

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

July 12, 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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Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

Coordinator of Liturgy & Music  
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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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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2026



<b>Monday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/13</b> JULIA GRACE GRICOL	DONOR
<b>Tuesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/14</b>	
<b>Wednesday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/15</b> JOHN M. NAWROCKI	FAMILY
<b>Thursday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/16</b> ELEANOR STONE	DONOR
<b>Friday,</b> 6:45 AM	<b>7/17</b> PAULA WILLIAMS	DONOR
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:00 PM	<b>7/18</b>	
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>7/19</b>	

**This Sunday's Readings - #895 in our hymnals**

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 55:10-11  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14  
**2nd Reading:**  
Romans 8:18-23  
**Gospel:**  
Matthew 13:1-23

**Next Sunday's Readings - #898 in our hymnals**

**1st Reading:**  
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
**2nd Reading:**  
Romans 8:26-27  
**Gospel:**  
Matthew 13:24-43

**"God's Plan for Giving"**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 06/28/26**

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,799.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,155.95
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,643.05
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 20.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$16,204.77

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/05/26**

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,214.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 253.58
Percent Difference This Week:	- 3.0%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 253.58

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

What a beautiful image St. Paul paints for us today! All creation is groaning as it eagerly awaits the fullness of redemption when everyone and everything will be freed from its slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

The presence of the Spirit within us gives us hope as we join our groaning to the groaning of all creation.

Isaiah reminded us: just as the rain and snow effectively water the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, so too will the word of God do his will, achieving the end for which He sent it.

Jesus also compares God's word to seed sown by the Divine Sower. The seed always bears some kind of fruit, serving some purpose, but in good soil it bears fruit abundantly.

Jesus wants more for us.

He adds a warning to the parable: "Let everyone heeds what he hears." That means that we must spend some time in prayer with his words in order for them to be most fruitful in our life. They are able to touch that place of groaning, of eager waiting, in each of us. They speak to that hope we all have as a gift of the Spirit in us.

May each of us be "good soil" today - soil which accepts the seed and the rain that God is sending us in His word. In our prayerful listening, may we have the courage to remove stumbling-stones and thorns that may be present in the soil of our heart. May we allow that seed to be watered well and become an abundant yield as we await with a sure hope the redemption of our bodies.

*The Oblates*

"He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unyielding strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and worries.

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Rita M. Calvetti**  
**Lawrence S. Giordano**  
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	William Crook	Colleen Demko
Bruce DiBiaso	Florence Dilks	Joe Fahey
Amber Dawn Ford	Jean Forlano	Carmen Gagliardino
Mary Jo Ganey	Bill Giles	Mia Gravino
Maria Haley	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	Susan & Romie
Starobynski Family	Sharon Sutton	Robin Swanson
Steve Taylor	Angelo Tiberi	Ed Tucker
Tobias Weaver	Barbara White	Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

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



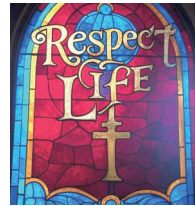
Each week, you can listen to The Catholic Forum podcast on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Amazon Music podcasts, the Diocese of Wilmington YouTube channel every Wednesday, and on Relevant Radio 640 every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 for those in the Delmarva/South Jersey region. More information is available at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum) and [Facebook.com/CatholicForum](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicForum). Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communication of the Diocese of Wilmington (supported by the Faith and Charity Appeal!).

## 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.



"Any one of us would consider it a privilege to die tomorrow... to bring an end to abortion."

Bishop Robert Hermann  
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## 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.

## 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.

# Padua Academy: A History of Faith, Sisterhood, and Excellence



Padua Academy, located at 905 North Broom Street in Wilmington, Delaware, is a private, all-girls Catholic college-preparatory high school sponsored by the Diocese of Wilmington. Founded in 1954 with the motto *Suaviter Sed Fortiter* (“Softly but Strongly”), the school is guided by four pillars: Spirituality, Scholarship, Service, and Sisterhood.

The school began in 1954 when girls from St. Anthony of Padua Parish expressed a desire for a parish girls’ high school. St. Anthony’s Pastor, Rev. Joseph L. McCoy, OSFS, established Padua Academy that year. The pioneer class of 64 students started classes in September 1954 on the upper floor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish School at 9th and North Scott Streets. Early classes also used the former Public School Number 11 building. The first commencement was held in 1958.



Initially staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, the school drew inspiration from St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, and St. Francis de Sales. As enrollment grew, space became limited. In the mid-1960s, Rev. Roberto Balducelli, OSFS — an Italian-born priest and architect — led the effort to build a permanent home. Ground was broken for the current Broom Street facility, and students moved in during September 1971. Construction continued with extensive

volunteer labor and community support under Brother Michael Rosenello, OSFS. The building was formally dedicated on November 24, 1974.

Padua Academy has earned national recognition as a Blue Ribbon School and has been named among America’s Top 50 Catholic High Schools. It has received multiple “Superstars in Education” awards from the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce. The school’s black-and-gold Pandas compete in athletics, while longstanding traditions include class colors, ring masses, spirit weeks, and senior skirt day. Students complete thousands of service hours annually, reflecting the school’s strong emphasis on faith, leadership, and civic responsibility.

By its 70th anniversary in 2024–2025, Padua had educated more than 8,000 alumnae. Notable graduates include U.S. Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester. The school maintains an enrollment of approximately 540 students and continues to operate with a dedicated faculty and administrative personnel focused on strategic vision.

From its humble beginnings in a parish school to its enduring presence on Broom Street, Padua Academy remains a “school with a soul,” forming confident, compassionate young women grounded in Catholic values and prepared for lives of purpose.

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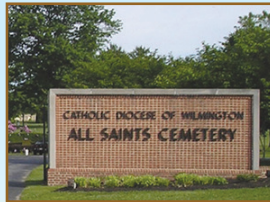
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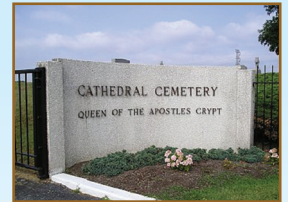
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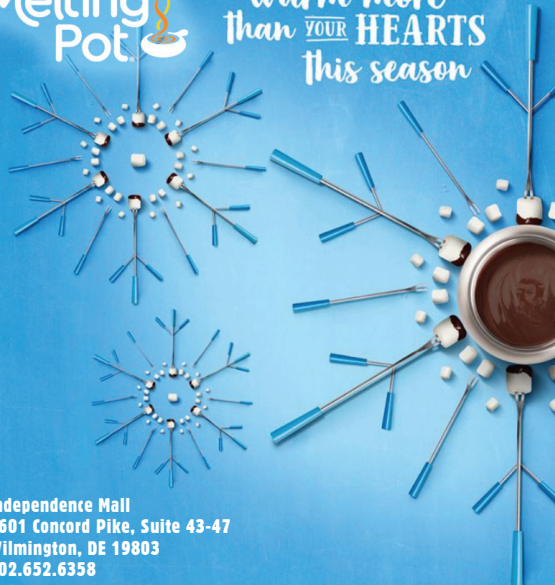
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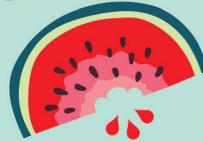
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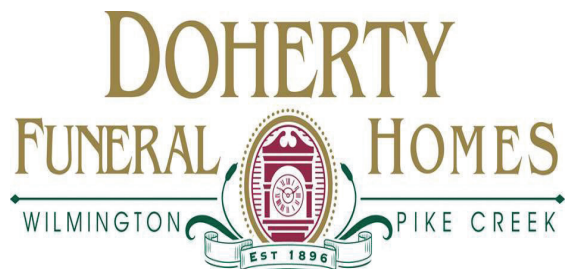
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