

# St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

September 21, 2025



# TWENTY-FIFTH 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

#### 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 **Hours of Operation:** 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, 9/20

• 5 pm David Peot 📋

#### SUNDAY, 9/21

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Anne Suber
- 12 PM

#### Monday, 9/22

• 11 AM

#### TUESDAY, 9/23

• 11 AM

#### WEDNESDAY, 9/24

• 11 AM

#### THURSDAY, 9/25

• 11 AM Daniel & Rita Catena

#### SATURDAY, 9/27

• 5 PM Pegg and Steve Von Bokern 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

#### SUNDAY, 9/28

- 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 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 Dr. Jeff Giguere 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 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 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 at dbehal@charlestondiocese.org 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

#### **VIRTUS Training for All Volunteers!**

All parish and school volunteers must have current VIRTUS training.



Scan QR Code for VIRTUS Training

### **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 September 13-14 Masses

Cash: \$1.163.50

**Envelopes:** \$7,708.00

Online Giving: \$12,674.27

**Total** \$21,545.77

SECOND COLLECTION -THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

\$50.00

\$802.00

Cash:

**Online Giving:** 

**Envelopes:** \$463.00

**Total** \$1,315.00

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

#### God or Mammon: Who Holds Your Heart?

Howdy my dear friends! Every day, our choices quietly reveal what truly matters to us. From how we spend our time to how we use our resources, each decision reflects our deepest priorities. But in a culture hypnotized by the allure of material success—where status and possessions often define worth—an uncomfortable question arises: **Who—or what—are we truly serving? Is it God, or is it... mammon?** (Spoiler: "mammon" is not a fancy Italian dessert.)

Now, don't get me wrong—money is necessary. It pays the bills, buys groceries, and even support our ministries. But here's the real challenge: when does money stop being a helpful resource and start becoming a master—dictating our identity, shaping our priorities, and even redefining our relationships?

Jesus addressed this issue head-on: "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Lk 16:13). And no, "mammon" isn't just a Bible word for cash. It refers to the seductive power of wealth – the pull it has on our hearts and minds.

The deeper question is whether we allow money to control us. Does it shape our trust, our love, and our sense of self?

Here's a fascinating twist: the word "mammon" shares linguistic roots with terms like "faithful," "entrust," and "true." In Hebrew and Aramaic, it essentially means "that in which one places trust" (stemming from amen). This connection gets to the heart of the issue: it's not just about money itself; it's about misplaced trust and misplaced love.

Trust sits at the core of our faith and our relationships. To trust is to embrace vulnerability, to rely on someone beyond ourselves. Even worship is an act of trust: trusting in God's promises and in the community of believers who journey with us in mission.

Look around, and **you will see two contrasting ways people relate to money**. For some, it's a tool to create good in the world—a resource to help others and live with purpose. For others, it's an endless pursuit of more: more income, more possessions, more status. But **where's the line between healthy ambition and unhealthy obsession?** 

So, how do we break free from the grip of mammon? Jesus offers a radical, countercultural way forward: everything we have is a gift from God, entrusted to us for His purposes. Detachment is key. We're called to use money, not worship it. Generosity is the antidote to greed, and gratitude shifts how we see the resources around us. Suddenly, it's not about "What can I get?" but "What can I give?" When we give freely, we reflect the heart of Godthe ultimate giver.

Remember Oskar Schindler in the powerful movie Schindler's List. In the end, as he looks at his possessions, he breaks down in tears, realizing that every dollar he selfishly kept for himself could have been used to save another life. His story is a poignant reminder that **true wealth is not measured by what we hoard, but by what we give away.** 

This is the heart of Christian teaching: generosity, justice, and stewardship. It's about using money as a means to love and serve - not as a measure of personal success.

Imagine the freedom of living this way-seeing money as something to hoard or idolize, but as a tool to serve God's purposes. What could that look like in your life? It might mean donating to someone in need, supporting a ministry, or simply being intentional about how you steward your resources. Each small act of generosity builds treasures in heaven-treasures that will never fade.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6:19-20: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

So today, ask yourself: who—or what—are you serving? Because when the dust settles, only the treasures built on faith, love, and generosity will stand the test of time. Choose wisely. After all, **the legacy you build today echoes into eternity**. What will your legacy be?

# Our Visiting Priest this Weekend: Fr. Alan Bower

Please welcome Fr. Bower, who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Bower's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

# Important Dates Ahead

- **Fr. Emerson** is out of town from Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
- Parish Picnic on Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at Conestee Park
- Ministry Fair will be on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> in the School Gymnasium

#### 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

# Cookies & Prayers for Kairos

Our Prison Ministry is leading efforts to support Kairos, which brings Christ's love to the men at Perry Correctional Institution. The next Kairos Weekend is Oct. 2-5, 2025.

- Pray Sign up for a prayer time Scan QR code
- Bake Cookies 3 dozen, no raisins/nuts/icing. Package in sturdy boxes. See bulletin for details.
- Prop-off: Multipurpose Room after Masses on Sept. 27 & 28.

Thank you for helping bring Christ's love behind prison



Scan OR code for the Kairos Prayer Sign-Up Sheet

# Protect The Gift Of Life Scan QR Code Baby Bottle Boomerang

#### **Baby Bottles Are Coming**

Birthright of Greenville, a local pregnancy center offering loving alternatives to abortion, will be handing out baby bottles after each Mass on September 27th and 28th. We ask that you place donations in the bottle and bring it back to church the following week. Your generous donation makes a difference in the lives of the unborn and their mothers.

### Join Living Waters Bible Study

All are welcome to grow in faith and fellowship with our Living Waters Bible Study! To join, log into Zoom (free), click "Join Meeting", enter Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219, type your name, and click "Join."

### Palmetto Journey of Hope - Special Presentation

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in partnership with South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (SCADP).

We are honored to welcome the Palmetto Journey of Hope, a speaking series that lifts up the voices of murder victims' family members as they witness to the power of God's mercy. This evening is not about recruiting for a cause but about opening our hearts to stories of faith, mercy, and hope. Whether or not you agree with the Church's teaching on the death penalty you are encouraged to come and listen.

Our guest speakers will be: Jimmy MacPhee (featured recently in The Catholic Miscellany and Terri Steinberg. Scan QR code to register & for more information on the speakers:

Seating is limited to 75. Please register soon!

### 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join St. Anthony's Steppers for a Cure!

Saturday, October 4th, 2025

Help support the fight against Alzheimer's by joining St. Anthony's Steppers for a Cure! Walk, donate, or both-every step and contribution brings us closer to a cure.



Scan QR Code for **Event Info & Register** 

Be part of our parish team and help make a difference in the lives of those affected by Alzheimer's.



Registration for 2025 2026 Season is now open boys & girls age K4 thru High School Seniors

johnnypayne@charlestondiocese.org

### Celebrate 5 Years of MICAH!

Join us as we celebrate the MICAH Program's 5th Anniversary—a ministry offering financial mentoring and hope to those in need.

Thursday, Sept. 25 | School Gymnasium

Wine & Cheese - 6:00 PM | Dinner & Program - 6:30 PM

RSVP to Erena Allen: 864-630-0081

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SEPTEMBER 21ST - 28TH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th 11:00 AM - Daily Mass

11:00 AM - Communion Service

Visiting Priest: Fr. Alan Bower

Church 6:30 PM - Christmas Float

**Initial Meeting** Classroom A

7:00 PM - OCIA Multipurpose Room 6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study Zoom

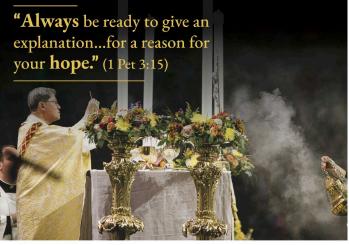
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Daily Mass Church 4:00-6:00 PM - Confession Church

6:00 PM - Religious Education/CCD **Assigned Classrooms** 

7:00 PM - Men's Club Bible Study Zoom

# PARISH UPDATE









Catechetical Sunday September 21, 2025

### **Safety Committee Update**

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and security of our community during Mass, we are **implementing a new safety protocol effective Saturday**, October 4, 2025.

Beginning on October 4th, all **exterior doors will be locked 10 minutes after the start of each Mass**. Clear signage will be posted on all doors, directing late arrivals to a designated entrance. An usher will be stationed at this entrance to facilitate entry. Please note that **all doors will remain available for exit at any time during the service**.

This measure is being introduced to enhance the safety of our congregation while maintaining a welcoming environment for worship. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement this important change.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the parish office.

Sincerely, Rick Floyd Safety Committee Chair St Anthony's Catholic Church

### **Youth Ministry Update**

Next **Sunday**, **September 28th**, the Youth Ministry will be having a Mass, Meal, and a talk about **God vs. Science**. The Mass will be taking place **in the Church at 5:00 PM**, and the meal and talk will be held in the Multipurpose Room after Mass.

#### It's Not Too Late to Join OCIA!

Interested in becoming Catholic, completing your sacraments, or learning more about the faith? Join us **Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room**.

**Contact Deacon Phil Allen** at philallen@charlestondiocese.org or 864-706-2999 for details.

### Religious Education / CCD Classes Are Underway!

Our Religious Education/CCD program has begun, and we're thrilled to see our children and families growing in faith together.

Classes meet each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

★ Haven't registered yet? There's still time! Complete your registration here:



Scan QR code to Register

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

For questions or more information, contact Debra "Susu" Drennon at sapreligious education@gmail.com.

#### SEPTEMBER 21ST - 28TH

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th

9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study Multipurpose Room

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

 $6:00~{
m PM}$  – MICAH Program  $5^{
m th}$ Annual Event

School Gym

#### **No Communion Service**

5:00 PM - Wedding **Church**  10:00 AM - Pickleball

School Gym

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

5:00 PM - Baptism **Church** 

5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Mass & Meeting

Church & Multipurpose Room

# **NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL**







There is so much joy and creativity happening in our classrooms! In art, our **K5 and 1st grade students** have been busy **creating beautiful self-portraits**, while our **K3 students** are exploring the wonder of God's creation by learning about trees and even going on a nature walk to collect treasures from outdoors.

We are also blessed to welcome a new face to our school community: **Sr. Virgincita Sevilles**, who has joined us as our Religion teacher. Please keep her in your prayers and give her a warm welcome!

To continue supporting the creativity of our young artists, **we are in need of a few art supplies**. If you feel called to help, please scan the QR codes below to view our wishlist. Every contribution makes a difference, and we are so grateful for your continued support of our students and school.



**Washable Paint** 





Posca Markers







### St. Anthony's Catholic School Needs You!

Can you volunteer some of your time and talents to our school?

We are looking for volunteers to read with students, monitor students during lunch in the cafeteria, and work in the library.

If you are interested in any of these tasks, please send your name and contact information to one of the contacts listed below.

There will be a meeting scheduled soon to discuss details and schedules.

Thanks in advance for your help!

**Sharon Scovel** 

Scovelsc@aol.com 864-350-2020 Paulette Payne

paulettejpayne@charter.net 864-616-0032

# 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** 

