



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

October 5, 2025



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Greenville, South Carolina 29611

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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 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

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, 10/4

- 5 PM Marguerite Brunn

SUNDAY, 10/5

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Don Marshall
- 12 PM

Monday, 10/6

- 11 AM Kathy Reilly

TUESDAY, 10/7

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 10/8

- 11 AM

THURSDAY, 10/9

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 10/11

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 10/12

- 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	Elaine Greggs	Marie Therese Isdiore	Sabrina Walker
Ann Fournier	Ellaniose Johnson	Marilyn Daly	Sammy Huguet
Ann Moore	Eric Kuhn	Martha Cotel	Sandra McNaughton
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Annette Martin	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Curran	Sharon Patton
Bill Higgins	Hazel Hill	Matthew Bryson	Sherri Hoffman
Billy Mayes	Jason Latimore	Maureen Lukovic	Stephan Pleasant
Clarice Hanly	Jen Duhe	Megan Counihan	Stuart MacNaughton
Charlene Palmer	Jonathan Turner	Mary Ann Turner	Tara Cleary
Chester Williams	Joseph Neito	Melvin Armstrong	Thelma Williams
David Burnett	Joyce Croce	Michael Davis	Tom James
Dee Dee	Laura Drummond	Olivia Brown	Tyler Korybski
Dzikowicz	Laurie Rappl	Ornella Muth	Wilbert Morgan
Donna Neeley	Lillie Davis	Rhonda Brown	Willie Davis
Donna Nickels	Lori McGinley	Richard Palmer	
Dr. Jeff Giguere	Malik McCauley	Ruth Henderson	
Drew Butterfield	Margaret Morris	Ronnie Glenn	

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	Camilla Hertwig
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**, 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@charlestdiocese.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@charlestdiocese.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 27-28 Masses

Cash:	\$1,870.00
Envelopes:	\$7,230.00
Online Giving:	\$11,451.77
Total	\$20,551.77

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

How Long, O Lord? Finding Faith, Hope, and Purpose in the Waiting

This Sunday, we are confronted with a question that echoes through the corridors of time: “How long, O Lord?” It is the anguished cry of Habakkuk, wrestling with God amidst turmoil. It is the lament of the psalmist: **“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?”** (13:1). It is the plea of the martyrs in Revelation: “How long before you will judge and avenge our blood?” (6:10). Though separated by centuries, these voices converge in a **shared longing - for justice, for redemption, for God to intervene**. Today, their cries resonate in the hearts of those who long for healing, reconciliation, and restoration.

“How long?” This cry rises from those crushed under the weight of fractured political and social systems—victims of injustice and witnesses of violence. It’s the cry of divided communities torn apart by hatred and extremism. It’s the cry of the grieving mother mourning her child lost to senseless violence. It’s the silent plea of those drowning in the toxic noise of social media, the pain of personal struggles, and the ache of waiting. It is our cry too, whispered in moments of loss, confusion, and despair: “How long, O Lord?”

But here’s the hope: Scripture does not turn away from this tension. It meets us in the very heart of it. The Bible doesn’t sugarcoat our pain or dismiss our doubts, fears, and frustrations. Instead, it shows us that faith and lament can coexist. Habakkuk’s cried, “Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction, social unrest, and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord” (1:3). Sound familiar? His lament mirrors today’s headlines. And yet, Scripture reveals a profound truth: faith is not the absence of doubt but the persistence of trust.

Faith lives in the tension between the cry and the answer, between the pain of waiting and the promise of God’s faithfulness. It is the vulnerable prayer of the apostles: “Lord, increase our faith” (Lk 17:5). Faith does not demand instant resolution; it clings to the conviction that God’s promises will come to pass.

This faith-filled hope is not passive. It is active, resilient, and rooted in God’s unchanging character. Habakkuk reminds us, “The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late” (2:3). God’s clock is not broken, even if it doesn’t sync with ours. **Waiting on Him is not resignation—it is a call to live with courage, compassion, and hope, resisting the pull of despair.**

Even when our faith feels as tiny as a mustard seed (or, on some days, more like a mustard crumb), Jesus assures us that it is enough. “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,” He says, “you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you” (Lk 17:6). This powerful image speaks to the deep-rooted systems of injustice and violence in our world. **Faith, no matter how fragile, carries the potential for transformation**—not because of its size, but because of the One in whom we place it.

In this season of uncertainty, let’s hold onto God’s vision for justice and redemption, even when it feels like it’s stuck in traffic. And we are called to act—planting seeds of kindness, seeking unity amid division, and embodying God’s peace and healing in a hurting world. **Faith doesn’t retreat; it calls us to live as witnesses of God’s promises with courage, hope, and love.**

And as we wait, let’s not forget this: **We are not alone**. The One who carried the cross before us walks with us still. He is our strength in the struggle, our peace in the chaos, our hope in the waiting. So, I ask you today: How will you live by faith in the tension of “How long?” How will you trust in the promise, even when it feels delayed?

My dear St. Anthony family, let us anchor our hearts in His unshakable promises, for they will not fail. **Hold on, keep the faith, and know this: His vision will come to pass, and His love will sustain us.** So, let’s live in hope, act in love, and trust in His timing. **Hallelujah!**

Important Dates & Updates

- **Parish Picnic - Oct. 5th** at Conestee Park
- **Parish Office Closed** on Monday, Oct. 13th for Columbus Day
- **Mass in School Gym** on Oct. 18th & 19th
- **St. Anthony’s School Octoberfest** on Friday, Oct. 24th

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.

Prayer of the Rosary before Weekend Mass

Starting on **October 4th & 5th**, we will have the **Prayer of the Rosary 20 minutes prior to each weekend Mass**. We encourage all ministries & groups to begin their meetings with praying of the rosary.

PARISH UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH Picnic

SUNDAY
5
OCTOBER

CONESTEE PARK
AT 3 PM - 6 PM
840 MAULDIN ROAD, GREENVILLE, SC 29607



FOODS - GAMES - FUN

BIRTHRIGHT
of Greenville

Your Donation Counts



Baby Bottle Boomerang

Baby Bottles Collection

Reminder, we are collecting baby bottles this weekend and next. Please use the bins that are provided. As always, we appreciate your generous donations which benefit the moms and babies who come to Birthright for help.

Guidelines for Making Announcements

1. Announcements must pertain to St. Anthony Church, School, or Ministry events/activities.
2. Request permission by Thursday at 3:00 PM of the prior week by emailing Johnny Payne at johnnypayne@charlestondiocese.org. Please note: last-minute/impromptu announcements are discouraged.
3. Your request should include the event/topic and date.
4. Indicate who will present the announcement:
 - A ministry representative
 - Staff member (provide a brief written summary for staff to use)
5. If a ministry representative is presenting:
 - Keep the announcement short
 - Refer parishioners to the bulletin if details are posted there
 - Mention if you will be in the lobby afterward with more information

Thank you for helping us keep our announcements clear, timely, and meaningful for our parish family.

Women's Council Meeting 12 October

1:30 PM

in the Social Hall

All St. Anthony of Padua
Women are
Invited to Join Us!

Come learn how you can
make an impact in our
Church & Community - sign
up to join a committee!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

OCTOBER 5TH - OCTOBER 12TH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

Birthright Baby Bottle

3:00 PM - Parish Picnic
Conestee Park

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th

10:00 AM - Card Ministry
Classroom A

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters
Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th

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

Join Us in the Christmas Parade!

We're excited to announce that St. Anthony Catholic Church and School will once again be part of this year's **Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6 at 6:30 PM** (rain or shine)!

Children **ages 6-15** are invited to walk the parade route (about one mile) behind our parish float. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young parishioners to share the joy of Christmas and represent our parish and school to the wider community.

- 📍 Participants must **arrive by 5:30 PM**.
- 📄 A sign-up sheet is available in the church lobby

➡ **Next Planning Meeting:** Monday, October 13 at 6:30 PM in Classroom A.

For questions, contact David Quast at 864-906-2632.

Let's come together to make this year's float a joyful celebration of our faith and community spirit!

SAP Hiking Ministry: Dupont State Forest

Join us for our **next adventure on Saturday, October 11** as we hike to a beautiful waterfall and take in stunning autumn views!

- 📍 Meet: 7:30 AM in front of the school (carpool available)
- 👟 Hike: Moderate 5.1 miles at a relaxed pace
- 🕒 Finish: Around 2:00 PM
- 💰 Suggested Donation: \$5 for gas

This will be a true *Franciscan Experience* - time for fellowship, learning Leave No Trace principles, enjoying God's creation (hopefully some wildlife!), sharing prayer, and quiet reflection in nature. First-time hikers are especially welcome!

📱 Scan QR code sign up:



✉ Contact: Paul Herr - pdherr@gmail.com

📅 **Mark your calendar for upcoming hikes:** November 15 & December 6

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

Young Adults Group - Trivia Night

Calling all young adults—come join us for Trivia Night **at Hoppin' on Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 PM!**

This is a great chance to relax, meet new friends, and enjoy fellowship together in a fun and welcoming setting. Whether you're a trivia pro or just in it for the laughs, we'd love to have you with us! Bring a friend (or two!) and let's make it a night to remember.

Questions? Contact Nancy: sapyoungadults@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays at 7 PM

Looking to grow in faith and friendship? Join our Men's Bible Study every **Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom!** Together, we dive into Scripture, share reflections, and encourage one another in living out our faith.

All men are welcome—whether you're new to Bible study or have been attending for years. For details or the Zoom link, **contact David Quast: thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632**

OCTOBER 5TH - OCTOBER 12TH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th

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

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th

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

5:00 PM - Youth Ministry
Meeting
SAP Social Hall

PARISH UPDATE

Bon Secours Free Community Breast Health Event



Bon Secours St. Francis Oncology Program invites the Greenville community to a special breast health and wellness event. Don't miss out on this chance to prioritize your health and well-being. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

This free event is designed to empower, educate, and support individuals in their breast health journey – whether currently facing cancer, a survivor, caregiver, or simply wanting to learn more. Attendees will hear from a team of Bon Secours St. Francis healthcare professionals. Lunch is included.

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



Friday, October 10
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration Required

Organized by Bon Secours St. Francis LifeWise Program



Caring for the Caregivers: An Appreciation Lunch & Learn for Family Caregivers

Are you caring for a parent, spouse, adult child, or adult family member?

If yes, this event is for YOU!

This **FREE** event provides resources, support, education from expert speakers, time to connect with other caregivers, and encouragement.

Thursday, October 16th, 2025

9:30a – 2:00p

Senior Action

3715 E North St.

Greenville, SC



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

To register, contact Amanda Mlinar at (864)242-9733 OR amlinar@scacog.org

Registration Deadline: October 9th

****Sitter Vouchers available by request – Must request by October 1st****



Youth Ministry Meeting

Please **join us on Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 6:00 PM** for an evening of food, fellowship, and a presentation from our Teen Leaders, Nathan Twaddle and David Mitchell Dela Cruz, on **the topic of the Seven Deadly Sins**. This is sure to be an evening of both learning and community that you will not want to miss.

For additional information, or if you are interested in becoming part of our Youth Ministry, please contact **Kyle Hall in the Parish Office:**
kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org.

Upcoming meeting: Sunday, Oct. 19th at 6:00 PM. More details to come!

Save the Date for Confirmation

We are excited to announce that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 25th at 2:00 PM** in the church.

All are invited to join us as our young parishioners receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this beautiful sacrament.

A **reception will follow in the Social Hall**—please come celebrate and show your support for our confirmands and their families!

Palmetto Journey of Hope Presentation

Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 PM

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 (recently featured in The Catholic Miscellany) and Terri Steinberg.

⚠ Seating is limited to 75 guests. Please register early to reserve your spot!

Scan QR Code to Register::



PARISH UPDATE

Discover Scripture with Living Waters Bible Study

Looking for a way to deepen your faith and connect with others? Join us for Living Waters Bible Study—a welcoming community where we explore God's Word together and grow in fellowship.

When: Weekly on Zoom (free and easy to join!)

How to Join:

1. Open Zoom and click "Join Meeting."
2. Enter Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219
3. Type your name and click "Join."

Whether you're new to Bible study or have been reading Scripture for years, you'll find encouragement, insight, and friendship. Come as you are—all are welcome!

For questions, please contact Lillie Jones: 864-832-4012

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**

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

Thank You from the MICAHA Program

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us in celebrating the **MICAHA Program's 5th Anniversary Annual Event on Sept. 25th**. Your presence and support helped us honor five years of service, advocacy, and community partnership. Together, we continue to live out our mission of compassion and justice, making a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

As we celebrate this milestone, we especially want to **thank our dedicated mentors, whose time, talent, and commitment serve as the heartbeat of our organization**. You embody the spirit of MICAHA and the love of Christ through your care for others.

We invite you to enjoy a few moments from the celebration through the photo gallery below:

 [View Photos from the 5th Anniversary Celebration](#)



Please also find — or access via the QR code — our Q3 Newsletter, which shares updates and stories from our continued work in the community.



To learn more about MICAHA or discover ways to get involved, visit: www.micahprogram.org.

With gratitude,
Jim Stavrakas
CEO, The MICAHA Program

Via Fidelis - Evangelization Through Service and Charity

In his Via Fidelis Pastoral Letter, **Bishop Jacques** reminds us that when we hear the word evangelization, we often picture knocking on doors or preaching on street corners. Understandably, that can feel intimidating to many of us. But evangelization doesn't always mean a "cold call."

One of the most powerful ways we can share the Gospel is through **service and charity**. Jesus tells us:

"You are the light of the world... Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." (Mt 5:14, 16)

At the heart of evangelization is love. When we serve others with compassion, mercy, and justice, we put our faith into action and let God's love flow through us. Love begets love, and relationships formed in service open the door to Christ's Good News.

Every act of kindness - whether lending a helping hand, sharing time, or offering a word of encouragement - becomes a way of proclaiming Christ. By letting His light shine through us, we become living witnesses to the Gospel and a beacon of hope for the world.

Scan QR code for Bishop Jacques' Pastoral Letter:



Scan QR codes for Via Fidelis Resources:



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

Octoberfest Event

24
OCT

6:00 - 8:00 PM

School Parking Lot
& Gymnasium

TRUNK OR TREAT • FOOD TRUCKS • KIDS ACTIVITIES

For questions or to help, contact Darlene:
dedkb@hotmail.com

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

- 2nd: Pre-K Joins All School Mass | 9 AM
- 7th: Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
- 8-10th: No K-4 Classes. K4 Teacher Training
- 10th: End of 1st Quarter
- 16th: All School Mass | 9 AM
- 17th: Craft Night at 5:30 PM
- 23rd: All School Mass | 9 AM
- 23-31st: Red Ribbon Week
- 24th*: Q1 Report Card Parent/Teacher Conferences/
Early Dismissal | 12:00 PM
- 24th: Octoberfest Event
- 28th: Terrific Tuesday

Beta Club Community Service

Our Beta Club students have started a wonderful tradition of reading to our younger students in K3, K4, and 1st Grade each week. This service not only builds community but also inspires a love of reading for our little ones.



Penny Wars Results

A big congratulations to all our classes for their spirited participation in Penny Wars! Together we raised over \$1,300 for PTO!

- 🏆 1st Place: 4KC (Ms. Perry's class) – Pizza Party
- 🏆 2nd Place: 4th Grade (Ms. Battle's class) – Ice Cream Sundaes
- 🏆 3rd Place: K3 (Ms. Laverne's class) – Ice Cream Sandwiches

Special thanks to all the parents for your participation and support, and an extra shout-out to Ms. Ereka Venegas for volunteering to assist with counting and for the use of her coin machine.



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Get Involved with PTO – Make a Difference!

Our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is an important part of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. Through volunteering, fundraising, and community-building events, the PTO directly supports our students, teachers, and school programs.

This year, we're excited to welcome our **new PTO Coordinator, Ms. Darlene!** She is eager to bring fresh energy and ideas, but she can't do it alone—we need your help!

By getting involved, you'll:

- Support your child's education and growth
- Help create memorable experiences for students
- Strengthen our school community
- Share your talents and make a lasting impact

Whether you can give a few hours for an event, donate supplies, or help with planning, every contribution makes a difference. Together, we can continue building a vibrant, faith-filled school environment for our children.

Upcoming PTO Events

🎨 Arts & Crafts Night – Thursday, Oct. 17 | 5:30–6:30 PM

- Come see the wonderful projects your children have been working on in Ms. Michelle's art class! Craft kits will be available (while supplies last) and light refreshments will be served. Thank you to Jasmine Thompson for generously volunteering to provide refreshments.

🎃 Octoberfest & Trunk or Treat – Thursday, Oct. 24 | 6:00–8:00 PM

- A half-day of school will lead into an evening of fun with Trunk or Treat in the parking lot, plus games and pizza in the gym. **Donations of candy, healthy snacks, and party favors are being accepted now through Oct. 17.**
- **Volunteers are needed for:**
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Game set-up and monitoring
 - Food serving
 - Clean-up
- A planning meeting will be scheduled around Oct. 20–21. If you'd like to volunteer, **please contact PTO Coordinator Darlene at dedkb@hotmail.com.**

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!

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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**



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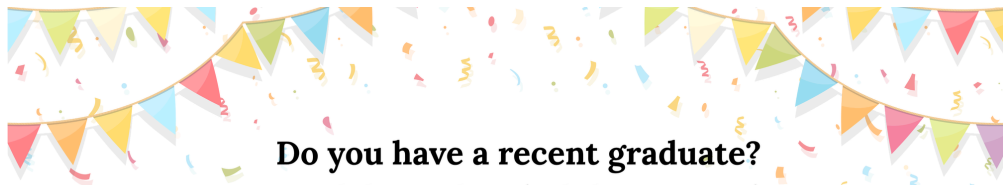


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Submit your celebrations to share with the parish by **scanning the QR code or email to:** dbehal@charlestondiocese.org

