

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 1, 2017



“If you don’t manage change, change will manage you.” These words impacted me many years ago when I was principal of Northeast Catholic High School in Philadelphia. It closed in 2009. Many challenges affected the vitality of the school and were changing its character and reputation. These changes “managed” those of us who were “in charge.” Instead, we should have managed them. I learned a great deal from this experience.

There is no denying it – St. Anthony of Padua parish, along with so many other parishes, are steeped in changing social, political, demographic, generational, and affiliative conditions. We need to manage these changing factors as they continue to bear upon the life of the parish. We need to stay ahead of them rather than allowing them to get ahead of us. Acting in such a manner is a responsible exercise in stewardship of resources, time, talent and treasure.

You may have heard about discussions that are taking place within and among the various councils and committees of the parish. Decisions are afoot that will alter the landscape of our parochial, ministerial, financial, and institutional frameworks. We need to rework the way we do things. We need to do so courageously, confidently and in support of each other. Collaboration of thinking, deciding, and planning are essential to the quality of parish life.

Sometime during October, I plan to publish a “state-of-the-parish” report that will detail the proceedings of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, the Festival Steering Committee, the Facilities Committee, the School Advisory Board, the St. Anthony in the Hills Board of Advisors, the Padua Academy Board of Advisors, etc. I encourage everyone not to be fooled by rumors or to participate in generating them, as they are almost always unfounded and misleading. I am committed to transparency and cooperation in our decision making processes and I want to be open and forthright in all the matters that will concern the parish in the coming months.

With the visionary and dedicated leadership of past parishioners and pastors, St. Anthony of Padua parish has always responded to the challenges it has faced and made the adjustments needed to maintain its vigor and unique nature. Let’s continue that legacy and “be who we are and be that well” in the “now years” in which we live and worship.

Fr. Nick

“In all of your affairs, rely on the Providence of God through which alone you must look for success. Strive quietly to cooperate with its designs.”

St. Francis de Sales

We welcome the recently Baptized:
Harper Elizabeth Carpenter



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

Monday,	10/2		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	J. HENRI WIESEL	SISTER	
Tuesday,	10/3		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM			
Wednesday,	10/4		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	FRED & SARAH CALLAHAN	DAUGHTER PAT	
Thursday,	10/5		
6:45 AM			
8:00 AM	DUILIO VITALE	WIFE & FAMILY	
Friday,	10/6		
6:45 AM	MICHAEL ANDREOLI	FAMILY	
8:00 AM	ERNEST & PEARL NEPA	BOB & LORRAINE	
Saturday,	10/7		
6:45 AM	MADELEINE SMITH	DAUGHTER	
5:30 PM			
Sunday,	10/8		
7:00 AM	PARISHIONERS		
9:00 AM	GIOVANNI DE VICENTIS	R. DE VICENTIS & FAMILY	
11:00 AM	CONCETTA & ROMEO STELLA	FAMILY	



Next Sunday’s Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

2nd Reading:

Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-43

“God’s Plan for Giving”

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR 09/24/17

TOTAL OFFERTORY COLLECTION:	\$ 8,628.00
Avg. Weekend Last Year:	\$11,361.51
Difference:	-\$2,733.51
Percent Difference This Week:	- 24.1%
Total Difference Fiscal Year to Date:	-\$ 8,645.90

Thank you for your sacrifice of tithing!

Your Prayers and Support Requested

Mateo Ahumada	Karen Berman	Carter Biondi
Helene Black	Roger Chao	Anita Dauphin
Nicky DeAngelo	Mary T. DiBiasi	Attilio DiGiacobbe
Tommy DiVirgilio	Joanne Dover	Eddie Ellis
Christopher Ganey	James Ganey	John Giorgi
Bonita Della Rocca Jodz	Elizabeth Laraway	Chelsie Marra
Grace Marie Mataleno	Bill McNabb	Nick Mercantini
Isabelle Meredith	William J. Nardo, Jr.	Patricia Ogonowski
Kelly Panella	Jack Paradee	Kim Resnick
Charles Rosenberg, Sr.	Lucretia Serio	Jimmy Silicato
Larry Silvestri	Nancy Sosnowski	Albert Vietri
Robert Walton	Christopher White, Jr.	

...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.

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 8th, Alice Reis Israel, a parishioner at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Lewes, Delaware, will discuss the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Her father witnessed the event in Portugal 100 years ago. 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.

For Rent

Studio Apartment for rent. 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, The Devon. 4th floor overlooking manicured gardens. 24/7 security desk, laundry in building, all utilities included in rent. Only expense is phone. Apartment is cable ready. Large window with lovely view. Perfect for senior living alone. Call [215-888-9190](tel:215-888-9190) to leave message and to schedule an appointment to see this lovely unit.

Respect Life: Fact of Life



"Let's not pretend that abortion isn't about the mass slaughter of innocents."

Michael Aston

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, October 7th and 8th, the scheduled second collection is for All Souls Day.

Parish Calendar

Monday

6:15 PM, Confirmation Meeting
(Ballad Room)

Tuesday

2:00 PM, Blessing of the Animals
(Father Tucker Field)

Thursday

7:30 PM, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday

No PREP

Monday, Oct. 2

through

Sunday, Oct. 8

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

Grade School Calendar

Thursday

Noon Dismissal

Friday

School Closed / Diocesan

Professional Development

Day

Parish Pastoral Council Update

Fr. Nick offered his vision of a revised format for Parish Pastoral Council meetings that will focus on a pastoral topic or operational topic each month. Please submit suggestions for discussion topics to Anthony Albence for inclusion on the meeting agenda. Fr. Nick shared a Pastoral Pursuits list for consideration during the current program year (September-June), which he reviewed. Fr. Nick will be sharing these items with the parish community via various means of communication over the next few weeks.

Youth Activity Council News:

St. Anthony Alumni and Friends of Fournier Gym Special Event

Come join St. Anthony's YAC on November 18th for a celebration of Fournier Gym and all of its amazing memories. From attending boxing matches, participating in volleyball and basketball games to parties and dances. Food and drink will be provided in the Holy Name Society banquet room, then travel upstairs to Fournier Gym to relive memories, purchase old uniforms and trophies, write on our memory wall or maybe even purchase a name plaque to go on "your seat" in the bleachers! **Enjoy food, friends and fond memories while helping YAC raise funds for gym floor renovations.**

What: A celebration of St. Anthony Alumni and participants/spectators of various events that occurred in Fournier Gym.

When: November 18th from 6:30 to 10:30 pm

Where: 1812 Howland Street

Cost: \$25* (this includes food, beer, water, dessert)

Please contact Pam Morabito (pamtrego5499@gmail.com) or text [302-588-5917](tel:302-588-5917) or Bridget Rivera-Ryan at quinnsmita@gmail.com for tickets. Last day to purchase tickets is November 15th.

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!

Basketball Signups

Registration for basketball is now open to all of our students, including our alumni. Registration is open until October 20th. Go to: www.stanthonyyac.com, click on the basketball registration to sign up.

Thank You!

The Prince of Piedmont, Lodge 475, very generously donated the funds to have curtains and draperies professionally cleaned in the church and grade school gym. The parish thanks Lodge 475 very much for this kindness.