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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

309 Gower Street
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Parish Office: 864-233-7717

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2025



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@charlestdiocese.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.stanthonygschoolgvl.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 country and 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, 1/4

- 5 pm Fr. Mark Beard

SUNDAY, 1/5

- 8 AM Dennis & Janet 60th Wedding Anniversary
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 1/7

- 11 AM Gerry MacSinse

WEDNESDAY 1/8

- 11 AM Cindy Wells

THURSDAY, 1/9

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 1/10

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 1/11

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 1/12

- 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

Alice Rigler	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Ann Turner
Ann Fournier	Hazel Hill	Melvin Armstrong
Ann Moore	Jen Duhe	Michael Davis
Ann Nechodom	Jonathan Turner	Olivia Brown
Annette Martin	Joseph Neito	Rhonda Brown
Anthony Davis	Joyce Croce	Richard Cortese
Bill Higgins	Juliet Roy	Richard Palmer
Carl Sunderlin	Julius Pinson Jr.	Sabrina Walker
Charlene Palmer	Laura Drummond	Sammy Huguet
Chester Williams	Laurie Rappl	Sandra McNaughton
Clarice Hanly	Lillie Davis	Sharon Bryant
David Burnett	Lori Cortese	Sharon Patton
Dee Dee Dzikowicz	Lori McGinley	Sherri Hoffman
Donna Neeley	Malik McCauley	Stephan Pleasant
Donna Nickels	Margaret Morris	Steve Miller
Dorothy Baker	Marie Therese Isdiore	Stuart MacNaughton
Drew Butterfield	Marilyn Daly	Tara Cleary
Elaine Greggs	Martha Cotel	Thelma Williams
Ellaniose Johnson	Mary Cormican	Tom James
Eric Kuhn	Mary Curran	Troy Koon
Erica Hardy	Matthew Bryson	Tyler Daly Korybski
Billy Mayes	Maureen Lukovic	Wilbert Morgan
Ronnie Glenn	Megan Counihan	Willie Davis
		Ruth Henderson

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Karen Randall & Family	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!

PASTORAL REFLECTION & WEEKLY OFFERTORY RECAP

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Epiphany Sunday, my friends. The story of the Magi following a star to find Jesus still speaks to us today. That star was like a divine GPS, leading them on an incredible journey of faith, courage, and transformation. And guess what? God still works the same way in our lives, using signs, people, events, questions, doubts, and even unexpected detours to guide us, reach us, and touch our hearts.

New year, new questions. Are you actively seeking God's presence in your life? Are you paying attention to the ways He might be working through those you meet and the situations you are in? Or are you like me when I lose my car keys and they're right there in my pocket? Life can feel chaotic, unpredictable, and messy. We hit roadblocks, take wrong turns, and sometimes wonder if we're even looking at the right map. But just as the star led the Magi through the darkest night, God's light continues to shine to guide us, if we are willing to follow.

The Magi's journey is about more than simply following a star. It's about the radical inclusivity of God's love. These men were outsiders—Gentiles from the East. The Epiphany reminds us that there are no outsiders in God's kingdom. His love has no limits. It shatters any boundary we try to put up. No matter who you are, where you've been, or what you've done. God is calling you into his embrace. Isn't that incredible news? As Henri Nouwen reminds us "God's love is greater than our greatest sin, greater than our deepest wounds, greater than our most painful memories."

However, we can't sit back and expect God to do all the work. The Magi embarked on a long, difficult journey, seeking Him with determination and perseverance. We, too, are called to do the same. Today, we have endless information at our fingertips – Google, Siri, Alexa – but none of it can satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts. Only faith can do that. Faith is the compass that helps us navigate through the unknown, the darkness, and doubts, and it leads us back to God.

St. Augustine knew this truth when he said: 'You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.' That same restlessness drove the Magi across deserts and distant lands to find the Messiah. And it's the same restlessness—that hunger for meaning, for connection, for truth, for love—that should be driving us to seek Christ, too. But like the Magi, this requires something of us. It means taking a leap of faith, risks, and trust, even when the road ahead seems uncertain. As theologian Søren Kierkegaard wrote, "Faith sees best in the dark."

So, what does this mean for us? It means being open to the unexpected. God can show up in ordinary ways, places and people we don't expect. It might be in a kind word from a stranger, in a quiet moment of prayer, or a simple act of helping someone in need. Sometimes, it's in difficult and challenging moments of our lives. And when we meet Him, like the Magi, we can't go back the way we came. An encounter with Christ calls us to transform our hearts, priorities, and even our direction in life.

Let's be honest, though: this journey of transformation isn't always easy. The Magi's journey wasn't smooth, and neither ours. There will be times of doubt, fear, challenges, and failure. But we don't walk this road alone. Every time we gather as a community at St Anthony, we are like the Magi. We come seeking wisdom, guidance, and strength from Scripture, the sacraments and the community. And when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are renewed, nourished, and transformed, for the journey ahead.

As we step into this new year, let's make it a time of seeking, discovering, and growing. Let's ask ourselves: What kind of journey am I on? And most importantly, am I willing to let the journey change me from the inside out? Let's be wise women and men, searching for the light of truth, love, and goodness wherever it may lead. And even when the road gets tough, let's keep moving forward in faith, knowing that God is always with us.

Finally, let's not stop at finding the light. Let's be the light. So, are you ready for the adventure? The journey of faith, transformation, and love? Then let's go out there and shine. Let's make God's love visible to all. Can I get an amen?



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**The First Friday's of each month from 12pm-
5pm**

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

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@charlestandiocese.org) **by end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.

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 at least six months 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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

Parish Pastoral Council

Tony Smith, Chairperson.....803-727-5072

Parish Finance Council

Sandy Thompson, Chairperson.....252-622-1945

Chery O'Malley, Secretary.....864-360-4667

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Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Kyle Herr.....864-907-9355

Altar Servers

Marie Paula Jaramillo.....864-365-9877

Women's Council

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

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

Health Ministry

Rita O'Rourke.....864-979-7544

Hiking Ministry

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Homebound Ministers

Donna Moerke.....404-374-4019

Housing Ministry

Walt Laiewski864-354-7670

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 Jones.....864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012

Meal Ministry

Dana Lacher.....864-354-0049

Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Delores Martinez.....864-201-2204

Prison Ministry

Richard Krainas.....864-360-1098

Gwen Whitner.....864-297-0123

Young Families

Ruth Roberston..... sapfamilies@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Ruth Robertson.....sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com

Micah Ministry

David Quast.....864-906-2632

SPIRITUAL & PARISH LIFE

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 5, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

January 6, Monday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

January 7, Tuesday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

January 8, Wednesday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

January 9, Thursday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

January 10, Friday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

January 11, Saturday of the Second Week of Christmas

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

January 12, Feast Day of THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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



Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer?

Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete.

Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at scovelsc@aol.com or Paulette Payne at Paulettejpayne@charter.com. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION *Collections for December 28-29 Masses*

Envelopes/Cash	\$32,199.50
Online Giving	\$13,933.00
Total	<u>\$46,132.50</u>

Giving Online 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.

Stewardship 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."**



PARISH LIFE



St. Anthony of Padua

WOMEN'S COUNCIL Meeting

5th of January, 2025
1:30 PM
Social Hall

Come and Join Us

All Women of the Parish are Invited!
Light refreshments will be served


Reminder: Annual reports from commission and committee chairs are due this month

Check us out on Facebook!



Confirmation Rally


Greenville Deanery




JANUARY 12, 2025
1:30PM-5:30PM
ST. MARY MAGDALENE • SIMPSONVILLE, SC

Join us for a day of growing in **faith**, understanding your Confirmation journey, and being **'set on fire'** by the Holy Spirit. *Get ready for a day of excitement and spiritual renewal!*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



MIKE SYLVESTER



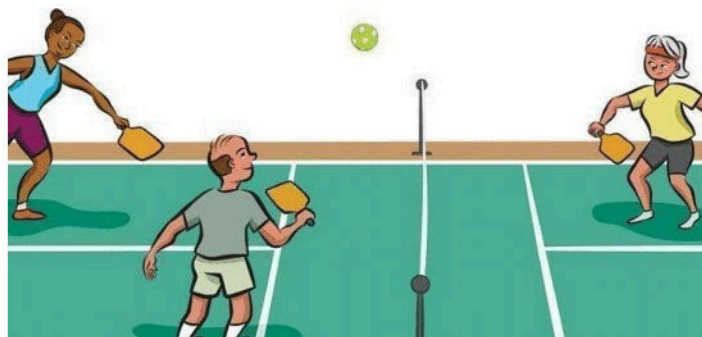
RHYAN RAMIREZ

CONTACT YOUR YOUTH MINISTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

PICKLEBALL RESUMES

January 11th

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



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

JANUARY 5- JANUARY 12

<p><u>Sunday, January 5</u></p> <p>9:00am- Breakfast Social Hall</p> <p>1:30pm- Women's Council Meeting Multi-Purpose Room</p>	<p><u>Monday, January 6</u></p> <p>7:00pm- OCIA Meeting Social Hall</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, January 7</u></p> <p>6:00pm- Living Waters Bible Study Zoom</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, January 8</u></p> <p>7:00am- Breakfast Before School Mass Social Hall</p> <p>6:00pm- CCD Classes SAP Campus</p> <p>6:00pm- Men's Club Meeting Gallivan Center</p>
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PARISH LIFE



Join us next Saturday as Italian Nite Dinner is
BACK!

6:00pm in the Social Hall.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: January 11-12, 2025

SATURDAY, 1/11: 5PM	SUNDAY, 1/12: 8AM	SUNDAY, 1/12: 10AM	SUNDAY, 1/12: 12 PM
ALTAR SERVERS James Filchak Mackenzie Grove	ALTAR SERVERS Noah Armstrong Rita Galley	ALTAR SERVERS Patrick Doyle Audrey Gilstrap Tatum Terracino	ALTAR SERVERS Julian Perry Jordan Perry Michael St. Pierre
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Tony Smith (Host) Laura Combs (Cup 1) Jim Tetor (Cup 2) Jane Krikpatrick (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Dianne Hemmert (Host) Sr. Gertrude Bassey (Cup 1) Mark O'Rourke (Cup 2) Maggie Kleger (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Ronnie Hudson (Host) Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 3) Dawn Davis (Cup 3)	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Mary Kania (Host) Carla Green (Cup 1) Joseph Green (Cup 2) Nico Green (Cup 3)
SCRIPTURE READERS Suzanne Richmond (Lector 1) Ingrid Smith (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Gwen Hall (Lector 1) Jarrell Hall (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Diane Ryan (Lector 1) Deidre Cooper (Lector 2)	SCRIPTURE READERS Gwen Whitner (Lector 1) John Gregory (Lector 2)
USHERS Rick Flyod Jim Tetor Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Kathy Peot Mike Hemmert	USHERS Mike Ayers Lynn Sholl Robert McDowell Lillie Jones Nicky Jones Jeff Sholl	USHERS Bob Dastou Mike Connor Jay Korybski Jim Stavakas Tom Creagan Pam Chivers	USHERS Tom Moeller Mariel Hunkeler Bryant Boyd Ron Drennon Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley

JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 12

<u>Thursday, January 9</u>	<u>Friday, January 10</u>	<u>Saturday, January 11</u>	<u>Sunday, January 12</u>
		10:00am- Pickleball SAP GYM 6:00pm- Italian Nite Dinner Social Hall	9:00am- Breakfast SAP Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

On the evening of December 21, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School hosted a remarkable Music Extravaganza and fundraiser that left a lasting impression on all who attended. The event featured an array of talented performers, including the St. Anthony Church Choir, guest soloists, St. Anthony's Boys Choir, the St. Anthony School Praise Dance Team, and the St. Anthony's Church Music Team. The night was filled with unforgettable singing and praise, as each group delivered heartfelt and powerful performances. The St. Anthony Church Choir captivated the audience with their harmonious melodies, while the guest soloists showcased their exceptional vocal talents. The Boys Choir added a touch of youthful energy and to the event, and the Praise Dance Team moved gracefully, enhancing the overall experience with their expressive dance routines. The Musicians provided the perfect musical backdrop, adding depth and richness to the evening's performances. It was a night of celebration, unity, and joy, as the community came together to support the school and enjoy the incredible talents of its members. The success of the fundraiser was a testament to the dedication and hard work of all involved, and it will be remembered as one of the most extraordinary events in the school's history. A special thank you to Mr. Larry McCullough for organizing and spearheading this event. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this Music Extravaganza a truly special and memorable night!



"St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School will be closed from December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025, and will reopen on January 6, 2025."

