

# St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



*September 20, 2026*

**Pastor**

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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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Dr. Patricia Scott, *President*  
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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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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



|                                       |                                         |               |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Monday,</b><br>6:45 AM             | <b>9/21</b><br>SOULS IN PURGATORY       | DONOR         |
| <b>Tuesday,</b><br>6:45 AM            | <b>9/22</b><br>DOMINICK J. PILEGGI      | FAMILY        |
| <b>Wednesday,</b><br>6:45 AM          | <b>9/23</b><br>PAUL J. ODDO, SR.        | FAMILY        |
| <b>Thursday,</b><br>6:45 AM           | <b>9/24</b><br>MIKE & ROSE KIRLIN       | DONOR         |
| <b>Friday,</b><br>6:45 AM             | <b>9/25</b><br>WILLIAM T. KIRLIN, SR.   | FAMILY        |
| <b>Saturday,</b><br>5:00 PM           | <b>9/26</b><br>ROGELIO BONDOC           | PELITA BONDOC |
| <b>Sunday,</b><br>9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | <b>9/27</b><br>MATTHEW STEPHEN MORABITO | MOTHER        |



### This Sunday's Readings - #925 in our hymnals

#### 1st Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

#### 2nd Reading:

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

#### Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16a

### Next Sunday's Readings - #928 in our hymnals

#### 1st Reading:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

#### 2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:1-11

#### Gospel:

Matthew 21:28-32

### "God's Plan for Giving"

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 09/06/26

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:           | \$10,065.50 |
| Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:     | \$ 8,467.58 |
| Actual vs. Last F/Y:                  | +\$1,597.92 |
| Percent Difference This Week:         | + 18.9%     |
| Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: | +\$1,721.35 |

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 09/13/26

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:           | \$ 6,806.70 |
| Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:     | \$ 8,467.58 |
| Actual vs. Last F/Y:                  | -\$1,660.88 |
| Percent Difference This Week:         | - 19.6%     |
| Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: | +\$ 60.47   |

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*



My brothers and sisters, the parable of the laborers in the vineyard confronts us with the scandal of God's generosity. The landowner goes out at dawn, mid-morning, noon, mid-afternoon, and even at the eleventh hour, calling workers into his vineyard and, at day's end, giving each the same denarius. Those who bore the heat of the day murmur, measuring justice by their own sweat rather than by the master's freedom. Yet the vineyard is the Kingdom, and the wage is not a paycheck earned by hours but the gift of salvation itself—the same fullness of life offered to the lifelong disciple and to the soul who turns to Christ at the last moment. In this we glimpse the heart of the Father: He does not ration His mercy according to our clocks.

Let us then examine our own hearts. How often do we stand among the first-hired, resenting the latecomers—the convert, the prodigal, the one who seemed to do so little—when the Lord has been equally lavish toward us? The parable is not an invitation to sloth, but a call to gratitude and humility. We work not to purchase heaven, but because we have already been invited into the vineyard. The last shall be first not because God is unfair, but because His love refuses to be confined by our calculations. May we, like the landowner, go out again and again seeking those still idle, and may we receive whatever He gives with thanksgiving, knowing that the denarius of eternal life is more than any of us could ever deserve.

*The Oblates*

"Our Lord will give us peace in this life only when we humble ourselves and suffer patiently."

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Lorraine Darmanin**  
**Joseph J. Pacello, Jr.**  
 and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

|                    |                              |                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dina Casale        | William Crook                | Colleen Demko      |
| Bruce DiBiaso      | 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. Wrightson, 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!

## Catholic Diocese of Wilmington's Annual Marian Pilgrimage

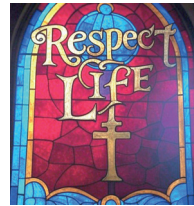
with Bishop William Koenig at the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace on the campus of Holy Spirit Church, New Castle, DE

September 26, 2026, 10AM-5PM

Pilgrimage Theme: Our Lady of Nazareth

## Sacred Heart Icon Returns

This Icon was on display at our Parish last January. It is scheduled to be here through October 9. This is sponsored by the Delaware State Council of the Knights of Columbus.



"Compassion for the mother is extremely important, but is never served through destroying the innocent."

Randy Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

## 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](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## 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.**

## Mass of Remembrance



Join us as we remember those who have passed away from our parish family, *with special emphasis on those who have passed since the Mass of Remembrance one year ago.* This special Mass will

be held at **10:00 AM, Saturday, November 7th.** Family members are welcome to send presentable photographs of their loved ones **who have left us since last All Souls' Day** for display at the Mass and all of November. **Photos should not exceed 8" x 10" nor be accompanied by a frame.** *On the back of the photo, indicate the deceased's name. Reclaim all photos at the rectory starting December 4<sup>th</sup>.* **We will no longer return photos to you by mail.** Send or drop off photos to Jim at the rectory so that we receive them **no later than Tuesday, October 27th.** **\*\*\* The parish will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos. \*\*\***

## Parish Calendar

### Monday

Church Cleaning

### Thursday

6:00 PM, Padua Academy

Freshmen Convocation

### Friday

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal

### Saturday

2:00 PM, Wedding

### Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptism

Monday, Sept. 21

through

Sunday, Sept. 27

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

## Grade School Calendar

### Tuesday

2:00 PM, Ursuline Academy

Visits 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## 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](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

### One-Day Unbound Conference Saturday, September 26, 2026

St. John - Holy Angels Catholic Parish, Newark  
Have you ever felt stuck? Have difficulty experiencing the freedom and abundant life Jesus talks about? This Unbound Conference is for YOU!

Unbound is a simple, gentle, and powerful prayer ministry where you will learn from the basic gospel message how to be free from regrettable actions, reactions, false beliefs, shortcomings—anything that limits your life.

Teaching by Matt Lozano from Heart of the Father Ministries.

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



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:

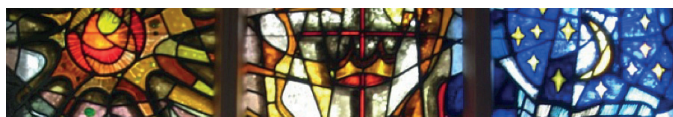
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**\*\$20.00 for a book of raffle tickets**

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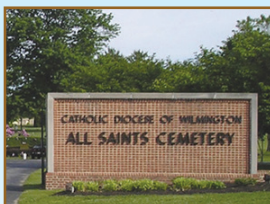
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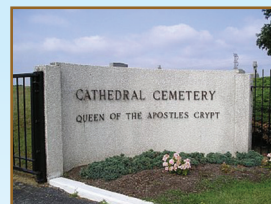
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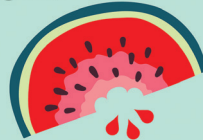
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