

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

March 9, 2025



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

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

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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.stanthonysgyl.org for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 3/8

• 5 pm Ted Wojnar 📋

SUNDAY, 3/9

- 8 AM Kelli Reilly's birthday
- 10 AM Robert Degregorio
- 12 PN

TUESDAY, 3/10

• 11 AM

WEDNESDAY 3/11

• 11 AM Pope Francis

THURSDAY, 3/12

• 11 AM

FRIDAY, 3/13

• 11 AM Our Church Parish & School

SATURDAY, 3/14

• 5 PM Mary Velton [1]

SUNDAY, 3/15

- 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

Ann Fournier 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

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 March 1-2 Masses

Envelopes/Cash \$9,924.25

Online Giving \$12,888.77

Total \$22,813.02

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

My friends in Christ, have you ever stood in front of a mirror and wondered, 'Who am I, really?' On Ash Wednesday, we are given a visible answer to that question—a cross of dust on our foreheads. This mark tells the world, and reminds us, who we are and whose we are as we step into this Lenten journey. It echoes our baptismal truth: we belong to Christ. In this sacred moment, we become living paradoxes: dust bearing divinity, mortality touching eternity, sinners marked by salvation.

Think about it: the same God who formed the stars also formed you from dust. And yet, that dust carries His image, His breath of life. This paradox says so much about our worth and our purpose. We are fragile, yet eternal in Him. We are sinners, yet loved beyond measure. But hear me out, friends. In a world pulling us in countless opposing directions, this mark is also a challenge. It calls us to live differently, to rediscover who we are and who God has called us to be.

In this Sunday's Gospel from Luke, we see Jesus enter the wilderness, led by the Spirit—a barren place of testing, dependence, revelation, and transformation – becomes a metaphor for our own lives. It is a space where distractions are stripped away, and we are confronted with our truest selves. In this vulnerability, we encounter God in ways that reshape us.

Consider your life today. Think of the noise: buzzing phones, endless emails, doomscrolling, notifications that never stop. This is our modern wilderness. A desert of busyness and distraction that leaves little room for silence, reflection, or God. Yet, if we have the courage to face it, this desert can also become the womb of transformation. What is your wilderness? What is pulling you away from God's voice?

When Satan tempted Jesus, he began with the same tactic he uses on us: doubt. "If you are the Son of God..." Temptation often begins with questioning our identity, doubting our worth, and wondering if God is really with us. But Jesus responded not with power or spectacle, but with humility. He resisted three timeless temptations that we still wrestle with:

- The lure of self-gratification: our obsession with instant results and personal comfort.
- The trap of testing God: treating faith as a transaction, expecting God to act on our terms.
- The idolization of power: measuring success by influence, possessions, or status.

Jesus didn't fall for any of it. Instead, He chose the path of humility, surrender, and servanthood. The Cross, then, is not just a symbol of suffering—it is the ultimate path of love, service, and redemption.

Lent invites us to embrace the ashes—not as a defeat, but as fertile ground for renewal. Yes, in the ashes of humility, vulnerability, and surrender, God begins His work. He takes our broken pieces and forms something new. Lent challenges us to shift from a transactional faith - what can I get from God? - to a transformational trust: Lord, how can You change me? How can You use me?

As Carlo Carretto wrote, "The desert is where the Spirit waits to dwell within you." The Spirit waits for you to make a space. This season calls us to live as true disciples—serving, loving, reflecting Christ's compassion.

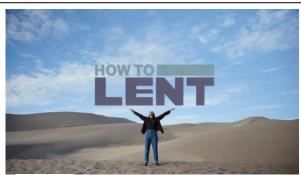
So let this Lent ignite a revolution in your heart. Let it strip away the false identities and noisy distractions, replacing them with clarity, courage, and commitment. Never forget your baptismal truth: you belong to Christ! Say it with me: "I belong to Christ!"

From the ashes, we will rise—not just as individuals, but as a renewed and united community of St. Anthony, ready to shine Christ's light in a world longing for hope. This Lent is our opportunity to become who God designed us to be. Step boldly into the wilderness. Remember: You are dust, but you are loved. You are broken, but you are being made whole. Together, we belong to Christ. May these truths shape our Lent and our lives. Amen

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.





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NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School celebrated Black History Month with a series of engaging and educational activities. The festivities kicked off with an exciting Hair and Fashion show. The school held several Black History Reflection assemblies featuring notable speakers like Kathleen Merritt, Brandon Williams, and Pastor Wendell Jones.

A standout addition to the Black History program was an assembly featuring Sammy Dotson and the Legacy Early College Choir and Drama Class, who performed songs from The Wiz. The St. Anthony of Padua Mixed Choir and Praise Dancers also gave captivating performances. The celebration included a Living Museum and Art Showcase, where students dressed up and presented their research on notable Black figures in history. Each month, the school highlights a different country, and in February, they focused on the continent of Africa, exploring various African countries.

The culminating event was the Black History Bowl, emceed by Rashad Williams of WYFF-TV. The school's team of Historians—Caleb Strickland, Ava'Brielle Mack, Michael Geno, and Paige Channer—won the bowl. Maleek McMillan emerged victorious in the individual competition, claiming the coveted Black History Bowl Championship.



SUPERINTENDENT DONOHUE

Ms. Colleen Donohue, Superintendent of the Charleston Diocese, visited our school on February 6. She received a warm welcome in the gym, where students presented her with welcome signs, heartfelt notes of thanks, and a special performance by the All-Males Boys Choir. She delivered an inspiring speech to the assembled students, faculty, and staff. During her visit, she took the time to visit every classroom, connect with the students, and attend Mass in the church.

In her thank-you letter to the school, Ms. Donohue expressed her gratitude, saying: Thank you for the warm welcome and special gathering of your staff and students. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to St. Anthony of Padua School and Parish! Thank you for all that you do to make it such a special place. I can see the Light of Christ in the eyes of your students and trust that they will continue to learn more and more about the Catholic faith while striving for academic excellence!

FACULTY RECOGNITION

Mrs. Joy Battle, a 4th-grade teacher at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School, has been selected as Upstate Parent's "Educator Who Makes a Difference" for April 2025. This recognition is well-deserved, as Mrs. Battle has demonstrated remarkable dedication to her students and her school community.

For the past three years, she has coordinated key events such as the Black History Bowl, the Spelling Bee, and the "Foods and Cultures from Around the World" program. In addition, Mrs. Battle sponsors a Homework Club, where she stays after school to provide extra assistance to any student in need. She is also preparing to launch a Beta Club for 4th-grade students, further enriching their educational experience.

Through her innovative ideas, tireless commitment, and unwavering passion for education, Mrs. Battle exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding educator. She is truly deserving of this prestigious honor.



MINISTRY LIFE

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE:

We are seeking volunteers to serve on the Stewardship committee for St Anthonys. The mission of the committee is advance and encourage the spirituality of Stewardship through personal invitation, opportunities, formation, and practical initiatives. Please call or email Jay Pitts 864-233-7717 ext. 105 or jpittsstewardship@gmail.com to sign up to volunteer.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY UPDATE

The **first meeting** of the Hospitality Ministry will be on **Tuesday**, **March 18th at 6 PM in the Social Hall**. This ministry will be for all who are interested in volunteering.

All Ushers, Greeters and new Parishioners Dinner Committee are asked to attend. The purpose of the Hospitality Ministry is to recruit 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. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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

MARCH 15-16, 2025 LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, 3/15: 5 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Maria Paula Jaramillo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Dianne Hemmert (Host) Michael Hemmert (Cup 1) Bobbie Cancelliere (Cup 2) Tony Smith (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Rick Floyd (Lector 1)
Ingrid Smith (Lector 2)

USHERS

Rick Floyd Kathy Peot Beth Holcombe Ed Frey Michael Hemmert

SUNDAY, 3/16: 8 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

Kai Armstrong Noah Armstrong

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Maggie Kleger (Host) Kyle Herr (Cup 1) Anna Byrd (Cup 2) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Paul Herr (Lector 1) Mamie Hopkins Boyd (Lector 2)

USHERS

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

SUNDAY, 3/16: 10 AM

ALTAR SERVERS

James Filchak Rita Galley Tatum Terracino

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Ronnie Hudson (Host) Mary Ann Turner (Cup 1) Mary Morris Williams (Cup 2) Kathy Rogozenski (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Delores Martinez (Lector 1)
Diane Ryan (Lector 2)

USHERS

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

SUNDAY, 3/16: 12 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Madison St. Pierre Michael St. Pierre Nick St. Pierre

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Gwen Whitner (Host) Joan Higgins (Cup 1) Carol Moeller (Cup 2) Dawn Davis (Cup 3)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Suzanne Richmond (Lector 1) Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 2)

USHERS

Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Mariel Hunkeler Ray Lecuyer Cynthia Riley Ronnie Dreenon

MINISTRY LIFE



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

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

PICKLEBALL HIGHLIGHT





Join us for pickleball on Saturdays at 10 AM in the School Gym

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH

TUESDAY, MARCH 11TH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12TH

MARCH 9TH - MARCH 16TH

Second Collection: Black & Indian Missions

SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

9:00 AM - Breakfast SAP Social Hall 7:00 PM - OCIA **SAP Social Hall**

6 PM - Prison Ministry **Classroom A**

6 PM - Youth Ministry Classroom C

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study (**Zoom**) 6 PM - Men's Club Meeting Gallivan Center

6 PM - Religious Education (CCD)

Assigned Classrooms

MINISTRY LIFE

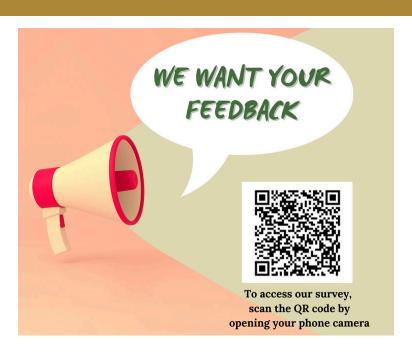




Scan QR code to join the Servant Hearts Flocknote group Stay connected to what's happening in the parish by joining our Servant Hearts Flocknote group!

- Prayer Requests
- Upcoming Events
- Ministry Highlights
- · Ways to Get Involve & More!





PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawl ministry would like to thank everyone for our successful event in November 2024. We were able to present a **scholarship to the school in the amount of \$2500.00**. Again thanks for your support.

-Dee Martinez/Prayer Shawl Ministry.

MARCH 2ND - MARCH 9TH

THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study
SAP Social Hall
4 PM Liturgy Team Meeting
Gallivan Center
7 PM Parish Council Meeting
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH

5 PM - Fish Fry **SAP Social Hall**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH

10 AM - Pickle Ball SAP School Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH

9:00 AM- Breakfast SAP Social Hall 6 PM - Youth Ministry Activity SAP Social Hall

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS





Upcoming School Events

March 7 - Diocesan Professional Development

March 17-21 - Spring Break (No School)

March 26 - Foods and Cultures from Around the World: Ireland

March 27 - Annual Spelling Bee

March 31 - Quarterly Awards Day Ceremony

Date TBD - Glenis Redmont, Poet Laureate, for a poetry reading



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