

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018



This week, the Church begins the holy season of Lent with the observance of **ASH WEDNESDAY** on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The tradition of marking Christians with ashes started when the Sacrament of Penance was celebrated publicly. Those Christians, who because of serious sin (murder, adultery, and apostasy), had been separated from active participation in the Mass, were “brought back” into the fold during a forty day period of time before Easter. During this “penitential” period, the “sinners” were expected to perform public penances and dress in a manner that identified them as “penitents”. They wore rough weaved robes, covered themselves in ashes, did not bathe, and fasted from foods that were considered, by our standards, even normal stable for everyday consumption. These people were expected to spend time in prayer and to minister to the poor and suffering members of the community. Lent was quite an ordeal for those who wanted to return to the fold.

For us, Lent is not so severe. But when we begin the season with the imposition of ashes we are making a commitment. That’s why ashes are imposed only during the celebration of the Liturgy or during a prayer service designed to highlight the meaning of the ashes in their theological and historical context. “Hit and Run” ash distribution is highly discouraged. It is only during the celebration of the Church’s Liturgy and public prayer that the right meaning of the imposition of ashes can be communicated and absorbed.

Ashes are imposed here at St. Anthony’s at both of the morning Masses, at a 12:00 noon prayer service and after the presentation of the *Via Crucis* stations. Please honor these scheduled hours for the imposition of ashes and refrain from the urge to “stop by” during the day to “get” ashes – which is just not the way to do it.

*Fr. Nick*

“Since the worst way of speaking is to speak too much, speak little and well, little and gently, little and simply, little and charitably, little and amiably.”

*St. Francis de Sales*



In your charity, please pray for  
**Lucretia Serio**  
and all the deceased of St. Anthony’s.

## Ash Wednesday

This coming Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday is not a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at 6:45 & 8:00 AM. There will be a prayer service at 12:00 Noon, plus *Via Crucis* at 7:30 PM. Ashes will be administered at all of these events.

## Sodality

Next Sodality Mass, 9:00 AM, Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Meeting following the Mass in the Ballad Room.

<b>Monday,</b>	<b>2/12</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	JOHN & ROSE JULIAN	BOB & LORRAINE	
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>2/13</b>		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR DOMENICA	PILEGGI FAMILY	
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	
6:45 AM	IRENE ANDREOLI	FAMILY	
8:00 AM			
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>2/15</b>		
6:45 AM	MILDRED GRANT	NIECE	
8:00 AM			
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>2/16</b>		
6:45 AM	JOHNNY DI FRANCESCO	FAMILY	
8:00 AM	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MARIA	PILEGGI FAMILY	
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>2/17</b>		
6:45 AM			
5:30 PM			
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>2/18</b>		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	VALENTINO TONELLOTTI	TERESINA & ALDO	
11:00 AM	YOLANDA ZAMBINO	MINUTELLA FAMILY	



## Next Sunday’s Readings

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

Genesis 9:8-15

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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

1 Peter 3:18-22

### Gospel:

Mark 1:12-15

## “God’s Plan for Giving”

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/04/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 9,688.10
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	-\$ 1,673.41
Percent Difference This Week:	- 14.7%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$8,933.99

*Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!*

## Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Marianne Calvarese	Roger Chao
Anita Dauphin	Mary T. DiBiasi	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	Jimmy Silicato
Larry Silvestri	Albert Vietri	Robert Walton
Anmarie White		

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Little Sisters of the Poor Cooks for a Cause

Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, February 18th (3-8 pm) at Feby's Fishery, 3701 Lancaster Pike. Bring family & friends & enjoy a fabulous meal. Reservations preferred: 302/998-9501. Please join the Little Sisters of the Poor on Sunday, February 18th 3 (3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) for their annual Cooks for a Cause at Feby's Fishery, 3701 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE. Bring family and friends and enjoy a fabulous meal. A percentage of the evening's proceeds will be donated to help the Little Sisters care for the needy elderly in our community. Local parish priests will serve as special "wait staff" throughout the evening. The event also includes a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items. Reservations preferred: call 302/998-9501. For further information visit [www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org)

## Respect Life: Fact of Life



"The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed."

Doctrinal Note on Some Questions  
Regarding the Participation of Catholics in  
Political Life

## Second Collection

Next weekend, February 17th and 18th, there is no scheduled second collection.

## 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 18th, author, Tommy Tighe, will discuss his best-selling book, "The Catholic Hipster Handbook." 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.

## Parish Pastoral Council Update (January 2018)

The Council focused on a review of parish demographic trends, which highlighted the need for more effective outreach to & meaningful engagement of youth, young adults, & inactive parishioners, in order to maintain parish vibrancy. A strategy discussed was convening parish leaders for a workshop presented by an expert well-versed in youth ministry, with the goal of the providing practical steps to accomplish these objectives. The substantial completion of the Grade School's new Digital Classroom, & plans to use the space to enhance the educational experience of Grade School students, were also discussed.

## Penitential Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. 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. All those who are 14 years old and older are bound to the law of abstinence. The law of fast binds all who are 18 years old and not yet 59 years old.

## Diocesan 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Begin March 3<sup>rd</sup>

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

## Parish Calendar

### Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

Ashes Administered at both morning Masses (6:45 & 8:00), the 12:00 Noon Prayer Service, and the Via Crucis (7:30 PM).

### Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday

9:00 AM, Sodality Mass  
10:00 AM, Sodality Meeting (Ballad Room)  
10:00 AM, PREP (Grade School)

Monday, Feb. 12

through

Sunday, Feb. 18

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

## Grade School Calendar

### Wednesday, Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM, School Mass  
4:00 PM, Grotto's Pizza Night (Penna. Ave.)

### Friday

Off Day for Students / Professional Development Day



## 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 [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.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.

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## 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.org) 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.