

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 3, 2019



Monday, 6:45 AM	2/4 ERSILIA DI BONAVENTURA	DAUGHTER
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	2/5 BILL MCNEAL	WIFE
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	2/6 MICHAEL ANDREOLI	FAMILY
Thursday, 6:45 AM	2/7 PASQUALE DI BONAVENTURA	DAUGHTER
Friday, 6:45 AM	2/8 ANTHONY DI BONAVENTURA, JR.	SISTER
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:30 PM	2/9 THE CANNON FAMILY JOHN J. HAMMERER	THE JANIS FAMILY JOANNE & PAUL SEITZ
Sunday, 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	2/10 PARISHIONERS VALENTINO TONELLOTTI JAMES PETRUCCELLI	ALDO & TERESINA FABRIS BRUCE DI VINCENTO & FAMILY



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm:

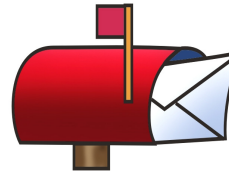
Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Saint Blaise, throats, and candles

Although the Sunday celebration takes precedence this year, February 3 is also the feast of Saint Blaise. He was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. While actual records are scant, there are a few traditions about Blaise.

One tradition holds that while he was traveling (possibly as a prisoner for his faith) he encountered a young boy choking. He touched the young boy's throat and invoked a blessing. The boy was healed.

Another tradition holds that Blaise was visiting a prisoner who was seriously ill (with some throat symptoms?). Blaise blessed the prisoner's throat, and he began to heal from his illness.

The use of the candles (by the way, not required for the blessing) may be traced to the use of nearby candles in the prisoner's cell, perhaps to better see and assess the situation.

Another explanation for the use of candles is that it falls immediately after the Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas, where traditionally candles are blessed. The cult of this feast started around the time of the martyrdom of Blaise. This feast also marked the end of the season of the Epiphany and the close of the Christmas cycle. There seems to be a connection here between the candles and Christ being the light of the world.

Father Mark



"Try to deal gently with those with whom you live. I have known people who are angels in church but devils at home."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized...

Ruth Margaret Smith

Emily Grace Talley



In your charity, please pray for

Robert G. Lloyd

Dr. James Tigani III

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/27/19

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$10,896.87
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$11,017.12
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	-\$ 120.25
Percent Difference This Week:	- 1.1%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$27,939.29

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Kenyon Blough
Nancy Ciocca
Anita DiSimplico
Christopher Ganey
John Malone
Lorraine McLaughlin
Jerry Osborne
Jack Pipa
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

Nancy Brown
Tori Daniello
Tommy DiVirgilio
James Ganey
Ronald Marsilli
Eva Meriggi
Kelly Panella
James Poppiti
Eileen Swindel

Roger Chao
Mary T. DiBiasco
Joe Formisano
Louis Jung
Ivone Marvel
Joe Meriggi
Fr. Francis Pileggi, OSFS
Vanessa Rivera
Albert Vietri

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

Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, February 10th, tune in to meet St. Thomas More Academy teacher and Miss Delaware 2018, Joanna Wicks. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive



The Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual special food drive through Super Bowl Sunday on February 3, 2019. Please bring any non-perishable food items and place them in the large wicker basket located in the rear of the church. All donations will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. As always, your generosity is appreciated!

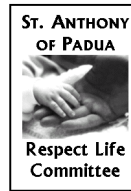
Second Collection

Next weekend, February 9th and 10th, the scheduled second collection will be for Black and Indian Missions.

February Parish Monthly Social This Sunday!

The February parish social will be held on Sunday, 2/3/2019, in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great donuts and tomato pie from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degnars Greenhill Deli, and more! Hope you can join us!

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"If His Eminence has shown and taught me anything, it is that true respect for human life proceeds from the moment of conception."

Dr. Lisa Marrero

Parish Council Update

Council met Tuesday, January 22nd.

-the Council discussed the recent St. Anthony in the Hills sale & plans for investing the funds to ensure long-term parish financial stability.

-the Council reviewed recent and pending parish facilities updates, including church lighting upgrades (completed), rectory & church roof repairs (pending), & planned repairs for Scout Hall at Fournier Hall.

-the Council recapped parish outreach activities for the Christmas season (Christmas Basket Program & Giving Tree).

Vocations

What was spoken to you long ago that you still try to hear? God speaks to His people through the prophet Jeremiah: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. Before you were born I dedicated you." Our God knows us intimately; our God has a plan for each of us. What are you doing to discover God's plan for *your* life? Could it be that He's calling you to a life of religious ministry for the good of the Church? If you think so, call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations !

Archives to hold exhibit in conjunction with Diocesan 150th anniversary celebration.

The Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington will present a special exhibit in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese. The exhibit will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Family Center of Saint Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road in Greenville, Delaware. The exhibit will feature dozens of items and documents going back to the 1600s when the first Catholic Europeans arrived in present-day Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

Parish Calendar

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

7:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Boy

Scout Pancake Breakfast

(Ballad Room)

10:00 AM, PREP

(Grade School)

2:00 PM, Via Crucis Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 4

through

Sunday, Feb. 10

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

Grade School Calendar

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

9:00 AM, Kindergarten Field Trip



Padua Summer Camp

Padua Academy is offering a Summer Program for current 6-7-8th grade girls. The weeks of June 17th and 24th. There will be courses in Science, Spanish Culture, Videography, Games and Crafts, Cyber Security and Making a Video Game. For more information contact paduasummercamp@paduaacademy.org or see the link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7pzlawa>

Home & School Events

Saint Anthony of Padua Grade School is having a Blood Drive on 2/15 from 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM in the Ballad Room. The link to signup is: <http://donate.bbd.org/> please use sponsor code SAGS and click "GO."

Saint Anthony's Home School Board is hosting a "Mom's Afternoon Out" on 2/24 from 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM in the Ballad Room. This is a Crimson Pallet Paint Party. More information will be available in the next couple of weeks.

Catholic Cemeteries

The staff at Cathedral, All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries will be clearing all Christmas/Winter decorations on Feb. 4, 2019. If you wish to claim your decoration or help reduce clean-up costs you can claim any of your decorations prior to Feb. 4th. For more information please call the cemetery office at (302) 656 - 3323 for Cathedral and All Saints and (302) 732 - 3690 for Gate of Heaven.

SACRED

Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day

Sat., February 23, 8 AM until 3 PM

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education. Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and 3 PM. Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM. Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31st online at: <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Don't miss out on a fun-filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 19th time. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality has had over 150 attendees each year. Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 2nd. Elementary catechists will receive two contact hours for attending the morning session and three additional hours for attending the afternoon session. There will be no paper requirement for these hours. The parish with the most attendees receives the New Evangelization Award. Past winners were Saint Ann's, Saint Anthony's, Holy Family, Saint John the Beloved, Saint Mary Magdalen, and last year's winners, Saint Benedict's/Saint Elizabeth's MD.

Our schedule is as follows:

Sign in located in Lobby / Breakfast and coffee in the Dining Center (Reconciliation Option #1): 8:00 AM - 8:55 AM
AM Prayer and Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM
Session One: 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM
Hot Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Reconciliation Option #2: 11:45 PM - 12:15 PM
Session Two: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM