be more conscious of the little opportunities we are given to be God's loving kindness to one another each day.

The Oblates

"Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day."

St. Francis de Sales



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

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale
Bruce DiBiaso
Amber Dawn Ford
Mary Jo Ganey
Irene Lawhorn
Edward Mackey
Kelly Panella
Betty Rybinski
Alexandra Sparco
Sharon Sutton
Ed Tucker

William Crook
Florence Dilks
Jean Forlano
Bill Giles
Robert LeSieur
John McGee
Marlene Papillo
Wendy Setting
Susan & Romie
Robin Swanson
Tobias Weaver

Colleen Demko
Joe Fahey
Carmen Gagliardino
Mia Gravino
Paige Lucas
Cindy O'Neil
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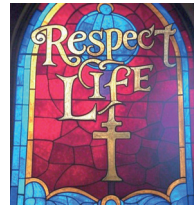
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Weddings



The following couples were Married at St. Anthony's since March 1st:

Andrew Burich & Carly Brown
Austin Chostar & Mary Kate Ford
Miles Jones & Patricia Moore
Kenneth Panella & Mary Beth Bennett
Dylan Strache & Sarah O'Connor



The only differences between a newborn and a preborn baby are size, level of development, environment, and degree of dependency

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. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Independence Day



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



The Life of Saint Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622)



Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva and Doctor of the Church, was one of the most influential spiritual figures of the Counter-Reformation. Born on August 21, 1567, at the Château de Sales in Thorens, in the Duchy of Savoy (present-day France). He was the firstborn son of a noble family. His father, Francis de Sales, hoped he would pursue a career in law and politics, while his mother, Françoise de Boisy, supported his early inclinations toward piety.

Francis received an excellent education. He studied at the Jesuit College in Paris and later earned a doctorate in civil and canon law from the University of Padua in 1591. Though destined for high office, he felt a strong calling to the priesthood, which he kept secret for years out of respect for his father. After much gentle persuasion, he gained his father's reluctant consent. Francis was ordained a priest on December 18, 1593, and appointed provost of the Chapter of Geneva, which was then in exile in Annecy due to Calvinist control of the city.

Early in his priesthood, Francis undertook the challenging mission of reclaiming the Chablais region from Calvinism. Traveling on foot through harsh winter conditions, often facing hostility, he relied on preaching, personal example, and handwritten pamphlets rather than force. His patient, charitable approach won back thousands to the Catholic faith — estimates suggest as many as 40,000 souls. This success highlighted his hallmark: winning hearts through kindness and reason rather than confrontation.

In 1602, Francis was consecrated Bishop of Geneva, though he resided in Annecy. As bishop, he tirelessly visited his parishes, reformed monasteries, emphasized clergy education, and cared for the poor. He became a renowned spiritual director, corresponding with many and guiding souls from all walks of life. In 1604, he met the widowed Baroness Jane Frances de Chantal. Together they founded the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary in 1610, a congregation dedicated to prayer, humility, and service, originally intended for women unable to endure the austerities of other orders.

Francis's greatest legacy lies in his writings, which made holiness accessible to laypeople. His most famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* (1609), addressed "Philothea" (lover of God) and taught that true devotion is possible amid daily duties, not just in the cloister. He followed it with the profound *Treatise on the Love of God* (1616). These texts, along with his sermons and letters, stressed gentleness, humility, and trust in God's will. His famous advice — "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself" — captures his compassionate spirit.

Worn out by labors, Francis suffered a stroke and died in Lyon on December 28, 1622, at age 55. He was buried in Annecy. Beatified in 1661, he was canonized in 1665 by Pope Alexander VII and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1877 by Pope Pius IX. He is the patron saint of journalists, writers, and the deaf.

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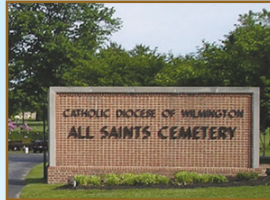
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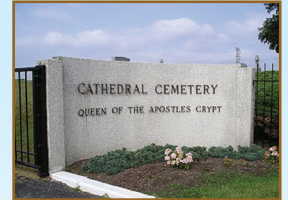
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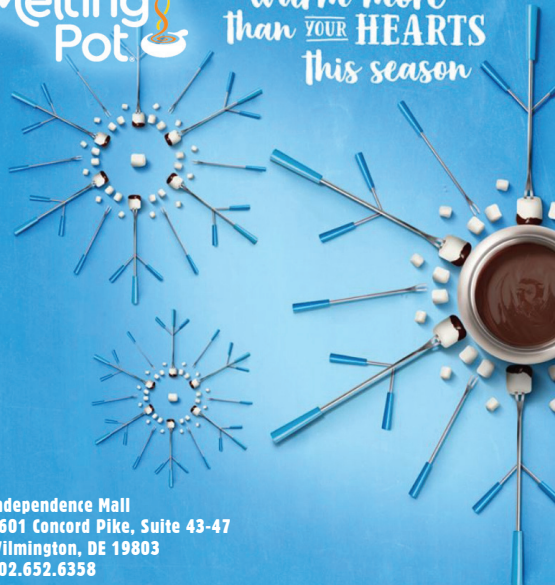
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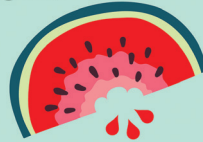
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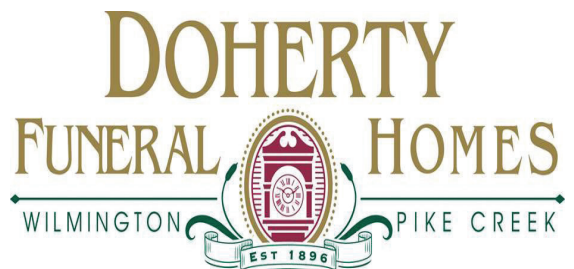
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