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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



August 16, 2026

Pastor

Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, OSFS

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Rev. Robert G. Mulligan, OSFS

V. Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS

Bro. Joseph G. Schodowski, OSFS

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@stanthony.net.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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 16, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	8/17 BENEDETTO GAZZILLO	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	8/18 MARTHA PETTORUTO	MINUTELLA FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	8/19 ALICE LABAZZO	DESOUZA FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	8/20 JOSEPH CUOCOLO	FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	8/21 SANTOS BALAN	GISELA & ELIZAR
Saturday, 5:00 PM	8/22 LISA JANNARONE	MICHAEL BURKE
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	8/23 STEVE FIGLIOLA PAUL PISER	THOMAS & SAVITA NICASTRO WIFE & CHILDREN



This Sunday's Readings - #910 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings - #913 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

2nd Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 08/09/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$10,111.50

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

Actual vs. Last F/Y: +\$1,643.92

Percent Difference This Week: + 19.4%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$2,188.92

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



St. Paul reminds us that God desires to be merciful to all – no one will be excluded. Paul knows that God's call to the Jews is irrevocable. He suspects there is irony in the working out of God's plan.

The Samaritan woman in today's Gospel is one example. Her simple plea – "Lord, help me" – reveals her faith in Jesus. Her persistence in faith is met by Jesus' merciful response: "Your faith is great! Let it be done for you as you wish."

God never refuses humble love.

What are we to learn from today's readings? The obvious lesson is the wideness of God's mercy. As individual Christians and as a community of faith, we must be welcoming to all. Our God tells us: my house shall be called a house of prayer for *all* people. It's too easy for us to be satisfied with ourselves and forget that God's calls us to open our minds and our hearts to all the people around us, inviting them to join with us in faith and love.

God desires us to build up a community of faith and love, a community that reaches out with divine mercy – a mercy that knows no limits or partiality. We are not to make the decision who will or will not benefit from God's mercy. God wants *everyone* to experience it through you and me.

Let us be humble and persistent in our faith and welcome all our brothers and sisters in love.

The Oblates

"There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the spiritual life than to be always starting over again and never thinking that we have done enough."

St. Francis de Sales



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



Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale	Joseph Corrado	William Crook
Colleen Demko	Bruce DiBiao	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	Barbara White	Rev. Mark J. Wightson, OSFS

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



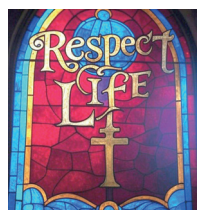
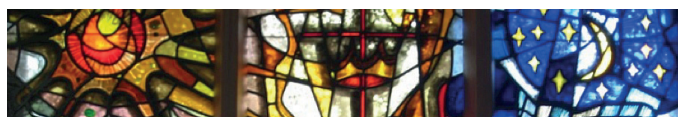
St. Monica Tear Drop Devotional Mass

Would you like to know how to bring your loved ones back to the Catholic Faith?

Please join the Columbiettes in praying for our families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica on Thursday, August 27, at Corpus Christi Church, 905 New Road, Wilmington, DE. We will be praying together to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at our special Devotional Event. Special St. Monica prayers and the Rosary will begin at 6:30 pm, and Mass will begin at 7:00pm. Come fill out a Tear Drop card for your loved ones and all who have fallen away from the church. All are welcome, and please stay for light refreshments after Mass. For more information email: 12374columbiettes@gmail.com

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.



The question of abortion is a basic human question that concerns the entire civilized society in which we live. It is not just a Catholic or Protestant, or Jewish issue. It is a civil rights question, a human rights question, a question of who lives and who can be killed.

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.

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)

Veterans' Day Clothing Collection

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Mardaga Assembly is requesting assistance from our fellow parishioners to help hospitalized and nursing home veterans in need. We are collecting white t-shirts, white boxer briefs, white crew socks, and sleep pants, all in various sizes. We are also collecting shaving cream, disposable razors, and toiletries. We will be delivering the items on Veteran's Day. The collection begins Sunday, September 6th, and ends Sunday, October 10th, 2026. Items can be dropped off in the box at the entrance of the church during this time.

If you would prefer, a monetary donation can be made online at <https://clothing-for-veterans-2026.cheddarup.com>. Checks, made payable to Bishop Mardaga Assembly, can also be mailed to K of C Bishop Mardaga Assembly #2014 c/o Clothing for Vets, 135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703.

Any questions please contact: Bryan Gallagher at 856-896-5636 or briangallagher713@gmail.com

Neal Potts at 302-632-8436 or npotts823@gmail.com

Parish Calendar

Monday

Church Cleaning



Monday, Aug. 17

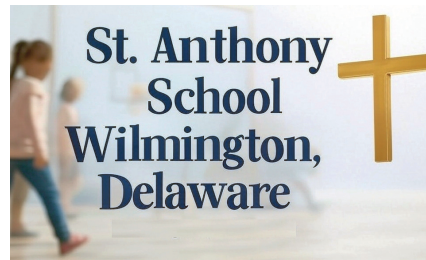
through

Sunday, Aug. 23

(All events listed in the Parish Calendar are in church unless otherwise noted.)

Grade School Calendar

We look forward to welcoming back our school staff, families, and students.



CATHOLIC MEN OF DELMARVA

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

Director of Music Ministry (30 hours/week, benefits-eligible)

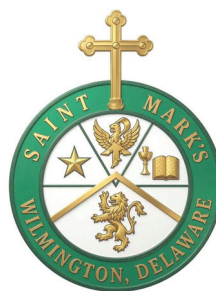
Saint Mary Star of the Sea / Holy Savior Catholic Church

Saint Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Catholic Church seeks a faithful, practicing Catholic to serve as Director of Music Ministry. The Director of Music Ministry is responsible for providing leadership and oversight for the parish's liturgical music program, fostering active participation in the sacred liturgy through music that is prayerful, tasteful, and consistent with the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. **Interested candidates may send a resume to office@stmaryholysavior.com**

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 by October 11.**

Saint Mark's High School Class of 1976 50th Class Reunion



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 or PCurtin@christianacare.org Or Terri Larson Seeman at: Glennsman@comcast.net (302)893-3479.

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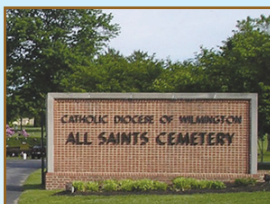
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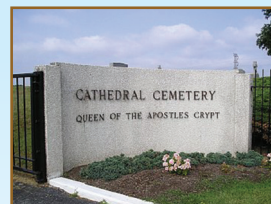
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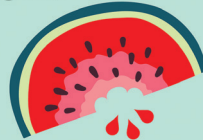
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