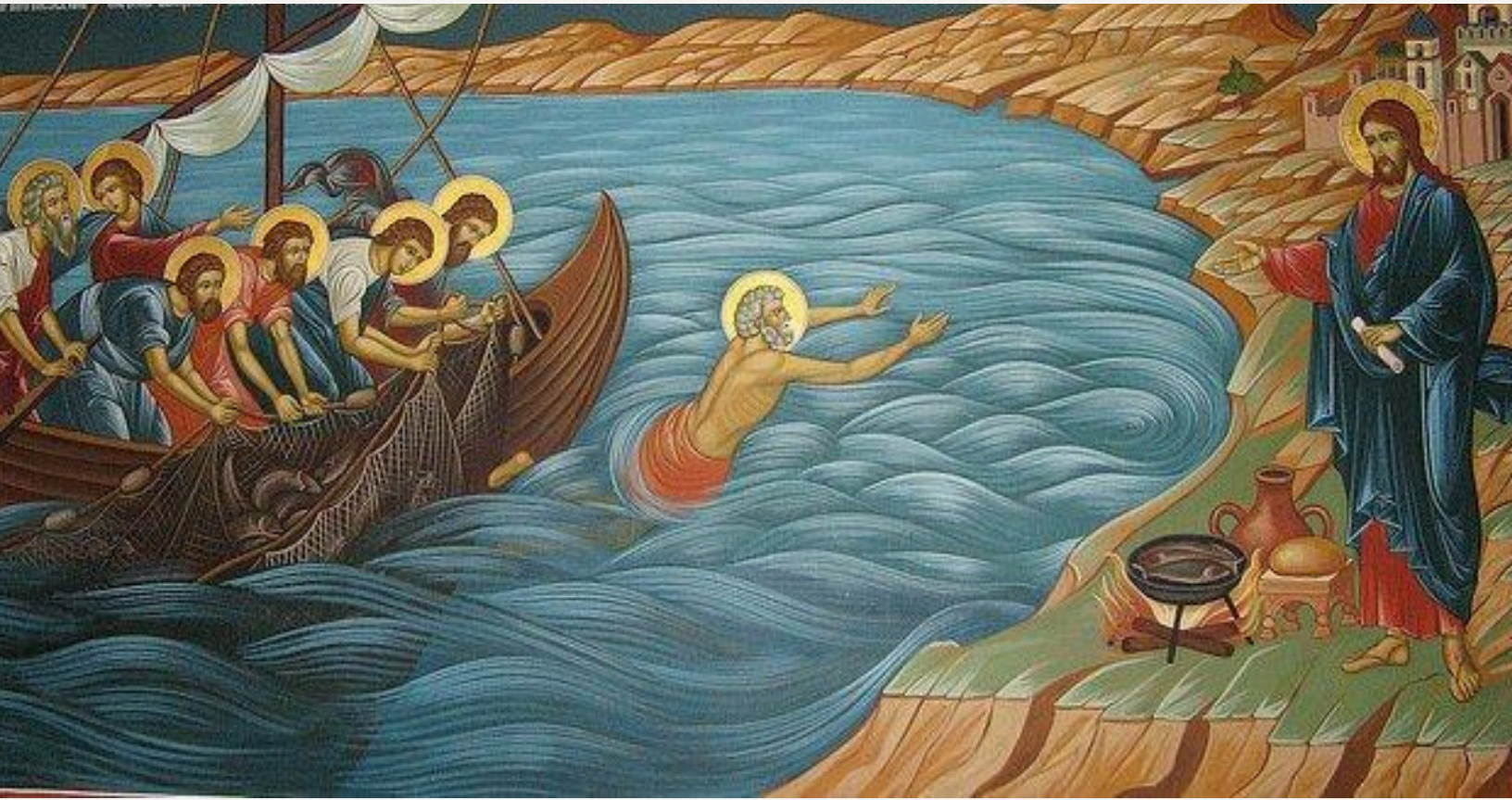




# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

May 4, 2025



## THIRD 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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.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](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)

## ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: [www.stanthonysschoolgvl.org](http://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, 5/3

- 5 pm Christine Trautmann

### SUNDAY, 5/4

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

### TUESDAY, 5/6

- 11 AM Ronald Linton †

### WEDNESDAY, 5/7

- 11 AM

### THURSDAY, 5/8

- 11 AM

### FRIDAY, 5/9

- 11 AM

### SATURDAY, 5/10

- 5 PM Rosalie Parmack †

### SUNDAY, 5/11

- 8 AM All Mothers
- 10 AM All Mothers
- 12 PM All Mothers

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](mailto: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** ([sagpylcomms@gmail.com](mailto:sagpylcomms@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](mailto: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 April 26-27 Masses

Cash:	\$1,329.55
Envelopes:	\$12,680.00
Online Giving:	\$12,566.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,576.32</b>

### Second Collection - The Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Cash:	\$784.00
Envelopes:	\$535.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,319.00</b>

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*

If Jesus scrolled through the highlight reel of your life, would He find a follower—or just an admirer? Admiration comes easily. We admire Jesus' teachings, His miracles, and His sacrifice. But admiration? That's the safe option. It cost us nothing. It doesn't demand change, stretch us, or pull us out of our comfort zones.

Following, though? That's a whole different ball game. Consider how we interact with social media. We "like" posts, follow accounts, and scroll endlessly, consuming what entertains or inspires us. But it is passive. No commitment required. When something no longer serves us, we simply unfollow and move on. Isn't it tempting to treat our relationship with Jesus the same way?

We're all fans when it's easy—when the message feels uplifting, when it fits neatly into our schedules (a quick drive-thru Mass, if possible), and when the cost is low. We'll share an Instagram-worthy Bible verse or post a prayer that gets a dozen likes. But what happens when Jesus asks for more? When following Him requires sacrifice, discomfort, and perseverance? Would you stay? What if following Jesus means committing to a church community that doesn't perfectly fit your preferences? What if it means staying present during messy conflict or crisis, rather than walking away? What if it means saying "yes" to Him, even when the path ahead feels steep, dark, and costly?

Faith isn't about convenience, sorry. It's about commitment and transformation. It's about saying "yes" to Jesus when it's hard – when it stretches us beyond what we think we can bear. Peter's story reminds us of this. Peter doubted. He failed. And yet, Jesus didn't call him because he was perfect. He called him because he was willing. There's hope for the rest of us yet! Alleluia!

After Jesus' death, Peter returned to what felt safe and familiar—fishing. Maybe he felt unworthy. Maybe he thought he had failed beyond repair. But Jesus didn't leave him there. How often do we feel like Peter – casting our nets into our careers, our relationships, our plans, or our communities—only to come up empty? How often do we carry the weight of failure, asking, 'What's next, Lord? And just like with Peter, Jesus shows up.

On the shore, after a fruitless night of fishing, Jesus calls out: "Cast your net on the other side." The result? Overflowing nets. It's a moment of recognition: it's Jesus. Exhausted and overwhelmed, Peter doesn't wait for the boat to reach shore – he jumps into the water, desperate to reach Him.

And there, on the shore, Jesus has prepared breakfast over a charcoal fire. That detail? It's no coincidence. The last time Peter stood by a charcoal fire, he denied Jesus. Now, at this fire, Peter stands before the One he failed. But instead of judgment, there's grace. Instead of shame, there's a mission. Jesus doesn't ask, "Why did you fail me?" He doesn't demand an explanation. Instead, He asks one piercing question: "Do you love me?"

Three times, Jesus asks. Three times, Peter responds. Each question peels back the layers of Peter's heart. But here is the thing: Jesus isn't reopening wounds to shame Peter—He's healing them. He's replacing Peter's shame with grace. He is transforming Peter's failure into strength and his brokenness into a renewed purpose: "Feed my sheep."

What's powerful is how Jesus meets Peter where he is. Peter's love feels inadequate. When Jesus first asks if Peter loves Him with "agape" love—selfless, unconditional, sacrificial love—Peter can only offer "phileo" love, a brotherly affection. It feels small, inadequate. Twice, Peter offers what seems like less than enough. But then Jesus does something extraordinary: He meets Peter where he is. On the third question, Jesus shifts. "Do you have phileo love for me?" Jesus takes Peter's incomplete, imperfect love and declares it enough.

Jesus doesn't demand perfect love. He doesn't demand flawless faith. He takes what we can give—our messy, faltering, inconsistent love—and transforms it. He calls us to shepherd others with the same heart of the Good Shepherd, with agape love.

So today, Jesus asks you the same question He asked Peter: "Do you love me?" in your life, in your family, in your community of St. Anthony – tend His sheep.

The question is, will you drop everything and dive in, like Peter did? Or will you stay in the boat, waiting for the perfect moment that may never come? The choice is yours. How will you respond?

### 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

-Greg and Anne Giraud  
-Will & Isabel Ryan and children Rosemary & Theodore  
-April Henderson  
-James and Cathy Martin  
-Michael and Emily Mauhar  
-Carolyn Joly

# PARISH UPDATE

## Service

### Food Pantry Update

#### Did you know...

- We gave out **3,114 bags of food in April** — that's an **average of 173 bags every day!**
- We're open Monday–Thursday, 9 AM to 1 PM, serving anyone in need.
- We partner with Harvest Hope to help stock our shelves.
- We receive frozen meat donations from Publix three times a week.
- We have an incredible team of **51 volunteers** — including **4 who grocery shop** to keep up with growing demand.
- 12 dedicated men pick up the Publix donations each week.
- Last week, we hosted a cookout with burgers and hotdogs for our neighbors and homeless friends.
- We provide personal hygiene bags every week for those experiencing homelessness.
- **We depend on your donations each week to keep this ministry going strong.**
- Most importantly, we take great pride in serving our community with love and care.

### Volunteers Needed for the St. Anthony's Church Beautification Team

We need a group of volunteers to assist with the following groups:

- Lawn Mowing
- Landscaping
- Swiffer

**For more information, please contact:**  
**Johnny Payne 864-616-0923**

## 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

## Hospitality

### New Parishioners Dinner

St. Anthony's cordially invites all our new parishioners and families to attend our Spring Welcome Dinner on **Thursday, May 15th in the Social Hall at 6:00 PM.** This is a time for fellowship, a better understanding of who we are as a Parish and a chance to meet other new families, staff and volunteers of our parish.

**Please RSVP to Kathy Peot by Friday, May 9th at 864-630-9851.**

### Summer Retreat Registration Info

**July 18-20, 2025**

Time for fellowship, growth, and reflection in the beautiful, serene setting of central North Carolina.

All parishioners, age 21 and over, are welcome! Guest of parishioners are also welcome.

**When:** Friday, 18 July – Sunday, 20 July 2025

**Where:** St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC

**Retreat Master:** Fr. Peter Tremblay, OFM Conv. – Fr. Peter has guided us over the last eight years. His energy and passion have engaged and enamored us. He has led us in discussions, prayer, and reflections on topics, such as Heaven on Earth, Fixing a Broken World, and Being a Temple of the Holy Spirit.

**Cost:** \$215 per person, double occupancy  
\$395 per person, single occupancy  
Scholarships are available.

**Details:** Check-in is Friday at 4:00 PM  
Check-out is by Sunday at 10:00, brunch is included

**The deadline to register and pay is Thursday, 15 May.**

**Contact Paul Herr – [pdherr@gmail.com](mailto:pdherr@gmail.com) – with questions.**

**Registration Envelopes are in the church lobby. Make checks payable to: St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. Space is limited. Register soon!**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

## MAY 4TH – MAY 11TH

### SUNDAY, MAY 4th

#### May Crowning

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

1:30 PM – Women's Council Meeting  
SAP Social Hall

6:00 PM – Youth Ministry Activity Night  
SAP Social Hall

### MONDAY, MAY 5th

#### Fr. Emerson's Day Off

7:00 PM – OCIA  
SAP Social Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 6th

6:30 PM – Living Waters  
Bible Study  
Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th

6:00 PM – Religious Education  
Assigned Classrooms

# PARISH UPDATE

## FORMATION



### Vacation Bible School Registration

**June 2-6, 2025**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

To register, please scan the QR code:



We need ADULT VOLUNTEERS for VBS this summer! Scan the QR code below or there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby! Thank you!



Scan QR code to  
Sign-Up to Volunteer

### Youth Ministry Meeting

The Youth Ministry will be meeting on **Sunday, May 4th at 5:00 PM**. We call this night **Star Wars Night!** We will have Mass with Father Emerson followed by a home cooked meal, ice breakers, and a talk. If you have any questions, **please contact Kyle Hall @ [Kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:Kyle.hall@charlestandiocese.org) or call 864-233-7717 ext. 2.**

### Traveling Cards Event Highlight

Thank you so much for joining us at the Traveling Cards Event this past Sunday! We were thrilled to welcome around **40 attendees** and deeply appreciate your presence and support. This event helps sustain our Prayer Shawl Ministry, which lovingly creates Baptismal blankets, and supports the Card Ministry with stamps and supplies.

Your generosity and involvement make it possible for us to continue serving our parish community. Thank you for making a difference!

-Dee Martinez

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPDATE

### Women's Council May Meeting

The Women's Council will be meeting on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in the Social Hall. All of the women in the parish are welcome to join. We look forward to seeing you there!



### A Morning of Reflection for Women

*Loving and Forgiving, Applying Scripture and Catholic Teaching to Practical Everyday Living*

Join the St. Anthony of Padua Women's Council on **May 17, 2025, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Social Hall** for this special on-campus retreat led by Mary Morris Williams - the Spirituality Commission Chair. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Lunch will be provided - please text your RSVP to Mary Anne Moroney (864) 414-0047 by May 12th.

**MAY 4TH - MAY 11TH**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8th**

**FRIDAY, MAY 9th**

**SATURDAY, MAY 10th**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11th**

**SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

10:00 AM - Pickleball  
**School Gym**

6:00 PM - Italian Night Dinner  
**SAP Social Hall**

Women's Council  
**HAT PARADE**  
**Following Each Mass**  
9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast  
Mother's Day  
**SAP Social Hall**

6:00 PM - PTO Movie Night  
**School Playground**

# NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

## This Week's Highlights

- Last Friday, we held our annual **Health Fair**. Thank you to all the vendors and parents who made this event successful for our students!
- On Tuesday, we inducted 11 of our hardworking 4th and 5th graders into the **National Beta Club**. They have worked hard to maintain their GPA and improve their character, attitude, and conduct. Congratulations, keep up the hardwork.



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## Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Week is from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup>.

