St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



November 15, 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

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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St. Anthony Grade School.....302-421-3743
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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
festival@stanthonynet.org

Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council
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St. Anthony of Padua Grade School: www.sapgs.org
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Instagram: www.instagram.com/sapgs.de

Padua Academy Website: www.paduaacademy.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/paduaacademy

St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival
Facebook: www.facebook.com/stanthonysfestival

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6:45 AM	**11/16** TIM TURNER	AUNT ROSEANN
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	**11/17** CIRO C. POPPITI	ELAINE & MICHAEL REILLY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	**11/18** ALBERT ZAMBINO	MINUTELLA FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	**11/19** JEFF HAMMAKER	JOE
Friday, 6:45 AM	**11/20** NICHOLAS COFRANCESCO	FAMILY
Saturday, 5:00 PM	**11/21**	
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	**11/22**	

This Sunday's Readings - #949 in our hymnals

1st Reading:
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
2nd Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sunday's Readings - #952 in our hymnals

1st Reading:
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel:
Matthew 25:31-46

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/01/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	$ 9,872.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+$1,404.42
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 16.6%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+$1,751.31

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/08/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	$10,823.00
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+$2,355.42
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 27.8%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+$4,106.73

Thank you for your generosity!



Today's Gospel issues a stern and stark warning: we must not return unused the gifts (no matter how great or small) that God gives us.

To be sure, to invest these gifts in the lives of others requires our willingness to take risks. There are few guarantees in life. We cannot be certain on any given day how well we will use our gifts, to say nothing of whether or not our gifts will be appreciated, honored, accepted or welcomed by others. Still, we must endeavor to take prudent care of and make good use of our God-given time, talents and treasure in this effort: the risks that we take in generously share ourselves with others should not be rash or reckless.

But as risky as naming, embracing and investing our gifts might be, we must never allow the anxieties of an uncertain world to tempt us to do the unthinkable: to bury our talents. To act as if we possessed nothing with which to give honor to God or to meet the needs of others is far worse than any mistake we might generally make on any given day in using our abilities.

To be sure, we will make mistakes in our attempts to make good use of our God-given graces. But there is no greater mistake than to live our lives as if we had no gifts to use in the service of God or others by burying them: obscuring them from the light of day. When in doubt, keep them out: for you – for God, and for others – to see. And, in the process, share your Master's joy…today!

The Oblates

"The beginning of good things is good; the progress, better; the end, best."

St. Francis de Sales

In your charity, please pray for
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	Joseph Keech	Irene Lawhorn
Robert LeSieur	Paige Lucas	Edward Mackey
John McGee	Kelly Panella	Marlene Papillo
Ann Marie Russo	Betty Rybinski	Wendy Setting
Rami Shehadeh	Alexandra Sparco	Susan & Romie
Starobynski Family	Sharon Sutton	Steve Taylor
Angelo Tiberi	Ed Tucker	Barbara White
Carmella Wilson	Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, OSFS	

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

Christmas Flowers



You may wish to help St. Anthony's with our Christmas flower expenses. If you want to donate poinsettias for our sanctuary decorations, each memorial is $15. Just put your gift in an envelope and mark it, "Christmas Flowers." Include your name and the name of the person(s) in whose memory you are giving it. **Deadline is Wednesday, December 16th.** After New Year's, we will publish a list of donors. Thank you!

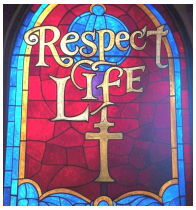
Christmas Giving Tree



This year for our Christmas Giving Tree, we are collecting donations (cash, checks, payable to St Anthony's and various gift cards). To streamline the process, we will no longer have the actual tree in church as in years past. If you can contribute, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for the "Christmas Giving Tree." Drop it in the collection at Mass or take it to the rectory office. We have families in need of food and gift assistance, especially during the holiday season. We – *and they* – greatly appreciate your generosity. **The program ends December 7th.**

Birthright Baby Bottles

If you took a bottle, can you please return it along with your donation during all Masses the weekend of November 21-22. Also, if you have any empty bottles, please return them so Birthright will not need to purchase more. Thank you for your cooperation!



"When life and family are not treasured and preserved in a society, collapse on all fronts is inevitable."
Fr. Richard Welch, CSSR, JCD

Thanksgiving Day Mass



For many, many years, it has been a St. Anthony's Parish tradition to celebrate Mass, as a family united in gratitude to God for all His many blessings, every Thanksgiving Day morning. To that end, we welcome everyone to come to church this **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, at 9:30 AM**, the only Mass of the day.

Christmas Baskets Program

Our annual Christmas Baskets Program is now accepting donations for Christmas 2026. The program is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, St Pius Council X # 4425, in partnership with St Anthony of Padua Parish. We will again be providing gift cards for recipients.

We are asking for monetary donations to help purchase the gift cards. The Kenny Family Foundation has been very generous in their support for this program through the years, but we also need help from you, our parishioners, to help make this holiday a happy one for so many people.

Donations (checks or gift cards to local supermarkets) can be dropped into the collection baskets at Masses (please place in an envelope and mark "Christmas Food Baskets" on the outside), dropped off to the rectory, or mailed to:

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Christmas Baskets Program
901 N. DuPont St.
Wilmington, DE 19805

Checks can be made payable to St Anthony of Padua. You can also donate via the parish online giving program at sapde.org – click on Christmas Baskets Program.

If you know of someone in need, we ask that you call the rectory and leave the name and phone number of the person you would like to add to the list. Names will be taken until November 30. We will confirm with the recipients the first week in December.

As always, thank you for your consideration in helping those less fortunate than ourselves this holiday.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Maria Panella at 302-379-3029. Thank you for your consideration.

Parish Calendar

Monday

Church Cleaning

Friday

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

2:00 PM, Wedding

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptisms

Monday, Nov. 16

through

Sunday, Nov. 22

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

Grade School Calendar

Tuesday

3:00 PM, Cub Scouts

Thursday

10:00 AM, 7th/8th Grade Field Trip

Friday

3:00 – 9:00 PM, Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser

Sunday

1:00 – 3:00 PM, Grade School Open House

BVM Sodality News

November Winter Clothing Drive

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality will hold its annual Winter Clothing Drive on three (3) weekends: **NOVEMBER 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd, 28th & 29th**. All clean, usable clothing can be placed on the coat rack in the vestibule of the Church.

Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast

We hope you can join us for a morning of food, fun, and prizes at our traditional Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast on Sunday, December 6, 2026, in the School Ballad Room following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Breakfast will be catered by Creations by Catherine. Tickets are $25 per person. For tickets or additional information, please contact: Treasa Denney(302)753-5266.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write on behalf of the families and children of Delaware and Maryland about an important federal opportunity for educational support beginning in 2027.

Individuals may donate up to $1,700 (or $3,400 for a married couple) to a scholarship organization and receive a 100% federal tax credit. Families with incomes below 300% of the state median (under $250,000 in Delaware) can then apply for assistance with tuition, fees, books, tutoring, special-needs services, technology, transportation, and extended-day programs. Both public and private school students are eligible.

For our children to benefit, the governors of Delaware and Maryland must opt into the program by January 1, 2027. If they do not, residents may still claim the tax credit by donating to programs in other states, but those funds will remain outside our states.

I have met with both governors and know they value education. I remain hopeful they will opt in. Your voice can help. Please contact your governor by phone, email, or letter to urge participation so that more resources can support the children of our states.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D., M.S.W.
10th Bishop of Wilmington

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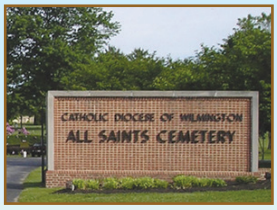


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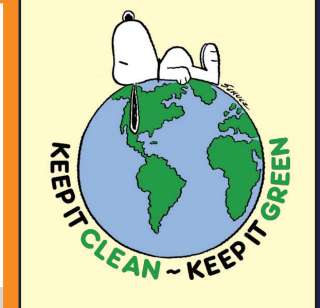
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