



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

December 14, 2025



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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@charlestdiocese.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, 12/13

- 5 PM Regina Phillips Birthday

SUNDAY, 12/14

- 8 AM
- 10 AM Blancher Baker
- 12 PM Roberto Cortez

Monday, 12/15

- 11 AM Charles Reynolds

TUESDAY, 12/16

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 12/17

- 11 AM Bernard Baker

THURSDAY, 12/18

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/20

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/21

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Deacon Steve Olson

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	Drew Butterfield	Margaret Morris	Ronnie Glenn
Ann Fournier	Elaine Greggs	Marie Therese Isdiore	Sabrina Walker
Ann Moore	Ellanjose Johnson	Marilyn Daly	Sammy Huguet
Ann Nechodom	Eric Kuhn	Martha Cotel	Sandra McNaughton
Annette Martin	Erica Hardy	Mary Cormican	Sharon Bryant
Bernice Latimore	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	

Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Karen Randall & Family	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	June Schammel & Family
		Faye Schneider & Family

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for December 6-7, 2025 (23rd week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$50,570.07	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	<u>\$634,856.10</u>	<u>\$672,440.19</u>
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Collection raised \$351.00.		
<i>*Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2025, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2025</i>		

Consider Online Giving:

54% of our YTD giving this year has been online. We want this % to be as close to 100% as possible. Online contributions provide steady, reliable support — even when you are away. Sign-up for online giving by scanning the QR code below:



Leave a Legacy:

Remember St. Anthony's of Padua in your will or estate plan. Your planned gift helps ensure our parish remains a place of worship, education, and community for generations to come.

Every gift matters — together we make a difference!

PRAYER

FROM THE DESK OF OUR PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado

Unshakable Joy in a Broken World: Rediscovering Light and Hope This Advent Season

In a world weighed down by brokenness and uncertainty, the third week of Advent invites us to pause and rediscover joy—a deep, unshakable longing etched into every human heart. But let's be honest: What does joy truly mean in the midst of chaos? Can such enduring joy still exist? Advent offers its quiet yet resolute answer: Yes, it can. Trust me.

True joy isn't found in fleeting pleasures. A new gadget, a social media "like," or a momentary distraction may offer a brief escape, but they often leave us feeling emptier than before. True joy, however, is a wellspring of strength—anchored in trust, sustained by love, and fueled by the unshakable assurance that our lives hold a deeper purpose. As Pierre Teilhard de Chardin put it, "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." This joy runs deep. It's not shallow or superficial but resilient, whispering in our darkest moments, "God is here. This is not the end of the story."

Contrary to popular belief, joy and sorrow are not opposites but intimately connected. We grieve deeply because we love deeply. We long for meaning, yet we wrestle with doubt. We strive to do good, but we often stumble. This tension is not a flaw; it's what makes us fully alive. Jesus' life vividly demonstrates this paradox. His mission brought healing and hope, yet His path led through suffering and the cross. His resurrection didn't erase the pain—it transformed it. Likewise, Christian joy doesn't ignore struggle. It grows through it, deepening and strengthening. Advent reminds us that joy doesn't deny the darkness; it dares to light a candle within it.

Practicing joy doesn't mean pretending everything is fine. It's about trusting that God is at work, even when life feels uncertain. John the Baptist exemplifies this kind of joy—not one rooted in applause or recognition, but in pointing to Christ and embracing his unique role in God's story. Freed from the pressure to be the hero, John's joy was humble yet profound.

As Dr. Jacqui Lewis reminds us, joy is vital for the human spirit to thrive. Without it, we risk being consumed by fear, resentment, and despair. Joy isn't meant to remain private; it's designed to flow outward, bringing hope to others. Advent challenges us to step into the broken places of our world—workplaces where people feel invisible, homes strained by conflict, and communities fractured by fear—and bring light. Joy, when lived out, transforms, heals, and unites. As theologian Barbara Holmes says, "The greatest antidote to depression and oppression is joy. Joy comes during worship, fellowship, and even crisis." This season challenges us to create spaces where joy can flourish, even when we struggle to find it ourselves. Living joyfully means participating in Christ's mission in tangible ways—affirming the dignity of the poor, comforting the brokenhearted, and helping the oppressed find freedom. Even small acts—a smile, a listening ear, or a heartfelt "How are you really doing?"—can carry profound weight in a world distracted by the glow of screens.

This Advent, the question isn't, "How can I feel more joyful?" but rather, "What is my life aiming toward?" Joy isn't something we chase; it's the fruit of a life rooted in Christ. Jesus stepped into our messy, unfinished story to bring light to the darkness and joy to the brokenness. And this joy? It isn't meant to be hidden. It's meant to overflow, touching the lives of those who feel forgotten, burdened, or overwhelmed by life's noise. So this Advent, dare to carry the light of Christ. Be a person of joy—not by denying life's struggles, but by proclaiming through your words and actions: God is here. Joy is alive. And that changes everything.

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.

Important Dates & Updates

- **Dec. 13th-14th** - St. Anthony School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on Woodruff Road
- **Dec. 14th** - Parish Christmas Concert at 5:00 PM in the Church
- **Dec. 14th** - Youth Ministry Meeting at 5:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room
- **Dec. 20th** - Christmas Party at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **Dec. 31st** - New Years Eve Party at 10:00 PM after the 9:00 PM Mass

PARISH UPDATE

Join Us for

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S

Christmas Party

20 December 2025
6:00 PM (after mass)
Parish Social Hall

Food Fellowship Dancing

Adult Family and Friends are invited!

This is an annual event sponsored by the Women's Council and Men's Club as our way of saying "Thank You" for supporting us all year long!

Youth Ministry Meeting

All teens are invited to join us Sunday, Dec. 14th at 5:00 PM for a meal, icebreakers, and games in the Multipurpose Room. We will also have an empowering talk about Advent with our advisor, Kyle Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions, please contact Kyle Hall:
kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org

Men's Bible Study

Grow in faith and fellowship with our Men's Bible Study, meeting every Wednesday at 7 PM via Zoom. All men are welcome! For details or the Zoom link, contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632.

Join Living Waters Bible Study

All are welcome! Grow in faith and fellowship each Tuesday at 6:30 PM on Zoom. To join, open Zoom, click **Join Meeting**, and enter Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219. **Questions?** Contact Lillie or Nicky Jones at 864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012.

Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule:

- **Wednesday Dec. 24th** - 4:00 PM (children's), 6:00 PM, and Midnight
- **Thursday, Dec. 25th** - 10:00 AM
- **Wednesday, Dec. 31st** - 9:00 PM & NYE Party to follow in the Social Hall
- **Thursday, Jan. 1st** - 11:00 AM

Parish Office Closures:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 23rd** at 12 noon to **Friday, Dec. 26th** (we will reopen on Monday, Dec. 29th)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 31st** at 12 noon to **Friday, Jan. 2nd** (we will reopen on Monday, January 5th)

Religious Education Students Invited to Sing at Christmas Eve Mass

All of our Religious Education/CCD students are warmly invited and encouraged to sing at the **4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass**.

A rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 PM** in the Church. Students are also asked to arrive for a brief run-through on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM, immediately before Mass.

We hope to see our young voices joyfully leading us in worship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

View Our Parish Calendar

We are excited to launch a shared calendar, please **scan the QR code below to view our calendar** (link will expire on Dec. 19th):



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 14TH - DECEMBER 21ST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th



Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall
5:00 PM - Parish Christmas Concert
Church & SAP Social Hall
5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting
Multipurpose Room

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:00 PM - MICAH Meeting
Classroom A
6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17th

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM - Daily Mass
Church
4:00-6:00 PM - Confession & Adoration
Church
6:00 PM - Religious Education/CCD
Assigned Classrooms
7:00 PM - Men's Bible Study
Zoom

PARISH UPDATE

Congratulations, St. Anthony's for Winning "People's Choice Award" for our Christmas Float in the 2025 Greenville Poinsettia Christmas Parade!



Advent Day of Service Highlights

Thank you to all the families and parishioners who served with such generosity and heart. What a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Christ!



Together, we prepared over 200 sandwiches for our Food Pantry — a tremendous gift to our neighbors in need. The children brought extra joy to the day by creating handmade Christmas cards to accompany the meals, spreading love and hope this Advent season.



*For all those donating your
TIME, TALENT and TREASURE
For our CHRISTMAS TOY PARTY!*

Thank You
Johnny Payne

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S Eve Party 2026

DECEMBER 31, 2025

10:00 PM

IN THE SOCIAL HALL

DECEMBER 7TH - DECEMBER 14TH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
4:00 PM - Leadership Committee
(private)
Parish Office
5:00 PM - Staff Christmas Dinner
6:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
(private)
Parish Office

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

10:00 AM - School Christmas Play
School Gymnasium
3-5 PM - Community Christmas
Dinner hosted by the Food Pantry
SAP Social Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th

No Pickleball

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church
6:00 PM - Parish Christmas Party
SAP Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st



**Fourth Sunday
of Advent**

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Dear St. Anthony Parish Family,

On behalf of our entire school community, I extend our deepest gratitude for your overwhelming generosity during our Giving Tuesday 2025 campaign, which ran from November 17 through December 2. Thanks to your faithful support, we raised over \$73,000 toward our goal—bringing us significantly closer to transforming the lives of our students. Your gifts, offered in the spirit of stewardship and love for our children, reflect the true heart of our Catholic community: selfless giving that builds up the Body of Christ.

This extraordinary response means the world to us. The new playground will provide a safe, vibrant space where our young ones can engage in joyful, active play—fostering physical health, social bonds, and a deeper appreciation for God's creation as a gift to cherish. No longer limited by outdated equipment, students will have opportunities to explore, laugh, and learn lessons in care for our common home, embodying the call to joyful discipleship.

Equally transformative is the updated STEM curriculum, which will ignite wonder and curiosity in science and mathematics. Through the FOSS Next Generation program and innovative professional development from The Number Lab, our teachers will guide students in hands-on discovery—revealing the beauty and order of God's design. This renewal equips our children to become ethical innovators, blending faith with critical thinking to serve the world as compassionate leaders.

Construction on the new playground will begin in early 2026, with exciting updates shared in the coming weeks and months via our parish bulletins, emails, and school communications. We invite you to witness the progress and celebrate these milestones together. Further opportunities to support the school will now be available through the parish Advent Giving Tree and during Catholic Schools Week in January 2026.

Thank you again for your prayers and partnership. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness, and may St. Anthony intercede for all of us as we nurture the next generation in faith.

In Christ the Beloved,
Brian Long

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School — 75th Anniversary Planning Committee

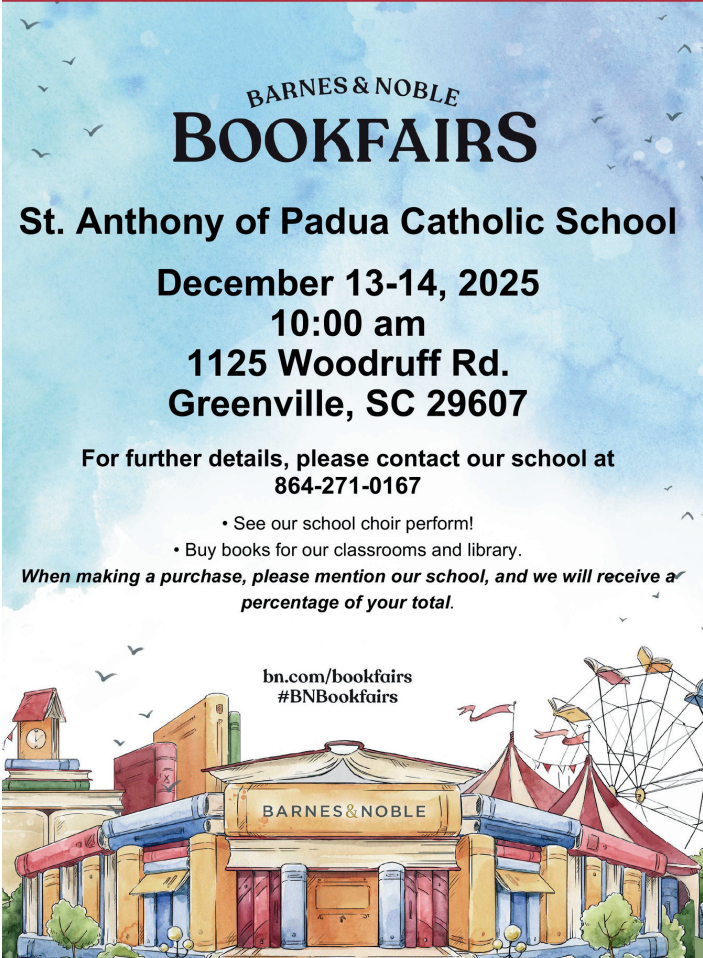
In **October 2026**, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School will celebrate a remarkable milestone — **75 years** of faith, community, and academic excellence!

To prepare for this joyful celebration, we are forming a **75th Anniversary Planning Committee** and are seeking parishioners, school families, alumni, and friends who would like to help. We are also looking for someone who may be interested in serving as the Committee Chair.

If you would like to be part of planning this special event, please send your contact information to:

Jamie Judge
President, School Advisory Council
Email: jajudge2012@gmail.com

Thank you for helping us honor our past, celebrate our present, and build our future!



**BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKFAIRS**

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

December 13-14, 2025
10:00 am
1125 Woodruff Rd.
Greenville, SC 29607

**For further details, please contact our school at
864-271-0167**

- See our school choir perform!
- Buy books for our classrooms and library.

When making a purchase, please mention our school, and we will receive a percentage of your total.

bn.com/bookfairs
[#BNBookfairs](https://twitter.com/BNBookfairs)

The poster features a colorful illustration of a Barnes & Noble bookstore with a red awning, a Ferris wheel in the background, and a clock tower on the left. The sky is blue with white clouds and birds.