



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

June 1, 2025



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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, 5/31

- 5 pm Michael Bowser


SUNDAY, 6/1

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Donald Galley 
- 12 PM

TUESDAY, 6/3

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 6/4

- 11 AM Jackie Copeland 

THURSDAY, 6/5

- 11 AM Alfreda Fambro 

FRIDAY, 6/6

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 6/7

- 5 PM Christopher Bowser

SUNDAY, 6/8

- 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	Terry Kirk
David Burnett	Joseph Neito	Melvin Armstrong	Thelma Williams
Dee Dee	Joyce Croce	Michael Davis	Tom James
Dzikowicz	Laura Drummond	Olivia Brown	Tyler Korybski
Donna Neeley	Laurie Rappl	Rhonda Brown	Wilbert Morgan
Donna Nickels	Lillie Davis	Ruth Henderson	Willie Davis
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@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 24-25 Masses

Cash:	\$1,695.48
Envelopes:	\$11,396.00
Online Giving:	\$13,217.27
Total	\$26,308.75

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

Picture this, my friend: Your child walks across that graduation stage. Diploma in hand. Future wide open. Your chest tightens. Pride and loss collide in your throat. They're soaring—and leaving. That beautiful, brutal moment? That's exactly where Jesus' disciples stood. Can you feel the dust between their toes?

For three extraordinary years, they weren't just followers – they were family. His chosen twelve. They walked dusty roads together. Shared meals. Laughed at jokes only they got. Every day, they watched miracles. Jesus calmed storms with a word. He fed thousands with a few fish. He brought dead people back to life. They were front-row witnesses to the impossible becoming possible. And now? He's leaving. But here's what should terrify them: He's entrusting them with the most incredible mission ever – to carry His love to every corner of creation. No pressure, right?

But here's where Jesus surprises everyone. You'd expect an epic farewell speech. A TED talk. Maybe a "Changing the World for Dummies" manual. Instead? Jesus simply lifts His hands. And blesses them. That's it? That's it.

But wait. In Biblical times, a blessing was powerful. It was like passing on God's power to someone else. When God blessed Adam and Eve, saying "be fruitful," He wasn't making suggestions. He was giving them the power to do it. When dying Isaac blessed Jacob, he redirected history with his breath. When Jesus blessed His trembling disciples, He wasn't wishing them luck. He was giving them His power to continue His work.

In that electric moment, Jesus poured strength into their fears, purpose into their confusion, power into their weakness, and joy into their tears.

Here's what will blow your mind—that same blessing has your name on it. Can you believe that? The same power that created galaxies and conquered death? It's been wired to you. So why are you still living on battery-saver mode?

Here is the uncomfortable question: When was the last time you truly blessed someone? Not the reflex "bless you" after a sneeze. But that sacred pause when you speak life over someone's desert. To desire their happiness, health, and dignity—unconditionally.

Blessing means living with love as your default setting. It rewires your spiritual DNA. When you bless, you empty your heart of aggression, fear, hostility, and indifference. You literally cannot bless and condemn at the same time. You can't bless while hating. When we bless others, we become carriers of God's goodness. And here's the beautiful part: when you bless others, you get blessed too. It's a win-win situation.

This week, I challenge you to intentionally bless three people: Someone who serves you (that exhausted cashier, waiter, the delivery driver racing against time). Someone who annoys you (yes, your personal Judas). Someone you love but haven't told lately.

Look around in our church. See that person who always says they are "fine" while drowning behind their smile. The fellow parishioner who sits alone every Sunday.

What if we all chose to bless instead of complain? Encourage instead of judge? Give compliments instead of gossiping? Our whole community would change. You can make this happen. Yes, you.

But blessing is just the beginning. Jesus' Ascension wasn't an end. It was passing the baton. The disciples didn't just stand there staring at the sky. They got to work. Powered by His Spirit, they changed the world.

Within 30 years, these ordinary guys started churches from Jerusalem to Rome. They turned the Roman Empire upside down with nothing but the blessing and power Jesus gave them. No Facebook. No marketing budget. Not even a decent pair of walking sandals. If God can do that with a frightened fisherman, imagine what He can do with you.

Jesus' mission was crystal clear: Love God. Love people. Make disciples. Spread joy everywhere. Can you do that?

The mission is calling your name. The Spirit is moving powerfully. Will you step into that blessing and share it? Let's live with pure, infectious joy as a missionary church—taking God's blessings to every corner of our lives, our community, and beyond.

When we become a community that actively blesses others, we become a community that changes the world. How about here in St Anthony's family? And honestly? We haven't scratched the surface of what's possible. 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

Formation

Youth Ministry Update

Please join the Youth Ministry **this Sunday at 5pm in the Social Hall**. We will start with **dinner at 5:00 PM** followed by games and icebreakers. We also invite all current 5th graders going into 6th grade to this social Night. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org**.

Religious Education/CCD Update

We are joyfully preparing to celebrate the **First Holy Communion** of 31 of our young parishioners on **Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 5:00 PM**.

This is a beautiful and sacred milestone as these children receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Please note that **most of the pews during this Mass will be reserved for the families of the First Communicants, so parishioners may not be able to sit in their usual seats**. We thank you in advance for your understanding and support.

A **banquet for the First Communicants and their families** will follow immediately after Mass in the Social Hall.

Let us keep these children and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Living Waters Bible Study

Please join us on **Tuesdays at 6:30 PM** for Bible Study and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please scan the QR code:



Preparing for Pentecost

As we approach the great feast of Pentecost, all parishioners are invited to reflect on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

To aid in this spiritual preparation, we encourage you to watch a brief but insightful video on FORMED.org titled: "The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us."

This video offers a meaningful reflection on how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives through grace and calls us to live in deeper communion with God. It's a wonderful resource for individuals, couples, and families as we celebrate the birth of the Church.

The Holy Spirit & the Life of Grace: God's Divine Life Within Us.

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



Scan QR code
to view video

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

Let us open our hearts together to receive the fire and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Parish Survey Update

We extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who took the time to participate in our recent parish survey. Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we strive to grow together in faith and community.

We are pleased to share the survey results with you. Please **scan the QR code on the right** for to view the results. Thank you once again for your thoughtful contributions. Your input helps guide our parish's future initiatives and ensures we continue to meet the needs of our community.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

JUNE 1ST - JUNE 8TH

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

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

5:00 PM Youth Ministry Meeting
Church & SAP Social Hall

MONDAY, JUNE 2nd

St. Anthony's Vacation Bible School: June 2 - June 6 from 9 AM to 12 PM

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

7:00 PM - OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 3rd

10:00 AM - Card Ministry
Classroom A
6:30 PM - Living Waters
Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4th

11:00 AM - SAP School Graduation
School Gym

PARISH UPDATE

St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day Mass & Potluck Celebration

Patron saint of lost things and seekers

Friday, June 13th

Time: 6:00 PM Mass & Party to follow

Location: St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

Come celebrate faith, fun, and fellowship
with your parish family!

**Potluck Sign-Up Sheet in the Lobby
for covered dishes & dessert**

For more details, please contact:

Deacon Phil Allen: philallen@charlestandiocese.org



NO BREAKFAST

Our cooks will be taking a well deserved summer break.



Beginning May 25th there will be no Breakfast, or Doughnuts or Coffee service.

St Anthony Men's Club



*Women's
Council
Meeting*

**JUNE MEETING HAS
BEEN MOVED TO**

JUNE 8TH

1:30 pm

Multi-Purpose Room

**ALL ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA WOMEN
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
SPIRITUALITY, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP!**

Check us out
on Facebook!



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**

JUNE 1ST - JUNE 8TH

THURSDAY, JUNE 5th

FRIDAY, JUNE 6th

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

**St. Anthony's Vacation Bible School: June 2 - June 6
from 9 AM to 12 PM**

**9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Multipurpose Room
10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym
5:00 PM - First Communion
Church & SAP Social Hall**

Pentacost Sunday

**1:30 PM - Women's
Council Meeting
Multipurpose Room**

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Commencement Highlights

Congratulations, Class of 2025!



Spring Concert & Field Day Highlights



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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!

Elementary School Teachers



Education Scholarship Trust Fund (ESTF)

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://stanthonysschoolgvl.org/tuition-fees/>



2025-2026 Enrollment is Open

Please scan QR code to apply:

