

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

WELCOMING ALL PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD IN THE GENIUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY

March 2, 2025



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

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: 11:30 AM - 12:30 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

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CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0 Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626

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!

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 INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 3/1

• 5 pm

SUNDAY, 3/2

- 8 AM Fr. Mark Beard
- 10 AM Phylis Gaglardi
- 12 PM Alice Rigler's Birthday

TUESDAY, 3/4

• 11 AM Richie Cortese

WEDNESDAY 3/5

• 11 AM For our church family

THURSDAY, 3/6

• 11 AM

FRIDAY, 3/7

• 11 AM For our church family

SATURDAY, 3/8

• 5 PM Mary Vetlton ii

SUNDAY, 3/9

- 8 AM Kelli Reilly's Birthday
- 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

Ann Moore
Ann Nechodom
Annette Martin
Anthony Davis
Bill Higgins
Clarice Hanly
Charlene Palmer
Chester Williams
David Burnett
Dee Dee
Dzikowicz
Donna Neeley
Donna Nickels
Dorothy Baker
Drew Butterfield

Alice Rigler

Ann Fournier

Elaine Greggs Ellaniose Johnson Eric Kuhn Erica Hardy Billy Mayes Ronnie Glenn Gregory Kuhn Hazel Hill Ien Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Jovce Croce 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 Mary Ann Turner Melvin Armstrong Michael Davis Olivia Brown Rhonda Brown Richard Cortese

Ruth Henderson 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 Tyler 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 Juan & Christina Francisco

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair Nicole Campbell Little

PARISH REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

ACTIVE PARISHONER

- Weekly attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer 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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

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.

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to **Daffodil Behal (sapgvlcomms@gmail.com)** by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions after the deadline will be included in the Sunday email.

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 Paulette Payne at Paulettejpayne@charter.com.

Thank you for your support.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not only about the needs of church, rather it is about our desires to give back to God in thanksgiving; by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us. If you would be interested in joining our Stewardship Committee, please contact Jay Pitts at 864-233-7717 ext. 4.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION Collections for February 22-23 Masses

Envelopes/Cash \$13,587.20
Online Giving \$13,218.00
Total \$26,805.20

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.

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Howdy, my friends! Let me ask you something - have you ever been annoyed by someone else's behavior, only to realize later that you've done the exact same thing? Maybe your sibling is always interrupting you, your friend bails on plans again, or a coworker won't stop complaining. It's so easy to point fingers, isn't it? But then comes that humbling moment when you stop and think, Wait... I've done this too. Ouch.

But what if our judgment of others isn't just about them? What if it's also about us? Could it be that the things we dislike in others reflect something we're avoiding or even hating in ourselves? Jesus addresses this kind of behavior with an image that's both funny and convicting. He tells us to imagine a blind person trying to lead another blind person. It's a ridiculous image—two people stumbling around, completely lost. But isn't that exactly what happens when we focus on someone else's flaws while ignoring our own? Instead of seeing clearly, we're blinded by our own imperfections.

And honestly, this habit is everywhere today. We scroll through social media, silently judging someone's lifestyle, their choices, or their posts. We gossip about a friend's mistakes or roll our eyes at a coworker's attitude. Criticizing has become second nature. Let's be real – if someone has truly never judged another person, they should be canonized immediately. Did I see a hand raised? No? Thought so.

But Jesus calls us to something radically different and transformative: put down the binoculars we use to spy on others' faults and pick up a mirror to examine ourselves. Binoculars let us magnify flaws from a safe distance, but a mirror forces us to confront what we'd rather not see. The cracks. The imperfections in our own hearts.

Jesus drives the point home with a challenging question: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but fail to notice the log in your own?" Ouch again, right? This isn't just a call to stop judging others—it's an invitation to self-examination. It's an invitation to take a deeper look at ourselves. To grow. To uncover what's really going on in our hearts.

In Jewish tradition, the heart wasn't just about feelings. It was the center of thought, intention, and action. So when Jesus calls us to examine ourselves, He's not asking for surface-level changes. He's asking us to dig deep, to humbly look at what drives our actions and attitudes. And let's face it: looking in the mirror is uncomfortable. It's so much easier to critique someone else than to admit where we've fallen short. But if we avoid the mirror, we miss out on something life-changing: transformation. Pope Francis didn't hold back when he said that judging others makes us "Christian murderers." Strong words, but think about it: gossip, criticism, sarcastic remarks, and eye rolls damage relationships, trust, and even our ability to love. As Mother Teresa simply put it, "We can't love others if we are judging them." Love and judgment cannot coexist.

So, how do we change? It starts with humility. Abraham Lincoln once said: "Only he who has the heart to help has the right to criticize." That's the key, isn't it? True critique doesn't come from a place of frustration or superiority—it comes from a place of compassion. Compassion begins when we stop trying to fix others and start understanding them. When we face our own shortcomings, we become more empathetic to others' struggles.

Here's a challenge for you: next time you feel the urge to judge someone, pause. Instead of criticizing, pray for them. Ask yourself: Why does this bother me so much? What might this be revealing about my own heart?

This week, let's trade judgment for humility. Let's trade our binoculars for mirrors, and ask the hard questions. What will you see when you look closely? The answer might just lead you to the freedom and love you've been searching for. The mirror reveals not only our flaws but also the grace and transformation Jesus offers us. Let's embrace the challenge together, St. Anthony fam.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

The men and women who serve in the armed forces do so with a sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to our 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 stress they face each day.

A Funeral Mass for Richard Cortese, a longtime parishioner will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 12 PM.

Visitation will begin at 10:30 AM with Mass starting at 12 PM.

Please keep the Cortese family in your prayers.

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

BLACK HISTORY BOWL

The Black History Bowl at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School was initiated by Dr. Mamie Boyd in 2023 as a key component of our Black History program. Joy Battle has been instrumental in organizing and facilitating the event each year. We are proud to be celebrating our Third Annual Black History Bowl, which continues to improve each year. The purpose of the Black History Bowl is to educate and inspire students about the rich history and contributions of African Americans. By learning Black history facts and competing, students gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of the cultural heritage and achievements of Black individuals and communities. The Bowl encourages academic excellence, fosters a sense of pride, and promotes unity among students as they learn and celebrate Black history together.

This year's program was **emceed by Mr. Rashad Williams**, News Anchor at WYFF-TV. There were two teams that competed for the championship, showcasing their knowledge an of African American history. The event was filled with excitement and friendly competition as the two teams of four students vied for the top spot of being the winners of the Black History Bowl. There were four students who competed on an individual for the title of Black History Bowl Champion.









MINISTRY LIFE



Teen MINISTRY

5:00 Teen Mass
(w/ Teen Lectors, ushers, choir, and greeters)

Followed by 6:00 Dinner in Social Hall



FOOD...FUN...& FRIENDS

Come for the THRILL, Leave being FUIFILLED

MARCH 2

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HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Our Hospitality Ministry is **recruiting volunteers** to become greeters and ushers at all Masses, welcome visitors who attend our church and assist in a welcome dinner to all our newest parishioners twice a year.

The mission of the Hospitality Ministry is to create opportunities for our newest parishioners to grow in a way that inspires them to engage in our church activities and to become active members within our Parish by praying, adoring, connecting and serving.

MARCH 8-9, 2025 LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 3/8: 5 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

James Filchak Dianne Hemmert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Mark O'Rourke (Host) Erena Allen (Cup 1) Jim Tetor (Cup 2) Michael Hemmert (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Bobbie Cancelliere (Lector 1)
Rose Martinez-Brandon
(Lector 2)

USHERS

Ken O'Malley Kathy Peot Beth Holcombe Bill Kirkpatrick Ed Frey Michael Hemmert

SUNDAY, 3/9: 8 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Maria Paula Jaramillo Tom Tilert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Sr. Gertrude Bassey (Host) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 1) Maggie Kleger (Cup 2) Bonnie Carfolite (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Emma Baldwin (Lector 1)
Ronald Retterath (Lector 2)

USHERS

Mike Ayers Robert McDowell Ann Moore Lynn Sholl Lillie Jones Nicky Jones

SUNDAY, 3/9: 10 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Cindy Caudill Mary Grace Gilchrist JB Lacy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Barbara Prinzing (Host) Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 1) Ronnie Hudson (Cup 2) Delores Martinez (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Diane Ryan (Lector 1)
Mary Ann Turner (Lector 2)

USHERS

Bob Dastou Pam Chivers Mike Connor Jay Korybski Dan Krick Armando Krick

SUNDAY, 3/9: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Adrian Drummond Arianna Drummond Carol Moeller

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Suzanne Richmond (Host) Dawn Davis(Cup 1) Joseph Green (Cup 2) Joan Higgins (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 1) Gwen Whitner (Lector 2)

USHERS

Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Mariel Hunkeler Ray Lecuyer Ronnie Dreenon

MINISTRY LIFE

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry has been **giving 160-200 bags of food each day this month**. The supply and demand has reached new levels! We are in constant need of Vienna Sausage, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, instant grits and oatmeal, pop tarts or fruit bars for the daily bags. Other items are, Mac said cheese, rice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly.

Thank you for your support!

HELP WANTED

The MICAH Program is seeking volunteers to be Mentors

What is the MICAH Program?

We are a lay ministry recognized by Bishop Fabre-Jeune and St. Anthony's.

Our mission is to help people in our community with poor credit secure a low interest loan (~4.3%). We refer to people seeking a loan from the MICAH Program as Neighbors.

In South Carolina, financial companies can charge people with poor credit extremely high interest rates. The loans typically range in the 150% and higher range! A 12 month loan for \$1,000 from a predatory lender can cost >\$980 versus our low cost loan costing ~\$24!

What does a Mentor do?

- 1. Help Neighbors with loan application
- 2. Recommend Neighbor for Loan
- 3. Accompany Neighbor to Loan Closing
- 4. Monthly check-ins with Neighbors

What sort of time commitment is it?

Steps 1 to 3 take between 4 to 8 hours spread across two to three weeks.

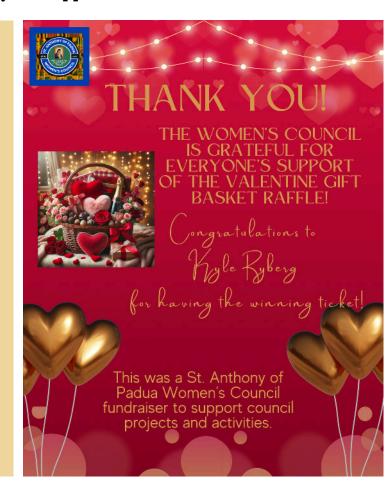
Step 4 typically takes 15 minutes a month and is done via texts, emails, phone calls or face to face.

What skills do I need?

- 1. Compassion and empathy toward the Neighbor
- 2. Basic personal finance skills
- 3. Listening skills

How do I sign up?

Please contact David Quast at 864.906.2632 or Jim Stavrakas at 864.325.4028



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

9:00 AM - Breakfast SAP Social Hall

1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting

SAP Social Hall

5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Mass
SAP Church

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

7:00 PM - OCIA SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH

10 AM - Card Ministry Classroom A

12 PM - Funeral Mass 6 PM - Youth Ministry Classroom C

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study (**Zoom**)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH

MARCH 2ND - MARCH 9TH



Ash Wednesday Masses Times: 11 AM & 6 PM

7 PM - Ash Wednesday Fish Supper **Social Hall**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



FIRST DAY OF LENT



Join the Men's Club for our Annual Ash Wednesday

FISH SUPPER

Immediately following 6:00 p.m. Mass

Don't Forget Fish Fry Friday begins March 7th
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL



HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The Health Ministry is sponsoring **The Walk to Jerusalem**.

We are making it easier for you this year.

You don't even need to sign up. All you need is do is keep track of your steps and put your name and weekly steps on a piece of paper and place them in the box in the lobby each week. The box will say Walk to Jerusalem.

Also, we are making it easier to get involved with the Walk. **Each Sunday after 8, 10, and 12pm masses the gym will be open** for you. There will be a health ministry member to record your steps. We will let you how many steps it takes to do a lap.

Let's get walking friends!

Any questions call Mary McNicholas. 864-630-1081

MARCH 2ND - MARCH 9TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 6TH

FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

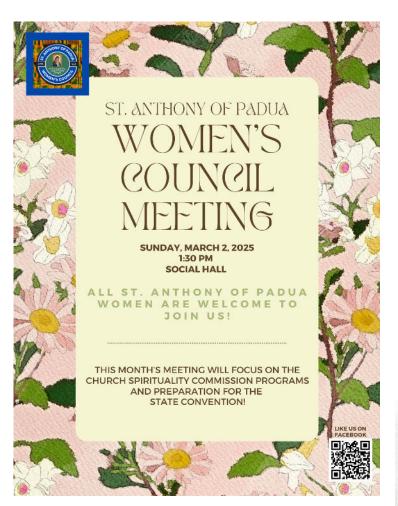
9:30 AM Women's Bible Study SAP Social Hall 5 PM - Fish Fry **SAP Social Hall**

Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions

10 AM - Pickle Ball
SAP School Gym
PM - Italian Nite Dinne

6 PM - Italian Nite Dinner **Social Hall** 9:00am- Breakfast SAP Social Hall

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS







TRUNK
SALE
Sunday, March 9th

There will be a Trunk Sale for
First Communion clothing on
Sunday, March 9th after each of the Masses
located in the Multipurpose Room.



Visit us at <u>www.stanthonysgvl.org</u> for more information.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH







Thank you to our amazing Black History
Committee for bringing history to life with
your amazing performance on Black
Vaudeville at our Black History program
last Sunday! Your passion, talent, and
dedication made it such a memorable and
inspiring experience. We are so grateful for
all the hard work you put into making it
possible. You truly honored our history in
the most beautiful way!



