

Welcome All



Grow as Disciples

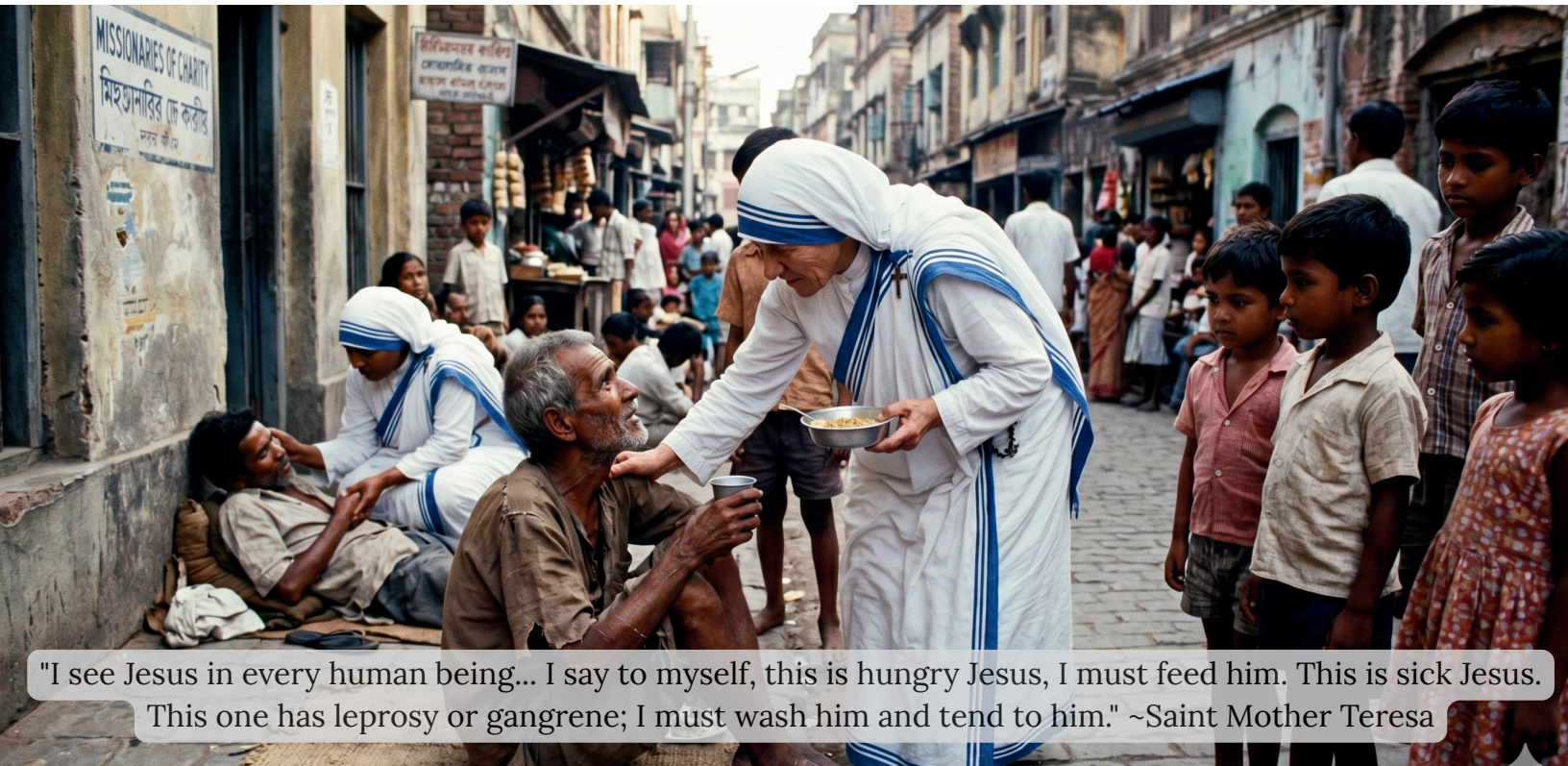
Meet Jesus

Go in Mission

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Three Longings, One Answer

May 3, 2026



"I see Jesus in every human being... I say to myself, this is hungry Jesus, I must feed him. This is sick Jesus. This one has leprosy or gangrene; I must wash him and tend to him." ~Saint Mother Teresa

Sunday Worship

Vigil Saturday 5:00 PM

**Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
and 12:00 PM**

*Sunday Masses are recordings of the 8:00 AM Mass and will be posted on our
YouTube page shortly after Mass has ended.*

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Our Mission

We joyfully welcome all and vibrantly worship Jesus Christ through our Catholic faith, enriched by African American spirituality. We live as a community of disciples, called to mission through evangelization, education, and works of social justice.

Our Vision

Transform our society so that the lost are found, the hungry are fed, and the community flourishes in Christ—by being a wellspring of hope for all.

Parish Pillars

**Communal Worship,
Prayer, and
Evangelization**

**Faith Formation and
Education**

**Service, Justice,
and Community
Outreach**

**Stewardship and
Parish Vitality**

Welcome to St. Anthony's!

If you are visiting from out of town, we give you a hearty "Welcome, y'all!" We hope that you have a great visit to our wonderful city and parish.

If you are new to St. Anthony's, welcome home! We want to be your sisters and brothers on your walk with Jesus, with all the treasures of our beautiful Catholic faith. Please introduce yourself after Mass or meet one of our ushers - we would love to meet you and help answer any questions you may have.

If you are new to the Catholic faith, or perhaps been away for a while, we are happy that you are here! At the front of the pew in the missalette, you can find the readings for today's Mass. Please talk to Fr. Emerson or Deacon Phil Allen, and we would be happy to help you figure out some next steps on your faith journey.

Joining St. Anthony's

Registration is the way that one lets us know, "St. Anthony's is my parish!" Even if you are a part-time resident, it's still important that you register with us. It allows us to communicate with you and keep you updated on parish news and events. It is also needed for sacramental preparation and letters of good standing.

Scan QR code to register:



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

On **Sunday, May 17th**, our parish will celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. This feast commemorates the moment when Jesus, forty days after His Resurrection, ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father.

As we celebrate this glorious mystery, we are reminded that while Christ has ascended, He remains with us always. **Join us at Mass** as we look forward with hope and **prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 12 PM
(Closed for lunch from 12:30–1:30 PM)

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From the Pastor's Desk

A Unified Vision: Strategic Planning Update

Dear Parish Family,

What a blessing it was to gather our ministry leaders this past Thursday, April 30, for our Parish Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting. The energy, faith, and shared vision in the room were truly inspiring, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their time, insights, and prayers.

What's Next

We are currently gathering feedback from all ministries and groups to help shape the path forward. A follow-up meeting is being planned, and going forward, we intend to meet more regularly to strengthen communication, transparency, and a spirit of collaboration as one parish family.

Together, we are working to develop:

- A Parish Master Calendar – to unify our events and activities across all ministries
- A 1–3 Year Strategic Plan – to guide our mission, growth, and shared vision

These initiatives will help us launch our new fiscal year with clarity and purpose, running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. We invite every ministry leader and parishioner to continue sharing ideas and feedback as we build this roadmap together. Your voice matters, and your participation is essential to our collective mission.

With gratitude and blessings,
Fr. Emerson

Campus Updates

Part of our commitment to our parish family is the care and maintenance of our spiritual home. I am happy to share several updates regarding our facilities:

Church Pew Replacement

Beginning Monday, July 6th, we will begin the much-anticipated project of replacing our church pews. This is a significant undertaking that will enhance the beauty and comfort of our worship space for years to come.

Because the pews will be removed during this process, all Masses will be held inside the School Gymnasium for the following weekends:

- July 11 & 12
- July 18 & 19
- July 25 & 26

We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we "move house" for these three weekends to allow this work to be completed safely.

Social Hall Improvements

On a smaller but very practical note, we have installed new sinks in the Social Hall, which now feature a garbage disposal. This will be a great help to our many ministries and volunteers who use the hall for fellowship and events.

Thank you for your leadership, your patience during our upcoming renovations, and your commitment to our parish family. Together, we are building a future where every member of our parish can flourish.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

- Write down three things you keep reaching for to avoid feeling empty: work, achievement, attention, pleasure, scrolling, control, approval, whatever it is for you. Then write: Has this ever actually satisfied me? Don't judge yourself. Don't spin it. Just be real.
- Pick one thing you lean on way too much to tell you who you are: work, romance, appearance, achievement, being needed, constant stimulation. Take a break from it for a day. When the discomfort shows up, don't immediately distract yourself. Sit with it for a minute and ask: What am I afraid I am without this? That's where it gets honest. Then ask the deeper question: What am I actually building my life around?

WORSHIP & PRAYER

FR. EMERSON'S WEEKEND REFLECTION

Three Longings, One Answer

It happens late. After the dishes. After the laughter. After the house goes quiet. Then, without knocking, the perennial questions pull up a chair. Why does love feel eternal when life is so scandalously short? Where, in all this suffering, is God, and why He so often answer in silence? What if these questions are not interruptions, but invitations?

What kind of creature wakes up in paradise and still feels homesick? There is a hollow in us that nothing seems able to fill. We chase success, distraction, money, pleasure, the next notification. Still the ache remains. Pascal called it a God-shaped absence. But we do not just try to fill it. We grieve it.

Grief is not the language of appetite. It is the language of loss. You do not mourn what you were never made for. The ache does not only expose the wound. It may also be evidence that healing exists.

There is an old word for this longing: religion. Strip away the costumes. Scholars have heard in the word religion at least three echoes. *Religare*, to bind back what has come undone. *Relegere*, to read again, to attend with care. *Reeligere*, to choose again, to be recovered. The longing for new life.

Every root carries the same prefix: **re**. Again. Each one assumes that something was lost. Religion is not a first movement but a second, the posture of a creature who remembers, beneath memory, that it was once closer to the source.

And *re* does not only look backward. To bind back is also to bind forward, toward a restoration that makes the original a shadow.

Two questions no honest person can dodge. Who taught us to miss what we cannot fully remember? And who planted the stubborn hope that what was lost can be found? These are not problems solved from a distance. They are mysteries known only by going in. And there, in the hidden center of the self, Christ speaks: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (Jn 14:6)

Jesus does not say He will show you a way, teach you a truth, or give you a better life. He says: **I am**.

Every religion hands you a ladder. Jesus refuses the ladder. He climbs down. He descends into the dark where you are, and becomes the ground beneath your feet. He is the bond itself. The way is not a map. It is a hand held out in the dark.

And what of truth? When Jesus says I am the truth, He is not offering better information. He is reversing the direction of the gaze. The Greek *aletheia* means literally unconcealment, from a (not) and *lēthē* (the river of forgetfulness). Truth, in Him, is not a thing we possess. It is a face we meet. And the face is already looking back.

The point was never to make us better. It was to make us new. In Christ, all three longings converge. The bond, restored in *religare*. The mystery, revealed in *relegere*. The life, renewed in *reeligere*. Three eternal longings. One answer. Nothing left over.

No one lives without worship. We all fasten our lives to something. The question is never whether we will bind ourselves, but to what, and whether it can bear the weight when the weight comes. And the weight always comes.

A career will retire you, fire you, or quietly forget your name. A relationship, however luminous, ends at a graveside. A philosophy cannot love you back. Every other path begins with our search for God. Christianity alone begins with God's search for us.

The hand was held out in the dark long before you thought to look for it. It is still held out. Still open. Still steady.

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life."
The question came uninvited. The hand is still extended. Will you take it?

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR

Individuals

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

Families

Carlos & Madalena Lopes Family	Karen Randall & Family	Susan Olson
Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family	Deacon Winston Wright
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters	Juan & Christina Francisco
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki	June Schammel & Family
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh	Faye Schneider & Family
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu		

Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair
Nicole Campbell Little


JOIN US FOR ADORATION



We invite you to step away from the noise of the busy week and join us for a powerful time of prayer and reflection during Adoration on **Wednesdays between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM**. We encourage everyone to stop by the sanctuary to spend some personal time with the Blessed Sacrament — He is waiting for you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, 5/2

- 5 PM Diedre Maisano  requested by Bob & Rosemary Stein

WEDNESDAY, 5/6

- 11 AM
- 6 PM


SUNDAY, 5/3

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM

THURSDAY, 5/7

- 11 AM



SATURDAY, 5/9

- 5 PM Corb Hankey  requested by Bob & Rosemary Stein

Monday, 5/4

- 11 AM

SUNDAY, 5/10

- 8 AM Elaine Eoldfield  requested by Elaine McGrath
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Deacon Steve Olson  requested by Susan Olson

TUESDAY, 5/5

- 11 AM

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.
Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

PARISH INFORMATION

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Collection for April 25-26, 2026
(43rd week of the Fiscal Year)

	Actual	Budget
Weekly Total:	\$34,279.29	\$29,236.53
YTD* Total:	\$1,365,526.85	\$1,306,770.79

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

Consider Online Giving:

49% 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!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167

Website: www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0

- **Hours:** Monday-Thursday from 9 AM - 1 PM
- We take the first 25 contacts (phone & in-person)

Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

- **Hours:** M-Th from 9 AM - 1 PM

Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626 (at San Sebastián Catholic Church)

VIEW OUR PARISH CALENDAR

To stay updated on the latest events and updates in our parish, please scan the QR code to view our calendar (link will expire on May 8th):



Prison Ministry: A "Sweet" Success for Kairos

Our St. Anthony family truly showed the love of Christ to those in prison this past month! We are overwhelmed by the incredible response to our "Cookies for Kairos" drive.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected approximately **200 dozen cookies** to share with those attending the retreat. Even more importantly, **over 100 parishioners signed up to cover the weekend in prayer**, providing a vital spiritual foundation for the ministry.

Thank you for your donations and your prayers—together, we are bringing a taste of home and the light of the Gospel to those who need it most.



"I was in prison and you visited me."

Our mission of mercy continues beyond the cookie drive. If you feel called to be a light in the darkness and would like to learn more about our visits to Perry Correctional Institution, we invite you to join us. Whether through baking, praying, or visiting, your presence can remind our brothers of their inherent dignity and God's infinite love. **To get involved or for more information**, please contact **Gwen Whitner** at 864-297-0123 or **Joe Del Collo, Jr.** at 843-817-0470.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 11:00 AM

Tuesday: 11:00 AM

Wednesday : 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM

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

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PARISH UPDATE

Ministry and Council Directory

Senior Leadership Committee	
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Parish Pastoral Council	
Richard Cade, Chairperson.....	864-275-0257
Finance Council	
Mike Hickey, Chairperson.....	864-630-5987
Liturgy Committee	
Dc Phil Allen.....	864-233-7717
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Kyle Herr.....	864-907-9355
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Women's Council	
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Men's Club	
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Mary McNicholas.....	864-630-1081
Homebound Ministers	
Stephanie Rosso.....	864-640-5071
Hospitality Ministry	
Beth Holcombe.....	864-270-0371
Housing Repair Ministry/Rebuild Upstate	
Walt Laiewski.....	864-354-7670
Knights of Columbus	
Ken O'Malley.....	864-915-3039
Knights of Peter Claver	
Paul Latimore.....	864-299-0847
Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary	
Betty Houston.....	864-275-5703
Living Waters Bible Study	
Nicky & Lillie Jones.....	864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012
Meal Ministry	
Dana Lacher.....	864-354-0049
MICAH Ministry	
Jim Stavrakas.....	864-325-4028
Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry	
Delores Martinez.....	864-201-2204
Prison Ministry	
Gwen Whitner.....	864-297-0123
Safety and Security Ministry	
Rick Floyd.....	864-630-1467
Tech Ministry	
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Children's Liturgy of the Word: Summer Break

As the school year winds down, our 10:00 AM Children's Liturgy program will be heading into its summer hiatus. We want to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to all our dedicated volunteers—your hard work and commitment to sharing the Word with our youngest parishioners has been a true blessing this season.

- **Final Session:** Sunday, May 17th
- **Resuming:** Sunday, September 13th

Looking Ahead: Please keep an eye on the bulletin this August for information regarding our fall planning meeting and volunteer recruitment. We look forward to seeing everyone back in September!

Talents in Action: Communications Update

We are thrilled to share that within just one week of our volunteer call, two parishioners stepped forward to offer their professional expertise! A huge thank you to:

- **Ben Robertson:** For providing vital website support. His work with WordPress and coding is keeping our digital home running smoothly.
- **Lisa Richter:** For designing our new campus map. Her talents will help all of us clearly identify our building locations and better navigate our grounds.

Their skills have already been a tremendous help, and we look forward to sharing their work with the parish soon! **Want to join the team?** If you have a gift for tech, photography, or design, please contact **Daffodil Behal** at dbehal@charlestdiocese.org.

SAP HIKING Ministry - The Waterfalls of Dupont Forest

Please join us for our next hike to see three wonderful waterfalls. We will hike on **Saturday, May 16th** (meet at 7:30 AM in front of the school). This will be a moderate 5.2-mile (approximately) hike at a comfortable pace with a short steep section. All are welcome (first-time hikers are encouraged).

We strive to have a "Franciscan Experience" while we are together. This will include fellowship, Leave No Trace principles will be explained, animal viewing (hopefully), community prayer, and quiet time in nature. We should be finished by 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$5 for gas.

Scan QR Code
to Sign-Up:



For more information, contact Paul Herr at pdherr@gmail.com. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR - our last hike of the season is on June 6th!**

Summer Retreat: Save the Date!

Get ready to escape the summer heat for a weekend of spiritual renewal and connection. We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Summer Retreat at the serene **St. Francis Spring Retreat Center** in Stoneville, NC.

This year, we are once again blessed to be led by **Fr. Peter Trembly, OFM Conv.** For the past nine years, Fr. Peter has energized our community with his deep passion and infectious spirit—you won't want to miss the insights he has to share as we gather for fellowship, growth, and reflection.

- **When:** Friday, July 17 – Sunday, July 19
- **Where:** St. Francis Spring Retreat Center | Stoneville, NC
- **Led by:** Fr. Peter Trembly, OFM Conv.

Registration information is coming soon! For now, please mark your calendars and prepare your hearts for a beautiful Franciscan experience in the woods.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MAY 3RD - 10TH

SUNDAY, MAY 3rd

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM
Church
 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
Virtual via Microsoft Teams

MONDAY, MAY 4th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
 7:00 PM - OCIA
SAP Social Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 5th

11:00 AM - Daily Mass
Church
 6:30 PM - Living Waters Bible Study
Zoom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th

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

PARISH UPDATE

Formation

Living Waters Bible Study Update

Tuesdays | 6:30-8:00 PM

Zoom

All are welcome to join at any point along the journey—whether you are new to the study or returning. We would love to have you with us!

Calling All Men: Faith & Fellowship

Looking for a mid-week spiritual recharge? Join our weekly Men's Bible Study for authentic brotherhood and a deeper connection to God's Word. As part of our Year of Catechesis, this low-pressure group requires no prior knowledge or long-term commitment—just drop in whenever your schedule allows!

- **When:** Wednesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- **How:** Grab your Bible and a favorite beverage, and join us from the comfort of home.
- **Contact:** David Quast at thequasts@gmail.com for more information.

Whether you are a new parishioner or a lifelong Catholic, your perspective is a gift to our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Scan QR Code for Zoom Link



Women's Bible Study: Final Two Sessions!

Our No Greater Love series has been a beautiful success, and we don't want you to miss the finale! We will **conclude the series on Thursday, May 7th**. We meet at **9:00 AM in the Social Hall**. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend these final mornings of faith and community.

Questions? Reach out to Nancy at 414-736-6290 or Rita at 864-979-7544.

Youth Ministry Virtual Meeting

There will be a virtual webinar this Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00 PM for teens that are interested in attending World Youth Day 2027 in Korea. For questions, please contact Kyle Hall: kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org.

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Important Dates Ahead

- **May 3rd - May Crowning during all Sunday Masses**
- **May 4th-8th - Teacher Appreciation Week at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School**
- **May 7th - May Crowning (School) at 9:00 AM**
- **May 7th - No Daily Mass**
- **May 10th - Mother's Day**
- **May 14th - No Daily Mass**
- **May 16th - Hiking Ministry Hike to Dupont Forest**
- **May 17th - The Ascension of the Lord**
- **May 17th - Women's Council Hat Parade (all Sunday Masses)**
- **May 21st - New Parishioners Dinner at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall**
- **May 25th - Memorial Day (No School & Parish Office Closed)**
- **May 28th - 5th Grade Graduation at 11:00 AM**
- **May 29th - Last Day of School & Awards at 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Dismissal**
- **June 1st-5th - Vacation Bible School (rising K5-5th Grade) - Registration Open!**
- **June 16th-19th - 2026 Archbishop Lyke Conference**
- **July 17-19th - Summer Retreat at St. Francis Spring Retreat Center**

Shine Your Light: Registration Now Open!

Our "Lighthouse: God's Love Guides Our Way" Vacation Bible School is fast approaching, and we need your help to make it a success! Whether you're a teen looking for service hours or an adult wanting to share your faith, we have a spot for you.

- **Dates:** June 1-5 | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Registration:** Calling all parents! Registration is now open for students rising K5 through 5th grade.



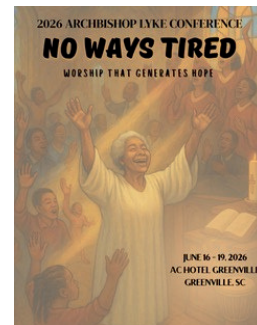
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The 2026 Lyke Conference: June 16-19

Greenville is proud to host the nation's premier Black Catholic liturgical event! This year's theme, "No Ways Tired - Worship That Generates Hope," offers a powerful week of faith formation, evangelization, and soul-stirring contemporary gospel music.

Conference Highlights:

- **Workshops:** Focused on liturgy, mission advancement, and Sacred Scripture.
- **Music:** Performances by choirs and musicians from across the U.S.
- **Fellowship:** An enriching experience for anyone passionate about worship and ministry.



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Scan QR Code for List of Speakers

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THURSDAY, MAY 7th

No Daily Mass

9:00 AM - Women's Bible Study
(Last Session)
SAP Social Hall

FRIDAY, MAY 8th

No Daily Mass

Food Pantry Closed
Parish Office Closes at 12 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 9th

2:00-4:00 PM - Wedding
Church

4:00-4:45 PM - Confessions
Church

5:00 PM - Vigil Mass
Church

MAY 3RD - 10TH

SUNDAY, MAY 10th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

HAPPY Mother's Day!
Sunday Masses: 8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM
Church

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

No Youth Ministry Meeting

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

Every family entrusts something precious to our school when you send your children to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School. You entrust not only reading skills, arithmetic, and good conduct—but the future of the soul: the formation of mind, heart, conscience, and imagination so that your children may come to know God, love what is true and good, and grow in the freedom that comes from Christ.

Our educational vision is lived in a distinctly Catholic way. The Church teaches that the Catholic school does more than transmit information: it seeks to create “an atmosphere enlivened by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity,” helping the young person’s growth in personality be matched by the growth of the “new creation” received in Baptism. It also strives “to relate all human culture eventually to the news of salvation,” so that “the light of faith will illumine the knowledge” students gain.

This is why St. Anthony of Padua’s educational plan aims to unify learning and formation. In our classrooms, there is no separation between the time for learning and the time for forming—because knowledge must lead to wisdom, and wisdom must lead to worship.

At the heart of Catholic education is Jesus Christ. Everything that happens in our school—teaching, relationships, prayer, and service—should lead to an encounter with the living Christ, and should help students realize the beauty of faith in Him. We also build this mission through genuine partnership. Education requires a strong alliance between parents and educators, because it is a personal relationship and a journey that reveals the transcendental elements of faith, family, Church, and ethics—highlighting their communal character.

Finally, education in our vision is not only knowledge: it links knowledge and action, pursues unity among different forms of knowledge, and includes the ethical and affective dimensions of the human person—so that students learn what to do and why it matters.

To help the parish understand what we are building—and why—we invite you to read the Core Framework of the Educational Plan of St. Jerome Academy (which informs our shared blueprint for Catholic education). Please scan the QR code below.

This reading will help you see the “why” behind our curriculum and pedagogy, and how St. Anthony of Padua is implementing this successful framework for Catholic school renewal through our multi-age model—a learning environment designed to form students holistically and build a culture of discipleship.

Thank you for your prayers and support for our students, teachers, and families. Let us entrust this work to Our Lord and ask Him to make every classroom a place where children learn truth with joy and come closer to Him in worship.

In Christ the Beloved,

Brian Long

Principal, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School



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Looking Ahead in May

- May 7th - Crowning of Mary at 9:00 AM
- May 20th - Talent Show at 1:00 PM
- May 28th - 5th Grade Commencement at 11:00 AM
- May 29th - Last Day of School, Awards & 12:00 PM (Early Dismissal)

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