

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



The role of the Parish Trustees is, from my point of view, a very important one. Although it is not a designated administrative position, those who serve as Trustees have a distinct leadership status within the Parish – a dedicated interest in it and a willingness to allocate time and talent to the stewardship of the Parish mission and ministry. We are fortunate to have had two very committed men - Anthony Albence and Anthony Frabizzio - who have for several years, worked closely with the Pastor and the various Parish Councils and organizations to further the Gospel mandate of God's Kingdom here at St. Anthony of Padua.

It is now time for elections/re-elections of Parish Trustees. We will follow the same procedure as in the past five years. There will be a written nomination ballot next week from the pews. An election ballot will be available at the Masses on the following weekend. Mistrs Albence and Frabizzio are eligible for re-election. The basic requirements for election are registered membership in the parish and active participation and interest in the welfare of the Parish as well as a willingness to offer time and advice to the Pastor and other established organizations responsible for the overall growth and wherewithal of the St. Anthony of Padua faith community.

Fr. Nick

“One of the things that keep us at a distance from perfection is, without a doubt, our tongue.”

St. Francis de Sales



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

2nd Reading:

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel:

Mark 9:2-10

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In your charity, please pray for
Anthony DiBattista
Antoinette Gazzillo
and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Presidents' Day

In observance of Presidents' Day, the Parish Office and Grade School will be closed Monday, February 19th. Additionally, the only Mass of the day will be held at 8:00 AM. Have a Happy Holiday!



“God's Plan for Giving”

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/11/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$11,862.00
Budget:	\$11,361.51
Actual vs. Budget This Week:	+\$ 500.49
Percent Difference This Week:	+ 4.4%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$8,433.50

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!



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 Mataleno	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.

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.

Instructions for Pulling Year End Tax Statements for Online Donors

Donors can pull their own statements in Online Giving:

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "View My Giving History & Tax Information."
3. On the right side, click the "Print" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017
5. Change the report type to "Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)."
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click "Print."
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report.

To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDF and will let you print the report. Make sure you have your pop-up blocker disabled.

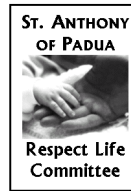
Diocesan 150th Anniversary to Begin March 3rd

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 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

Sodality

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

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Second Collection

Next weekend, February 24th and 25th, 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. Next Sunday, February 25th, Father Joseph McQuaide, Chancellor for the Diocese of Wilmington, will give us a preview of the Diocesan 150th anniversary year-long celebration that begins on March 3rd. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

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.

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 **Monday, March 26th**. A booklet listing all the memorials will be available in church in the weeks following Easter.

Bottles for Babies

Birthright of Delaware reports that St. Anthony of Padua Parish raised a total of \$1,542.61 for the October 2017 fundraising drive. They wish to express to all those parishioners who donated a very heart-felt thank you for sharing in their work of serving mothers and their babies. They are very grateful for your generosity and you are all appreciated!

Parish Calendar

Monday

Parish Office Closed

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 AM, PREP
(Grade School)

Monday, Feb. 19

through

Sunday, Feb. 25

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

Grade School Calendar

Monday

School Closed

Wednesday

6:00 PM, YAC Meeting

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass
2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

Lenten Pasta Dinner

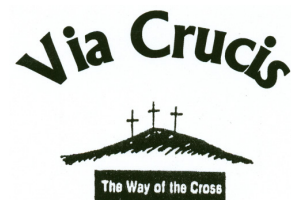
Friday, March 2nd - St. Anthony of Padua Grade School 8th Grade Class is hosting a Pasta Dinner with all proceeds going towards their Class Trip to New York City. Dinner includes Pasta, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverages and Dessert. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for children (10 and under). Please join us on Friday, March 2nd from 4:00pm – 8:00pm in the Ballad Room (School Cafeteria), for good food, and fellowship. For additional information or to purchase tickets in advance please contact JoAnn DiOssi at [\(302\) 383-4932](tel:302-383-4932) or jcdios5@verizon.net. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door that evening. Thank you for your support.

Lenten Fish Fry at St. John the Beloved

The St. John the Beloved (SJB) Knights of Columbus will be holding Lenten Fish Fry dinners on 2/23/18, 3/9/18 and 3/23/18. Dinners will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in SJB Hall, and include fried or baked flounder, a choice of baked potato, french fries or macaroni & cheese, a choice of coleslaw, green beans or applesauce, and a dinner roll. Dinners are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Take-outs are available. The bake sales for the 2/23/18 and 3/23/18 Fish Fry dinners will be hosted by Little Sisters of the Poor. The SJB Youth Group will host the 3/9/18 bake sale. Please come support the SJB Youth Group and Little Sisters of the Poor.

Spring Sports

2018 Spring sports registration is open. Go to the YAC homepage to register today. Spring sports offerings are baseball (6th-8th grade) and track (K-8th grade). We are currently also in the process of interviewing for a Head coach for Spring Track. Interested? Contact Pam or Carole (contact information is on the YAC homepage).



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](#) in Wilmington. Remaining performances for 2018 are Friday, February 23, Friday, March 2, Friday, March 9, Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and ending on Good Friday, March 30. Groups over 10 can call St. Anthony's Rectory, 421-3700, for reservations. No reservations are accepted for Good Friday's presentation.

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.