



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"I REMIND YOU TO STIR INTO FLAME  
THE GIFT OF GOD THAT YOU HAVE  
THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF MY HANDS.  
FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF  
COWARDICE BUT RATHER OF POWER AND  
LOVE AND SELF CONTROL"*

### Welcome to New Parishioners and Visitors!

Be sure to introduce yourself to the priest after mass. Registration forms are available online and in the vestibule of the church. Please let us know you are here.

### OUR MISSION:

*At this parish we celebrate Christ's life and presence through vibrant and meaningful worship and a rich community life based on openness, unity and love. We proclaim the Good News through hospitality, education and evangelization. We respond in service to the poor and reach out in justice to those in our community and beyond in order to reach the final goal of happiness in Eternity with Almighty God.*

### St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

1029 Monroe St NE Washington, DC 20017

202-526-6223 [stanthonyofpaduadc.org](mailto:stanthonyofpaduadc.org)

Rev. Frederick Close, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you want to register contact us at: [elaine.stanthonydc@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.stanthonydc@gmail.com) or 202-526-8822 or register thru the website under the "community" tab and "welcome new parishioners" link.

### Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday at 8AM

Tuesday: 8AM, 7PM

Saturday: 8AM, 5:00PM (Vigil);

Sunday: 7AM, 10AM, 12PM and 6:30PM

### Confessions and Adoration:

Monday thru Saturday after 8AM Mass and 6PM (in the sanctuary) Monday thru Friday.

### Office Hours:

Mon - Fri, 8:30AM—5PM; Sat and Sun c

### St. Anthony Catholic School

3400 12th St NE Washington, DC 20017

Principal: Mr. Michael Thomasian

202-526-4657 [www.stanthonyschooldc.org](http://www.stanthonyschooldc.org)

Mr. Michael Thomasian, Principal

if you are interested in enrolling your child or learning more, contact the Principal Mike Thomasian, he looks forward to meeting you and your child!.

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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY



Dear Friends of Saint Anthony,

"Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us, and persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

The great cloud of witnesses includes, ultimately, all of us! In baby Jesus "the grace of God has appeared, saving all, ... not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy." Wow! As providence has it, the drama of being human, and its resolution in the encounter with the person Jesus Christ, is all caught up in the mystery of the Immaculate Conception and its connection to Christmas. Better, it is expressed beautifully in the original, but unpublished version of "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

As Professor Michael Pakaluk of CUA explains in "Putting The Immaculate Conception in Christmas," (<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/author/mpakaluk/>) Episcopal Priest Phillips Brooks' original handwritten third verse of the hymn was: "Where children pure and happy, Pray to the Blessed Child, Where misery cries out to Thee Son of the Undefined, Where Charity stands watching, and Faith holds wide the door, the dark night wakes the glory hearts, and Christmas comes once more."

To recognize baby Jesus as "Son of the Undefined" enables us to relate the sinless Mary's "How can it be?" (literally, "the hopes and fears of all the years") to our situation, even as Lauren Daigle does when she sings Mary's question, and, receiving the promise ourselves, respond with praise and witness to "what we have seen and heard"! Surely, "God's vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint!" Merry 8th Day of Christmas!!!

Peace, Fr. Fred

The parish office is closed: 12/23-12/30

## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Sunday 1/1

Potluck Dinner after 6:30 Mass

### Monday 1/2

4:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

### Tuesday 1/3

7 pm First Tuesday of Saint Anthony's Novena

### Wednesday 1/4

10am-Noon Food Pantry  
7pm Celebrate Recovery  
Charismatic Fellowship

### Friday 1/6

6 pm Confessions & Adoration

For more information on our events and ministries please see our parish website : <https://stanthonyofpaduadc.org>



### FAITH DIRECT

(Electronic Tithing): We offer electronic tithing through Faith Direct.

1. Scan the QR code below and follow instructions.
2. Or, go online to [faith.direct/DC463](https://faith.direct/DC463)



## † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK †

### Sunday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

7:00am

10:00am +Yvette Prepetit

Noon

6:30pm

### Monday, January 2 St. Basil & St. Gregory, Bishops, Drs.

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

### Tuesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

7:00pm 1st Tue of St. Anthony's Novena

### Wednesday, January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

### Thursday, January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

### Friday, January 6 St. Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

### Saturday, January 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:00am +Yvette Prepetit

5:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

## † MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK †

### Sunday, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am

10:00am +Yvette Prepetit

Noon

6:30 pm Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua

\*If you would like to offer a Mass intention please submit a form online or contact the office. The customary stipend is \$10 per intention.



### REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE SICK

John Barbera, Vincent Brook, Joseph R. Butler, Alfred Capobianco, Sarah Cronin, Eulaulia Ellsworth, Rita Goodwin, Eureka Gray, Pauline Gregory, Sr. Barbara Karl, Sabrina Porter, Josephine Reid, George Taylor, Fr. Jiwoon Yoon

### REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Orval Cooke, Harriet Gay, Will Grissett, Carolyn Hamilton, Celia Ross, Amy Smith, Edna Wagner, Dorothy West

### PRAY FOR ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Mark Bowen, Joseph Fisher, Willard Goldsmith, Joann Coules, Jessalyn Charles, Marie Keaqueney, Claudia Nelson, Nancy Logan, Rose Willis, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Jessica Thomasian

### ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEE

Theresa Moulden, Marie Comtois, Vincent Pisciotto, All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

\*We invite all parishioners to offer remembrance here. Call our parish office if you would like to add a name. Please let us know if there is a change.

# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS



### Catholic Charities Legal Network Seeking Volunteer Lawyers

Catholic Charities Legal Network counsels and provides legal representation to low-income and poor residents throughout the archdiocese and relies heavily on volunteer lawyers to fulfill its mission. If you are a lawyer in active status who wants to make a real difference in the lives of families and individuals struggling in our community, please reach out to Dan Collopy at (301) 615-0949 or [daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org](mailto:daniel.collopy@cc-dc.org) to discuss how you can help. The Legal Network handles most civil practice areas and criminal expungements.



### PARISH FOOD PANTRY!

Our Biggest need is canned meat such as tuna or chicken, Cheerios and other healthy cereal varieties. Canned soup, hearty variety, Canned vegetables, Canned fruit, Pasta sauce and pasta, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese.

Please do not bring goods in glass containers. Drop off in the vestibule. To join or volunteer, Contact : **Gary Reyes at [gcr0225@gmail.com](mailto:gcr0225@gmail.com)**.

### DONATIONS FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE!

Students and marchers from Detroit, Michigan and Kansas City, Missouri will be staying at the parish hall and cafeteria to partake in the 50th annual March for Life on January 20th 2023 in Washington, D.C.

We would appreciate any donations of continental boxed breakfast items such as, granola bars, muffins, bagels, fruit, cereal, juice, small bottled waters, etc. Thank You.

PRO-LIFE



### Virtual Spiritual Retreats with Spiritual Direction

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is providing virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul. Currently, these programs are being offered at no cost, and a suggested donation of only \$75 per person is greatly appreciated.

Click below to find more information and upcoming dates.

See: [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org)

**THE ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY** Do you want to grow in intimacy with Jesus? Do you want to know your tremendous dignity in Christ? Do you want to experience greater freedom and to be used in a powerful way by the Holy Spirit to love others and to build the Kingdom of God. We encourage you to check out the Encounter School of Ministry! Many experience greater intimacy with Our Lord, greater security in their identity as a child of God, and feel more equipped to love and serve those around them in the power of the Holy Spirit. We would love to have you join us in our next school! To find out more go to <https://encounterschool.org/dc/>

## FOR OUR YOUTH

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Sunday School Catechism is available for Pre-K through 12th grade. Classes are held on Sundays from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm from September to May, Accepting students year round! All children of the parish who are not in Catholic school should be enrolled in a religious education class. Please fill out the Registration Form on the website or for more information, please contact **Arthur Linder**

Children receiving any sacraments must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Council #417 of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a fraternal organization of Catholic men devoted to the ideals of Columbianism: Charity, Unity, Patriotism and Fraternity. Council #417 strives to meet the needs of the less fortunate through charity that includes, but not limited to, clothing, food, shelter, repair, cleaning, visiting the sick, attending monthly masses, and praying for the departed. The Council works closely with organizations of St. Anthony of Padua Church and other Catholic and secular organizations to identify areas where support is needed. For membership, contact: **Grand Knight, James Bennet at [Jamesbennett1948@gmail.com](mailto:Jamesbennett1948@gmail.com) or 202-526-4406.**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## SACRAMENTS



**WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? NOT SURE IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS (Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation)?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which

people can question, search, and inquire into the Catholic faith. All are welcome to come and see, to ask questions, and to look more deeply. Please contact the parish office at (202)526-8822.

## Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website ([stanthonyofpadua.org](http://stanthonyofpadua.org)) for news.
- **Subscribe to Flocknote** to receive emails with updates from the parish such as bulletins, and homily notes. It's **FREE** and easy! by emailing [mzakdc@hotmail.com](mailto:mzakdc@hotmail.com) or visit: <https://stanthonyofpaduadc.org/flock-note>
- Follow us on Instagram : [stanthonyofpaduadc](https://www.instagram.com/stanthonyofpaduadc)



## PARISH SUPPORT

### LITURGICAL ROLES

**ALTAR SERVERS:** .....202-526-8822  
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**LECTORS:** Amanda Alexander . [alexanderamanda@aol.com](mailto:alexanderamanda@aol.com) ...202-526-7667  
**LITURGY:** Fr. Frederick Close .....202-526-8822  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Diane Hart . [myheartingod@gmail.com](mailto:myheartingod@gmail.com) ...202-573-0343  
**MUSIC MINISTRY:** Lynne Gray . [lynnegray225@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegray225@gmail.com) ...301-262-8153  
**SACRISTAN:** .....202-250-8208  
**USHERS:** Theodore Hudson . [theodorehudson@aol.com](mailto:theodorehudson@aol.com) .....202-832-7469

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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**COUPLES FOR CHRIST:** Reman Abadejos, ..... [imzarema@yahoo.com](mailto:imzarema@yahoo.com)  
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**PARENTS GROUP:** Annie Wolfson ... [annie.elizabeth.wolfson@gmail.com](mailto:annie.elizabeth.wolfson@gmail.com)  
**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:** Gary Reyes ... [gcr0225@gmail.com](mailto:gcr0225@gmail.com) 301-674-1415  
**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE:** Dcn. John Feeley ...202-526-8756  
**SICK & HOMEBOUND:** CALL PARISH OFFICE ..... 202-250-8208  
**SODALITY:** Mary Sklencar ..... [msklencar@aol.com](mailto:msklencar@aol.com)

### CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES

**RCIA :** call the parish ..... 202-526-8822  
**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:** Arthur Linder [alinder@verizon.net](mailto:alinder@verizon.net) .....  
 202-529-7558

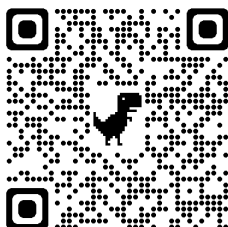
### YOUTH MINISTRIES

**CUB SCOUTS:** Dcn John Feeley ..... [johnifeeleyjr@aol.com](mailto:johnifeeleyjr@aol.com) 202-526-8754  
**BOY SCOUTS:** Bryan Firvida ..... [bryanscouting@gmail.com](mailto:bryanscouting@gmail.com) 202-588-5808  
**GIRL SCOUTS:** Laina Ransom, ..... [ransomlp@msn.com](mailto:ransomlp@msn.com)  
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### DEVOTIONS

**2 HEARTS HOME ENTHRONEMENT:** Candace Harshaw ..... 845-401-4678  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA** Lavernis Steen ..... [lgolfnut@juno.com](mailto:lgolfnut@juno.com)

For more information on devotions and ministries  
 please see our parish website :  
<https://stanthonypaduadc.org>



Our school thanks Deacon John for organizing this year's Advent Giving Tree and all of the parishioners who participated by donating gift cards. Your kindness and generosity mean a lot to our families. We appreciate you and your goodness.

All are welcome to the school's January 11th Open House. Interested families should RSVP on the school's website.

School is closed for Christmas break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

**ST ANTHONY PARISH IS** now doing fundraising to restore the former beauty of the church. Over the past two years the church building has experienced destruction from break ins and thefts and we are now looking to restore St. Anthony back to beauty. All funds will go to restoring the church including restoring the Mary Statue outside. Additionally funds will go toward the historical murals on the walls adjacent to the tabernacle and large cross. Love of God thru the restoration of the beauty of the church and Love of Neighbor thru practical additions such as the already designed new bathrooms. An artist has already uncovered a hidden work of "A Great Cloud of Witnesses" surrounding the crucifix. Who are the great cloud of witnesses? Let us begin the unveiling! To support this project please donate to the QR code listed on this page or the rebuild my church campaign on Faith Direct.



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For information on enrollment or open house dates  
**email : [Michael.Thomasian@catholicacademies.org](mailto:Michael.Thomasian@catholicacademies.org)**

**School Hours:** 8:00AM—3:15PM  
**School Mass:** 10:00AM (Fridays)

*All Ministries are invited to submit articles. Bulletin Articles must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday for publication the following weekend. Bulletin inserts must be in the parish office on the Tuesday prior to the weekend that the insert will be used. Inserts and articles for the bulletin must be approved by the pastor and arrangements made for the organization to stuff the bulletin with the office staff.*

*Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30am-5pm and the parish office is closed for lunch from 12-1pm.*