

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2018



When was the last time that you went to confession? A question like this can jolt us into thinking about our relationship with the Lord, give rise to tinges of guilt, raise issues of fear or uneasiness, rationalize God's forgiveness as a private matter, or bring on a spirit of thankfulness for the graces that have been attained through the experience and memory of a "good confession." The Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation is one of the greatest gifts bestowed by Christ to the Church. It is the best way to know and feel forgiveness because words are spoken and gestures are conveyed that make that forgiveness unambiguous. In human affairs, when we offend someone, it is always confidently effective to hear the words of forgiveness addressed directly and personally to us. The Sacrament of Penance employs words and signs that bring forgiveness home.

Confessing one's sins is not easy. No one likes to admit wrongdoing. The fact is that every admission of sin, no matter what the sin, is guaranteed forgiveness – no one walks away without a heart renewed and a spirit strengthened through the renewing grace of the Sacrament. Another challenge associated with the confession of sin is what is called the "firm purpose of amendment." We know ourselves enough to realize that we may sin again in the same way over and over. So, we wonder, what's the point? The point is TRUST. The Lord does not count the number of times we sin in any particular way. Instead, the Lord just FORGIVES, over and over. Our part, through the "amendment" clause, is to seek the means and the guidance to grow beyond the "over and over" sin, which is why in the Sacrament of Penance there is the confessor – the priest – who is given a special grace to offer help and encouragement that comes to him through the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

On Sunday, March 18th, (3:00) here at St. Anthony's the Deanery Lenten Penance Service will be conducted with a brief Liturgy of the Word and several priests from the parishes of the city available to hear confessions. Make a Lenten resolution to join those who will seek the Lord that day for the communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

Fr. Nick

"It should be our principal business to conquer ourselves and, from day to day, to go on increasing in strength and perfection."

St. Francis de Sales



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 02/18/18

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$11,960.03

Budget: \$11,361.51

Actual vs. Budget This Week: +\$ 598.52

Percent Difference This Week: + 5.3%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$ 7,834.98

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

We welcome the recently Baptized:

Nadia Simone Black

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In your charity, please pray for

Paul DiSabatino

Angelo A. Panaccione

Angelo J. Panariello

Michael Parisi

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

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
Annamarie 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.

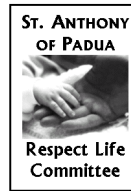
Diocesan 150th Anniversary to Begin March 3rd

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.

Academic Achievement

As a result of work completed during the second marking quarter, the following parishioners have merited honors: **Caroline Achenbach, Ellen Banker, Katherine Collier, Samantha DiVirgilio, Miranda Evans, Marissa McCarrick, Haley McKoy, Margo Nauman, Andrea Reynolds, Kaila Timko, and Julia Wood.**

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"The primary moral judgment on candidates and their positions is to be made in the light of their concern for protecting human life from conception to natural death."

Cardinal Francis George

Second Collection

Next weekend, March 3rd and 4th, the scheduled second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services & Latin America.

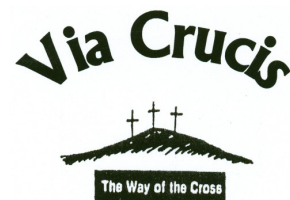
Parish Monthly Social

Our next parish social will be held on Sunday, 3/4/2018, 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.

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.



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, 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.

Parish Calendar

Tuesday

7:00 PM, Parish Council
(rectory)

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 AM & 12:00 PM, Parish
Monthly Social (Ballad Room)
10:00 AM, PREP
(Grade School)

Monday, Feb. 26

through

Sunday, Mar. 4

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

Grade School Calendar

Thursday

1:00 PM, Bishop's Visit

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass

2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

4:00 PM, 8th Grade Lenten

Dinner (Ballad Room)

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 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 sale for the 3/23/18 Fish Fry dinner 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).

Welcome to St. Anthony's!



The following individuals and families have joined the parish since June 11th, 2017: **Mr. & Mrs. Mario Capanna, Ms. Donna Casapulla, Ms. Samantha Connell, Mr. Joseph M. Cuocolo, Jr., Danielle Fillimon,**

Mr. Michael Fiore, Jr. & Ms. Jennifer Springstead, Mr. Nicholas Galloway, Carmilia Henry, Lottie Johnson, Ms. Patricia Keen, Miss Donna Kerth, Mrs. Maryclare Kubasko, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Lawler, Mr. Patrick Maul & Ms. Colleen Clancy, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Okafor, Mr. Stephen Petfield, Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Poppiti, Ms. Mary Richards & Mr. Roberto Testa, Mr. Nick Serio, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth Serpe, Mr. Victor Setting, II & Ms. Brianne Earnest, Ms. Colleen Shields, Deirdre Smith, Mr. Patrick Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Young, and Laurie Zerumsky.

Answer Bishop Malooly's Invitation to Walk His Way.

Bishop Malooly invites youth and young adults from all parishes and schools to join him as we come together for the ninth annual Pilgrimage on Saturday, March 24, 2018. Young people from across the diocese will carry the diocesan pilgrimage cross through the streets of Wilmington with the Bishop as a representation of Jesus' entry to Jerusalem and His journey on Good Friday to Calvary. The day begins at St. Elizabeth parish with opening prayer and a concert featuring Luke Spehar at 10:30 am. We conclude with the 5pm Mass at St. Elizabeth. Don't miss this great opportunity to wrap up your Lenten journey with hundreds of your peers. Cost for the day is \$15 per person or \$45 max per family (bring your own lunch). To register, please contact Patty Roach at proach@stanthonynet.org. For more information, visit www.cdowcym.org. Registration deadline is March 15, 2018.