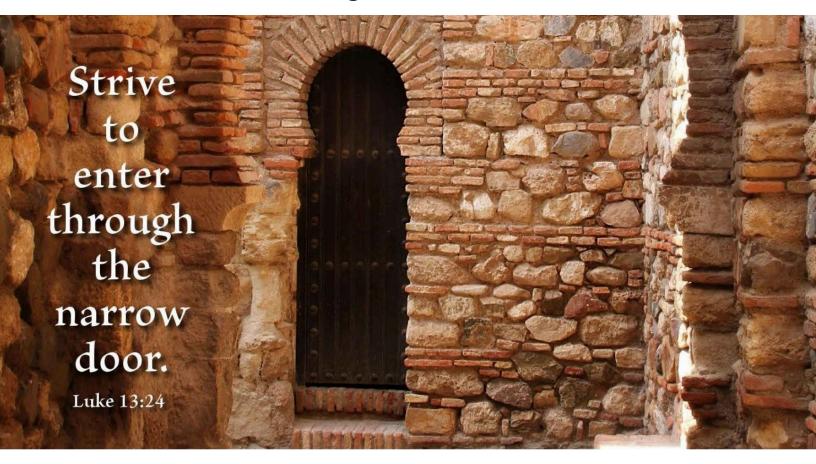


# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

August 24, 2025



# TWENTY-FIRST 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, 8/23

• 5 pm Tommy Dean's 91st Birthday

#### SUNDAY, 8/24

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

#### Monday, 8/25

• 11 AM

#### TUESDAY, 8/26

• 11 AM

#### WEDNESDAY, 8/27

• 11 AM

#### THURSDAY, 8/28

• 11 AM

#### Friday, 8/29

• 11 AM

#### SATURDAY, 8/30

• 5 PM

#### SUNDAY, 8/31

- 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
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: <a href="mailto:dbehal@charlestondiocese.org">dbehal@charlestondiocese.org</a>.

#### 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 August 16-17 Masses

Cash: \$1,728.00 Envelopes: \$12,147.00

Online Giving: 13,492.27

Total \$27,367.27

SECOND COLLECTION:
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Cash: \$561.00 Envelopes: \$50.00

Online Giving: \$10.00

Total \$621.00

<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

Imagine standing before a narrow door, slightly open. Beyond it lies the deepest longings of your heart: unshakable peace, boundless joy, and an eternal relationship with the God who knows and loves you completely. But here's the question: will you step through now, or will fear, hesitation, or pride hold you back until the door closes?

St. Augustine captures the urgency perfectly: "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination." How often we dream of change, talk about transformation, and pray for breakthrough, but when the time comes to act, we hold back. We tell ourselves, "I've got more time." But do you really? Tomorrow is not guaranteed, my friend.

This Sunday's Gospel from Luke brings this tension to the forefront. When someone asks Jesus, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Perhaps the more pressing question for us today is: "Am I saved?" Instead of offering statistics, Jesus gives a vivid image: a narrow door. His reply is both a challenge and an invitation: "Strive to enter through it."

The word "strive" comes from the Greek *agonizo*, evoking effort, struggle, and even discipline—like an athlete pushing every boundary, straining toward the prize. This striving is not passive; it demands focus, action, and the courage to surrender everything for something far greater. But here's where we often stumble: mistaking striving as earning God's love. The truth is, salvation is a gift of grace, freely given, not something we can achieve by merit.

As the letter to the Hebrews reminds us in chapter 12, "The Lord disciplines those He loves"—not to punish, but to prepare us for the glory to come. Grace, when truly embraced, transforms us. It calls us to act, to surrender, to align our lives fully with God's will. Here lies the paradox: salvation is free, yet it demands everything from us.

This isn't a burden; it's freedom. **Jesus' invitation to the narrow door challenges** us to let go of the weights that hold us back—fear, pride, and sin—and step forward in trust. He warns, however, of the urgency: the door will not remain open forever. "Many will seek to enter and will not be able"—not because they weren't invited, but because they waited too long. The true tragedy is not exclusion but hesitation.

What's holding you back? Is it fear that you're not ready, not worthy, or not enough? Salvation isn't about simply being near Jesus or knowing His teachings. It's about a personal response to His call—a heart that says, "I trust You. I will follow You." Jesus underscores this with sobering clarity, describing those who knock too late, pleading, "Lord, open the door for us," only to hear the chilling reply: "I do not know where you are from." Even those who confident in their faith may find themselves strangers to Jesus at the final judgment. The ultimate heartbreak is hearing: "Depart from me, all you evildoers." knowing you had the chance but let it slip away. Don't let that be your story.

To walk through the narrow door is to embrace Jesus Himself, who said, "I am the door. If anyone enters through me, they will be saved." That's a promise, sealed in His blood and delivered by His resurrection power. All you need to do is step forward in faith.

Though this call to strive may seem daunting, it is filled with hope. Jesus assures us that people will come from the east and the west, the north and the south, to sit at God's table. **Salvation is open to all**—regardless of past mistakes, backgrounds, or failures. The Church reminds us of God's infinite mercy. The Second Vatican Council teaches that even those who do not explicitly know Christ but sincerely seek truth and strive to follow God's will may share in His salvation (Lumen Gentium 16). God's mercy surpasses our understanding. Yet, even boundless mercy calls us to strive—to live with love, humility, and faithfulness.

So, the question isn't, "Will only a few be saved?" The real question is, "Will I choose to walk through the door?" No matter how far you've wandered, how heavy your burdens feel, or how many times you've fallen, God's love remains constant, ready to welcome you home. You are never too far from His grace.

The door is open—now. Not tomorrow, not when you feel ready. Now. Let go of fear, excuses, and shame. Step forward in faith. The moment is here. **Will you walk through?** 

Welcome New Parishioners
Jacob, Adelaide and Aurelia Mae Kaiser

#### 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!



### **MICAH Program Annual Celebration**

The MICAH Program, a St. Anthony ministry, is celebrating 5 years of service to our community! MICAH offers financial mentoring to those in financial distress and provides access to low-cost loans as an alternative to high-cost, predatory lending.

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join us for this annual celebration and storytelling event.

77 Thursday, September 25th

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School Gymnasium

₹ Wine & Cheese - 6:00 PM

Dinner & Program - 6:30 PM

Come and celebrate the good work being done through this ministry of hope and support!

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.











### 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: <a href="mailto:dbehal@charlestondiocese.org">dbehal@charlestondiocese.org</a> or David Carfolite: david@carfolite.com.

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



#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**AUGUST 24TH - AUGUST 31ST** 

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th

Sacrament of Baptism at 10:00 AM Mass

Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 25th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study

Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass

Church 4:00-6:00 PM - Confession

Church

6:00 PM Daily Mass

Church

# PARISH UPDATE

#### **Formation**

As we continue through the **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**, here are some resources from Formed.org to enrich your week:

#### For Adults:

• <u>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)</u> - A reflection on the Sunday Gospel and what it teaches us about striving to enter through the narrow gate.



 <u>Daily Reflections - August 24th</u> - A short reflection to help you begin your day rooted in God's Word.



**For Children:** The Kingdom with Brother Francis - Brother Francis teaches children about the Kingdom of God through Scripture and engaging lessons.



May these resources be a blessing to you and your family in living out our faith each day.

### 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:

<a href="https://mcn.efc.mybluehost.me/religious-education-registration/">https://mcn.efc.mybluehost.me/religious-education-registration/</a>
or scan the QR code below



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



#### 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

### 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 sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com for more information!

\*\*\*VIRTUS Training required to work with the children

#### **AUGUST 24TH - AUGUST 31ST**

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass **Church** 

1:00-3:00 PM: Parish Staff Meeting Parish Office Closed

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29th

11:00 AM - Communion Service Church

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 30th

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions **Church** 

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

# **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL**

### St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School - A New Academic Year

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin a new school year, I am filled with gratitude for the vibrant community that is St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. With 103 students enrolled, we look forward to a year of growth—both academically and spiritually—rooted in our strong Catholic foundation.

#### Highlights for 2025-26:

- The Eucharist has been restored to our school chapel, placing Christ at the center of all learning.
- A new catechetical team (Campus Minister + Catechists) will strengthen the faith formation of our students.
- We welcome several **new faculty and staff** dedicated to Catholic education, including additions in K5, 1st Grade, and a new Literature & Theatre fine arts program.
- Our school has received a \$50,000 security grant to upgrade safety systems and enhance campus protection.
- Fundraising efforts have already raised \$50,000 toward our \$75,000 goal to sustain and grow the mission
  of our school.

We are deeply thankful for your prayers, support, and generosity. Together, may our school continue to shine as a beacon of Christ's light in our parish and community.

For a more detailed report, please scan the QR code.



In Christ the Beloved, Brian Long



# 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** 

