



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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December 28, 2025



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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 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.stanthonysgyl.org

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonyschoolgyl.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, 12/27

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 12/28

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

Monday, 12/29

- 11 AM

TUESDAY, 12/30

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 12/31

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

THURSDAY, 1/1

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 1/2

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 1/3

- 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	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 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 PARISHIONER

- 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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for December 20-21, 2025 (25th week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$29,977.77	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	<u>\$695,174.50</u>	<u>\$730,913.25</u>

*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

Sacred in the Stress: Discovering Holiness in Family Struggle

Holy Family Sunday invites us, dear friends, to reimagine Christmas—not as a distant, soft, or sentimental celebration, but as grounded in the deeply human experience of family life. It's a reminder that the heart of the Christmas story is rooted in the messy, beautiful chaos of real relationships, where struggles and joys are inextricably intertwined. From Shakespeare to Dostoevsky, literature has long portrayed the family as the stage for life's greatest dramas: love and conflict, sacrifice and betrayal, forgiveness and healing. On this Feast of the Holy Family, we're challenged to look beyond serene, stained-glass images of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and wrestle with profound questions: What does it truly mean to be a family? What makes a family "holy"? And where does my own messy, complicated, modern family fit into all of this?

The first reading from Sirach offers an idealized vision of family life—respectful, orderly, and harmonious. But let's be honest: most families today don't resemble that picture. Families today are diverse and complex:

- Single parents balancing everything on their own
- Same-sex parents raising children with love
- Foster or adoptive families creating new bonds
- Blended families navigating stepparents and stepsiblings
- Grandparents stepping in to raise grandchildren
- Families spread across different cultures, countries, or beliefs

These realities raise difficult questions:

- Should we honor parents who've caused deep hurt?
- What does respect look like when there's been abuse or abandonment?
- Can a family that's broken or non-traditional still be a "domestic church"?

The idea of the family as the "domestic church"—the first place where faith is shared and lived—can feel out of reach for many. What happens when: Not everyone in the family believes in God? Some are Catholic, some are not, and others are "spiritual but not religious"? Pain and dysfunction drown out peace and prayer?

For many, the word "family" doesn't evoke warmth but instead brings memories of hurt, instability, or fear. In today's world, family life feels stretched thin by countless challenges:

- Technology that isolates us rather than bringing us together (think of family dinners replaced by everyone scrolling in silence).
- Parents overwhelmed by the demands of work, bills, and endless to-do lists.
- Hidden struggles such as divorce, mental illness, addiction, or financial strain.

How, then, can we strive for holiness in our families when perfection feels impossible?

The Holy Family shows us that holiness isn't about flawlessness—it's about presence. Their life was far from ideal:

- Jesus was born in a messy, noisy stable.
- The family fled to Egypt as refugees, escaping Herod's violence.
- By the time Jesus reached adulthood, Joseph was likely gone, leaving Mary a widow and Jesus fatherless.
- In the Gospel, we see a deeply human moment when Mary and Joseph frantically search for 12-year-old Jesus, only to find him calmly teaching in the temple. You can almost hear Mary thinking, "Because you're TWELVE, that's why we were worried!"

Even the Holy Family experienced struggles, misunderstandings, and moments of fear. Yet they show us that what makes a family holy is not perfection but love, trust, and presence in the midst of life's challenges.

Pope Francis reminds us in *Amoris Laetitia* that parents are their children's first teachers of the faith—not through perfect behavior but through small, daily acts of love. A family becomes a "domestic church" when: God's love is made visible in everyday gestures. People are willing to say, "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you." There's room for struggle, imperfection, and growth.

Holiness isn't found in having a picture-perfect home or Instagram-worthy moments. It's found in the small, unremarkable acts of love that happen every day:

- A parent apologizing after losing their temper.
- A teenager helping out without rolling their eyes (just this once!).
- Siblings reconciling after a fight.
- A tired spouse quietly sacrificing for the good of the family.

Wherever love, forgiveness, and patience exist, Christ is present. The Christmas story reminds us that if Jesus can transform a messy stable into a temple of God, then he can transform our homes too—whether they are cluttered or clean, peaceful or tense, traditional or unconventional.

What matters isn't the structure of the family but the presence of Christ's love within it.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, we're invited to follow their example: to love through uncertainty, to forgive in the midst of misunderstanding, and to trust in God even in the messiness of life.

Let us never forget: God is with us—right in the middle of our messy, imperfect, and beautiful family lives.



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. 31st** - New Years Eve Party at 10:00 PM
- **Jan. 19th** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Parish Office Closed)
- **Jan. 25th-31st** - Catholic Schools Week

PARISH UPDATE



Upcoming Holiday Mass Schedule:

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (**Holy Day of Obligation**)
 - Wednesday, Dec. 31st - 9:00 PM Mass
 - Thursday, Jan. 1st - 11:00 AM Mass

Parish Office Closures:

- Wednesday, Dec. 31st at 12 noon to Friday, Jan. 2nd (we will reopen on Monday, January 5th)
- **Monday, Jan. 19th** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



**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 Jan. 3rd**):



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th

Second Collection: Church in Africa



**Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st

Parish Office Closes at 12 PM

New Year's Eve

9:00 PM - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (**Holy Day of Obligation**) Church

10:00 PM - Parish New Year's Eve Party SAP Social Hall

PARISH UPDATE

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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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. 6th, 2026.
- **Men's Bible Study (Wednesdays)** - will not be meeting until Jan. 7th, 2025.
- **Women's Bible Study (Thursdays)** - will not be meeting until Jan. 8th, 2025.

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

Thank You – Church Grounds Work Day

Thank you to all the wonderful parishioners who came out this past Tuesday to help prepare our church grounds for Christmas. Your time, energy, and generosity made a beautiful difference, ensuring our parish looks welcoming and well cared for as we celebrate the birth of Christ. We are so grateful for your willingness to serve, your joyful spirit, and the sense of community you brought to the day. Acts of service like this truly reflect the love of Christ alive in our parish.

Thank you for helping make St. Anthony of Padua a place of beauty, hospitality, and faith this Christmas season!



Thank You to Our Religious Education Children

A heartfelt thank you to all of our Religious Education children who sang so beautifully at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Your joyful voices lifted our hearts and helped make our celebration of the Nativity even more meaningful.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Larry McCullough, Director of Music, for directing and organizing the children, and to Debra, Director of Religious Education, for her guidance, coordination, and continued support of our young people.

Thank you all for sharing your gifts, faith, and Christmas joy with our parish community. We are so proud of you and grateful for the light you bring to our worship. May God bless you and your families this Christmas season!

Support The MICAH Program

The MICAH 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 MICAH 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 MICAH Program and mailed to the St. Anthony's office with Attention - MICAH Program.

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

DECEMBER 28TH - JANUARY 4TH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1st

Parish Office Closed

New Year's Day

11:00 AM - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2nd

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3rd

No Pickleball

12:00-3:30 PM - Private Event
SAP Social Hall
4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall
1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting
Multipurpose Room
5:00 PM - Youth Ministry Meeting
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.

👉 Sign up today:



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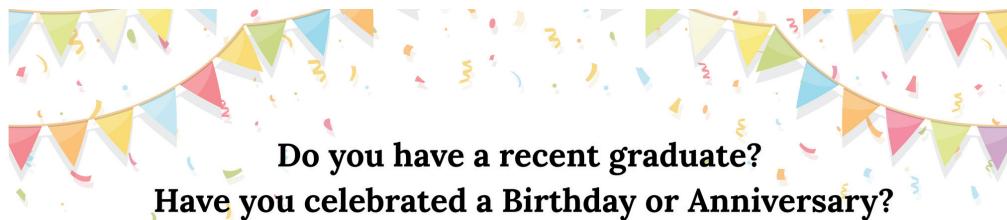
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Celebration Submissions



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**

