



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

May 18, 2025



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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PARISH INFORMATION

WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. **Please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestandioocese.org to register**, or you can also [register online](#) - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 5/17

- 5 pm Michael Hudson

SUNDAY, 5/18

- 8 AM Ma'May Grimm
- 10 AM Sali Ann Mao
- 12 PM Caleb Williams

TUESDAY, 5/20

- 11 AM Suzanne Magri

WEDNESDAY, 5/21

- 11 AM Bob Norris

THURSDAY, 5/22

- 11 AM

FRIDAY, 5/23

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 5/24

- 5 PM Rosalie Parmack

SUNDAY, 5/25

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Frank Copeland

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. Mass intention donations are \$10 each.

Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

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

Families

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

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!

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 **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. **To register, please email Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org**, or you can also [register online](#) - scan the QR code below by opening your camera app.



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.

COMMUNICATIONS

BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

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

FLOCKNOTES

We are currently in the process of arranging Flocknotes so that multiple people in each household can receive the Parish emails. This will allow us to not duplicate information on our Servant Hearts Flocknote group.

If you, or have someone in your household that currently does not receive the Parish emails (that are registered parishioners), and would like to subscribe, please email Daffodil Behal at: dbehal@charlestdiocese.org.

Provide the following information:

- Full Name
- Email
- Phone Number

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 May 10-11 Masses

Cash:	\$2,609.22
Envelopes:	\$6,169.00
Online Giving:	\$15,643.77
Total	\$24,421.99

Second Collection: Catholic Charities of South Carolina

Cash:	\$893.82
Envelopes:	\$801.00
Online Giving:	\$270.00
Total	\$1,964.82

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."

PRAYER

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Hey friends, let me ask you something: what would you do if you only had five minutes left to say everything you've ever wanted to say? Picture the chaos. Phones ringing. Notifications buzzing. Social media melting down with frantic calls or messages, all carrying the same urgent words: "I love you." In those final moments, you'd let go everything else – your to-do list, your worries, even your pride – to connect with those who matter most. You'd try to cram a lifetime of gratitude, care, and affection into just a few rushed sentences. But here's the deeper question: why wait until the clock's about to run out? Why keep the most meaningful part of life locked away until the end? Humans are funny, aren't we? When we are confronted with the reality of death, the distractions of life suddenly fade. The stress, the arguments, the endless chasing after worldly goals—they all fall away. What rises to the surface is love. Simple, pure, essential.

Love is what we crave, what we need, what ultimately gives life its meaning. So, if love is that important, why don't we make it our priority now, while there's still time? Life is fleeting—tick, tock. Every moment is a chance to connect, to care, and to choose love.

At its heart, our Christian life is about one thing: love. That's it. Simple to say, but not always easy to live. Yet, what does it truly mean to love? We toss the word around like confetti: "I love coffee," "I love tacos," "I love my family." It's so overused that its meaning sometimes feels watered down. But the love Jesus calls us to reaches far deeper. The New Testament describes it as agape—a love that is selfless. Sacrificial. Unconditional. It's a choice. It's a deliberate action. A decision to prioritize others – especially when it's inconvenient or difficult. It means giving of yourself, even when you're tired or frustrated, would rather not.

Here is the thing: love isn't just something you do—it's who you are. At your very core, you were created by God in love and for love. Your identity is defined by it. God Himself is love – a constant, infinite, outpouring of connection and self-giving. And if we're made in His image, then love isn't simply an action we're called to. It's who we're designed to be.

Now, let's be honest – choosing love is hard. Forgiveness? Tough. Patience? Even harder. Loving someone who gets under your skin? That's a challenge. It's difficult to choose love when you're resentful, angry, or overwhelmed. Maybe it's the little things – a spouse's annoying habit or rude stranger, a co-worker who's just too much. Or maybe it's the big things – resentment, road rage, or judging someone who is different from you. But here's the good news: love is always there, waiting for you to choose it. No matter the circumstance or challenge. As Paul reminds us in 1 Cor 13: 'If I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.'

In today's world, where technology and algorithms attempt to define what matters—our relationships, emotions, even our priorities—it's easy to lose sight of real connection. But love isn't a trending hashtag or a "like." It's so much more. Love is sacrifice. It's stepping away from distractions to be fully present. It's sitting with someone who's struggling and saying: "You matter." And here is the real question: will we let AI redefine what it means to love and connection? Or will we reclaim love as the force that shapes who we are and how we live?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us one of the most profound challenges: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." It's a selfless, unconditional, and transformative. It's the kind of love that heals broken hearts, tears down barriers, and creates something entirely new. In the Book of Revelation, we're given a sneak peek of this love power: "a new heaven and a new earth," a world all things are made new. Can you imagine it? A world where love is the foundation. Where walls crumble, wounds are mended, and hope flourishes. That's God's vision of love in action – a reflection of His abundant love for us. Scripture reminds us, "We love because He first loved us."

So, why wait? Think about the moments in your life that truly matter. Were they about money? Achievements? Possessions? Or were they about connection – about the people you cared for and the love you shared? At the end of the day, we'll only regret the love we held back, the words we didn't say, the hugs we avoided, the opportunities to give that we let pass by.

Don't wait. Love today. Love deeply. Love like Jesus. Love boldly and generously, because love is the one thing you can give away and never run out of.

Let's make it our mission – not tomorrow, not someday, but now. Let's live it, breathe it and share it. Let's start today, St. Anthony family. Let's choose love. Because in the end, love is what will outlast everything else. 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.

Adoration

First Friday of each month
from 12 PM to 5 PM



PARISH UPDATE

Service

Help Keep St. Anthony's Beautiful!

Join Our Church Beautification Team

Do you have an hour or two to give each month? We're looking for volunteers to help care for the grounds and sacred spaces of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. **Your time and talent can make a big difference** in creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who worship here!

We're currently seeking help with:

- Lawn Care – mowing and basic maintenance
- Landscaping – planting, trimming, and seasonal upkeep
- Indoor Care – light cleaning and tidying (Swiffer, dusting, etc.)

Whether you have a green thumb or simply a willing heart, we'd love to have you on the team!

To learn more or sign up, contact Johnny Payne at 864-616-0923.

Thank you for helping us care for the house of the Lord!

Food Pantry Update

Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help

Each day, we are welcoming new guests to our food pantry—many of whom are experiencing homelessness and facing real hunger.

Your continued generosity makes a direct difference in their lives. Whether it's canned goods, non-perishables, or toiletries, every donation helps us serve those in need with dignity and compassion.

Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ to our neighbors in need.

ATTENTION PARKING HAZARD

Due to a recent medical emergency, it came to our attention that vehicles parked along Gower street in front of the church prevented emergency services from passing through. With both residents and members utilizing street parking, we are unintentionally creating a potentially dangerous situation.

In the interest of safety and accessibility, we kindly ask that all parishioners park in the designated church parking lots during Mass and other services.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep our community safe.

Rick Floyd

Safety and Security Ministry

Parish Survey Update

On behalf of Father Emerson and the Parish Council, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who participated in our recent parish survey. Your feedback is invaluable as we strive to better serve our community and strengthen our shared faith.

A comprehensive summary report will be shared with the parish soon. We appreciate your continued support and engagement in the life of our parish.

Women's Council Update

Thank You for Making the Hat Parade a Success!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and participated in last Sunday's Annual Hat Parade! Your generosity and enthusiasm helped make the event a joyful celebration — and a meaningful fundraiser for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School.

Thanks to your support, **we were able to donate \$1,000 to the school!** Congratulations to our Hat Parade winners!

🏆 1st Place: Ms. Jessie Bowens

🥈 2nd Place: Delmar Percival

🥉 3rd Place: Diane Stella

We're already looking forward to seeing your creative hats and smiling faces again next year!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MAY 18TH - MAY 25TH

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

9:00 AM – Men's Club
Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

6:00 PM – Youth Ministry
Meeting
SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, MAY 19th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

7:00 PM – OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 20th

6:30 PM – Living Waters
Bible Study
Multipurpose Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st

1:00 PM – SAP School
Talent Show
School Gym

6:00 PM – Religious Education
Assigned Classrooms

PARISH UPDATE

FORMATION

Youth Ministry Update

Join us for our second-to-last youth night before summer break! It's happening this **Sunday, May 18 at 6:00 PM** and you won't want to miss it.

We've got the following:

- An inspiring, eye-opening talk
- A delicious homemade meal
- A super fun icebreaker to kick things off

Bring a friend, bring your appetite, and come hang out with us! Let's make these last gatherings count — see you Sunday!

Children's Liturgy

You're Invited!

Join us on **Sunday, June 8th** for our **final Children's Liturgy before summer break!**

This is a special opportunity for your children to hear the Word of God in a way that's fun, engaging, and age-appropriate. We'll pause for summer and resume in the new school year—so don't miss this last gathering of the season!

We hope to see you there!

HOSPITALITY

Welcome to Our New Parishioners!

This past Thursday evening, we gathered for our **Spring New Parishioners Dinner**, a joyful evening where we welcomed new members of our St. Anthony of Padua community. Guests enjoyed a **delicious meal prepared by Ms. Jessie Bowens and graciously served by our Hospitality Ministry.**

We're grateful to our ministry leaders, parish staff, and pastoral council members who came to share about the vibrant life and mission of St. Anthony's and how we serve both our parish and the wider community.

If you're new and wondering how you can get involved, we'd love to help you find your place!

Contact Jay Pitts at jpitts@charlestdiocese.org for more information.

Join Us for a Night at the Ballpark!

Greenville Drive Baseball – Thursday, May 29 at Fluor Field
Celebrate St. Anthony of Padua Community Night with an evening of baseball, fun, and fellowship as the Greenville Drive take on the Jersey Shore BlueClaws!

*****Tickets are just \$9 and include reserved seating in Section 101**—a perfect spot for families and friends to enjoy the game together.

Special St. Anthony Highlights:

- The St. Anthony of Padua School Choir will sing the National Anthem
- Dr. Mamie Boyd will throw the ceremonial first pitch
- Enjoy in-game features spotlighting our parish and school community!

Come cheer on the Drive and show your St. Anthony spirit! This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish family—so invite your friends and neighbors!

Don't wait—get your tickets today! Scan the QR code below!



**St. Anthony Night
@Fluor Field**

Thursday, May 29th Gates Open 5:45pm

Join us at Fluor Field on May 29th to celebrate St. Anthony's!

Special St. Anthony's Programming

- National Anthem sung by St. Anthony's school choir
- In-game entertainment
- and more!

\$9 all inclusive tickets

Scan Here for tickets!

USE CODE: stanthony

MAY 18TH - MAY 25TH

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd

1:00 PM – SAP School
Spring Concert
School Gym

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd

8:30 AM – SAP School
Pre-Memorial Day Celebration
Outside near the flagpole

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

10:00 AM – Pickleball
School Gym

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

9:00 AM – Men's Club
Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Memorial Day Celebration:

The Knights of Columbus and St. Anthony School invite you to a heartfelt **pre-Memorial Day Celebration** on **Friday, May 23, at 8:30 a.m.** Gather with us outdoors at the flagpole as we come together in gratitude, reflection, and unity. Let's celebrate the courage and sacrifice of our heroes with this special tribute.

A Special Celebration

The 5th Grade Class of 2025 is excited to mark a significant milestone! Their Commencement Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the gym, where **eleven students** will be presented with their St. Anthony Diplomas. We warmly invite you to celebrate with us.

A STEM and Arts Experience at Hollowed Earth Pottery Studio

On May 13, students participated in an engaging arts-integrated STEM experience at Hollowed Earth Pottery Studio, where they explored hand-building techniques to create clay birdhouses. Leading up to this hands-on workshop, they honed their artistic skills by sculpting 3D models of South Carolina's native birds during their art classes. This enriching opportunity was made possible through a generous grant from the Metropolitan Arts Council, fostering creativity and interdisciplinary learning.



Join the Mission at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School!

We're currently accepting applications for several open positions at our parish school. If you or someone you know is looking for meaningful work in a Christ-centered, mission-driven environment, we'd love to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to view current job openings and apply.

Be a part of forming young hearts and minds in faith, excellence, and service. Thank you for helping us spread the word!

Cafeteria Worker



1st Grade Teacher



2nd Grade Teacher



UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

All School Mass

Mass will be held on May 21, and 28.

Talent Show (May 21, 1:00 p.m.)

Join us in the gym for an afternoon of amazing performances!

Spring Concert (May 22, 1:00 p.m.)

Enjoy an evening of music at the School Gym.

Field Day (May 23)

A fun-filled day with early dismissal at 12:00 noon.

Memorial Day Celebration (May 23, 8:30 a.m.)

The Knights of Columbus, in collaboration with the school, will host a pre-Memorial Day celebration outdoors at the flagpole.

School Holiday (May 26)

St. Anthony's will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

2025-2026 Enrollment is Open

Please scan QR code
for the application portal

