

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE



April 7, 2024

Pastor
Rev. Mark J. Wrightson, O.S.F.S.

Parochial Vicar
Rev. Sleeva Raju Kala, O.S.F.S.

Oblate in Residence
Rev. Francis J. Rinaldi, O.S.F.S.



Masses

Sunday9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
Monday - Friday6:45 am
Saturday6:45 am & 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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Registration: New parishioners are requested to contact the rectory and schedule an appointment with the Parish Secretary.

Italian Festival
302-421-2790

Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council
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302-932-3253

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St. Anthony's Italian Festival: www.sapde.org/italianfestival
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 7, 2024



In today's Gospel the Disciples experience Jesus' real presence after His Resurrection. He invites us also to believe in His real presence among us. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Through faith God leads us to penetrate, understand and love divine truths that are revealed. An act of faith on our part is choosing to love God and the things of God. When we allow the mysteries of divine revelation to speak to us, our faith is strengthened.

When temptations against faith and the Church arise, do as you do with other temptations. Don't argue at all with them. Place yourself at Our Savior's feet. Tell Him that you are His, and want His help, even if you are unable to speak. Temptations against faith are trials like any other, and you must calm yourself. I have seen few people make progress without experiencing trials. So be patient. After the squall, God sends the calm.

Faith is brought to life by holy love. Without a doubt as long as we are in this life, the imperceptible movement of God's love in us makes us holy. It is the Holy Spirit who pours this divine love into our hearts. As soon as trees are transplanted, their roots spread and are thrust deeply into the earth that nourishes them. Only later, when we see the tree continue to grow, do we notice that their roots are spreading and being nourished by the earth. Similarly, by divine love, a heart can be transplanted from things that are not of God to things of God. If this heart earnestly prays, it will surely continue to reach out and attach itself to God's goodness that nourishes it.

Vivified by holy love, a living faith serves God. As a faithful servant it does all that it knows and recognizes is pleasing to God. Let us be servants also of God's love just as the Apostles and early Christians were. In this way we will give witness to Jesus' presence among us, as a living community of faith, hope and holy love.

The Oblates

"We must not be astonished to see ourselves imperfect, since we must never see ourselves otherwise in this life."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Deborah C. Gigliotti
Francis Malloy
Marie White

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Monday, 6:45 AM	4/8 MILDRED PERROTTI	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	4/9 JOSEPH PERROTTI, SR.	FAMILY
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	4/10 ALBERT ZAMBINO	MINUTELLA FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	4/11 JOHN T. CARUCCI	JOE & PATTY ROACH FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	4/12 JOSEPH ODDO	FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:00 PM	4/13 ELIZABETH CARUCCI PARISHIONERS	DAUGHTER JULIE
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	4/14 CAROL CIOTTI PRZYCHODZIEN MARY ANN PLASTEK	HUSBAND FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

2nd Reading:

1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel:

Luke 24:35-48

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 03/24/24

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,985.32
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 7,973.28
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	+\$1,012.04
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 12.7%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$19,868.99

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Eve Archangelo
Buzzy Cooke
Joe Formisano
Rudy Husfelt
Gay Meriggi
Cindy O'Neil
Marlene Papillo
Fr. Francis J. Pileggi
Joseph Setting, III
Marie Stecko

Allison Auld
Michael John D'Alto
Tara Fridley
Lynn McElroy
Samuel Mirabella
Dolores O'Neill
LeVon Peterson
Keith Preston
Pat Sianni

Toni Bricker
Luci Deputy
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...and all the sick of St. Anthony's Parish.



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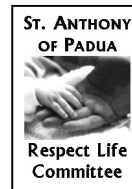
Padre Pio Mini Retreat

Immaculate Heart of Mary is hosting a MINI RETREAT on PADRE PIO! Please join us for an informational session AND hear up-close and personal experiences by Father John Aurilia O.F.M., PhD, Tuesday, April 16, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington. Fr. John was the secretary to Saint Padre Pio in 1967 and he will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio. For questions, contact Rita McDowell at mcdowell@ihm.org or 302-438-9739. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at lkrueger@ihm.org or 302-762-5550.

Sodality

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a faith-based women's organization that honors the Blessed Mother and leads initiatives to support the St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Sodality Communion Sunday is held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed Mother is recited at 8:40 a.m. followed by 9:00 a.m. Mass. Monthly Meetings are held in the Ballad Room promptly after Mass. All women 14 years of age and over are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please email BVMSodality@stanthony.net, or contact Tina Madanat, President, at 302-547-1582.

Respect Life



You formed my inmost being; You knit me in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works! My very self You know. My bones are not hidden from You. When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw me unformed; in Your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Psalms 139:13-17



April is **Abortion Recovery Awareness Month**
Are you or someone you love suffering from a traumatic pregnancy loss and experiencing:

- Depression
- Anxiety and panic attacks
- Intense grief, sadness, rage
- Feelings of shame and guilt
- Suicidal thinking and behavior
- Drug or alcohol abuse
- Problems maintaining intimate relationships
- Eating disorders
- Nightmares, flashbacks

you can find healing.
Experience forgiveness and be freed from shame. Confidential, compassionate, non-judgmental help is available. You're not alone:

- For an in-person weekend retreat: RachelsVineyard.org
- For online and/or in-person* Bible-based programs: HerChoiceToHeal.com (part of RamahInternational.org)
SaveOne.org
SheFoundHisGrace.org

Divine Mercy Chaplet

In observance of Divine Mercy Sunday on April 7th, the Knights of Columbus will lead this seven minute prayer following the Communion Prayer at all Masses on the weekend of April 6th & 7th. The observance this special day was instituted by St. John Paul II.

Birthright of Delaware



... will host its Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale at our parish. Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend which is May 10th - 12th.

Roses cost:
\$3/one Rose
\$5/three Roses
\$20/Dozen Roses
\$45/Twenty-five Roses (Bouquet)

Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you! We deeply appreciate your support!! You can also make a donation to Birthright of DE in lieu of roses, our address is: 1311 North Scott Street Wilmington, DE 19806

Parish Calendar

Tuesday

6:00 PM, YAC Meeting
(Grade School)

Sunday

12:30 PM, Baptism



Monday, Apr. 8

through

Sunday, Apr. 14

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

Classes Resume

Friday

8:00 AM, Spring Picture Day



2024 YOUTH FOOTBALL SPRING CLINIC

St. Elizabeth Athletic Association in coordination with the High School Football staff is proud to host this Spring Football Clinic with special guest alumni football players to provide specific position based skills training.

The Spring Football Clinic is open to students entering grades 3 to 8 for the 2024-2025 school year who are interested flag or tackle football. Experienced players as well as new comers are welcomed. This skills session will be held on Sunday May 5th from 12 to 3pm at the St. E Center and the football field in Canby Park. Coaches will focus on position driven skills based on the participants' desired position as well as overall fundamental skills of football.

Registration fee is \$40 and includes a Viking Football t-shirt which will be distributed at check-in. Check-in will begin at 11:45am at the St. E Center. A discounted registration fee of \$30 is available for St. Elizabeth students and members of St. Elizabeth Parish.

This clinic is being run by High School Football head coach Mike Lemon and his coaching staff along with special guest Alumni Coaches Steve Azzanesi, Eric Patton, Dante Tiberi, Andre Patton, Gavin McCarthy, Craig Napier, Jeff Fletcher, Rich Conway and Joe Durney.

Please direct questions to: stelizabethathleticassoc@gmail.com

FAQs:

What equipment will participants need for this clinic? The only necessary equipment is sneakers, a labeled water bottle, and a good attitude. Cleats are recommended but not required.

Will there be tackling at this clinic? This is a non-contact clinic. Techniques of blocking and tackling will be taught but there will be no live drills with those skill incorporated.

Can I sign up a participant/participant's sibling that is younger than grade 3? This clinic is limited to those who will be in Grades 3 to 8 during the 2024-2025 school year and we cannot make exceptions at this time.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH

St. Anthony's is proud to celebrate a century of ministry and service, commemorating the selfless dedication of so many who labored to create the parish we love and cherish today. We will mark our centennial over the year ahead with fun and memorable events. This milestone moment is even more special as we also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Italian Festival and the 70th anniversary of St. Anthony of Padua Grade School and Padua Academy! Stay tuned for details on our upcoming festivities as we honor our legacy and work together in forging the future as we begin our second century!

Driver Wanted

Little Sisters of the Poor is searching for a Full-Time, 30-hours a week Medical Driver. The Medical Driver will be responsible for the safe transportation of Residents and Sisters to various medical appointments throughout the State of Delaware. These services are consistent with Home's standards and philosophy, and follow all regulations, codes, policies, and procedures that govern the facility. Please call Jerry Walker, Director of HR at 302-368-5886 or email at HRNewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

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