Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6:45 AM	**11/23** PATRICIA FEELEY	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	**11/24** ROSE & JOHN ALLEGRETTO	MARIE FIDANCE FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	**11/25** ALICE LABAZZO	DE SOUZA FAMILY
Thursday, 9:30AM	**11/26 THANKSGIVING DAY** MASS OF THANKSGIVING	
Friday, 6:45 AM	**11/27** PATRICIA FEELEY	DONOR
Saturday, 5:00 PM	**11/28** DAN CONTE	ARLENE, DANIEL, NICK, & MATT
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	**11/29** ALICE LABAZZO CHARLES SEWARD	DE SOUZA FAMILY FAMILY

This 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

Next Sunday's Readings - #784 in our hymnals

1st Reading:
Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel:
Mark 13:33-37

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 11/15/26

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	$ 7,594.21
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	$ 8,467.58
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-$ 873.37
Percent Difference This Week:	- 10.3%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+$3,233.36

Thank you for your generosity!



As we approach the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is good to recall how this beautiful feast came to us. In 1925, amid the turmoil that followed the First World War and the rise of secular ideologies that sought to push Christ out of public life, Pope Pius XI issued the encyclical Quas Primas. With it he established the Feast of Christ the King, to be celebrated on the last Sunday of October, so that the Church might annually proclaim the sovereign reign of Jesus over hearts, families, and nations, and thereby hasten the return of society to its true King.

After the Second Vatican Council, the feast was given its present name and place. In 1969 Pope Paul VI moved it to the final Sunday of the liturgical year—the Sunday before Advent—and elevated it to a solemnity. In this position it now serves as a fitting crown to the entire year of grace: we look back over the mysteries of Christ's life we have celebrated and look forward to the day when he will return in glory to hand over the Kingdom to the Father.

May this Sunday deepen our loyalty to the King whose throne is the Cross and whose law is love. Let us renew our desire to let him reign first in our own hearts, so that, through us, his gentle and just rule may extend more fully into the world.

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
Florence M. Dilks
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Thanksgiving Holiday

In observance of Thanksgiving, our parish office will be closed Thursday, November 26th through Sunday, November 29th. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Al Bestwick	Dina Casale	William Crook
Colleen Demko	Bruce DiBiaso	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



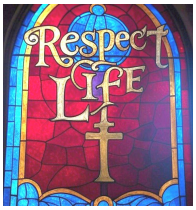
This year for our Christmas Giving Tree, we are collecting donations (cash, checks, payable to St Anthony's and various gift cards). To streamline the process, we will no longer have the actual tree in church as in years past. If you can contribute, please place your donation in an envelope and mark 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!

Veterans Clothing Drive Thank You!

Thanks to your generosity, the Knights of Bishop Mardaga Assembly collected a record-setting 3,625 new items including underwear, t-shirts, socks, sleep pants, winter coats and 8 boxes of toiletries for our veterans. St. Anthony's was one of 5 parishes participating. Your kindness truly makes a difference!



"America, your very future as a nation depends on your willingness to protect the Right to Life of the most defenseless in your society."

Pope John Paul II

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

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day

9:30 AM, Mass of Thanksgiving

Parish Office Closed

Friday

Parish Office Closed

Saturday

2:00 PM, Wedding

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptisms

Monday, Nov. 23

through

Sunday, Nov. 29

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

12:00 PM, 5th – 8th Grade

Padua Retreat

Tuesday

3:00 PM, Cub Scouts

Wednesday - Friday

School Closed

Happy Thanksgiving!

BVM Sodality News

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.

Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Fall Baked Goods & Home Decor Sale

On behalf of Mary Wilkinson, Fundraiser Committee Leader, and the Committee members, thank you to all who contributed to the success of this biannual event held on November 7 & 8. From the generous baked goods, home decor and cash donations to the Sodalists who managed the event, and the loyal patrons who purchased the goods, all played a role in supporting our church community and building fellowship among Sodality members and St. Anthony of Padua parishioners. All of your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Little Italy Old-Timers

The next get together of the West End/Little Italy Old-Timers happens Wednesday, December 16th, 1:00 PM at Mrs. Robino's. Cost is $25.00. See you there!



Pancakes With Santa

Sunday December 13th from 10:00am-1:00pm

Admission is $5 per person (age 2 and under free). Admission price includes pancakes, hot chocolate bar, crafts and games for the kids, and the opportunity to take your own pictures with Santa. Children will also have the chance to shop for gifts at Santa's Secret Shop if they choose, where items are priced from $1-$10. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well. Hope to see you there! Please rsvp if you plan to attend with the number of guests to rdetlefsen@stanthonynet.org