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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



July 19, 2026

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Weekend Ministry

Rev. Robert L. Bazzoli, 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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	7/20 A. DOROTHY ARTHUR	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	7/21 ALICE LABAZZO	DESOUZA FAMILY
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Thursday, 6:45 AM	7/23 PAUL J. ODDO, JR.	FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	7/24 JOSEPHINE SHICATANO	MINUTELLA FAMILY
Saturday, 5:00 PM	7/25	
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	7/26 REV. MARIO BUGLIOSI, OSFS	DONOR



This 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

Next Sunday's Readings - #901 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/12/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 7,678.40

Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year: \$ 8,467.58

Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$ 789.18

Percent Difference This Week: - 9.3%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$1,042.76

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



Today's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom invites us into the mystery of our God.

Though our God is master of might, God judges with clemency and governs us with great leniency. The inspired writer is clearly pointing out to us that God's mercy is directly proportionate to his power. God's power is the source of divine justice and mercy.

What a wonderful revelation! We are always aware that our God is all-powerful – a God of justice. That awareness can often make us fearful of God.

Today's reading helps us to understand that God's power is a power for good. God's power shows itself is a justice that is always merciful, compassionate, lenient – a justice that is urging us to repent and allow ourselves to be drawn closer to our God.

We need not fear the power of our God when we understand our God as he reveals himself in the Scriptures, and especially in Jesus. Our God's power desires to draw us more completely into his mercy – make us more completely his children. All we need to do is choose to let God's power into our hearts each day so that God can draw us closer to himself and share his loving mercy more fully with us.

As the writer of the Book of Wisdom reflected on God's deeds of power and mercy in history, he understood that God is showing his people how he wants them to live. "Those who are just must be kind." Whatever position of power we may have, our power must reflect divine power – a power that is loving, just, kind, merciful, compassionate, and lenient. God asks us to treat others as he treats us.

There is much in today's Scripture readings that we can take to prayer this week. Our God desires to continue to teach us about what it means to live as his children.

The Oblates

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing so gentle as real strength."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
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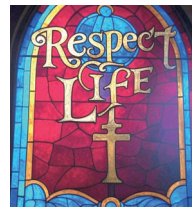
Your Prayers and Support Requested

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Mia Gravino
Robert LeSieur
John McGee
Marlene Papillo
Wendy Setting
Susan & Romie
Robin Swanson
Ed Tucker

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



"There can be no division between public and private morality. It is untenable to say, 'I am personally opposed to abortion', but support someone else's right to kill their unborn."

Bishop William K. Weigand

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Catholic Men of Delmarva

Catholic Men of Delmarva (CMD) will have its inaugural conference on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at Saint Mark's High School in Wilmington. Titled ***Authentic Masculinity: A Call to Catholic Men***, the conference will feature presentations from noted speakers, Holy Mass with Bishop Koenig, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, refreshments, catered lunch, displays, and more. DON'T MISS IT! Visit DelmarvaCatholic.org for more information and to register. The conference is open to all men in the diocese age 18 and older. Younger sons may attend if accompanied by an adult male.

History of Little Italy



Little Italy, also known as the West End, is a vibrant historic neighborhood on Wilmington, Delaware's west side. Bounded roughly by 4th Street to the south, Union Street to the west, Clayton Street to the east, and Pennsylvania Avenue to the north, it centers on Italian-American heritage while embracing broader diversity.

Italian immigration to Delaware accelerated in the late 19th century. Newcomers, primarily from southern Italy, arrived seeking work in railroads, construction, leather, iron, and steel industries. They settled in the area around Union and Lincoln Streets between Pennsylvania and Lancaster Avenues, transforming a section of West Wilmington into a tight-knit enclave known as "The Hill," later Little Italy.

Immigrants preserved strong family ties and cultural traditions while establishing businesses. They opened fruit and vegetable stores, tailor shops, barbershops, bakeries, butchers, and macaroni and cheese makers. Over time, the neighborhood developed a distinct Italian character across about ten by four blocks, with residents living and working locally.

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church became a cornerstone. Early immigrants sometimes felt distant from the Church due to Old World experiences, but Father Francis Tucker helped establish St. Anthony's in 1924, winning hearts through community engagement. The parish includes a grade school and nearby Padua Academy.

The West End Neighborhood House, founded in 1883 by Emily Bissell, predates the Italian influx and initially aided Irish, German, and later Italian immigrants with housing, employment, literacy, and services. It continues serving the diverse community today.

By the early 1990s, challenges like economic shifts emerged. Residents and business owners formed the Little Italy Neighborhood Association (or similar groups) to drive revitalization. Efforts included streetscaping, lighting, and the prominent green arch at 4th and Lincoln Streets featuring Italian crests. These enhancements welcomed visitors and reinforced community pride.

Today, Little Italy blends historic charm with modern vitality. It retains Italian-owned restaurants, shops, and institutions while becoming more ethnically diverse — a true melting pot. Rowhouses from the early 1900s to 1930s define the architecture. Proximity to major routes like I-95 supports accessibility. A 2010 documentary, *Bells on the Hill*, captured its rich story.

The neighborhood faces typical urban issues but maintains strong resident resolve through community organizations, festivals, and ongoing beautification. It honors its immigrant roots while evolving as a welcoming, food-rich destination in Wilmington. Its story reflects broader patterns of American immigration, perseverance, and cultural preservation.

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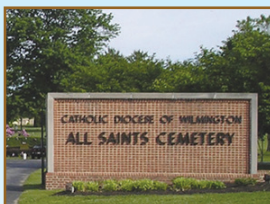
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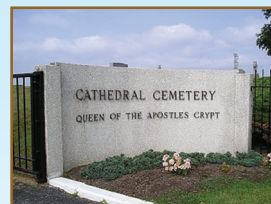
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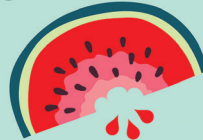
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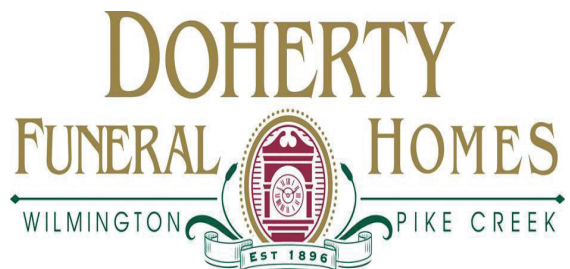
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