St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



November 29, 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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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

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First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 6:45 AM	**11/30** ANITA FLYNN	DONOR
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	**12/1** SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	**12/2** MARGARET FRANCES DONOHOE	NANCY DI BIASO
Thursday, 6:45AM	**12/3** DEC'D MEMBERS O/T ADORERS O/T BLOOD OF CHRIST	ED ANDREWS
Friday, 6:45 AM	**12/4** SOULS IN PURGATORY	DONOR
Saturday, 5:00 PM	**12/5**	
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	**12/6** MARIANNA DI FRANCESCO FREILICH	BARRY FREILICH

This 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

Next Sunday's Readings - #787 in our hymnals

1st Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2nd Reading:
2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel:
Mark 1:1-8

Weekly Offertory Report

Due to early deadlines made necessary by the Thanksgiving Holiday, collection figures for the November 21st & 22nd weekend will appear in next week's bulletin.



Be watchful! Be alert!

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS, reflected on Advent:

"Advent means coming. These four weeks represent the four thousand years before the Messiah, during which the prophets announced His coming."

"There are two advents of Our Lord. The first is His coming to earth to save us—little, humble, poor, and a working man—to show that poverty is no disgrace and to teach us to love work."

"The second advent takes place in our hearts. Every good thought, every act of fidelity, every time we give ourselves fully to God, Our Blessed Savior visits our souls."

As we prepare for Jesus' first advent, let us stay vigilant for the many daily opportunities of His second advent: good thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and actions—especially toward others.

When these moments come—and with them, Jesus Himself—will we be ready to receive and use them well?

Come, O come, Emmanuel!

The Oblates

Confirmation

We recognize and congratulate the following youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 15th: **Keegan Michael Baranik, Daniel Vincent Caesar, Julian Francis Detlefsen, Zoey Jude Exelby, Morgan Cecilia Galloway, Addison Joan Hostler, Sky Dwynwen Livingston, Brennan Dymphna Lott, Bryce Peter McDermott, Mila Hildegard Ramos, Aryanna Angela Rivera, Lea Cecilia Santiago, Matthew Gabriel Spinelli, & Camryn Nicholas Williams.**

"Peace is better than fortune."

St. Francis de Sales

In your charity, please pray for
Jean Creedon
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

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



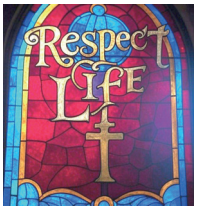
This year for our Christmas Giving Tree, we are collecting donations (cash, checks, payable to St Anthony's and various gift cards). To streamline the process, we will no longer have the actual tree in church as in years past. If you can contribute, please place your donation in an envelope and mark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

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!

Thanksgiving Holiday

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



"When we die, we will come face to face with God, the Author of Life. Who will give an account to God for the millions and millions of babies who were not allowed a chance to live, to experience loving and being loved?"

Mother Teresa

National March for Life: January 22

The 54th annual March for Life will take place on Friday, January 22nd, after a rally on the Mall beginning at noon. For the latest information, please visit the March for Life website: https://marchforlife.org .

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

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal

Friday

3:30 PM, Wedding

5:00 PM, Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday

2:00 PM, Wedding

Sunday

12:00 PM, Baptisms

Monday, Nov. 30

through

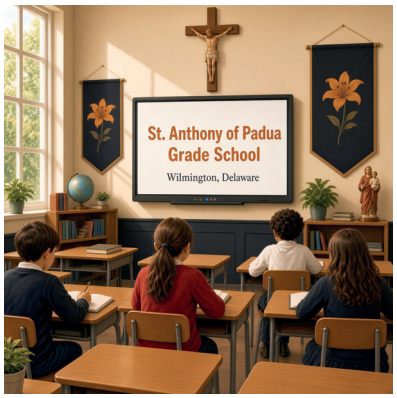
Sunday, Dec. 6

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

Grade School Calendar

Tuesday

3:00 PM, Cub Scouts



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



To: Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua
From: Robert Shields
RE: Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

Each year, the parish is required by the Diocese to present to the parishioners a financial report. This is the report from our fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

On the next page, you will find the comparative statement of financial activity for the parish. The categories are explained as follows:

- **Ordinary Income** includes Weekly Offertory, Holy Day, Christmas and Easter Collections.
- **Other Groups** include Home and School, Youth Activities Council (YAC), and B.V.M. Sodality.
- **Extraordinary Income** consists of memorials, bequests and other donations made to the parish.
- **School** includes the tuition and fundraising generated by the Grade School.
- **Ordinary Expense** includes the clergy salaries and expenses, along with other parish-wide expenses such as Liturgy, Music, Charity, Specific Ministries, plus the insurance, utilities and expenses required in cleaning and running the parish. Other non-program expenses such as the Diocesan Assessment are also in this category.
- **Maintenance and Administrative Support** are separated from the ordinary expenses because the amounts in these areas are significant.

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Notes:

- The Festival numbers reported here are from the Festival held June of 2025. Information from the Festival that was held in June of 2026, will be accounted for in next year's report.
- The Weekly Offertory is our largest source of Ordinary Income. Thank you to the many parishioners who generously contribute through our offertory program. Our Online Giving program has made it easy for families to contribute when most convenient for them, even if they are away from the parish for vacation.
- You may notice a large percentage change under **Extraordinary** income. This is an area that fluctuates from year to year due to the number of memorials and bequests left to the parish. By naming the parish in your will, you guarantee that the parish receives funding. Even though we cannot use this gift immediately, it will be critically important to our long-term financial strength and enhance our ability to meet the opportunities and challenges the future will present us. On the expense side, we always try to save money and live within our means. Our Grade School remains extremely competitive and a trailblazer in many areas. We continue to be very active in maintaining our school and the quality of education that it provides.

It is important to be aware that the parish currently has a net payable balance due to vendors of $334,844.58. This includes balances due to some suppliers, while the majority of the balance due (approximately $1,326,000) is owed to the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, which includes balances owed for annual Parish Assessments, Annual Catholic Appeal (now Faith and Charity Appeal) shortfalls, Sustaining Hope - Diocesan Capital Campaign shortfall, with the bulk being employee health care costs. The parish is actively working with the Diocese to pay down these debts.

Thank you for your generous and continued support and for all you do for the parish.

Saint Anthony of Padua
Comparative Statement of Activity
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

INCOME		**FYE 26**		**FYE 25**	**% Change**
Ordinary Income	$	562,406.00	$	565,400.00	-0.53%
Other Groups	$	143,234.00	$	121,288.00	18.09%
Festival	$	1,584,576.88	$	1,554,761.90	1.92%
Special Purpose	$	15,694.25	$	4,081.00	284.57%
Extraordinary	$	459,304.00	$	231,173.00	98.68%
100th Anniversary Capital Campaign	$	405,080.75	$	447,325.00	-9.44%
School	$	1,115,084.12	$	1,161,992.10	-4.04%
Insurance Reimbursements	$	414,750.00	$	-	
Religious Education	$	415.00	$	180.00	130.56%
TOTAL	$	4,700,545.00	$	4,086,201.00	15.03%
EXPENSE					
Ordinary Expense	$	699,680.00	$	496,249.00	40.99%
Other Groups	$	146,101.00	$	154,880.00	-5.67%
Festival	$	1,177,237.33	$	1,118,417.25	5.26%
Maintenance	$	188,930.00	$	105,077.00	79.80%
Administrative Support	$	213,048.00	$	386,429.00	-44.87%
School	$	2,136,800.67	$	2,125,790.75	0.52%
GS Capital Improvements	$	165,000.00	$	66,761.00	59.54%
GS Flood Expense	$	250,000.00			
Religious Education	$	1,478.00	$	1,348.00	9.64%
TOTAL	$	4,978,275.00	$	4,454,952.00	11.75%
INCOME (LOSS)	$	(277,730.00)	$	(368,751.00)	

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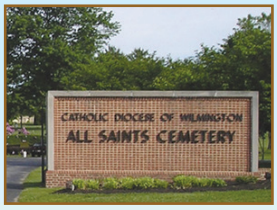
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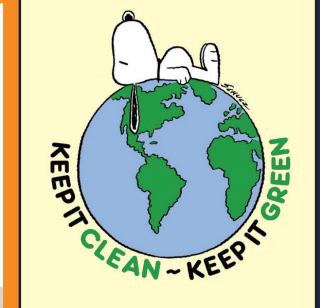
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