

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



October 11, 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@stanthonynet.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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2026



Monday, 6:45 AM	10/12 TERESA & DOMINICK PILEGGI	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	10/13 ANTHONY IGNUDO	LYDIA & FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	10/14 MARC LAMPE & DINO FANTOZZI	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	10/15 JOHN L P PEDICONE	THELMA & FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	10/16 JOYCE WEAKLAND	SANDRA KOJRO
Saturday, 5:00 PM	10/17 RALPH & WANDA GIAMMATTEO	DOMINICK & MARY CATHERINE RUSSO
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	10/18 JOHN L P PEDICONE ALICE LABAZZO	THELMA & CHILDREN DE SOUZA FAMILY



This Sunday's Readings - #934 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel:

Matthew 22:1-14

Next Sunday's Readings - #937 in our hymnals

1st Reading:

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

2nd Reading:

Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 10/04/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,218.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$2,750.42
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 32.5%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$2,898.19

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

The kingdom of heaven is a wedding feast. Not a courtroom first, not a ledger of scores, but a banquet the Father has prepared for His Son. Everything is ready. The invitation goes out, and then it goes out again. Some will not come. They are not always cruel; often they are merely occupied. A field, a shop, a schedule that cannot be interrupted. Others turn on the messengers themselves. Yet the King does not put away the feast. He sends into the streets and gathers whoever will come — good and bad alike — until the hall is full. That is the mercy that has reached us.

But the parable does not end with the crowded room. When the King enters, He finds a man without a wedding garment. The man is silent. He has accepted the invitation without accepting the change it requires. The garment is not costume or courtesy. It is the life of grace: repentance kept alive, charity practiced, baptism not merely received but worn. God calls widely. He does not force the heart. Many are invited; those who are chosen are those who let themselves be clothed.

So the question is not whether the feast is offered. It is. The question is whether we have come — and whether, having come, we are dressed for the joy that has been prepared.

The Oblates

"Sometimes we so much occupy ourselves with trying to live like angels that we neglect to be good men and women."

St. Francis de Sales



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

Columbus Day

In observance of the Columbus Day Holiday, the Grade School and parish office will be closed Monday, October 12th. Have a Happy Holiday!

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.

Dear Parishioners,

With hope in the resurrection, the parish community is asked to pray for Mr. Xavier Selvaraj, the brother of our pastor, Fr. Vincent Kumar, OSFS. Xavier passed away unexpectedly at the age of 46. He leaves behind a wife and three young children. Fr. Vincent flew back to India to be with his family as they mourn their loss.

During his absence, the local Oblates will be assisting at the parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Xavier and for the comfort and support of Fr. Vincent and his family.

Bottles For Babies Fundraiser

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

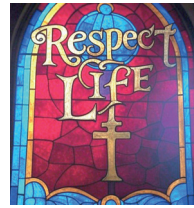
The weekends of October, baby bottles will be distributed after all the Masses. We ask you to Please take as many bottles as you would like and/or give it to a loved one.

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!

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.



Please pray that governors and state legislators propose and work for legislation that will protect all innocent human life from fertilization until natural death and not promote new anti-life legislative initiatives being pushed by Planned Parenthood and assisted suicide groups.

Mass of Remembrance



Join us as we remember those who have passed away from our parish family, *with particular 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 8th.* **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, Columbus Day

Parish Office Closed

Thursday

10:00 AM, Padua Academy
Mass with Bishop Koenig

Friday

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 PM, Blest Are They
Concert

Saturday

2:00 PM, Wedding

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptism

Monday, Oct. 12

through

Sunday, Oct. 18

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday, Columbus Day

School Closed

Tuesday through Friday

Scholastic Book Fair



Vocations

Young men aged 18 and over are invited to attend the Diocese of Wilmington's priestly discernment meetings for discussions on the priesthood, dinner, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Join us October 8th, November 12th, or December 3rd from 6-8 PM at the Newman Center at UD - [45 Lovett Avenue, Newark DE](#). If you are interested in attending or would like more information, reach out to Fr. Gebhart, Chaplain: father.gebhart@gmail.com.

Footprints Mass - October 18

On Sunday, October 18th, the Office for Marriage and Family Life will be hosting the Annual Footprints Mass at St. John the Beloved Church at 9:30 AM. This year, we are blessed to have Bishop Koenig as our celebrant. Any questions, please contact the Office for Marriage and Family Life - OMFL@cdow.org.

Throughout the United States, October 15th has been designated as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. It is a day when grieving parents come together and are surrounded by family and friends' loving support to remember their little one. It is a time when our parish communities can pray for the families and the children lost. A special invitation is extended to parents, grandparents and siblings who grieve the death of children because of miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or early infant death. These losses may be recent or extend over many years.

Immaculate Conception Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:30am to 4pm

Location:

Immaculate Conception School Building
452 Bow Street, Elkton, MD (next to North
Street Bridge on the north side of RR tracks)

For additional information, email
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visit our website at <https://www.iccelkton.org>



Women's Retreat: Ground Zero to Grace

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington DE 19803) Monday, October 19, 2026 - 10 AM - 12 PM, in the Multipurpose Room. Join us for a morning of reflection, faith, and renewal as Janet Glennon leads us in Ground Zero to Grace: Finding God in Life's Unexpected Journeys. Come as you are and give yourself the gift of two hours to pause, reflect and reconnect with God's grace. To register contact Rita McDowell: 302-762-5550 (rmcdowell@ihm.org)

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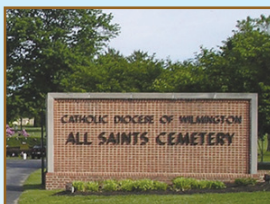
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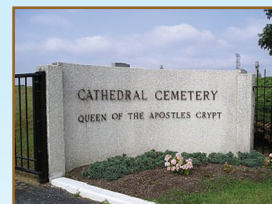
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