

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



**August 23, 2026**

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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***

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.

## ***Contacts***

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Judith Jakotowicz White, *Principal*

**Padua Academy**.....302-421-3739  
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Dr. Patricia Scott, *President*  
Dr. Mary McClory, *Principal*

**Coordinator of Liturgy & Music**  
Stephen Adams.....302-421-3700

**Registration:** New parishioners are requested to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with the Parish Secretary.

### **Italian Festival**

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# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026



|                                       |                                                              |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday,</b><br>6:45 AM             | <b>8/24</b><br>MILDRED PERROTTI                              | SON                      |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>6:45 AM            | <b>8/25</b><br>JOSEPH PERROTTI, SR.                          | SON                      |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>6:45 AM          | <b>8/26</b><br>BERNARDA BALAN                                | GISELA & ELIZAR          |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>6:45 AM           | <b>8/27</b><br>ALBERICO CAFINI                               | DEBBIE & TOM HOFFMAN     |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>6:45 AM             | <b>8/28</b><br>PATERNO PENDANG                               | GISELA & ELIZAR          |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:00 PM           | <b>8/29</b><br>HELEN SIPALA                                  | AMY WATKINS              |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | <b>8/30</b><br>SADIE WALLING<br>GIOVANNINA & JOSEPH SPITELLE | DONOR<br>SPITELLE FAMILY |



## This Sunday's Readings - #913 in our hymnals

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Isaiah 22:19-23

### Responsorial Psalm:

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

### Gospel:

Matthew 16:13-20

## Next Sunday's Readings - #916 in our hymnals

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

### Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-27

## "God's Plan for Giving"

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 08/16/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 7,580.00

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

Actual vs. Last F/Y: -\$ 887.58

Percent Difference This Week: - 10.5%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$3,076.50

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



The passage we have just heard is pivotal in the Gospels. Everything that precedes this passage is preparing us for it; everything that follows it is an explanation.

Jesus asks his closest followers a fundamental question: "Who do you say I am?" Peter speaks for the apostles: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!" They acknowledge that Jesus is the promised Messiah; he is the very Son of God.

This is a true moment of faith, proclaimed for the ages. Jesus makes it very clear that they are responding with the gift given to them by his heavenly Father, not just to the mere sum of their own experiences of Jesus. This becomes clearer as the Gospel progresses, and we see that they have much more to learn about how Jesus will be the Messiah-Savior.

For the moment, Jesus orders his disciples not to tell anyone that he is the Messiah because they have much more to learn before they can accurately communicate the full truth of faith in Jesus as Messiah. Once they have experienced Jesus' death and resurrection and have received the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will tell them to go out to all the nations and proclaim the Good News of salvation.

We heard St. Paul sum up the wonder of God's plan of salvation, meant for all people. His words are a reminder that we are part of the continuing plan as members of the community founded on the authority of Peter. As we continue to grow in our knowledge and experience of the good news, we can well echo Paul's words: "O, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"

*The Oblates*

"We must be prepared to see weeds growing in our garden and also have the courage to pull them out."

*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                  |
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| 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.*



## Bottles For Babies Fundraiser

Throughout the whole month of October, "Respect Life month," Birthright of Delaware hosts its Annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser.

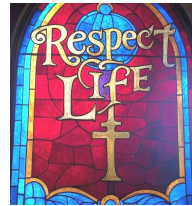
The weekends of October, baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to Please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one.

Fill the bottle with loose change, cash or a check then please read the insert, fill it out as neatly as possible (if you chose to do so for a Tax credit)! Return the bottle(s) the whole month of October or and/or November whether filled or empty.

Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their families. On behalf of our mothers, Birthright staff and volunteers, we graciously Thank You!

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Pope John Paul II

## 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 26<sup>th</sup>, at the rectory. Please call Jim at the rectory to let us know you plan to attend: (302)421-3700, x101.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>, and ends Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:briangallagher713@gmail.com)

Neal Potts at 302-632-8436 or [npotts823@gmail.com](mailto:npotts823@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.

## Parish Calendar

Monday

Church Cleaning

Wednesday

7:00 PM, OCIA Meeting  
(Rectory)

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptism

Monday, Aug. 24

through

Sunday, Aug. 30

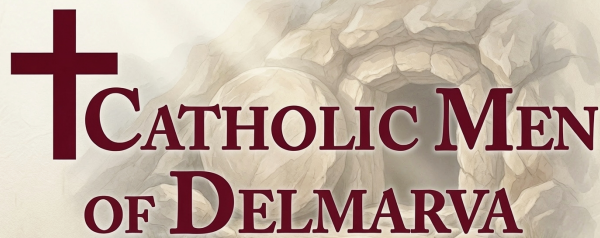
*(All events listed in the  
Parish Calendar are  
in church unless  
otherwise noted.)*

## Grade School Calendar

Monday, August 31

First Day of School

Noon Dismissal



## 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](http://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)

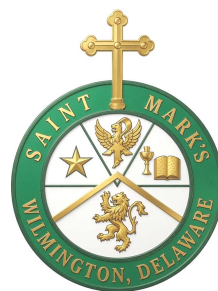
Saint Mary Star of the Sea / Holy Savior  
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Saint Mary Star of the Sea/Holy Savior Catholic Church seeks a faithful, practicing Catholic to serve as Director of Music Ministry. The Director of Music Ministry is responsible for providing leadership and 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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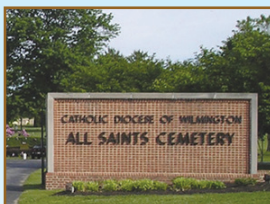
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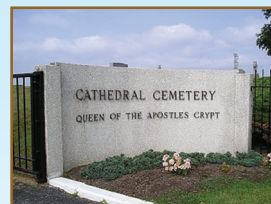
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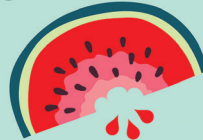


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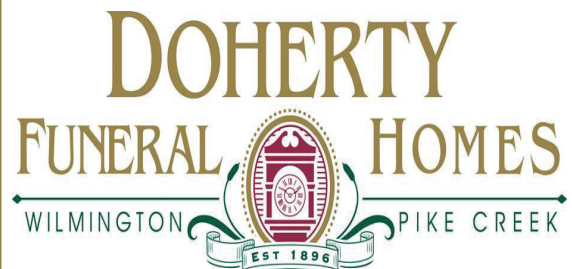
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