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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

309 Gower Street Greenville, South Carolina 29611

Parish Office: 864-233-7717

Welcoming all people to worship God in the genius of **African American Catholic Spirituality**

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 25, 2024



www.stanthonysgvl.org

PARISH INFO

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org if you would like to register. Please visit www.stanthonysgvl.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 12 PM (Noon) - 1:00 PM

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:45 PM Or by Appointment

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St. Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday 9 AM - 12 PM Phone: (864) 233-7717

Website: www.stanthonysgvl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonyschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women that serve in the armed forces do so with a form of sacrificial love for our countryand the world. Lifting them up in prayer to the Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they

work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stresses they face each day.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 8/24

• 5 PM

SUNDAY, 8/25

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Camilia Cortez

TUESDAY, 8/27

• 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 8/28

• 11 AM

THURSDAY, 8/29

• 11 AM

FRIDAY, 8/30

• 11 AM

SATURDAY, 8/31

• 5 PM

SUNDAY, 9/1

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM



It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR:

Individuals

Alec Kubica Alice Rigler Ann Fournier Ann Moore Ann Nechodom Annette Martin Anthony Davis Bill Higgins Carl Sunderlin Charlene Palmer Chester Williams Clarice Hanly David Burnett Dee Dee Dzikowicz Donna Neeley Donna Nickels Dorothy Baker Drew Butterfield Elaine Greggs Ellaniose Johnson Eric Kuhn Erica Hardy Billy Mayes

Gregory Kuhn Hazel Hill Jen Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Jovce Croce Juliet Roy Julius Pinson Jr. Laura Drummond Laurie Rappl Lillie Davis Lori Cortese Lori McGinley Malik McCauley Margaret Morris Marie Therese Isdiore Marilvn Dalv Martha Cotel Mary Cormican Mary Curran Matthew Bryson Maureen Lukovic Megan Counihan

Melvin Armstrong Michael Davis Olivia Brown Rhonda Brown Richard Cortese Richard Palmer Sabrina Walker Sammy Huguet Sandra McNaughton Sharon Bryant Sharon Patton Sherri Hoffman Stephan Pleasant Steve Miller Stuart MacNaughton Tara Cleary Thelma Williams Tom James Troy Koon Tyler Daly Korybski Wilbert Morgan Willie Davis

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing
Dana Lacher
Duhe Family
Catherine & Michael Branca
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu
Karen Randall & Family

Scott Cely Family Michael & Ruth Walters Tessa & George Skoniecki Deacon Richard Murtaugh Deacon Steve & Susan Olson Deacon Winston Wright

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little

HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2.

Thank you!

SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY INFO

ACTIVE PARISHIONER

The criteria for an Active Parishioner are:

-Weekly participation in worship through attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.

-Volunteer at St. Anthony's on regular basis (**Time**)
-Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
-Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving
(**Treasure**)

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for <u>at least six months</u> prior to reception of these Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre-registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Will Continue On the First Friday's of each month from 12pm-5pm

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

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Parish Pastoral Council	
Tony Smith, Chairperson	803-727-5072
Mary Lee Tierney, Secretary	864-363-0570
Parish Finance Council	
Sandy Thompson, Chairperson	252-622-1945
Chery O'Malley, Secretary	864-360-4667
Eucharistic Ministers/Scripture Readers	
Paul Herr	864-907-9356
Kyle Herr	864-907-9355
Altar Servers	
Marie Paula Jaramillo	864-365-9877
Women's Council	
Kathleen Merritt	864-331-2633
Men's Club	
Ralston Moore	864-386-4852
David Quast	864-906-2632
Food Pantry	
Carol Moeller	864-380-4155
30's & 40's Group	
JJ Reinheart	607-382-9620
Renee Puckett Smith	678-409-0408
Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry	
Mike Cumby	864-417-8973
Gala School Fundraiser	
Jean Hever	864-608-5256
Handicap Transportation Ministry	
Chuck Milteer	864-350-9684
Health Ministry	
Rita O'Rourke	864-979-7544
Hiking Ministry	
Paul Herr	864-907-9356
Homebound Ministers	
Donna Moerke	404-374-4019
Housing Ministry	
Mike Mathers	864-483-5477
Knights of Columbus	
Jim Tetor	540-809-7809
Richard Cortese	864-201-8162
Knights of Peter Claver	
Paul Latimore	864-299-0847
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary	
Mary Ann Boyd	619-517-2191
Living Waters Bible Study	
Nicky & Lillie Jones864-832-4	1011 or 864-832-4012
Meal Ministry	
Dana Lacher	864-354-0049
Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministr	y
Delores Martinez	864-201-2204
Prison Ministry	
Richard Krainas	864-360-1098
Gwen Whitner	864-297-0123
Young Families	
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Children's Liturgy	-
Anna Vunkin-Chowsapch	ildrensliturgy@gmail.com
Micah Ministry	
David Quast	864-906-2632

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

My friends, have you ever felt like giving up on your faith? Like the struggles in your life, including those within your church community, are simply too much to bear? You're not alone. In those moments, it's tempting to think that walking away from your faith would be the easiest solution.

But before you make any decisions, remember that you're at a crossroads. One path may seem easy, but the other path - sticking with your imperfect church family - is where the real growth and transformation happen.

The apostle Peter was once at a similar crossroads. When Jesus asked him if he wanted to leave, Peter replied, "Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life." These simple words hold a powerful truth: only Christ has the key to eternal life.

Now, I know our church is far from perfect, and that's okay. It's not meant to be an exclusive club for the saints and the elite. Instead, it's a sanctuary for the broken, the lost, the sinners, and the seekers. It's a place where you can find guidance, a sense of belonging, and spiritual nourishment. Yes, there will be challenges and obstacles along the way, but at its very core, the church remains the body of Christ - your pathway to eternal life.

When doubts and disappointments creep in, whispering for you to give up, pause and ask yourself: "Where else can I find eternal truth?" The response is clear—there's no other option than Christ. He and He alone offers the promise of eternal life. If you choose to walk away from your faith, it's like cutting off your spiritual oxygen supply. You'll find yourself wandering aimlessly, thirsting for something real and substantial in a barren wasteland. But, my friend, you don't have to take that path. You have the power to choose to stay, to be the change you wish to see in your community here at St. Anthony. Hold fast to the words of eternal life, like a lifeline amidst the chaos of this world.

I won't sugarcoat it - the journey won't always be a walk in the Unity Park, but by sticking it out, you'll draw closer to the "Holy One of God." And here's the beautiful truth: You're not alone on this wild faith journey. Christ is right there with you, guiding you with His words of eternal life.

So, let's draw strength from Peter's unwavering commitment and brave the storms together. Let's work to make St Anthony faith community the beacons of hope and warmth they're meant to be. Because at the end, there's an incredible destination waiting - the very presence of God Himself. And that's an adventure worth sticking around for in community, even with all the bumps and bruises we may encounter along the way. Ouch!

Always remember that every step you take is part of a greater story, a beautiful tapestry woven together by God's loving hand. So keep your eyes wide open and your heart ready to receive. The best is yet to come, and that's the truth, the eternal truth, for real!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 25, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

August 26, Monday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

August 27, Memorial of St. Monica 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

August 28, Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32

August 29, Memorial of The Passion of St. John the Baptist 1~Cor~1:1-9~(428)/Mk~6:17-29

August 30, Friday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

August 31, Saturday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time $1\mbox{ Cor }1:26\text{--}31/\mbox{Mt }25:14\text{--}30$

September 1, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Scripture online at https://bible.usccb.org/



BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall (kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org) by end of day Tuesday for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION Collections for August 17-18 Masses

Envelopes/Cash \$36,273.25

Online Giving

<u>Total</u> \$49,337.71

<u>Giving Online</u> makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

<u>Stewardship</u> is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

The true spirit of Stewardship is "Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."



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PARISH LIFE

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALA



Saturday, September 7, 2024 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

Greenville Convention Center Ballroom One Exposition Drive ForInfo Call Jean Hever - 864-608-5256 \$100 Per Person



Silent & Live Auctions • Scholarship Fund-a-Need • Seated Plated Dinner Including Beer & Wine • Randomonium

It's Round-Up Time and WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are needed for check-in and check-out the night of the gala. A dinner will be provided for you at 4pm at the Convention Center. If you can help, please call Sharon Schoval at 864-350-2020

Tickets will be on sale in the Social Hall after all masses the weekends of August 10th, August 17th, and August 24th.

Do you want to reserve a table for 10 friends? Please fill out the information on the back of this form and bring all the information (and money) to the social hall to get your tickets.

Note: Due to planning, all ten seats must be sold to purchase group tickets. Much thanks to y'all for understanding.

Volunteers are needed to help monitor the silent auction tables the night of the gala, September 7th. Dinner will be provided at 4pm at the Convention Center.

Volunteers are also needed to transport silent auction items to the Convention Center on September 6th at 3pm and to help with set up. We will meet at the white house, 327 Gower St.

If you can help with these, please contact Maryann Turner at 864-320-5992.

You can purchase your **tickets on-line** at: www.zeffy.com/ticketing/ 20569051-3dcc-4a04-abea-b53a672b595b (one line, no spaces) or use the QR code. Note: When paying on-line, there will be a request to fund the website (this money does not go to us). When paying, under the "Summary" section, below the "\$100" per ticket charge you can select "other" for donation amount and put in "0" eliminate this fee.



Each year 1 in 4 Americans over the age of 60 experiences a fall with various injuries. Health Ministry and Bon Secours St. Frances have partnered to offer St Anthony's a program called "A Matter of Balance" to reduce falls. The program will be held for 8 weeks in the church lobby on Mondays from 1PM until 2:30PM starting September 16th. The program includes exercises to improve flexibility, strength, and balance. Participants also learn about home safety, reducing injury related to falls, recovery after a fall and various topics on fall prevention.

If you have questions about the program, you may call Rita O'Rourke at (864)979-7544. The program is limited to 15 participants.

Questions? Call Jean Hever at 864-608-5256

"Ya'll come back now, ya hear?"

85 Years of Faith, Family, and Future: Join Our Grand Celebration!

Dear Beloved St. Anthony Parishioners,

Rejoice with us as we celebrate an incredible milestone - 85 years of serving our community as a vibrant, growing body of Christ! On September 3, 2024, we mark this momentous occasion with hearts full of gratitude and joy.

As 1 Corinthians 12:12 beautifully reminds us, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." Each of you is an irreplaceable part of our parish family, contributing your unique gifts to our shared mission.

Our greatest birthday wish? To see our spiritual family continue to flourish, spreading kindness, mercy, and compassion throughout our community and beyond. Let's make this wish come true together!

Join us for a special celebration on Sunday, September 8th, as we honor our 85-year journey during all weekend Masses. Your presence will make this occasion truly unforgettable as we lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving for God's endless blessings upon St. Anthony.

This is more than just a celebration - it's a testament to our enduring faith and the strength of our community. Together, let's look back on our rich history with gratitude and forward to our bright future with hope and excitement.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this memorable moment in our parish life. Your participation will make our worship even more meaningful as we give thanks for our past and embrace the promise of our future.

With joyful anticipation and blessings in Christ,

Fr. Emerson

P.S. Help us make this celebration truly special! Bring something to share (food, ice cream, cake, etc). Share your favorite St. Anthony's memories or photos for a commemorative display. Contact the parish office for details on how to contribute.

PARISH LIFE

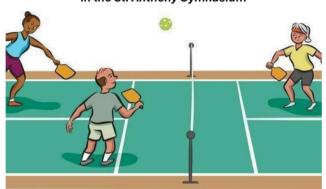
RCIA Classes - Starting September 9th

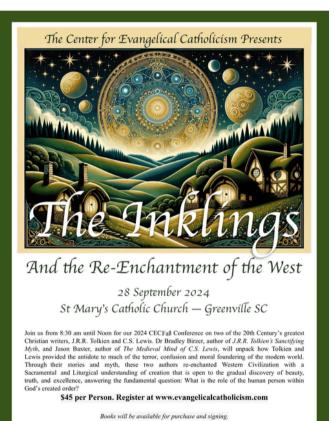
Are You Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?

St. Anthony will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches. These sessions are opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those questions you may have about the Church. We will start the journey on Monday, September 9th. Please Contact Deacon Phil Allen if would like further information at 864-706-2999 or email philallen@charlestondiocese.org.

PLAY PICKLEBALL

Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon in the St. Anthony Gymnasium







The St. Anthony of Padua Women's Bible Study will resume after summer break on September 12. It will meet weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am, in the Social Hall. It is a time of study, prayer and fellowship. All women are invited. The program this fall is entitled, *Mercy Is.* To sign up, call Nancy Quast at (414) 736-6290 or use the sign-up sheets in the lobby of the church.



sheggypus@aol.com or 864-386-4852

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

AUGUST 25- SEPTEMBER 1

Sunday, August 25th	Monday, August 26th	<u>Tuesday, August 27th</u>	Wednesday, August 28th
		6:15 PM- Unity Choir Practice	
		6:30 PM: Living Waters Bible Study ZOOM	

PARISH LIFE



Religious Education registration (CCD) is now available on the parish website. Please click on Religious Education sign-up under Parish Life or scan the QR Code Below.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: August 31-September 1, 2024

SATURDAY, 8/31: 5PM	SUNDAY, 9/1: 8AM	SUNDAY, 9/1: 10AM	SUNDAY, 9/1: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS Dianne Hemmert	ALTAR SERVERS Larry Moerke	ALTAR SERVERS Tatum Terracino	ALTAR SERVERS Adrian Drummond
Tom Tilert	2007 1100010	Olivia Avery Patrick Doyle	Arianna Drummond Carol Moeller
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Jim Tetor (Host)	David Carfolite (Host)	Mary Morris Williams (Host)	Suzanne Richmond (Host)
Renee Pucket Smith (Cup 1) Bobbie Cancelliere (Cup 2)	Emilie Cantrell (Cup 1) Bonnie Carfolite (Cup 2)	Frank Palombo (Cup 1) Cindy Caudill (Cup 2)	Dawn Davis (Cup 1) Jessie Bowens (Cup 2)
Michael Hemmert (Cup 3)	Ana Byrd (Cup 3)	Mary Ann Turner (Cup 3)	NOT FILLED (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	SCRIPTURE READERS
Rick Floyd (Lector 1) Rose Martinez-Brandon (Lector	Kathleen Bitsura (Lector 1) Paulette Payne (Lector 2)	Christen Palombo (Lector 1) Sonia Cordero (Lector 2)	Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 1) Gwen Whitner (Lector 2)
USHERS	USHERS	USHERS	USHERS
Ken O'Malley Mark Combs Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot	Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl	Bob Dastou Mike Connor Dan Krick Jim Stavakas Armando Krick	Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Charity Meacham Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

AUGUST 25- SEPTEMBER 1

Thursday, August 29th	<u>Friday, August 30</u>	Saturday, August 31st	Sunday, September 1
		10:00 AM- Pickle Ball Gymnasium	

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

From the Desk of Our Interim Principal Mamie Boyd

Father Emerson officially opened our school year last Friday with prayer and a Commissioning and Going Forth Ceremony for the faculty and staff. The ceremony concluded with a blessing and the distribution of St. Anthony Key Chains from Fr. Emerson and Miracle Medallions (generously donated by the Superintendent of the Diocese of Charleston). The ceremony marked a beautiful start to our school year, deeply anchored in faith. Father Emerson engaged with the students, asking them questions about the Bible and their religious studies. We express our sincere gratitude to Father Emerson for honoring us with his presence and devoting his morning to our assembly.

This week signifies the first full week of classes, during which teachers are getting acquainted with their students and assessing their academic abilities. We are evaluating the necessary resources to support their educational journey.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our inaugural Mass with Father Emerson on Wednesday. He engaged them with his customary Bible quiz, which they answered eagerly. His innovative teaching method, involving props such as balloons, proved to be highly effective.

Several changes have been initiated at our school:

- Mass for our students will be held on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., rather than the usual 11:00 a.m. time.
- An armed security guard has been hired to enhance the safety of our campus community.
- The school drop-off line is located at the Douthit Street entrance, near the Gallivan Center, and is open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Parents are required to use the Lindberg Avenue drop-off line after 8:00 a.m.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parish community for your generous donations of back-to-school supplies. Your dedication of time, skills, and resources to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is deeply appreciated. We warmly invite you to visit our school for a personal tour. Keep in mind that there is a wide array of volunteer opportunities available, which include reading to children, assisting in the library, and

