

## St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

August 31, 2025



# TWENTY-SECOND 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, 8/30

• 5 pm

#### **SUNDAY**, 8/31

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

#### Monday, 9/1

• 11 AM

#### TUESDAY, 9/2

• 11 AM For the Baccei Family

#### WEDNESDAY, 9/3

• 11 AM For the Hertwig Family

#### THURSDAY, 9/4

• 11 AM Daniel Catena, Jr.

#### Friday, 9/5

• 11 AM

#### SATURDAY, 9/6

• 5 PM

#### SUNDAY, 9/7

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Jane Suber
- 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 Jason Latimore Jen Duhe Jonathan Turner Joseph Neito Joyce Croce Laura Drummond Laurie Rappl Lillie Davis Lori McGinley Malik McCauley

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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:

**Envelopes:** 

- Full Name
- Email
- · Phone Number

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: WEB DEVELOPER NEEDED**

Are you a web developer with WordPress experience? We'd love your help in supporting the communications of our parish and school. If you're interested in serving in this way, please reach out to: Daffodil Behal at <a href="mailto:dbehal@charlestondiocese.org">dbehal@charlestondiocese.org</a>. Thank you!

#### **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 30-31 Masses

\$9,487.00

Cash: \$1,752.46

Online Giving: \$14,186.20

Total \$25,425.66

Special Collection: Rogozinski House Fire

Total \$4,313.00

<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

#### Descending to Greatness: The Paradox of Radical Humility

In a world obsessed with climbing even higher, could it be that true greatness lies not in reaching the summit, but in grounding ourselves in humility? What if the most powerful stance isn't one of striving upward, but of surrendering downward? Humility—a virtue we admire in others but often resist when it knocks on our own door. And yet, humility is the key to God's heart. It's the narrow door to the life God designed for us. A life overflowing with love, service, hospitality, and grace.

The word "humility" comes from the Latin **humus**, meaning "earth." To be humble is to stay grounded. Not in the polished, Instagram-perfect sense, but in a deep awareness of our origins. We are dust—beautiful, God-crafted dust, sustained by His grace. This isn't weakness; it's clarity. It's knowing who you are and whose you are. It's the strength to embrace our dependence on God and our shared humanity.

Here's the paradox: **humility doesn't diminish us—it frees us.** It reveals where our true worth lies. In God's kingdom, honor isn't something we earn—it's a gift we receive. It's not about performance reviews or achievements. Jesus made this clear in Luke 14:7–14 when He invited the poor, the sinner, the outcast, and the overlooked to the table. He redefined honor—not as something you scramble for, but as a gift humbly received and generously shared. Jesus promises. "For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Lk 14:14). True greatness isn't transactional; it's transformational.

But let's be clear – humility isn't a version of niceness. It's radical, bold, and countercultural. It looks like serving without expecting a reward, loving without keeping score, and welcoming those society ignores. Humility is not weakness—it's courage.

Christ is our ultimate example of this radical humility. Though equal with God, He didn't cling to privilege. Instead, He emptied Himself, taking on the form of a servant and giving His life for us (Phil 2:6–8). His humility wasn't a gesture—it was revolutionary love in action. If Jesus, who had every right to hold onto power, chose humility, what excuse do we have to cling to our pride?

Ah, pride. It's like running a race with your shoelaces tied together. Pride blinds us to grace, tangles our steps like net, and leaves us chasing empty illusions of worth that slip through our fingers. It convinces us that our value lies in what we achieve or how others perceive us, rather than in the unshakable truth of God's love. As C.S. Lewis put it, "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less." And in that self-forgetfulness, we create space for others—especially those who can never repay us: "blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

So how do we live out humility in a world consumed by power and status? Are we willing to stand apart, to reject the culture of self-promotion, and embrace the courage of Christ-like humility? Jesus shows us over and over that God's kingdom is marked by reversals—the hungry are fed, the outcasts are welcomed (Lk 6:20–26). Humility calls us to make room for the forgotten, the vulnerable, and the overlooked. Can you identify them in your community, family, and church?

Salvation isn't a paycheck earned by the self-righteous; it's a gift for the humble. Sirach 3:18 reminds us, "**The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself**." In God's upside-down kingdom, humility is the path to greatness.

But humility isn't passive. It has teeth. It confronts injustice, rejects pride that excludes and oppresses, and upholds the dignity of every person. When we embrace humility, we're freed from the need to promote ourselves and empowered to make space for others. This is the heart of the Gospel: to welcome the least, love without limits, and see ourselves as recipients of unearned grace.

What does this look like in practice? Humility isn't about thinking small; it's about thinking big—big enough to reflect God's heart and make room for others.

In the end, the greatest reward isn't applause or accolades—it's Jesus Himself. So, let's choose humility today. Let's lift others up, welcome the outcast, and reflect God's love in every act of service. Humility isn't just the way to heaven—it's how we bring heaven closer to earth. The question is: Will you dare to live it? I said, will you? Because I can't hear you! Stand up, shout it out, and declare it: "Lord, I choose humility and radical hospitality today!"

Amen.

#### **Updated Schedule**

Starting in September 5th, the Friday Communion Service will be cancelled

**Welcome New Parishioners** 

-John and Marian Cacciatore -Kyle, Annamaria and Lorenzo Zoller

#### 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



#### **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.

#### 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!

Please RSVP with Erena Allen: 864-630-0081



#### Christmas Parade Float 2025 🛕



Christmas will be here before we know it, and so will the 2025 Annual Poinsettia Christmas Parade! On Saturday, December 6, we are excited to once again have a float representing our Parish and School in the Greenville Christmas Parade.

We are now forming a **Float Committee** to plan and build this year's float. We are also seeking a location near downtown Greenville where the float can be housed and constructed between December 1-7.

If you can assist with the committee or provide space, please contact David Quast at 864-906-2632 with any questions and to volunteer.



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

Attention Volunteers! If you are currently volunteering within the school or parish, please ensure your VIRTUS Training is up to date. Contact the church office for parish volunteering or the school for school volunteering to confirm your compliance.

For new volunteers interested in joining our parish and school, please visit www.virtusonline.org/virtus/ to register and begin your background checks. This applies to all ministries and volunteer committees.



Scan QR Code for **VIRTUS Training** 

Please ensure you remain in compliance with the Diocese's training requirements. For any questions or concerns, contact your VIRTUS coordinators:

- Kyle Hall (Parish): kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org
- Nakisha McKinney (School): nmckinney@stanthonygreenvillesc.org

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### **AUGUST 31ST - SEPTEMBER 7TH**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

Labor Day Holiday - Parish & **School Offices Closed** 

> 11:00 AM - Daily Mass Church

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Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study Zoom

11:00 AM - Funeral Mass for Ed Hertwig

Church 4:00-6:00 PM - Confession

> Church 6:00 PM Daily Mass Church

## PARISH UPDATE

#### **Formation**

As we journey through the **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**, we invite you to take advantage of these resources on Formed.org to deepen your faith this week:

#### For Adults

• 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C):



#### For Children

• St. Therese of Lisieux: A Story of Humble Love:



May these resources inspire you and your family to live more fully in God's love 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!



Scan QR Code to Register

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

For questions,, please contact Debra "Susu" Drennon:
sapreligiouseducation@gmail.com or ddrennon@charlestondiocese.org

#### 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.

 $Please\ email\ \underline{sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com}\ for\ more\ information!$ 

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

#### **Important Updates**

- Pickleball will resume on Saturday, Sept. 6th
- OCIA will resume on Monday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> please
   contact Deacon Phil Allen for more info:
   philallen@charlestondiocese.org

#### Young Adults - Topgolf Night!

All young adults of the parish are invited to join us for a fun evening at **Topgolf** on **Wednesday**, **September 3 at 6:30 PM**. Come enjoy fellowship, food, and a little friendly competition!

Whether you're an experienced golfer or have never picked up a club, all are welcome. This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults in our parish community in a casual, relaxed setting.

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



Scan the QR to join our GroupMe!

Bon Secours
Free Community
Breast Health Event

## Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at Long Branch Baptist Church 128 Bolt Street, Greenville, SC 29605

Organized by Bon Secours St. Francis LifeWise Program



Scan QR Code to Register

### Youth Ministry Welcome Night

To all **6th graders through 12th grade** - Come join our Youth Ministry for a Welcome Night with food, friends, and fun on **Sunday, September 7th at 6:00 PM** in **Classroom A & the Multipurpose Room.** We can't wait to see you there!

#### **AUGUST 31ST - SEPTEMBER 7TH**

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

11:00 AM - Daily Mass **Church**  **No Communion Service** 

9:30 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry **Multipurpose Room** 

1:00 PM - Wedding **Church** 

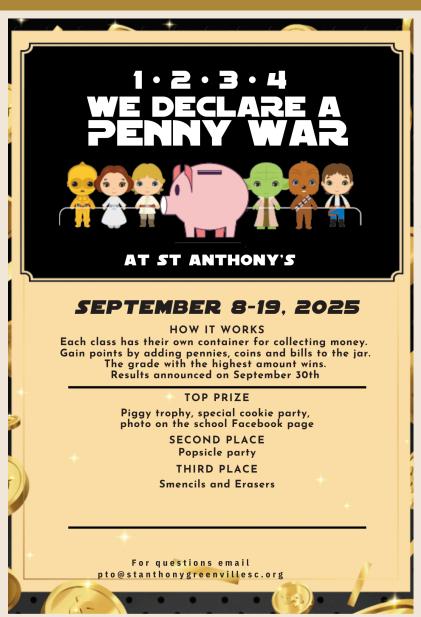
4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions **Church**  1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting

Multipurpose Room

6:00 PM - Youth Ministry Welcome Dinner

Classroom A & Multipurpose Room

## **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL**





## **Terrific Tuesday Highlights**



#### 2025-2026 Enrollment is Open



Scan QR Code to Register

# 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** 

