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March 3, 2024

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Rev. Sleeve Raju Kala, O.S.F.S.

Oblate in Residence

Rev. Francis J. Rinaldi, O.S.F.S.



Masses

Sunday 9:00, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Monday - Friday 6:45 am

Saturday 6:45 am & 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 421-3700 / parish@stanthony.net.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.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024



Monday, 6:45 AM	3/4 MARY R. KIRLIN	FAMILY
Tuesday, 6:45 AM	3/5 IN THANKSGIVING	SR. LYSSA-MATHEW
Wednesday, 6:45 AM	3/6 JOSEPH CARUCCI	SISTER JULIE
Thursday, 6:45 AM	3/7 ALICE LABAZZO	DE SOUZA FAMILY
Friday, 6:45 AM	3/8 PAULA WILLIAMS	FAMILY
Saturday, 6:45 AM 5:00 PM	3/9 IRENE & MICHAEL ANDREOLI PARISHIONERS	FAMILY
Sunday, 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	3/10 CAROL CIOTTI PRZYCHODZIEN ANTHONY & PHYLISS MANGLIA	HUSBAND DOMINIC & ELAINE SERPE



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel:

John 3:14-21

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/25/24

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 7,909.98
Avg. Collection Last Fiscal Year:	\$ 7,973.28
Actual vs. Last F/Y:	- \$63.30
Percent Difference This Week:	- 0.8%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	+\$14,599.87

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



Today's Gospel speaks to the catechumens who are preparing for baptism. Jesus, reaching out to a woman rejected by society, offers her "a spring of water welling up to eternal life." St. Francis de Sales speaks often of how Jesus calls us out of slavery to sin into a life of holiness that leads to eternal happiness:

There are many who aspire to holiness, but few attain it because they do not walk as they ought—ardently, yet tranquilly; carefully, but confidently. That is to say, we must rely more on the Divine Goodness and Providence than on ourselves and our good works. We must be very faithful, but without anxiety or eagerness.

Yet God wants us to do all that lies in our power. That is, God wants us to use the ordinary means to attain holiness. We must use the means that are given to us according to our vocation, and then remain in peace concerning all the rest. If these should fail, God will never fail to assist us as long as we are open to the divine will. God, under whose guidance we have embarked, will always be attentive to provide us with whatever is necessary. Therefore, when human aid fails us, God's special providence takes over and takes care of us. God would sooner work miracles than leave without assistance, either spiritual or temporal, those who trust entirely in Divine Providence.

We say that we do not know whether the will to please God that we now have will remain with us during our whole life. Alas! It is true, for there is nothing so weak and changeable as we are. But nevertheless, let us not be troubled. Let us rather frequently lay this good will before Our Lord. Let us place it in His hands and He will renew it as often as is necessary so that we may have enough for our whole mortal life. After this mortal life there will be no cause for fear, for we shall be in a safe place.

The Oblates

"Those who stay not in littleness will lose their greatness."

St. Francis de Sales



In your charity, please pray for
Ramona Dare DeRocili
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Your Prayers and Support Requested

<p>Eve Archangelo Buzzy Cooke Joe Formisano Rudy Husfelt Gay Meriggi Cindy O'Neil Marlene Papillo Fr. Francis J. Pileggi Joseph Setting, III Marie Stecko</p>	<p>Allison Auld Michael John D'Alto Tara Fridley Lynn McElroy Samuel Mirabella Dolores O'Neill LeVon Peterson Keith Preston Pat Sianni Marie White</p>	<p>Toni Bricker Luci Deputy Christopher Ganey Eva Meriggi Wayne Norris Kelly Panella Louis Petrulo Valerie Preston Alexandra Sparco</p>
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Sodality

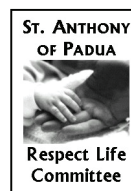
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is a faith-based women's organization that honors the Blessed Mother and leads initiatives to support the St. Anthony of Padua Parish. Sodality Communion Sunday is held every third Sunday of the month from September through May (except December). The office of the Blessed 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@stanthonynet.org, or contact Tina Madanat, President, at 302-547-1582.



PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR EASTER
RECONCILIATION MONDAY
MARCH 25 3-8 PM

This year, Reconciliation Monday will be held on March 25th. All parish churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore will be open for confession from 3 until 8 p.m.

Respect Life



In a very real way, when a baby is aborted, so too are all the potential children, grandchildren, etc. THAT person could've had. Abortion impacts much more than the single life ended.

Like to Run, Jump and Throw?



Sign-up for the St. Anthony's Spring track program!!! Open to grades K through 8. Third through eighth grade have practices twice a week with various meets throughout the season. K – 2 instructional participants will practice twice a week and have one meet in May. Sign-up at our St. Anthony YAC site (<https://www.stanthonyyac.com>). Sign-ups are open until March 5th. Have questions? Please contact Carole Trzepacz at ctrzepacz@stanthonynet.org or Pam Morabito at pamtrego5499@gmail.com.

LENTEN GUIDELINES

Penitential Fast and Abstinence

The current discipline of penance for the United States, in addition to the general character of the Lenten season may thus be summed up:

- **Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14th) and Good Friday (March 29th) are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast**, that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled: "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (Constitution on the Liturgy, no. 110).
- The other **Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat**.
- The **Fridays of the year outside Lent remain days of penance**, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance: this may be physical mortification or temperance or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.
- **All those who are fourteen years old and older are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are eighteen years old and not yet fifty-nine years old.**

Parish Calendar

Friday

7:30 PM, Via Crucis

Sunday

12:30 PM, Baptism



Monday, Mar. 4

through

Sunday, Mar. 10

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

Grade School Calendar

Thursday

9:00 AM, 6th & 8th Grade to Salesianum

Friday

Noon Dismissal



Souper Bowl Report

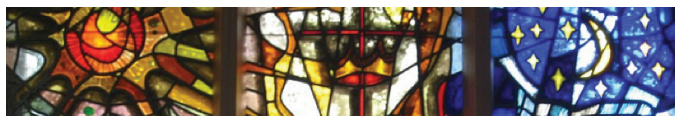
The St. Anthony's Parish Community donated a total of 850 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Knights of Columbus Souper Bowl Food Collection Campaign. All items were donated to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. The Knights wish to extend many grateful thanks to all of the parishioners who generously contributed to this campaign!

Statement of Contributions

Parishioners who would like a year-end statement of contributions for use in tax returns should call Lisa at the rectory, 302-421-3700, x107. If you get the voicemail, leave your name, envelope number (if you know it), and whether you want to pick up the statement at the rectory or have it mailed to you. Please allow 3 business days for processing. Online Giving members can access their contribution statements by logging into the system and following the prompts.

Help Wanted

F/T and P/T positions available immediately for Lead Teachers in our Early Learning Center at St. Anthony's Community Center. TECE 1 and/or 2 required or Early Childhood Education credits. Salary: From \$18/hr and pay commensurate with education & experience. Health, Dental, Vision, Life, & paid time off among benefits available. If interested: stacc@comcast.net or 302-421-3721.



Easter Flowers Memorials



Once again, we are presenting our Easter Flowers program. This effort helps to fund the Easter Flower church decorations. As in years past, we ask \$15.00 per memorial. Send your memorials marked "Easter Flowers" to the rectory **no later than Friday, March 22nd**. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2024

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday, March 23

3:45 to 4:45 PM

No Confessions on Holy Saturday, March 30

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 23

Blessing of Palm and Procession

at 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 24

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

9:00 Mass livestreamed

Holy Week: March 25, 26, 27

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Daily Masses: 6:45 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00 PM

7:00 Mass livestreamed

Good Friday, March 29

Church open for prayer & reflection:

12:00 Noon through Lord's Passion

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

3:00 Liturgy livestreamed

Holy Saturday, March 30

Solemn Easter Vigil: 7:30 PM

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Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses: 9:00, & 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

9:00 Mass livestreamed.

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