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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



July 26, 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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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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St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	7/27 ALICE LABAZZO	DESOUZA FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	7/28 WILLIAM MCNEAL	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	7/29 ANTHONY DELUCA	LYDIA & FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	7/30 MARY C. PETRUCCI	DAUGHTER
Friday, 6:45 AM	7/31 DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE ANDREWS FAMILY	ED ANDREWS
Saturday, 5:00 PM	8/1 JUSTINE FLORCZYK	ROBIN NOWICKI
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	8/2 JEAN SCALESSA ALICE LABAZZO	DONOR DESOUZA FAMILY



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

Next Sunday's Readings - #904 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel:

Matthew 14:13-21

"The Lord was pleased that Solomon made this request. So, God said to him: 'Because you have asked for this – not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right – I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come, no one to equal you.'"

How frequently the expression, 'the wisdom of Solomon' describes someone who pauses, thinks things through, and then decides. This Old Testament giant individual offers a model. As I approach the Lord in my prayer today, He wants to know my care and need. 'Ask something of me and I will give it to you.'

What is my response, my need, my care? How deep is my faith in the Lord that He listens or even cares? My response reflects the trust I place in my God. 'Jesus, I trust in you.' Please hear me. 'Give your servant an understanding heart.'

The Oblates

"Hold fast to God's hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, He will carry you lovingly in His arms."

St. Francis de Sales



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

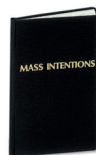
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 07/19/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,263.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 1,204.58
Percent Difference This Week:	- 14.2%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$2,247.34

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Mass Intentions for 2027



We will begin taking Mass Intentions for the 2027 calendar year beginning **9:00 AM, Monday, August 17**. We ask for a stipend of \$10 for a weekday Mass and \$25 for a Saturday, Sunday, or Holyday Mass. Masses will be said for just one person per intention. Married couples are allowed. (Example: Mr. & Mrs. John Doe)

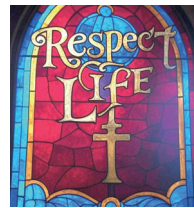
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Rami Shehadeh
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Barbara White

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Florence Dilks
Jean Forlano
Bill Giles
Irene Lawhorn
Edward Mackey
Kelly Panella
Betty Rybinski
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Sharon Sutton
Angelo Tiberi
Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS

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Marlene Papillo
Wendy Setting
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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in preparing for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) into the Catholic Church, be advised that there is a meeting you are invited to attend. The meeting takes place at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 26th, at the rectory. Please call Jim at the rectory to let us know you plan to attend: (302)421-3700, x101.

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.

A Brief History of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales (O.S.F.S.) stand as a vibrant expression of Salesian spirituality in the modern world. Rooted in the gentle, practical teachings of St. Francis de Sales (1567–1622) and St. Jane de Chantal, the congregation embodies a call to holiness lived through everyday acts of love, humility, and joyful service. Founded in the late 19th century, the Oblates continue to bring the light of Christ to countless souls through education, pastoral care, and missionary zeal.

The story begins in Troyes, France. Blessed Louis Brisson, a dedicated diocesan priest and seminary professor, served as chaplain to the Visitation Sisters. There, Venerable Mother Marie de Sales Chappuis, the superior, recognized in him the gifts needed to revive a long-cherished vision of St. Francis de Sales: a community of men devoted to living and sharing Salesian spirituality in the world. Inspired by her encouragement and guided by the Holy Spirit, Fr. Brisson gathered a small group of companions. On December 21, 1875, Pope Pius IX granted temporary approval to their constitutions. The first vows were professed on August 27, 1876, marking the formal birth of the Oblates. Definitive approval came in 1897.

From humble beginnings in France, the congregation grew rapidly. By the late 1800s, Oblates had established houses in Holland, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Their charism — centered on “doing little things with great love” — resonated deeply, attracting men eager to serve the Church through teaching, preaching, and spiritual direction. Blessed Brisson, beatified in 2012, instilled in his sons a profound trust in God’s providence and a commitment to making holiness accessible to all.

The Oblates’ missionary spirit soon carried them across oceans. In 1882, they answered a call to South Africa, establishing enduring missions that brought education, healthcare, and the Gospel to remote communities. They later expanded to other regions in Africa, Asia, and the Americas, always adapting Salesian gentleness to local cultures while forming disciples of Christ.

In 1893, the first Oblates arrived in the United States, initially serving as chaplains. Their presence flourished, particularly in the establishment of schools and parishes. They founded and staffed institutions like Salesianum School in Wilmington, Delaware (1903), and later DeSales University (formerly Allentown College). Oblates have enriched Catholic education across the Northeast, Midwest, and South, guiding generations of young people toward lives of virtue, leadership, and faith. They have also served joyfully in parishes, campus ministry, hospitals, and missions, bringing compassionate pastoral care to diverse communities.

Today, the Oblates serve in more than 18 countries. Their spirituality — practical, optimistic, and deeply human — invites everyone to “live Jesus” in the ordinary moments of daily life. As they mark over 150 years since foundation, the Oblates remain faithful to their founders’ vision: continuing the saving work of Christ with hearts full of gratitude, zeal, and Salesian joy.

In every classroom, chapel, and mission outpost, Oblates witness to the beauty of a lived faith that transforms the world one gentle, loving act at a time. Their history is one of generous response to God’s call — a legacy of light, hope, and holiness that endures and inspires.

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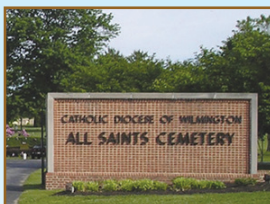
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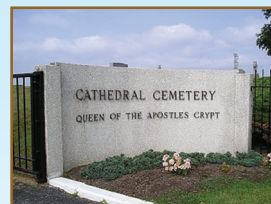
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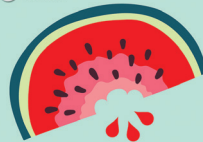
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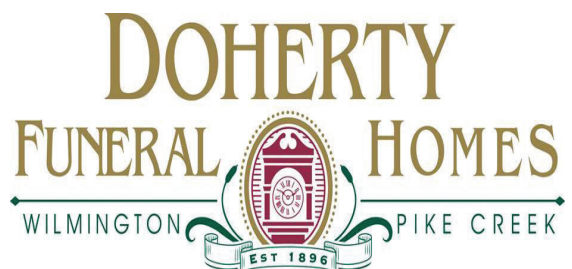
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