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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

September 6, 2026

Pastor

Rev. Vincent A. Kumar, OSFS

In Residence

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@stanthonymet.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Weddings must be booked at least one year in advance of planned wedding date.

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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.

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Padua Academy Website: www.paduaacademy.org

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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	9/7 Labor Day MIKE & ROSE KIRLIN	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	9/8 SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	9/9 PAULA WILLIAMS	DONOR
Thursday, 6:45 AM	9/10 MARC DEEGAN	DONOR
Friday, 6:45 AM	9/11 MARK BALAN	GISELA & ELIZAR
Saturday, 5:00 PM	9/12 EDMUND BURKE	MICHAEL BURKE
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	9/13 ALICE LABAZZO	DESOUZA FAMILY



This Sunday's Readings - #919 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Readings - #922 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

2nd Reading:

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel:

Matthew 18:21-35

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 08/30/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$8,875.34

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

Actual vs. Last F/Y: +\$407.76

Percent Difference This Week: + 4.8%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: +\$123.43

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



From the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday, our Lord gives us a clear and practical path for living as true brothers and sisters in the Church. When a fellow disciple sins against us, Jesus does not invite us to gossip, nurse resentment, or quietly withdraw. Instead, He commands a careful, loving process: first speak privately, then with one or two witnesses, and only then bring the matter before the Church. This is not a license for judgment, but a call to restore the one who has strayed, always seeking reconciliation rather than condemnation. The goal is always the recovery of the lost sheep, mirroring the Father's own patience with us.

In these words, we also hear the solemn authority Christ has entrusted to His Church. "What the community binds or looses on earth is bound or loosed in heaven." This is no mere human arrangement; it is a participation in the very power of Christ, who continues to guide and correct His Body through the successors of the Apostles. When we take fraternal correction seriously—done with humility, prayer, and genuine charity—we are cooperating with the Holy Spirit who desires the holiness of every member. At the same time, the final verse consoles us deeply: wherever even two or three gather in the Lord's name, He Himself is present in their midst. We are never alone.

Let us therefore examine our own hearts this week. Are there relationships that need the gentle courage of private conversation? Are we willing to forgive as we ourselves have been forgiven? And when we gather—whether at Mass, in prayer groups, or simply as families—do we truly believe that Christ stands among us? May these words of Jesus move us to greater unity, deeper mercy, and a firmer trust that the Church is not merely an institution, but the living presence of the Risen Lord who desires that none of His little ones be lost.

The Oblates

"Try to deal gently with those with whom you live."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for

Anita DiSimplico

George J. Glenn, III

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

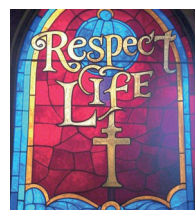
Your Prayers and Support Requested

Dina Casale
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Mary Jo Ganey
Maria Haley
Paige Lucas
Cindy O'Neil
Ann Marie Russo
Rami Shehadeh
Starobynski Family
Steve Taylor
Barbara White

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

Colleen Demko
Joe Fahey
Carmen Gagliardino
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.



"Many people are concerned about all the violence in the United States. These concerns are very good. But often these same people are not concerned with the millions who are being killed by the deliberate decision of their mothers."

Mother Teresa

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

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington's Annual Marian Pilgrimage

with Bishop William Koenig at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace on the campus of Holy Spirit Church, New Castle, DE

September 26, 2026, 10AM-5PM

Pilgrimage Theme: Our Lady of Nazareth

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 begins the weekend of October 2 - 4, 2026 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.** For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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!

Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, the grade school and parish office will be closed Monday, September 7th. Have a Happy Holiday!



Parish Calendar

Monday, Labor Day

Parish Office closed



Monday, Sept. 7

through

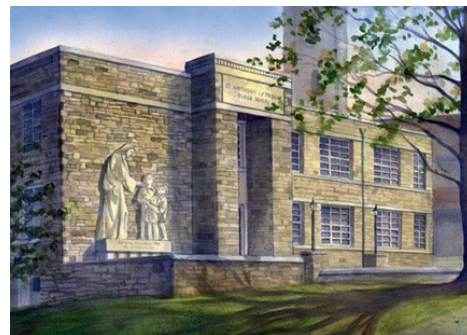
Sunday, Sept. 13

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday, Labor Day

School closed



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

The Legion of Mary at St. Elizabeth's Church - A Birthday Celebration for Our Blessed Mother

Saturday, September 12, 2026

St. Elizabeth's Church

Mass at 8:15 AM followed by the Rosary, a procession around the Church grounds, and crowning of the Blessed Mother at the Grotto. Brunch at Grant Hall with a short presentation by Deacon Ken Pulliam will follow. All are welcome including families and children! (Additional information in the attached flyer.)

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**.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA GRADE SCHOOL BASKET RAFFLE & VENDOR FAIR



Saturday, October 3rd
11:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Join us for the St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Basket Raffle & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 3rd, from 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Come out for a fun-filled day featuring crafters, local vendors, delicious bites, and fabulous raffle prizes.

Event Details:

*FREE Admission!

*\$20.00 for a book of raffle tickets

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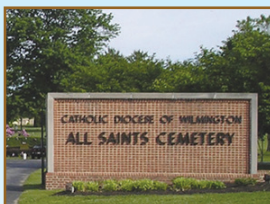
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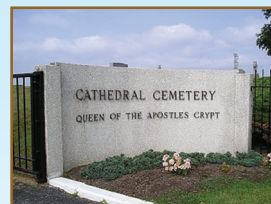
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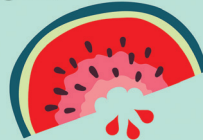
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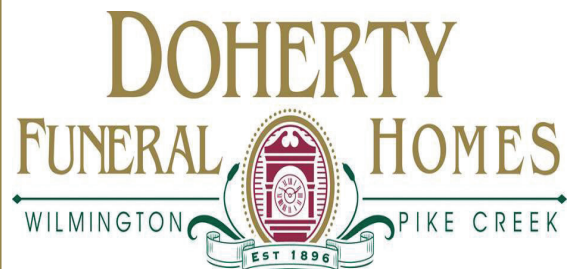
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