



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

May 25, 2025



SIXTH 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

Website: www.stanthonysschoolgvl.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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 5/24

- 5 pm Rosalie Parmack †

SUNDAY, 5/25

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Anthonio José de Almeida †
- 12 PM Frank Copeland †

TUESDAY, 5/27

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 5/28

- 11 AM Jackie Copeland †

THURSDAY, 5/29

- 11 AM Alfreda Fambro †

FRIDAY, 5/30

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 5/31

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 6/1

- 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. 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 Huguet	

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@charlestondiocese.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** (sapgvcomms@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@charlestondiocese.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 17-18 Masses

Cash:	\$1,742.90
Envelopes:	\$5,654.75
Online Giving:	\$12,756.00
Total	\$20,153.65

[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

This Sunday's Gospel offers us a profound and beautiful paradox—one that both comforts and challenges. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. I am going away, and I will come back to you." At first glance, these words may seem contradictory. How can Jesus' departure lead to a deeper connection with him? And yet, isn't it often in moments of absence or loss that we discover a surprising closeness to what truly matters?

Life is full of these head-scratching moments—times when absence somehow deepens connection. How might Jesus' words invite us to rethink what it means to be in relationship with him and the Father? Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus transcends time and space, dwelling in every moment and every heart that welcomes him. And honestly, isn't this exactly the reassurance we need right now?

We live in a world that feels so fractured—divided, uncertain, and often consumed by the need to be "right." This mindset leaves little room for the Spirit to move. When we cling to certainty, we lose the humility that faith requires. We stop listening—truly listening—and overlook God's work in our lives and in the lives of others. Certainty can harden our hearts, closing them to the Spirit's quiet movements and blinding us to the wisdom God may be offering through someone else.

So, let me ask: When was the last time you truly listened to someone you disagreed with—not to argue, but to understand? When was the last time you set aside your need to be right and instead chose to love? The Spirit invites us to release the false divisions that break our world apart. How often do we pit the spiritual against the physical, reason against faith, or morality against creativity? But God created the world to be whole, not fractured. Can I get an Amen?

As Teilhard de Chardin reminds us, "The same Spirit that is the source of the law of gravity is also the source of the law of love." Translation? The Holy Spirit isn't confined to what we label as "spiritual" matters—it animates all of life. From the smallest particle of creation to the grandest act of kindness, the Spirit transforms tensions into opportunities for growth, grace, and maybe even a little humor along the way. And honestly, we need that, too.

In a rapidly changing world, this message becomes even more urgent. Cultural diversity, technological advances, and shifting norms can feel overwhelming. Yet the Spirit invites us to embrace this complexity with faith, hope, and love. It's in that messy tension between what is and what could be that God's transformative power is most alive.

The Spirit calls us forward—toward the "new Jerusalem," a vision of harmony, joy, and fulfillment. But this isn't just a distant hope. Each time we listen instead of argue, bridge a divide instead of deepening it, or choose love over fear, we catch a glimpse of this promised reality. In those moments, we become co-creators with the Spirit, bringing God's vision to life here and now.

So, what's your next move? Will you listen to someone you don't see eye to eye with? Will you choose humility over the need to have the last word? Together, let's take these steps of love and faith, trusting that we are already beginning to build the "new Jerusalem" in our midst, here at St. Anthony's.

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

Douglas and Kathleen Diller
Michael and Beverly Mills

Adoration

First Friday of each month
from 12 PM to 5 PM



PARISH UPDATE

Service

Food Pantry Update

Our **St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry** continues to serve a growing number of individuals in need, including many who are experiencing homelessness. In addition to food, we strive to provide **basic hygiene items** to help preserve dignity and health.

We are currently in urgent need of the following:

- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (travel or full size)
- Bars of soap
- Other travel-size hygiene essentials

Your generous donations make a real difference. Items can be dropped off in the Food Pantry cart in the Church Lobby or brought to the Food Pantry (Mon-Thurs from 9 AM to 1 PM) during the week.

Thank you for your continued support and compassion!

Celebrating Special Moments in Our Parish Family

Do you or someone in your family have an upcoming birthday, anniversary, or graduation?
We'd love to celebrate with you!

Send your celebration details to Daffodil Behal at sapgyvlcomms@gmail.com so we can share the joy with our parish community. Feel free to include a photo along with a short note— **examples:**

"John & Mary are celebrating 35 years of marriage!"

"Sophia just graduated from Clemson University!"

Let's lift up and honor the milestones that bring us together in faith and joy!

Formation

Prepare for Pentecost: Discover the Power of the Holy Spirit

As we approach the great feast of Pentecost, we invite all parishioners to take time to reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit—God's presence alive within us and in His Church.

To help deepen your understanding, we're sharing **two video resources on Formed.org**—one for adults and one for children—so the whole family can grow in faith together.

NOTE: You must create an [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) account to access the video below. **Please scan the QR code below for instructions.** If you have questions, please contact Daffodil Behal: dbehal@charlestdiocese.org.



Scan QR code for Formed.org Instructions

For Adults

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Discover how the Holy Spirit guides, transforms, and sanctifies our lives and the Church.



Scan QR code to view video

For Children

Who is the Holy Spirit? | Adventure Catechism

A fun and engaging way for children to learn about the Holy Spirit in a way they can understand and enjoy.



Scan QR code to view video

Let's open our hearts as a parish community and prepare to celebrate Pentecost with renewed faith, hope, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MAY 25TH - JUNE 1ST

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

MONDAY, MAY 26th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

7:00 PM - OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 27th

6:30 PM - Living Waters
Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

11:00 AM - SAP School
Graduation
School Gym

PARISH UPDATE

Hospitality

Save the Date: NFL Road Trip
Sunday, November 16th

Purchase Ticket Deadline: June 30th, 2025



NFL ROAD TRIP



Carolina Panthers vs. Atlanta Falcons

Sunday Nov. 16th 2025 @ Mercedes Benz Dome

Ticket are \$125, includes Bus, Tee Shirt, & Snacks

Purchase deadline is June 30th 2025

Tickets are Limited-First Come, First Serve

Questions: Johnny Payne 864-616-0923 or
Jay Pitts 803-622-6475

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 25TH - JUNE 1ST

THURSDAY, MAY 29th

11:00 AM - SAP School Graduation
School Gym

1:00 PM - SAP School
Graduation Reception
SAP Social Hall

6:00 PM - Greenville Drive Game
Fluor Field

FRIDAY, MAY 30th

SATURDAY, MAY 31st

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

10:00 AM Mass - Last Children's
Liturgy before Summer Break
Multipurpose Room

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Talent Show Highlights

This past **Wednesday**, our students took the stage for the **annual Talent Show**, and what a joyful celebration it was! We are incredibly proud of each student who performed—their hard work, creativity, and courage truly shined. A heartfelt thank you to the **teachers and faculty** who guided and encouraged them, and to the **parents, families, and friends** who showed up with such wonderful support. Your presence and encouragement meant so much to our performers! What a beautiful reminder of the many gifts and the strong community we are blessed to have at St. Anthony's!



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

All School Mass

Mass will be held on May 28.

School Holiday (May 26)

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

A and AB Honor Roll Ceremony

Our fourth quarter A/AB Honor Roll ceremony will be held on May 27 at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. This event recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievements. The **A Honor Roll** celebrates students who have earned all A's, while the **A/B Honor Roll** acknowledges those who have achieved a combination of A's and B's. Additionally, the winners of the Black History Bowl and Spelling Bee will receive their trophies during this ceremony, highlighting their impressive accomplishments and hard work.

Terrific Tuesday/Student-Teacher Game (May 27)

This event is scheduled for May 27 after lunch.

Pre-K Celebration (May 28)

May 28 is the date for the PreK Celebration, and this will be their last day of school.

Graduation/Commencement (May 29)

St. Anthony's annual graduation ceremony will take place on May 29 at 11:00 a.m. in the school gymnasium. This event will celebrate the remarkable achievements of our 11 fifth-grade students as they move on to the next chapter of their educational journey.

Greenville Drive Game (May 29)

Join us for the annual St. Anthony School and Church Night at the Greenville Drive game, happening on Thursday, May 29, at 6:30 p.m.

Last Day of School (May 30)

Please note that the last day of school is May 30, with Early Dismissal at noon.

Summer Academy (June 9 - July 25)

St. Anthony's Summer Academy will run for six weeks, from June 9 to July 25, focusing on Reading, Writing, and Math to support academic growth and development during the summer break.

2025-2026 Enrollment is Open

Please scan QR code
for the application portal



Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF) Update

The scholarship amount has **increased to \$7,500 per student**, and prior enrollment in a public school is no longer a requirement — making the program far more accessible.

Highlights

- Scholarship Amount: \$7,500/year per student
- Eligibility: Household income must be at or below 300% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Guideline
- Application Start Date:
 - Military Families: **Early access began May 12**
 - **All Families: Applications open May 19**
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Please scan QR code for more information, or visit our school webpage:

<https://stanthonyschoolgvl.org/tuition-fees/>

