

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



This week, the Church celebrates the feast of the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. We are somewhat familiar with these servants of God since they are cited in the Bible. Michael is mentioned in the *Book of Revelation* as the defender against the rebellious attempts of Satan. In the Gospels, it is Gabriel who announces to Mary that she is chosen to be the mother of Jesus and who instructs St. Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to escape Herod's intent to kill the new born savior. Raphael is the archangel who guides Tobias, son of Tobit, on his journey to retrieve his father's fortune in money and also protects the wife of Tobias from demonic harm (cf. the Book of Tobit).

Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels. Their role is to act as messengers of God in significant matters and to guide people on special missions. The Church designates the roster of archangels, some whom we have never heard of, as patrons of the Sacraments. Here is the list: Michael (the Eucharist), Gabriel (Baptism), Raphael (Penance), Uriel (Confirmation), Jehudiel (Sacrament of the Sick), Sealtiel (Holy Orders), and Barachiel (Matrimony). The Sacraments are illustrated in the circular window above our main altar. The archangels are seen holding symbols of the Sacrament of which they are the patron. The window is so high that it is difficult to view their graphics.

As the Church observes the feast of the archangels, we are encouraged to give praise and thanks to God for these servants of his who have played a special role in the plan of salvation. On October 2, the Church will observe the Memorial of the "Guardian Angels" – the topic for next week's message.

Fr. Nick

"If you have a sure trust in God, the success that comes to you will always be that which is most useful to you, whether it appears good or bad in your private judgment."

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized:

Remy George Cucinotta
Savannah Jane Davis
Giuliana Maria Staffieri
Giuseppe Renato Staffieri
Jessica Stewart



In your charity, please pray for

Jennifer Clare Burgun
Nancy Sosnowski
Lydia Sparco

and all the deceased of St. Anthony's.

Novena News

The Tuesday evening novena is on hiatus until further notice. Updates will be posted here and in other parish PR channels when available.



Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm:

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

2nd Reading:

Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel:

Matthew 21:28-32

"God's Plan for Giving"

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 09/17/17

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION: \$ 9,826.15

Avg. Weekend Last Year: \$11,361.51

Difference: -\$1,535.36

Percent Difference This Week: - 13.51%

Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date: -\$ 5,912.39

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Karen Berman
Roger Chao
Mary T. DiBiasco
Joanne Dover
James Ganey
Elizabeth Laraway
Bill McNabb
William J. Nardo, Jr.
Jack Paradee
Lucretia Serio
Nancy Sosnowski
Christopher White, Jr.

Carter Biondi
Anita Dauphin
Attilio DiGiacobbe
Eddie Ellis
John Giorgi
Chelsie Marra
Nick Mercantini
Patricia Ogonowski
Kim Resnick
Jimmy Silicato
Albert Vietri

Helene Black
Nicky DeAngelo
Tommy DiVirgilio
Christopher Ganey
Bonita Della Rocca Jodz
Grace Marie Mataleno
Isabelle Meredith
Kelly Panella
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.
Larry Silvestri
Robert Walton

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

Columbus Day Communion Breakfast

Tickets are still available for the annual Columbus Day Communion Mass & Breakfast, to be held on Monday, 10/9 (Columbus Day). The event celebrates outstanding contributions by Italian-Americans to our local community and benefits St. Anthony of Padua Grade School & the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales retirement fund. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Malooly at St. Anthony's at 7:30AM, followed immediately by a delicious catered full breakfast at Padua Academy Cafetorium (enter via 10th St.). This year the Committee is pleased to honor Dr. Michael Marinelli, an accomplished education professional, musician, and patron of Italian culture. Dr. Marinelli currently serves as Headmaster of Archmere Academy. Breakfast tickets are \$35 each, and full tables may be purchased. To purchase a ticket or table please contact Mike Malchione at (302) 652-4194 x122 or via e-mail at: mmalchione@dossnet.com.

BINGO - BINGO - BINGO St. Anthony's Holy Name Society 1812 Howland St., Buck Serio Lounge

Friday Sept. 29..... \$20 ticket
Doors open at 6PM - Bingo starts at 7PM
Door Prizes and 50/50.
Lite food provided, cash bar
Reserve a table now!
Call the club 302-661-0101

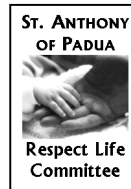
National Life Chain Sunday in ALL Three Counties, Sunday, Oct. 1st, 1-3 PM

Join hundreds of thousands of people who stand in silent, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life at public locations throughout the nation. Delaware has participated in this event for several decades and we are pleased to include the following locations for 2017: (Signs provided.) *New Castle County:* Concord Pike across from Fairfax Shopping Center

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, October 1st, Dr. Lou De Angelo, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Wilmington, will be interviewed. 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.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



Medical science has shown that life begins at fertilization. After fertilization, nothing new is added to the baby except oxygen, nutrition, and time.

Join the Bishop at the "Blue Mass"

Bishop Malooly invites you to the 2017 Diocese of Wilmington "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 6 at 11:00 a.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street, Wilmington, Delaware. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state, and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired, and their families are invited to attend.

Red Mass

The annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. This is the 30th Annual Celebration of the Red Mass, and the homilist will be Fr. Robert Kennedy, who was homilist for the first diocesan Red Mass. Dating back to the Middle Ages, the Red Mass is celebrated annually for judges, lawyers, law professors and students, and government officials. The Mass invokes the gifts of the Holy Spirit for those who seek justice and serve in its administration. Dinner follows in the church hall.

Mass of Remembrance

Join us as we remember those who have passed away from our parish family, *with special emphasis on those who have passed on since last year's Mass of Remembrance*. This special Mass will be held at **10:00 AM, Saturday, November 4th**. Family members are welcome to send presentable photographs of their loved ones who have left us since last All Souls' Day for display at the Mass and all of November. **Photos should not exceed 8" x 10" nor be accompanied by a frame.** *On the back of the photo, indicate the deceased's name. Reclaim photos at the rectory starting December 6th. Those needing photos returned to them by mail should include their name & address, also on the back of the photo.* Send photos to Jim at the rectory **no later than Wednesday, October 25th**. *** The parish will not be responsible for any lost or damaged photos. ***

Second Collection

Next weekend, September 30th and October 1st, there is no scheduled second collection.

Parish Calendar

Wednesday

7:00 PM, Padua Academy Freshmen
Convocation (church)

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

10:00 AM, PREP
(Grade School)
10:00 AM & 12:00 PM, First Sunday
Social (Ballad Rm.)

Monday, Sept. 25

through

Sunday, Oct. 1

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

Grade School Calendar

Friday

8:00 AM, School Mass



Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

September 30, 2017, 10AM-4PM

During the centennial of Our Lady of Fatima, come, rejoice in the Lord with Bishop Malooly and priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and shrine of the patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception. Come pray where Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Calcutta prayed during their visits to the United States. Visit the site of the first saint canonized on American soil, St. Junipero Serra. Take a guided tour of the Basilica, home of the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to her many titles. Visit the recently-dedicated Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden. Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Malooly. Visit the souvenir shops and have your Marian souvenir blessed. Be among the first to glimpse part of the Trinity Dome to be unveiled in December. Be a part of salvation history by bringing your petitions, family, friends and, above all, yourself, to Jesus through Mary, the immaculate Conception. Those interested in transportation to and from the pilgrimage should contact Edith Ryan at edith_dallas@hotmail.com or 302-384-8717 for more details.

Share in the Spirit Collection

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information, visit the diocesan website at www.cdw.org/sharespirit.html.

Birthright Bottles for Babies

Baby bottles will be distributed before and after each Mass the weekend of September 23-24. This annual fundraiser benefits Birthright of Delaware which provides services to expectant mothers in crisis pregnancies so they may choose life for their babies. Large plastic bins will be placed behind the last pew. Kindly fill the bottles with loose change, paper money or a personal check and place in the bins before or after each Mass during the month of October. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign

The members of the Knights of Columbus-St. Pius X Council will be selling Christmas cards, car magnets and yard signs before and after each Mass during the month of October. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share the real meaning of the Christmas holidays with your family, friends and neighbors!

October Parish Monthly Socials

Please join us for the first parish socials of the fall, to be held on Sunday, 10/1, after the 9AM & 11AM Masses in the Ballad Room of the Grade School. Enjoy a variety of great food, including tomato pie & donuts from Serpe's Bakery, breakfast pizza from Degnars Greenhill Deli, and other delicious food sections including mini-bagels & fresh fruit other while catching up with fellow parishioners & friends. Hope to see you there!

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

...for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan retreat house, Wilmington, DE October 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 [302-528-8313](tel:302-528-8313) or visit rachelvineyard.org.