



St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

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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

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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, 1/3

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 1/4

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

MONDAY, 1/5

- 11 AM

TUESDAY, 1/6

- 11 AM

WEDNESDAY, 1/7

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

THURSDAY, 1/8

- 11 AM

SATURDAY, 1/10

- 5 PM

SUNDAY, 1/11

- 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
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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 online email [Kyle Hall at kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org), or you can also register online by scanning the QR code below by opening your mobile 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.

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 27-28, 2025 (26th week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly & Christmas Total:	\$85,913.00	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	\$781,438.50	\$760,149.78

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

Consider Online Giving:

50% 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

Prayer for Our Parish

As this year draws to a close, I lift my heart in gratitude to God—for the countless blessings we have received, for the strength to endure life's trials, and for the gift of our parish, St. Anthony. I am especially thankful for its rich and resilient history, deeply rooted in African American faith and spirituality, and for its Franciscan heart, always open to the poor, the forgotten, and the overlooked. This legacy calls us to see Christ in both joy and suffering, reminding us of His constant presence in the concrete realities of our lives—especially in the lives of those most in need.

Our parish is a beautiful tapestry woven from individuals of many cultures, traditions, and backgrounds. Yet, in Christ, we are one family, one Body, united in love and diversity. Together, by God's grace, we are shaping the future of our parish, responding to His call in the here and now.

Our parish will reflect God's love, if I reflect it:

It will be welcoming, if I welcome—with a smile, a warm greeting, and an open heart, especially to those carrying heavy burdens or little hope.

It will be friendly, if I am friendly.

It will be holy, if I strive for holiness.

It will grow and transform, if I allow God to stretch my heart, challenge my assumptions, and draw me closer to the Gospel.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them—by inviting others, especially newcomers, visitors, or those who feel unseen or alone, and by ensuring they know they belong.

It will stand with the poor, the wounded, and the forgotten, if I choose to see Christ in them, to approach them without judgment, and to walk beside them with compassion and love.

It will do great works, if I serve with love and purpose—not only preserving what is good, but courageously embracing the new paths the Holy Spirit opens before us, so we may better serve those in need. Our parish will be prayerful, if I pray—for the grace to listen deeply, to understand with humility, and to discern together how God is calling us to respond to the injustices of our time.

It will be generous, if I give generously—of my time, talents, and resources, especially for those in our community and beyond who are most affected by hardship and struggle. It will draw others into worship, if I invite and accompany them—helping them feel at home, no matter their culture, language, or background, and walking with them in the concrete circumstances of their lives.

May our parish be a beacon of light:

A place where diverse cultures are welcomed as gifts of the Holy Spirit;

Where the poor, the hungry, the lonely, and the forgotten find a seat at the table and a family in Christ;

Where many hearts are lifted in one prayer, and unity is forged through respect, patience, compassion, and mercy.

And may this transformation begin with me. For I, who help shape my parish, must first embody these same gifts:

Ready to be changed and challenged,

To embrace those on the margins,

And to follow wherever Christ leads.

Therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself today to becoming what I hope my parish will be:

A home of faith, joy, and belonging;

A place where all are welcomed and cherished;

Where we respond to the cries of our time with courageous, self-giving love;

And where we live as one Body in Christ, united in diversity and in love.

Amen.



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

- **Jan. 19th** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Parish Office Closed)
- **Jan. 24th** - Annual Prayer Breakfast in the Social Hall
- **Jan. 25th-31st** - Catholic Schools Week

PARISH UPDATE

What's Happening at St. Anthony's

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:

<https://AnthonyPaduaSC.flocknote.com>



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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. 8th):



Upcoming Events



New Year's Party Highlights



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th

The Epiphany of the Lord

No Men's Club Breakfast

1:30 PM - Women's Council Meeting
Multipurpose Room

MONDAY, JANUARY 5th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

7:00 PM - OCIA
Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church

6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

JANUARY 4TH - 11TH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7th

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 Bible Study
Zoom



PARISH UPDATE

Join Living Waters Bible Study

Living Waters Bible Study has concluded for the year and will resume on Tuesday, January 6th.

We will be continuing our newly begun study of the Book of Romans, a rich theological masterpiece from which every Christian can benefit. All are welcome to join at any point along the journey, whether you are new or returning.

Living Waters Bible Study

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00 PM
Via Zoom

Zoom Log-In:

Meeting ID: 834 4618 4219
Passcode: LWBS
Participant ID: 529792



Scan QR Code for
Zoom Link

We look forward to gathering again in the new year for faith, fellowship, and Scripture.

Men's Bible Study

Grow in faith and fellowship with our Men's Bible Study, which will **resume this Wednesday, January 7th**, and meets every Wednesday at **7:00 PM via Zoom**. All men are welcome! For more information or to receive the Zoom link, please contact David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com or 864-906-2632.

Women's Bible Study - Thursdays

All women are invited to join us Thursdays starting on **January 8th** from **9:00-10:45 AM in the Multipurpose Room**. Come for fellowship, prayer, and reflection - contact Nancy (414-736-6290) or Rita (864-979-7544) for details.



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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Service

Happy New Year!

As we welcome the New Year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all who helped organize and host our **New Year's Eve party**. Your time, generosity, and dedication made the evening a joyful success. Thank you as well to everyone who came out to celebrate and ring in the New Year together in faith and fellowship. Wishing our parish family a blessed, happy, and healthy New Year!

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/>

JANUARY 4TH - 11TH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8th

9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study
Multipurpose Room
11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting (private)
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9th

Fr. Emerson's Day Off

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th

10:00 AM - Pickleball
School Gym
4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th

The Baptism of the Lord
9:00 AM - Men's Club Breakfast
SAP Social Hall

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL UPDATE

A Heartfelt Thank You from St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School

Dear Parish Family of St. Anthony of Padua,

As we gather for worship on this first weekend of the New Year, following the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1st, I extend our deepest gratitude to you, our generous parish community, for the extraordinary blessings poured out on our school during Advent. Your love made Christmas a season of true joy and dignity for so many.

- Christmas Gifts for Families in Need: Through your selfless contributions, 15 families in our school community—many with multiple children—received thoughtful gifts. This allowed parents to create a merry Christmas Day, restoring a sense of hope and normalcy amid hardships. Your generosity reflected the Gospel's call to care for the vulnerable.

- Christmas Boutique: A dedicated group of parishioners organized a delightful boutique where every student could shop for meaningful gifts for their families and loved ones. This hands-on experience formed our children in the **art of gift-giving**, teaching them selflessness and the joy of loving others as Christ loves us.

- School Performances: Thank you to all who attended our Christmas performance of Disney's Frozen and the School Christmas Concert. Your presence filled our children with pride and encouragement, strengthening the bonds between school and parish.

These acts are not mere transactions; they are signs of the parish's living faith, sustaining our mission to evangelize and form young hearts.

A Commitment to Authentic Catholic Education

Since arriving as principal in June, I have sought to emphasize our school's sacred task: evangelizing students and forming them in the Christian intellectual tradition. This vision draws directly from the Church's teaching, especially the second reading from the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God: St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians (4:4-7).

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Here, St. Paul proclaims the kerygma—the core proclamation of encounter with Christ, inviting faith and discipleship. The Incarnation launches our salvation: in Christ, we receive adoption as sons of the Father, proven by the Holy Spirit who enables us to cry, "Abba, Father!" Christian education cooperates with this grace, forming the true and perfect Christian—Christ Himself—in those regenerated by Baptism.

As the Church teaches, Christian education embraces the whole of human life: physical and spiritual, intellectual and moral, individual, domestic, and social. It elevates, regulates, and perfects all in light of Christ's example, producing the supernatural man who thinks, judges, and acts consistently with reason illuminated by faith. This is the adoptive sonship St. Paul describes—a life of freedom, truth, and love.

The Five Essential Marks of Catholic Schools: A Roadmap for Happiness and Holiness

Mission-driven Catholic schools like ours offer what no secular model can: formation in the confidence and joy of being loved beyond measure by God, who draws children to Himself through Creation's beauty, goodness, truth, order, and mystery. Our aim is to raise a new generation of students who are faithful, free, and joyful—whose minds earnestly seek truth, hearts ardently desire goodness, and imaginations are captivated by beauty. Parents long to give their children the best start in life, and Catholic schools rooted in the Church's tradition can meet that need most completely.

Drawing from Church documents, Archbishop J. Michael Miller identified five essential marks for authentically Catholic education:

1. Inspired by a Supernatural Vision: Education transmits not just facts, but a coherent vision of life rooted in Christ's liberating truth, restoring culture's grasp of objective reality and duties to God and neighbor.

2. Founded on a Christian Anthropology: The person is central—spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical—formed for beatitude (ultimate happiness in God), integrating faith, reason, virtue, and sacramental worldview.

3. Animated by Communion and Community: Schools build a Gospel-permeated climate of dignity, solidarity, dialogue, and mutual respect, rejecting mass education for personalized growth.

4. Imbued with a Catholic Worldview Throughout the Curriculum: No separation between learning and formation; all subjects reveal faith's light, avoiding secular reductionism that erases God from Creation and dulls wonder.

5. Sustained by Gospel Witness: Teachers and staff live as witnesses, with prayer, liturgy (especially Eucharist and Penance), and service marking school life, fostering justice, solidarity, and holiness.

Secular curricula undermine these marks, flattening knowledge into forgettable skills and eroding faith. Catholic education, by contrast, unveils Creation's unity and purpose.

Like the shepherds in Bethlehem (Luke 2:16-21), who "returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen," and Mary, who "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart," we ponder God's works in our school. Your support helps our students encounter the Incarnate Word, amazed and transformed.

Exciting News: Premier Member of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE)

I am thrilled to announce that St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School is now a Premier Member School of the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education (ICLE)—the first and only such school in South Carolina! Joining ICLE connects us to a global network of over 250 schools renewing Catholic education through the Church's tradition, grounded in these five essential marks.

ICLE inspires educators to pursue faith, wisdom, and virtue, providing tools for authentic renewal. Member Schools seek devoted Catholic teachers—prioritizing faith commitment.

Thank you once again for making this possible. Let us work together to form students who cry out with their whole lives, "Abba, Father!" May the Mother of God, Mary, intercede for our school and parish in the year 2026.

In Christ the Beloved,
Brian Long
Principal, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School