

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

August 17, 2025



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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@charlestondiocese.org. to register, or you can also <u>register online</u> - 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

Monday - Thursday: 11 AM Wednesday: 11 AM & 6 PM Friday: Communion Service

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 4:00 - 6:00 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 Street, Greenville, SC 29601

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 8/16

• 5 pm Joanne Dean 🚹

SUNDAY, 8/17

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Donald A. Galley 1
- 12 PM

Monday, 8/18

 11 AM Our Parish School for a New Year

TUESDAY, 8/19

11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 8/20

• 11 AM Fr. Mark Beard

THURSDAY, 8/21

• 11 AM

Friday, 8/22

• 11 AM

SATURDAY, 8/23

• 5 PM Tommy Dean's 91st Birthday

SUNDAY, 8/24

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Donald A. Galley 📋
- 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 Ann Fournier Ann Moore Ann Nechodom Annette Martin Bill Higgins Clarice Hanly Charlene Palmer Chester Williams David Burnett Dee Dee Dzikowicz Donna Neelev Donna Nickels Dorothy Baker Drew Butterfield Elaine Greggs

Ellaniose Johnson Eric Kuhn Erica Hardy Billy Mayes Ronnie Glenn Gregory Kuhn Hazel Hill Jen Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Joyce Croce Laura Drummond Laurie Rappl Lillie Davis Lori McGinley Malik McCauley Margaret Morris

Marie Therese Isdiore Marilyn Daly Martha Cotel Mary Cormican Mary Curran Matthew Bryson Maureen Lukovic Megan Counihan Mary Ann Turner Melvin Armstrong Michael Davis Olivia Brown Ornella Muth Rhonda Brown 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 Ed and Camilla Hertwig

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 <u>register online</u> – 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** (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.

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:

Envelopes:

Envelopes:

- · 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 August 9-10 Masses

Cash: \$1,878.00

Online Giving: \$15,409.50

\$6,414.25

\$602.00

Total \$23,701.25

SECOND COLLECTION: DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Cash: \$757.00

Online Giving: \$0.00

Total \$1,359.00

<u>Giving Online</u> 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

Wishy-Washy Faith or Unsettling Fire?

Is your faith a gentle whisper of comfort, or a blazing fire that refines and transforms? Too often, we think of faith as a safe harbor – a source of solace in life's storms. And yes, faith does comfort us when we feel lost or broken. Scripture reminds us that God is close to the brokenhearted (Ps 34:18), and His love sustains us in our weakness. But what happens when faith becomes more than a refuge? What if true faith is a fire —unrelenting, refining, and transformative? A force that not only comforts but compels to change?

This Sunday's Gospel from Luke shakes us out of any complacency we might have about our faith. Jesus says something startling: "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" He goes on to speak not of peace but of division. Wait—division? Isn't Jesus the Prince of Peace? How can peace and love—the cornerstones of His teaching—coexist with division and confrontation? Or perhaps the fire Jesus speaks of is a necessary catalyst for profound transformation?

Let's be honest, most of us avoid conflict. We crave peace and harmony. And We like our faith neat, comfortable, and easy to manage. But Jesus isn't interested in making us comfortable. He's interested in making us holy. The fire He brings forces us to confront the state of our hearts and make a choice. Faith doesn't grow in comfort zones. It thrives in the refining fire of discomfort, where we're compelled to wrestle with hard questions: Am I living for God's kingdom, or am I content with pursuing my own convenience? Do I follow Jesus wholeheartedly, or only when it feels safe and comfortable? Am I willing to let go of the things I hold onto so tightly—my pride, my fears, my plans, my attachments—and let God reshape my life?

Jesus warns us that his fire will divide, not because he seeks us tear us apart, but because truth, by its very nature, divides. Truth demands a response. It forces to take sides. When we encounter the real Jesus – the one who calls us to take up our cross and follow Him – we cannot stay the same. As St. Paul reminds us, we are not conformed to the patterns of this world; we are transformed by the renewing of our minds (Rom 12:2).

Earlier in Luke, John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. But this fire is not one of destruction – it's one of refinement. Like gold in the furnace, It burns away our complacency, melts apathy, and consumes mediocrity, leaving only what truly matters. As the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, our God is a consuming fire. He burns away the dross to reveal the image of Christ within us (12:29). And Teilhard de Chardin so fittingly put it, "Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides, and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

This fire of love is anything but passive. It consumes the distractions, excuses, and trivial pursuits, exposing the people we're called to become in Christ. But make no mistake: this refining fire is deeply unsettling. It demands radical commitment - a life fully surrendered to Jesus' mission. Faith isn't just about believing; it's about living. It's about stepping out of the boat, walking on water, and trusting Jesus with every step. It's about moving beyond comfort and declaring our allegiances boldly.

The imagery of fire and baptism reveals the heart of Jesus' mission. His baptism was an act of total dedication - a life poured out to bring God's kingdom to earth, even to the point of death on a cross. The fire He brings calls us into ultimate renewal and spreads the Good News of God's reign to every corner of the earth.

And what of the peace Jesus promises? His peace is not the absence of conflict or challenge. It's not the world's version of peace—temporary and shallow. It is the peace that surpasses all understanding. It is a peace forged in truth, love, surrender, and sacrifice. It's the peace that comes from living fully for God, even in the face of difficulty.

So, my friends, where do your allegiances lie? Are you ready to let the fire of faith consume the trivial distractions of life? Faith isn't meant to remain dormant. Salvation is free, but it's not cheap—it demands courage, love, and a heart willing to be refined.

This week, I leave you with this challenge: Will you embrace the unsettling and transformative fire of faith? Or will you settle for a wishy-washy faith that comforts but never transforms? The choice is yours. Step into the fire, church. Let the fire of His Spirit refine you, renew you, and send you out to proclaim His kingdom boldly. **Amen.**

Welcome New Parishioners

-Alexis Owsik

-Dana Johnson, Gretchen Thompson and Emilia Thompson

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.

PARISH UPDATE

Food Pantry - Hygiene Items Needed

Our parish food pantry is in need of hygiene supplies to help support those we serve each week. We currently need:

- · Full-size bars of soap
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Mini toothpastes

We prepare about 50 hygiene bags each week, and your donations make a real difference. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during regular hours.

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Adults: Serve at the Altar

Looking to grow in faith and get more involved? Young adults are invited to serve as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass — especially at the Noon Sunday Mass.

No experience needed. Training provided.

Say "yes" to a meaningful role in the liturgy and parish life!

Interested? Please contact:

- Eucharistic Ministers (EME): Kyle Herr at kylekherr@gmail.com or 864-907-9355
- Lectors: Paul Herr at pdherr@gmail.com; 864-907-9356.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." -1 Peter 4:10

St. Anthony's Young Families

Sweet Start to School

Popsicle Party & Foster Family School Supply Drive

Sunday, August 24th after the 10 AM Mass at the Playground

Items in need: backpacks, lunch boxes, notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, etc.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Sacrament of Baptism at 12:00 PM Mass Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17th

MONDAY, AUGUST 18th

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19th

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study Classroom A

Join the Hiking Ministry!

Looking to enjoy the beauty of God's creation, connect with fellow parishioners, and get a little fresh air? The Hiking Ministry is for you!

All are welcome - no matter your skill level.

Whether you're an experienced hiker or just enjoy a casual walk in nature, there's a place for you on the trail. Come build community, grow in faith, and explore the outdoors together!

Fall Hike Dates: Sept 20, Oct 11, Nov 15, Dec 6 Stay tuned for hike locations and details.

For more information, please contact Paul Herr: pdherr@gmail.com.



Join the New Tech Ministry!

Do you use phone apps? Then you already have the skills to help!

We're launching the **Tech Ministry** to assist with sound and lighting at Mass. It's simple, but important — and with more trained volunteers, things run more smoothly.

If you regularly attend a particular Mass and are comfortable using apps, we'd love to have you join us.

A training session will be scheduled next month.

Interested? Contact Daffodil Behal: dbehal@charlestondiocese.org or David Carfolite: david@carfolite.com.

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

Please scan QR code to receive training. For questions, please contact Jay Pitts: jpitts@charlestondiocese.org or 864-233-7717 ext. 4.



AUGUST 17TH - AUGUST 24TH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th

6:00 PM - Mass & Dinner after with Young **Adults Group** Church

PARISH UPDATE

Formation

As we enter the **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we invite you to take a few moments this week to grow in faith through these engaging **Formed.org** resources for adults and children.

 For Adults: <u>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C</u> – Reflect on the Sunday Gospel and deepen your understanding of how God calls us to live with trust and readiness.



 For Children: <u>Mary, Queen of Heaven with Brother Francis</u> - The Merchant and His Treasure - A delightful story that teaches children about the Kingdom of Heaven in a fun and meaningful way.



Religious Education / CCD Registration Now Open

Religious Education/CCD classes will **resume on Wednesday**, **September 10, 2025**. We look forward to welcoming our children and families back for a new year of faith formation!

↑ Registration is now open and can be completed online at:

https://mcn.efc.mybluehost.me/religious-education-registration/
or scan the QR code below



Please register soon so we can prepare for a wonderful year together.

Volunteers Needed for Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be resuming on

September 7th at the 10 am Mass! This is an opportunity for children ages 3-8 to
experience the Liturgy of the Word at their level.

We are **looking for volunteer leaders to help lead** simple songs, retell the Gospel story of the day, and guide children through a reflective conversation on the readings. Volunteers sign up to lead once a month, or once every 6 weeks, and it is just for about 20-25 minutes during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 am Mass.

Please email <u>sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com</u> for more information!

*** VIRTUS Training required to work with the children



WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Curious about Catholicism? Have questions about what the Church teaches? Feeling called to explore your faith more deeply?

You're invited to take part in the

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) a journey of prayer, reflection, study, and spiritual growth.

Whether you're simply exploring or thinking of becoming Catholic, OCIA is for you. No pressure. No commitment. Just an open invitation to grow.

START DATE: Monday, September 8, 2025 7:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

We'll discuss:

What Catholics believe Why we worship the way we do Your questions about faith, God, and Church

Come as you are - all are welcome!

For more information, contact: Deacon Phil Allen at philallen@charlestondiocese.org | 864-706-2999

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find." - Matthew 7:7

Young Adults Gathering - Wednesday, August 20 Join us for our next Young Adults event!

We'll begin with **6:00 PM Mass at St. Anthony's**, followed by **dinner at White Duck Taco on Main Street**.

Come for both or just one—whatever fits your schedule! It's a great chance to connect, share a meal, and grow in community.

For more info, email sapyoungadult@gmail.com or scan the QR code to join our GroupMe.



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AUGUST 17TH - AUGUST 24TH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21st FRIDAY, AUGUST 22nd SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th

Sacrament of Baptism at 10:00 AM Mass Church

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL













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.

Please scan QR code for more information, or visit our school webpage: https://stanthonyschoolgvl.org/tuition-fees/



2025-2026 Enrollement is Open

Please scan QR code to apply:



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

