



# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF  
AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

February 2, 2025



## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

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# Parish Info

## WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Or by Appointment

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

### PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthitt St.  
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM  
Friday 9 AM - 12 PM  
Phone: (864) 233-7717  
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### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167  
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### CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0  
Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626  
Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stress they face each day.

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at [kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org) if you would like to register. Please visit [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org) for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### SATURDAY, 2/1

- 5 pm

#### SUNDAY, 2/2

- 8 AM Kyle Hall's Birthday
- 10 AM Catherine Lovely
- 12 PM Josephat Gomes †

#### TUESDAY, 2/4

- 11 AM Mary Donnelly

#### WEDNESDAY 2/5

- 11 AM

#### THURSDAY, 2/6

- 11 AM
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#### FRIDAY, 2/7

- 11 AM Our Church Family Community

#### SATURDAY, 2/8

- 5 PM Our Church Family

#### SUNDAY, 2/9

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Robert Degregorio †
- 12 PM

It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

**Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.**

### HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2. Thank you!



# PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

## Active Parishoner

- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

## Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer?

Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete. Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at [scovelsc@aol.com](mailto:scovelsc@aol.com) or Paulette Payne at [Paulettejpayne@charter.com](mailto:Paulettejpayne@charter.com). Thank you for your support.

## BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall ([kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org)) by end of day Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members for at least six months** prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

## Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre-registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

## First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

## Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

## Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.



# PASTORAL REFLECTION & WEEKLY OFFERTORY RECAP

## FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

*Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado*

Friends, how often do we find ourselves scrolling endlessly, hoping to find clarity or answers in our screens? What are we searching for? The perfect meme? We live in a world that craves certainty. We want answers—fast, clear, and simple. Got a question? We Google it. Searching for the meaning of life? A five-minute TikTok might claim to explain it. Our lives are built on clarity, efficiency, and control. But this comes at a cost: it leaves little room for mystery and wonder. And let's be real, who needs wonder when you've got Wi-Fi, right? Yet, my friends, it's in mystery that God speaks. It's where the Holy Spirit moves. It's where we find meaning, purpose, and transformation. As people of faith—or seekers of truth—we aren't called to confine God to what we can comprehend or to limit reality to what we can see or measure. Instead, we're invited to trust in God's limitless possibilities—beyond logic or reason. Writer Annie Dillard once said that life is "covered with faint traces of mystery." These traces are everywhere, but they're easy to miss. Mystery whispers. It's woven in the small, everyday moments, waiting for those who are paying attention.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us this truth through Simeon and Anna. Their story teaches us about spiritual attentiveness. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon arrives at the temple just as Mary and Joseph bring baby Jesus. Most people saw just another child, but Simeon saw the Messiah—the hope of salvation. Yet, his prophecy also carries a hard truth: Jesus will be a "sign of contradiction," forcing people to make a choice. Salvation is at hand, but it won't come without challenge. Nothing good, nothing lasting comes without a cost. Even Mary wasn't spared. Simeon warned her that a "sword" would pierce her soul—a hint of the pain she'd endure as she watched her son's crucifixion. Mary offered Him as the light of salvation to humanity. Simeon's message reminds us that salvation is both a gift and a challenge. Faith isn't always comfortable. It takes courage to trust, follow, and let go of control, even when life feels messy or uncertain. What made Simeon different? His openness to the Spirit. His ability to see beyond the surface. While others rushed through rituals and motions, he was spiritually awake, ready to meet God in unexpected ways.

Then there's Anna. She spent decades worshiping and fasting in the temple. The moment she saw Jesus, she knew. She recognized Him as the Redeemer and shared this truth with others. Like Simeon, her faith allowed her to see what others missed. To Simeon and Anna the temple was not just a place of ritual. It was a space for encounter. Where is your temple? In the checkout line? The school drop-off? The hospital room?

In our fast-paced, hyper-connected world, it's harder than ever to simply be present. We're pulled in every direction - often stuck in the past (regrets, mistakes, resentments, addictions), anxious about the future, or glued to our phones and to-do lists. In all this noise, we risk missing the Spirit's quiet whispers.

But when we slow down and truly be present. We start to notice the faint traces of mystery God has woven into our lives and our community. We see Him in the ordinary—in sunlight through a window, a stranger's kindness, a child's laughter. We touch him in the struggles of the immigrant or the hardship of the homeless. We hear Him in the cry for justice and the suffering of the afflicted. Simeon and Anna remind us that faith isn't about having all the answers—it's about being open to the mystery of God's work in our lives. So, I ask you: Are you paying attention to where God might be whispering in your life? Are you open to the Spirit's leading, even when it feels uncertain or uncomfortable?

Faith, my friends, it's about surrender—about opening our eyes and hearts to the wonder of God's presence. This week, can you slow down? Can you look beyond the surface of your daily routines? Will you pay attention to the faint traces of mystery around you? And like Simeon and Anna, will you be ready to encounter Jesus—in the sacred temples of your own life, relationships, and everyday moments? Because He's there. Yes, even in the mess of your life. He is not hiding. He is waiting, whispering, moving. Salvation is knocking at your door. The question is: Are you present? Just open the door.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

*Collections for January 25-26 Masses*



Envelopes/Cash	\$9,665.75
Online Giving	\$12,066.00
Total	<b>\$21,731.75</b>

2nd Collection: Church's in Latin America  
\$1,830.00

**Giving Online** makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

**Stewardship** is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

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# News From Our School



The program, "Behind the Scenes: Lights, Camera, Action, Film", organized by the Greenville (SC) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, provided students with a series of four monthly activities, October 2024 to January 2025. The focus was on the tools and techniques of the film industry.

The program began with an introduction to the evolution of film technology, highlighted by a display of vintage cameras. In November, guest speaker Dr. Serge Afeli, a college professor and filmmaker, instructed students on delivering a dramatic Christmas speech utilizing a teleprompter. The December session offered students an opportunity to engage in voiceover and voice acting exercises, using a segment from the movie trailer for "Mufasa: The Lion King." The final session in January focused on costume design and included a surprise visit from actor Brittney Brackett, who showed segments of one of her films and two of her award trophies.



# Welcome To Our Home





# Spiritual Life

Get ready for  
**Youth Ministry!**  
At St. Anthony of Padua!



Teens, 9th thru 12th grade  
Welcome!

Ministry Kick-off March 2, 2025  
(mark your calendars!)

**ST. ANTHONY**  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**



**JOIN US FOR SUPER SUNDAY FUN!**  
BBQ, RIBS, WINGS, DOGS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH**

DOORS OPEN AT 5 P.M.  
KICKOFF AT 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

RSVP: USING THE QR CODE OR SIGNING UP IN THE CHURCH LOBBY BY **FEBRUARY 5, 2025**



Thanks to the Mens Club and the Knights of Columbus for your support

## FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 9

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00am- Breakfast  
**SAP Social Hall**

2nd Collection:  
Catholic Schools Week

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00pm- OCIA  
**SAP Social Hall**

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:15pm- Unity Choir  
**SAP Church**

6:30pm-Living Waters  
Bible Study  
**SAP Church**

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:00pm- CCD Classes  
**SAP Parish and School**



# Upcoming Parish Events



**ST. ANTHONY'S FAMILIES GROUP**

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY EVENT

Please join the Families Group in a service project by packing bags for the food pantry. We will meet in the school gym and pack the bags while the children make Valentines cards to add to each one. Use the QR code at the bottom to sign up for a food pantry item to bring.

**DATE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**  
**TIME: AFTER THE 10 AM MASS (ABOUT 11:00 AM)**  
**WHERE: ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL GYM**  
**WHO: ALL ARE WELCOME!**

\*Craft supplies and snacks will be provided. Get to know other families in our church and involve your family in helping others in our community.  
Contact [sapfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:sapfamilies@gmail.com) for more information



## MOVIE NIGHT

Join us to watch **CONCLAVE**  
Refreshments provided

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**February 28** ★ **6:30 PM** ★ **SOCIAL HALL**

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RSVP on Flock Note or signup in the church lobby by: February 26

St. Anthony Theatre Presents  
**CONCLAVE**

## CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Our Church Office is seek 3 people to volunteer for a few hours during the week. For more information or if interested, please contact our Director of Administration Kyle Hall at [kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org).

### JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

9:30am Women's Bible  
Study  
**SAP Social Hall**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

6:00pm- Italian Night  
Dinner  
**SAP Social Hall**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

9:00am- Breakfast  
**SAP Social Hall**  
  
5:00pm- Superbowl  
Party  
**SAP Gym**



# Together We Pray For

## Individuals

Alice Rigler  
Ann Fournier  
Ann Moore  
Ann Nechodom  
Annette Martin  
Anthony Davis  
Bill Higgins  
Carl Sunderlin  
Charlene Palmer  
Chester Williams

Clarice Hanly  
David Burnett  
Dee Dee  
Dzikowicz  
Donna Neeley  
Donna Nickels  
Dorothy Baker  
Drew Butterfield  
Elaine Gregg  
Ellaniose Johnson  
Eric Kuhn

Erica Hardy  
Billy Mayes  
Ronnie Glenn  
Gregory Kuhn  
Hazel Hill  
Jen Duhe  
Jonathan Turner  
Joseph Neito  
Joyce Croce

Julius Pinson Jr.  
Laura Drummond  
Laurie Rappl  
Lillie Davis  
Lori Cortese  
Lori McGinley  
Malik McCauley  
Margaret Morris  
Marie Therese  
Isdiore  
Marilyn Daly

Martha Cotel  
Mary Cormican  
Mary Curran  
Matthew Bryson  
Maureen Lukovic  
Megan Counihan  
Mary Ann Turner  
Melvin Armstrong  
Michael Davis  
Olivia Brown

Rhonda Brown  
Richard Cortese  
Ruth Henderson  
Richard Palmer  
Sabrina Walker  
Sammy Huguet  
Sandra McNaughton  
Sharon Bryant  
Sharon Patton  
Sherri Hoffman  
Stephan Pleasant

Steve Miller  
Stuart  
MacNaughton  
Tara Cleary  
Thelma Williams  
Tom James  
Troy Koon  
Tyler Daly  
Korybski  
Wilbert Morgan  
Willie Davis

## Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing  
Dana Lacher  
Duhe Family  
Catherine & Michael Branca  
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara  
DeLeu  
Karen Randall & Family

Scott Cely Family  
Michael & Ruth Walters  
Tessa & George Skoniecki  
Deacon Richard Murtaugh  
Deacon Steve & Susan Olson  
Deacon Winston Wright  
Juan & Christina Francisco

## Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair  
Nicole Campbell Little

## WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY

Patricia Delio

Gordon and Alvera Clark

Doug & Sharon Kopscik  
and Helen

Hugh Nolan

Katherine Connors



# STEWARDSHIP

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We are happy to announce 2 new ministries here at St. Anthony's! The first is:

## **Hospitality Ministry**

Our Hospitality Ministry is recruiting volunteers to become greeters and ushers at all Masses, welcome visitors who attend our church and assist in a welcome dinner to all our newest parishioners twice a year. The mission of the Hospitality Ministry is to create opportunities for our newest parishioners to grow in a way that inspires them to engage in our church activities and to become active members within our Parish by praying, adoring, connecting and serving.

## **Youth Ministry**

Our Youth Ministry will have its inaugural kick off on **Sunday March 2, 2025**.

We are recruiting students from 9th grade – 12th grade to be a part of this very special Ministry. If you are interested in becoming a part of the group or volunteering to work with ministry leaders, please contact Mike Hager at 864-436-3138.

## **New parishioners Welcome Dinner**

To All new parishioners, please join us on **Thursday February 6**, for welcome to St. Anthony's Dinner. We will gather in the Social Hall at 6PM for dinner and fellowship and discipleship. This is an opportunity for you to meet the other new parishioners and the leadership of our church.







Visit us at [www.stantonysgvl.org](http://www.stantonysgvl.org) for more information.