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.

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Rev. Frederick Close, Pastor

To learn more about our parish community or if you want to register contact us at: 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

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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!.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHRISTMAS

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 creation! 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." What? Wow! "How can it be?" (to borrow Mary's Q and apply it to ourselves). The drama of being human, Saint John Paul II said, is the failure to perceive the meaning of life, (and thus) to live without a meaning." This is a failure to know the totality of a person's resources – external, those of human nature itself, and finally the supernatural resources open to a person in the encounter with the person Jesus Christ."

To be at the peak of any human empire is to be "in control" of the works of your hands, and of animals, and even slaves, and to discover that it is all the "vanity of vanities" because it does not correspond to the truth that we are "Imago Dei," made in the image and likeness of God and for relationship with God that lasts forever. Now that it is our turn, we rejoice that "the hopes and fears of all the years are met in the miracle of Bethlehem, when the mystery of life and love appeared in human history in the flesh, and changed everything (God and sinners reconciled), making possible our participation in the divine and eternal Kingdom of God.

"God's vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint!" Merry Christmas!!!

Peace,
Fr. Fred

The parish office will be closed: 12/23-12/30

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/25
Merry Christmas

Monday 12/26
4:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday 12/27
7 pm Thanksgiving Mass and St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday 12/28
10am-Noon Food Pantry
7pm Celebrate Recovery
Charismatic Fellowship

Friday 12/29
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

✝ MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK ✝

Sunday, December 25—Christmas
7:00am
10:00am +Peggy Sue Sellers Flood

Monday, December 26 *St. Stephen, The First Martyr*
8:00am
Tuesday, December 27 *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
8:00am Caspean Jackson
7:00pm *13 TUE St. Anthony's Novena in Thanksgiving*
Wednesday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
8:00am
Thursday, December 29
8:00am +Fame J. Academia
Friday, December 30 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
8:00am
Saturday, December 31 *7th Day of Christmas*
8:00am
5:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

✝ MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK ✝

Sunday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
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 Keaqveney, Claudia Nelson, Nancy Logan, Rose Willis, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Jessica Thomasian

ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEE

Theresa Moulden, Marie Comtois, Vincent Pisciotta, 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.

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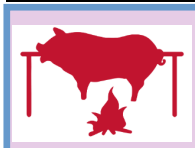
Parish and Community News



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 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**.

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.

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

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 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)** 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 or** visit: https://stanthonyofpaduadc.org/flock-note
- Follow us on **Instagram : stanthonyofpaduadc**

PARISH SUPPORT

LITURGICAL ROLES

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PARENTS GROUP: Annie Wolfson… annie.elizabeth.wolfson@gmail.com
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL: Gary Reyes … ....gcr0225@gmail.com 301-674-1415
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SICK & HOMEBOUND: CALL PARISH OFFICE ……..…… 202-250-8208
SODALITY: Mary Sklencar …… ……msklencar@aol.com

CATECHETICAL MINISTRIES

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202-529-7558

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CYO: ……....202-526-8822

DEVOTIONS
2 HEARTS HOME ENTHRONEMENT: Candace Harshaw …….. 845-401-4678
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION NOVENA Lavernis Steen ……. lgolfnut@juno.com

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

St. Anthony Catholic School will be *closed* for the Christmas break and will reopen on Wednesday, January 4th 2023.

Our next Open House will be held at 09:00 AM on Wednesday, January 11th. Prospective families should register online at: stanthonyschooldc.org

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 tabernale 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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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.