



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

April 13, 2025



PALM SUNDAY

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. **Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestandioocese.org to register**, or you can also [register online](#) - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app



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 Douthit St.

Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday 9 AM - 12 PM

Phone: (864) 233-7717

Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonysschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 4/12

- 5 pm Gina Jackson

SUNDAY, 4/13

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 4/15

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 4/16

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 4/17

- 11 AM Jereldeen Pinson

FRIDAY, 4/18

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 4/19

- 5 PM June Shammel and Family

SUNDAY, 4/20

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 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. Mass intention donations are \$10 each.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

Alice Rigler	Ellaniose Johnson	Marie Therese Isdiore	Sandra McNaughton
Ann Fournier	Eric Kuhn	Marilyn Daly	Sharon Bryant
Ann Moore	Erica Hardy	Martha Cotel	Sharon Patton
Ann Nechodom	Billy Mayes	Mary Cormican	Sherri Hoffman
Annette Martin	Ronnie Glenn	Mary Curran	Stephan Pleasant
Bill Higgins	Gregory Kuhn	Matthew Bryson	Steve Miller
Clarice Hanly	Hazel Hill	Maureen Lukovic	Stuart MacNaughton
Charlene Palmer	Jen Duhe	Megan Counihan	Tara Cleary
Chester Williams	Jonathan Turner	Mary Ann Turner	Thelma Williams
David Burnett	Joseph Neito	Melvin Armstrong	Tom James
Dee Dee	Joyce Croce	Michael Davis	Tyler Korybski
Dzikowicz	Laura Drummond	Olivia Brown	Wilbert Morgan
Donna Neeley	Laurie Rappl	Rhonda Brown	Willie Davis
Donna Nickels	Lillie Davis	Ruth Henderson	
Dorothy Baker	Lori McGinley	Richard Palmer	
Drew Butterfield	Malik McCauley	Sabrina Walker	
Elaine Greggs	Margaret Morris	Sammy Huguat	

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Dana Lacher	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Duhe Family	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Catherine & Michael Branca	Tessa & George Skoniecki	
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair
Nicole Campbell Little

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 & 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**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

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. **To register, please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org**, or you can also **register online** - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app.



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.

COMMUNICATIONS

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal** (sapgvcomms@gmail.com) by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

PRAYER REQUEST & SERVANT HEART SUBMISSIONS

If you have a prayer request or information you would like to share in the Servant Hearts group, please email them to: sapservanthearts@gmail.com. This will help keep our emails and information shared within Servant Hearts organized. Thank you!

FLOCKNOTES

We are currently in the process of arranging Flocknotes so that multiple people in each household can receive the Parish emails. This will allow us to not duplicate information on our Servant Hearts Flocknote group.

If you, or have someone in your household that currently does not receive the Parish emails (that are registered parishioners), and would like to subscribe, please email Daffodil Behal at: dbehal@charlestdiocese.org.

Provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Phone Number

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not only about the needs of church, rather it is about our desires to give back to God in thanksgiving; by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. If you would be interested in joining our Stewardship Committee, **please contact Jay Pitts at 864-233-7717 ext. 4.**

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

Collections for April 5-6 Masses

Cash:	\$2,293.00
Envelopes:	\$10,805.50
Online Giving:	\$15,951.50
Total	\$29,050.00

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.



The true spirit of Stewardship is "Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."

PRAYER

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why Jesus' life had to end the way it did? Why the cross—such a brutal, violent instrument—became the central symbol of our faith? Why not a dove, a crown, or a more triumphant image? These lead us straight to the heart of the mystery of the cross.

The cross confronts us with life's hardest realities—suffering, pain, injustice, and even death. Yet it also stands as a radical symbol of hope, transformation, and unshakable love. It holds all these paradoxes in tension, a mystery that only God could orchestrate.

Let's start with the hardest part: the suffering. Jesus didn't just acknowledge the brokenness of this world; he fully entered into it. Betrayed by a friend. Abandoned by others. Nailed to a cross in the most agonizing way imaginable. He embraced the depths of human pain. God, through Jesus, did not stay distant from our pain. He stepped right into the mess.

Think about that. The cross reveals a God who doesn't shy away from life's hardships. He doesn't turn his face from our tears. And in times like these—when our country and our hearts feel unsettled—God meets us in the midst of it all. Jesus' suffering wasn't about punishment or wrath. It was about love. A love so deep, so sacrificial, that it chose to enter the darkest places of life and whisper, "You are not alone."

Have you ever felt like nobody sees you? Ever cried out in desperation, "Where are you, God?" The cross answers: God is right there, in the middle of it. Jesus himself cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" His cry echoes your pain. His cry carries your heartbreak. The cross reminds us that God hears our cries, understands our pain, and walks with us through every fear, doubt, and suffering. Hallelujah!

But here's the beauty of the cross: it's not just about suffering. No, it's about transformation. Jesus took the very worst the world could throw at him—betrayal, hatred, violence, and death—and turned it into love, redemption, and victory. If God can take something as horrific as the cross and make it beautiful, what does that say about the pain in your life? What might He be transforming in your life right now?

As a community, can we believe in that transformation? Can we trust God to take the wounds of hatred, division, and fear and turn them into something greater? What would it look like for us as a community to let God turn our brokenness into love, compassion, and unity? The cross doesn't just challenge us to see transformation. It calls us to believe that even in the darkest nights, healing is possible. Redemption is possible. Transformation is possible. Unity is possible.

And it doesn't stop there. The cross calls us to respond. It's an invitation to live differently. When Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me," he wasn't promising comfort or ease. He was calling us to a life defined by love—a love that forgives, sacrifices, and transforms.

So, let me ask you: what does the cross mean for you today? Is there someone you need to forgive? A fear, hatred, or anger you need to let go of? A burden you need to place in God's hands, even though you don't have all the answers? Just surrender.

This Holy Week, take time to sit with the cross. Let it remind us of God's deep, unfailing love—a love that doesn't avoid pain but redeems it. Let it reassure us that no matter how dark life seems, the story isn't over. Love still wins. Hope still stands. New life is always possible.

So whatever cross you're carrying today, remember this: God is with you in it. He's not distant. He's right there, walking beside you, turning pain into purpose and despair into hope. The cross isn't just a reminder of suffering—it's a promise. A promise that God's love is stronger than fear, stronger than pain, stronger than anything you're facing today. And that, my friends, is a promise worth holding on to. Amen!

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 12th, 2025: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 13th, 2025: Palm Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & Noon

Thursday, April 17th, 2025: Holy Thursday Mass at 6:00 PM

Friday, April 18th, 2025: Stations of the Cross at 2:00 PM
Passion at 3:00 PM

Saturday, April 19th, 2025: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM

Sunday, April 20th, 2025: Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & Noon

SERVICE

Parish Survey Participation Update



Our Goal

800+ completed surveys



Where we are now

327 surveys submitted

Please submit your completed survey by Monday, April 21st.

Thank you!



Scan the QR code to complete the survey

Homebound Ministry Update

The Homebound Ministry is in need of additional Homebound Eucharistic Ministers. Homebound Eucharistic Ministers are responsible for taking the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to attend Mass because of health-related issues. If anyone is interested in becoming a Homebound Eucharistic Minister, please contact Stephanie Rosso at 864-640-5071.

Prayer Shawl & Card Ministry Event

Prayer Shawl & Card Ministry will be hosting:

TRAVELING CARDS

Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 PM in the Social Hall

If you like playing Spades this is for YOU.....

All are welcome over age of 18
FUN, Food, Fellowship and PRIZES

The traveling cards event will support both ministries. The needs are postal stamps and yarn, especially white for baptism blankets.

Donation: \$7.00

For more info contact: Dee Martinez at 864-201-2204

Summer Retreat Registration Info

July 18-20, 2025

Time for fellowship, growth, and reflection in the beautiful, serene setting of central North Carolina.

All parishioners, age 21 and over, are welcome! Guest of parishioners are also welcome.

When: Friday, 18 July - Sunday, 20 July 2025

Where: St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC

Retreat Master: Fr. Peter Tremblay, OFM Conv. - Fr. Peter has guided us over the last eight years. His energy and passion have engaged and enamored us. He has led us in discussions, prayer, and reflections on topics, such as Heaven on Earth, Fixing a Broken World, and Being a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Cost: \$215 per person, double occupancy
\$395 per person, single occupancy
Scholarships are available.

Details: Check-in is Friday at 4:00 PM
Check-out is by Sunday at 10:00, brunch is included

The deadline to register and pay is Thursday, 15 May.

Contact Paul Herr - pdherr@gmail.com - with questions.

Registration Envelopes are in the church lobby. Make checks payable to: St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Space is limited. Register soon!

Volunteers Needed

for the St. Anthony's Church Beautification Team

We need a group of volunteers to assist with the following groups:

- Lawn Mowing
- Landscaping
- Swiffer

For more information, please contact:

Ken Bassett 864-243-6794

Johnny Payne 864-616-0923

Thank You

**for donating your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE
to make our Lenten Fish Fry a SUCCESS!**

-Johnny Payne

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

APRIL 13TH - 20TH

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th



Palm Sunday

1:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting
Social Hall
5:00 PM - Live Easter Play
Directed by Stan Greggs
Church

MONDAY, APRIL 14th

9:00 AM - Prayer Shawl
Multipurpose Room

7:00 PM - OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th

6:30 PM - Living Waters
Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

6:00 PM - Religious Education
Assigned Classrooms

FORMATION

Youth Ministry Meeting

The Youth Ministry will be meeting this **Sunday, April 13th following the 12 noon Mass**. We encourage all teens to attend for a meal, a talk about Palm Sunday, and Icebreakers. We hope to see you there!

CCD Palm Sunday Passion Play

Our children who participate in Religious Education/CCD will be **participating in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ at the 12:00 PM Mass in the Church on Palm Sunday**. Please join us for this very special reading of the Gospel during Mass.



Vacation Bible School Registration

**June 2-6, 2025
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

To register, please scan the QR code:



We need ADULT VOLUNTEERS for VBS this summer! Sign-up sheet in the lobby! Thank you!

PARISH REMINDER

Upcoming Parish Office Closures

- **Holy Thursday, April 17th, 2025:** Office will close at 12:00 PM
- **Good Friday, April 18th, 2025:** Office Closed All Day
- **Easter Monday, April 21st, 2025:** Office Closed All Day

Young Families Event

We welcome all young families to join us for our upcoming **Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 27th after the 10 AM Mass on the playground**. Please bring a basket and 10 filled eggs per child. If you would like to bring food to the potluck, please scan the QR code below to sign-up. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you then!



More than 20 Historically Black Colleges and Universities, BMW Scholars, Michelin Scholars, and Greenville Technical College will be **present to accept applications, grant admissions and financial aid onsite**. The afternoon will be filled with information, opportunities, contacts and fun. Of course there will be **free food, entertainment, and an HBCU baseball game**. We are excited to announce that the **South Carolina State University Marching 101 Band and Champagne Dancers** will perform at the Fair. All King Legacy HBCU Fair activities are free to the public. Buses are encouraged.

Registration is free, easy, and helpful, but not required. Please register using the link below or scan the QR code:

2025HBCUFair.eventbrite.com



APRIL 13TH - 20TH

THURSDAY, APRIL 17th

Holy Thursday Mass
at 6:00 PM

9:15 AM Women's Bible Study
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

Good Friday

2:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM - Passion
Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th

Easter Vigil Mass
at 8:30 PM

10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym

SUNDAY, APRIL 20th



Easter Sunday Mass
at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
& 12:00 PM

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Registration is Open

Are you looking for a school for your child next year?

Is your child elementary school age?

Look no further than your very own parish school

Open Enrollment is active at St. Anthony's for the 2025-2026 school year

<https://www.stanthonysschoolgvl.org>

<https://admissions-parent.renweb.com/home?districtCode=STA-SC&memberId=4363&path=%2Foa%2Findex.cfm>

You can go to our school website for more information on the application process and fill out the application on the FACTS portal.

If you have any questions during this process please contact the school at 864-271-0167 or you can reach out to someone on the advancement and enrollment committee

Scan QR code to
apply on the FACTS
portal



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Advisory Council Member Application

Dear Parishioners,

Your voice matters. The St. Anthony of Padua School Advisory Council is seeking dedicated parishioners to help shape the future of our school. By joining the council, you will have the unique opportunity to play a pivotal role in fostering a thriving environment where students grow in faith, excel academically, and serve with purpose.

As a School Advisory council member, your insights and expertise will directly influence decisions that guide our school's mission. This is more than just an opportunity to serve—it's a chance to make a lasting impact on the lives of students, the strength of our parish community, and the next generation of leaders.

We believe that each parishioner brings unique talents and perspectives. Your voice and experience could be the key to driving meaningful change. If you are passionate about shaping the future of our school, we warmly invite you to apply.

Please submit your application (scan the QR code below) **to Deacon Dexter Gourdin**, St. Anthony of Padua School Advisory Council President, **via email at ddddmm22@gmail.com** by **April 15, 2025**. Together, we can build a brighter and stronger future for our students and community.

Thank you for considering this important calling.

With gratitude,
Deacon Dexter Gourdin
President of St. Anthony of Padua School Advisory Council



Scan QR code for
the application

ST ANTHONY'S PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT



FRIDAY MAY 9TH 6:30PM

WIZARD OF OZ

\$5.00 PER TICKET CASH OR ZELLE

**CONCESSION SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE**

DOOR PRIZE \$5.00 PER CHANCE TO WIN

AT THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

BRING BLANKET OR CHAIR

RSVP AT PTO@STANTHONYGREENVILLE.ORG