



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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

December 21, 2025



FOURTH 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

ADORATION

Wednesday: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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

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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, 12/20

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/21

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

Monday, 12/22

- 11 AM Thomas Ward

TUESDAY, 12/23

- 11 AM Linda Kidd

WEDNESDAY, 12/24

- 4:00 PM
- 6:00 PM Matthew Reynolds
- 12:00 AM

THURSDAY, 12/25

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 12/27

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/28

- 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	Ellaniose 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 DeLuo	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 13-14, 2025 (24th week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$30,340.00	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	<u>\$665,196.10</u>	<u>\$701,676.72</u>

The **Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious** is **\$1,612.00**.

**Our Fiscal Year starts 7/1/2025, so Year-to-Date (YTD) data is total weekly collections since 7/1/2025*

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

What Love Requires

Picture a man standing at a crossroads in the dead of night, dust on his sandals, heart pounding. Just hours ago, his world made sense. Now? The woman he loves carries a child that isn't his—and she speaks of angels, miracles, and the impossible made flesh. Sleep eludes him. What would you do?

As we light the final candle of Advent, we're invited into Joseph's story, where questions of faith and life collide: What does it mean to live a life that truly honors God? How do we choose integrity and love in the face of uncertainty?

In the Gospel of Matthew (1:18-25), we encounter a story overshadowed by the miracle of Jesus' birth. Joseph, though silent in the Gospels, speaks volumes through his quiet faith. Sometimes, the most profound statements are made without a word.

Imagine his turmoil. The sleepless nights. The relentless questions. The crushing weight of a choice that could destroy his reputation. In Joseph's time, Mary's pregnancy before marriage was a scandal. The law gave him a way out: a public divorce would clear his name. The whispers would cease. His honor would remain intact. Problem solved, right?

But Joseph's heart wrestled with more than the law. He knew the rules—but he also knew mercy. His love for Mary and his desire to do what was truly right led him to consider a quieter, more compassionate choice, one that would spare her from shame and danger. Here, we see the distinction between legalism and love. Rules say "protect yourself." Love says "protect her."

True righteousness demands more than following rules. It asks: What does love require of me right now? It calls for humility, mercy, and alignment with God's will. Decades later, Jesus would challenge the Pharisees on this very distinction—letter versus spirit, law versus love. Yet Joseph had already made his choice: love over legalism, compassion over convention.

In the midst of his struggle, God intervened. In a dream, an angel brought an extraordinary message: Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph was to take her as his wife and name the child "Jesus." This name, carrying the promise of salvation for all humanity. No pressure, Joseph. Just name the Savior of the world and carry on.

By saying "yes," Joseph gave Mary and Jesus protection, love, and legitimacy when they needed it most.

Even the name "Jesus" meaning "Yahweh saves," embodied Christ's mission. Jesus is Emmanuel—God with us. In him, God came to dwell among humanity, to redeem and restore us. This promise of Emmanuel envelops Matthew's Gospel: it begins with **Emmanuel** and ends with the risen Christ's assurance: **'I am with you** always, to the end of time.' From the beginning to end, in every moment—the teaching, healing, suffering, and resurrection—Jesus reveals what it means to have God with us.

Joseph's story, thought quiet, is intricately woven into the vast tapestry of God's work throughout history. Like the Joseph the dreamer of Genesis who saved his family by taking them to Egypt, this Joseph also a dreamer, protected the Holy Family by fleeing there. In both stories, God's plan unfolded through acts of faith and courage, even in the face of danger.

But Joseph's story is more than history; it's a mirror for our own lives. Where are your crossroads today? What choice weighs heavy on your heart—one where the "safe" option and the "loving" option pull in opposite directions?

Righteousness isn't about being right. It's about being willing—willing to trust, to love, to follow God's plan, even when it defies logic or expectation.

As this final Advent candle flickers, may we carry Joseph's quiet courage into our own uncertainties. May we trust that the God who stood with him stands with us still.

Emmanuel. God with us. Not God watching from a distance. Not waiting for us to figure it all out. God with us—in the carpenter's shop, at the crossroads, in the dead of night. Always.

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. 20th** - Christmas Party at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall
- **Dec. 31st** - New Years Eve Party at 10:00 PM
- **Jan. 25th-31st** - Catholic Schools Week

PARISH UPDATE

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEW YEAR'S Eve Party 2026

DECEMBER 31, 2025

10:00 PM

IN THE SOCIAL HALL

YOUR GENEROSITY FUELS OUR MINISTRY

Please prayerfully consider
including St. Anthony's
Church in your year-end
giving with a tax-
deductible donation.



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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 (Holy Day of Obligation)** - 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)



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times

Dec. 31st - 9:00 PM

Jan. 1st - 11:00 AM

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View Our Parish Calendar

We are excited to launch a shared
calendar, please **scan the QR code** to
view our calendar

(link will expire on Dec. 25th):



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 21ST - DECEMBER 28TH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22nd

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23rd

Parish Office Closes at 12 PM

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - Christmas Eve (children's) Mass
Church

6:00 PM - Christmas Eve Mass
Church

Midnight - Christmas Eve Mass
Church

PARISH UPDATE

The Men's Club Christmas Toy Party Thank You!

- * The Toy Party was a huge success, giving children a Blessed Christmas they might not have otherwise had!
- * The Men's Club would like to express a big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed through their time, talent, or treasure!
- * Here are some party statistics:
 - * 336 children attended, a 44% increase from last year!
 - * Our elves had to make an emergency toy run to meet the extra demand!
 - * Our DJ energized the children while they waited to get in.
 - * Younger children received toys and entered a bike/gift card raffle.
 - * Older children received a bigger gift card.
 - * 19 bikes with helmets and 85 gift cards valued at \$1900 were given away.
 - * Handed out treat bags highlighting the true meaning of **Christmas**.
 - * Santa came down from the North Pole to pay all the children a visit.
 - * 64 of Santa's holly jolly elves teamed up to make it all happen



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School — 75th Anniversary

In October 2026, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School will celebrate 75 years of faith, community, and academic excellence. We are forming a 75th Anniversary Planning Committee and invite parishioners, school families, alumni, and friends to help plan this special milestone. A Committee Chair is also being sought.

If interested, please contact:
Jamie Judge, President, School Advisory Council
✉ jajudge2012@gmail.com

Service

Church Grounds Work Day: Help Us Prepare for Christmas!

Happy Sunday and Merry Christmas to all! We are planning a work day at the church on Tuesday, December 23rd, starting at 9:00 AM. Our goal is to clear the leaves and tidy up the grounds so our parish looks its best for our Christmas celebrations.

If you are available to help, we would love to have you! Please bring a rake or a leaf blower if you have one. The weather looks promising, and it's a wonderful way to serve our parish community.

Bonus: After we finish, we plan to take Father to lunch right around the corner at Sacha's for some delicious Colombian food. We hope to see you there!

For questions, please contact Ken Bassett: 864-243-6794.

Support The MICAHA Program

The MICAHA Program serves the financially vulnerable in our community by providing access to low-cost loans and helping our neighbors avoid predatory lenders. Thanks to your generosity, we have nearly doubled the number of loans made in 2025 compared to last year.

To continue meeting this growing need, we ask for your continued financial support. The MICAHA Program is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Donations may be made online through our website or by a check made out to the MICAHA Program and mailed to the St. Anthony's office with Attention - MICAHA Program.

Thank you for helping us serve our neighbors in need.
The webpage for donations is <https://micahaprogram.org/donation/>

Bible Study Group Schedule Updates

- **Living Waters Bible Study (Tuesdays)** - will not be meeting for the remainder of the year. Next meeting will be on Jan. 5th, 2026
- **Men's Bible Study (Wednesdays)** - will not be meeting until Jan. 6th, 2025
- **Women's Bible Study (Thursdays)** - will not be meeting until Jan. 7th, 2025

DECEMBER 21ST - DECEMBER 28TH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26th

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27th

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Day

11:00 AM - Christmas Day Mass
Church

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

No Pickleball

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church



Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

STAY CONNECTED

Sign-up for Flocknote Emails/E-News

Don't miss out on the latest parish news, upcoming events, and faith-filled updates! Sign up for our Flocknote emails (E-News), sent every Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. It's the best way to stay informed and connected to parish life.

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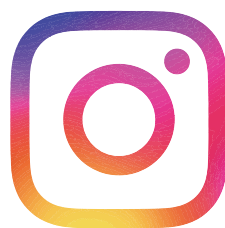
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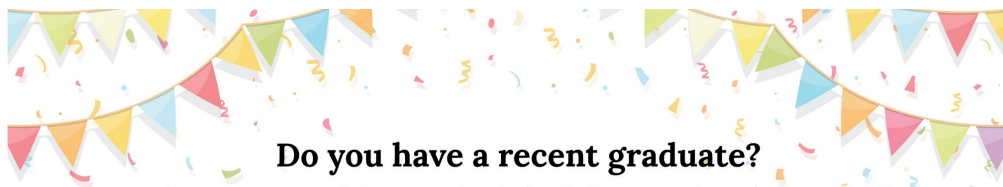


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Celebration Submissions



**Do you have a recent graduate?
Have you celebrated a Birthday or Anniversary?**

If so, we want to celebrate with YOU!
Submit your celebrations to share with the parish by **scanning the QR code or email to:** dbehal@charlestondiocese.org

