

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2018



*This week, I refer you to the "Pastor's Pastoral Plan Update" included in the Parish Bulletin as an insert. It will inform you of two significant actions in our efforts to implement the Parish Pastoral Plan and to advance the stability of the parish. Both of the actions were developed in consultation with, and have the support of, the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils.*

**ST. BLAISE** was a bishop in Armenia and a doctor of medicine. He saved a boy from choking to death on a fishbone that was caught in his throat. Legend holds that before he died, Blaise asked the Lord for the favor of being able assist in healing those who would intercede for his help. The Lord granted the favor and the "Blessing of the Throats" has, ever since the Middle Ages, been one of the official Blessings of the Church. In some parts of Europe, besides getting their throats blessed, people obtain breads called "St. Blaise Sticks" (Pan bendito) and eat them whenever they are afflicted with a sore throat. After each Mass this weekend, the Blessing of the Throats will be bestowed at the communion stations.

*Fr. Nick*

"It is necessary for us to strive to conquer our little temptations, such as fits of anger, suspicions, jealousies, envy, deceitfulness, vanity, attachments, and evil thoughts. For in this way we shall acquire strength to subdue greater ones."

*St. Francis de Sales*

We welcome the recently Baptized...

**Nayeli Lissette Marte**

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In your charity, please pray for

**Susan R. Delle Donne**

**Helen Nardo**

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>2/5</b>		
6:45 AM	MR. & MRS. JAMES JULIAN	FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>2/6</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM			
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>2/7</b>		
6:45 AM	MICHAEL ANDREOLI	FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>2/8</b>		
6:45 AM	ANTHONY DI BONAVENTURA	SISTER	
8:00 AM			
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>2/9</b>		
6:45 AM	PASQUALE DI BONAVENTURA	DAUGHTER	
8:00 AM	JEAN FERRIER	DAUGHTER	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>2/10</b>		
6:45 AM			
5:30 PM	JOSEPHINE BURTON	DAUGHTER	
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>2/11</b>		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	VALENTINO TONELLOTO	TERESINA & ALDO	
11:00 AM			



## Next Sunday's Readings

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

### Gospel:

Mark 1:40-45

## "God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 01/28/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$13,155.71
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	+\$1,794.20
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 15.9%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$7,260.58

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Contribution/Donation Statements

Parishioners requiring a statement showing their total contribution amount for the year ending December 31, 2017 for tax filing purposes may call the rectory at 421-3700, ext. 107. Be prepared to give your name, Parishioner ID number, and whether you wish to have the statement sent to your home or be made available for pickup at the rectory. Please allow 3 business days for processing.

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Marianne Calvarese	Roger Chao
Anita Dauphin	Mary T. DiBioso	Judi DiFrancesco
Thomas DiGuglielmo	Tommy DiVirgilio	Christopher Ganey
James Ganey	Richard Jakotowicz	Bonita Della Rocca Jodz
Mark Johnson	Grace Marie Matalano	Bill McNabb
William J. Nardo, Jr.	Patricia Ogonowski	Kelly Panella
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Nicky Rotundo	Lucretia Serio
Jimmy Silicato	Larry Silvestri	Albert Vietri
Robert Walton	Annamarie White	

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

## Catholic Charities honors the Buccini Family at Annual Tribute Dinner

The Buccini Family - D. Robert, Bernadette, Rob, and Chris - will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 11, 2018. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the awards at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. To learn more about the Annual Tribute Dinner and our honorees, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorships or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities website at [www.cdow.org/charities](http://www.cdow.org/charities). You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

## Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track?

Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

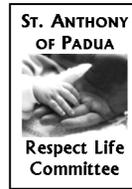
Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? *Retrouvaille* (retro-VIE) can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. **There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA: February 16-18, and April 13-15.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## Key Chain Sunday February 11



As a way to recognize what an important event obtaining a driver's license is in a young person's life, we invite all of our parish's new drivers - those who have obtained their license within the last 12 months - to attend 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, February 11th. There will be a group blessing administered. Additionally, parents are invited to "turn in their kids". Please contact Patty Roach by email at [proach@stanthonynet.org](mailto:proach@stanthonynet.org) with the number of key chains you need for your family.

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

## Second Collection

Next weekend, February 10th and 11th, the scheduled second collection is for Black & Indian Missions and Home Missions.

## Souper Bowl Food Collection Drive

The Knights of Columbus will conduct their annual food drive at the beginning of the new year up through Super Bowl Sunday on February 4th, 2018. Any non-perishable food items are acceptable and all donations will be delivered to the St. Patrick's Center Food Bank. May God bless our parishioners for their continued generosity.

## Catholic Forum

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and [www.wdel.com](http://www.wdel.com). Next Sunday, February 11th, author, Diane Houdek, will discuss her books, "Lent with St. Francis," and "The Joy of Lent: Daily Reflections from Pope Francis." For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/catholicforum](http://www.facebook.com/catholicforum). Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at [cdow.org/communications](http://cdow.org/communications), or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

## February is Stock the Pantry Month for Catholic Charities

Participate in Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project throughout the month of February! One in five families often must choose between making a rent or utility payment and buying food. In a single month, Catholic Charities distributes approximately 15,000 pounds of food throughout the Diocese! You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Drop off items like canned meats, soups, fruits, and vegetables; boxes of pasta, cereal, baking mixes; jars of peanut butter and jelly; coffee, tea, and powdered milk at any Catholic Charities location. Catholic Charities will also accept gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at [www.cdow.org/charities](http://www.cdow.org/charities), or call 302-655-9624. Those in need of food assistance should call the nearest Catholic Charities location.

## Parish Monthly Social

Our next parish social will be held on Sunday, 2/4/2018, 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 treats from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degners Greenhill Deli, and a variety of foods.

## Parish Calendar

### Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday

7:30 AM, Boy Scout Pancake

Breakfast (Ballad Room)

10:00 AM, PREP

(Grade School)

2:00 PM, Via Crucis Rehearsal

Monday, Feb. 5

through

Sunday, Feb. 11

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

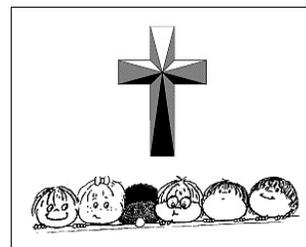
## Grade School Calendar

### Thursday

9:00 AM, First Grade  
Field Trip

### Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass



## Rectory Part-time Receptionist

St. Anthony of Padua Parish is seeking an individual for the position of part-time receptionist at the rectory. The required work days and hours are Monday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This position covers various administrative tasks, & the receptionist serves as a welcoming presence for visitors to the rectory, as well as a liaison between visitors and members of the parish staff. Anyone interested in applying for this position is asked to contact Bob Shields, Parish Business Manager, at 302-421-3771, or via email: [bshields@stanthonynet.org](mailto:bshields@stanthonynet.org).

## Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

...for post-abortion healing will be held at Jesus House, Wilmington, DE, April 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more information contact Nan Freeman at [302-333-1904](tel:302-333-1904) or visit [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

## Annual Olde Tyme Pancake Breakfast

St. Anthony's Boy Scout Troop 88 is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday February 11th in the Ballad Room from 7:30 am until 12:30 pm. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, home fries, juice, milk, coffee and tea. Bring your family (and your appetite!) and help support St. Anthony's Parish Scouting program with its main fundraiser for the year. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and are available from any scout. Tickets are also available at the door.

## Via Crucis



St. Anthony of Padua Church invites you to participate in its 2018 presentation of the Via Crucis, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance, blending traditional music, pantomime, and the words of the Gospel is staged at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church, [905 North DuPont Street](http://www.stanthonychurch.com) in Wilmington. Performances for 2018 are Ash Wednesday, February 14, Friday, February 23, Friday, March 2, Friday, March 9, Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and ending on Good Friday, March 30.

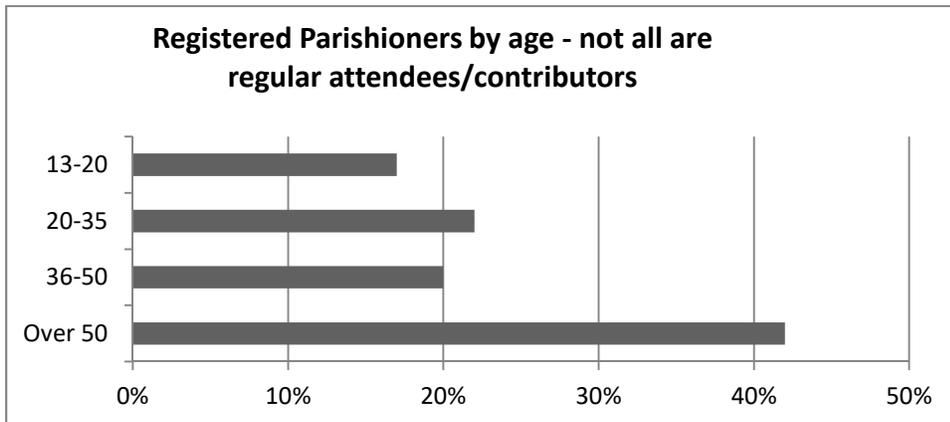
Over 100 students from area elementary, high schools, and colleges make up the cast of the Via Crucis, recalling Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his betrayal and conviction, and culminating with his crucifixion and burial. This Lenten tradition is supported by an active group of adult directors, costumers, lighting and sound technicians, and choir members.

There is no admission charge for the Via Crucis, although a free-will donation is welcomed. Groups over 10 can call St. Anthony's Rectory, 421-3700, for reservations. No reservations are accepted for Good Friday's presentation.

## Pastor's Pastoral Plan Update – February, 2018

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Based on the information recorded in our Parish Data Base the current Parishioner Census appears graphically in this illustration. Age distribution overlaps on the borders so the picture as you see it is fluid rather than precise. Nevertheless, it is a reliable reference as we consider our existing parishioner registration standing.



In the Autumn of 2013, I initiated a Pastoral Planning process with a wide-ranging, parish-wide online/written survey, followed by the appointment of a Parish Planning Commission and a Commission Validating Committee. The objective of the process was to comprehensively evaluate all aspects of parish life/operations. Key to the endeavor was the determination of a most effective path toward parish sustainability and growth given current pastoral, demographic, financial, and impending realities of the parish. Clearly, from the outset, recognition of change and adaptation emerged if St. Anthony of Padua Parish expected to move successfully into the years ahead. Many dedicated parishioners offered valuable time and insights into the process. The Parish Trustees, the Finance and Pastoral Councils, and the Parish Staff were included in discussion, debate, and transparent consultation. Indeed the process continues.

A main component of the process includes an evaluation of parish assets and a determination of the most operative deployment of these assets to ensure long-term financial welfare of the parish. Two strategies are in place to achieve this component; the crafting of each plan was preceded by a professional appraisal of property

ST. ANTHONY IN THE HILLS (SAITH) - The sale of the 5.5 acre parcel of land adjacent to the main campus of SAITH is complete and final settlement is pending on the deal. A decision to sell the entire main campus of SAITH is on the market. Negotiations with an interested and friendly buyer are underway. Said buyer understands and appreciates the original vision of SAITH as a conservational open-space environment for public use and enjoyment.

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PADUA ACADEMY – Excellence in education is recognized as a current and ongoing reality at Padua Academy. It is, without doubt, one of the best secondary schools in the region. Padua Academy retains its identity as a Parish School, even though 97% of the students who attend, and their families, are not parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Parish. The school is well-positioned for success – it is professionally managed, financially viable and maintains an admissions waiting list. Most of the Academy graduates attend the best colleges and universities in the country and beyond. We are grateful for Padua Academy’s accomplishments and outstanding reputation. The financial corollary of the fact that only 3% of Padua’s students are parishioners is that virtually no financial support from a majority of student families flows to the parish in terms of offertory contributions. When the significant number of Padua students were parishioners, their families were regular financial contributors to the parish. With the current demographics of today’s Padua students and families in mind, the parish has determined that a “Stewardship Assessment” of Padua revenue will be established to restore the offertory income no longer available to the parish and reconcile the value of the Padua campus within the parish portfolio of assets.

A very thoughtful, and at times not easy, modus of consideration has been made to determine a level of support that would not in any way impede the Academy’s mission and operations or encumber the great achievements and improvements made over the past seven years. The conclusive approach is consistent with the overriding goal of the Parish Planning Commission, i.e., esteem for parish institutions within the realm of realistic adaptability, while at the same time, ensuring overall parochial vitality and intended sustainability. In regard to Padua Academy, the parish remains committed to operating a prominent parish-sponsored high school, while taking into account current needs and financial actualities of the parish and responsible stewardship of across-the-board parish operations and its ministries.

I reiterate my gratitude to all who have contributed to the planning process, and all other parishioners and friends who have lent support to this process and offered its success in their prayers. I am confident that our continuing collective efforts and openness to the wisdom and inspiration of the Holy Spirit will ensure that our parish is rooted in a resilient position as we proceed toward a second century full of promise and opportunity.

As other developments transpire and take shape, I will use this type of Bulletin insert to keep parishioners informed of new directions and adaptations for parish advancement.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Nicholas R. Waseline, OSFS