



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



"Christ is our life in example, truth in promise, life in reward; a way that is straight, a truth that does not deceive, a life that never ends."

St. Anthony

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

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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.stanthonycdc@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: Daily Mass—8AM

Mondays: 10AM School Mass || Tuesdays: 7PM Mass & Novena

Saturday: 5:00PM (Vigil)

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

Confessions and Adoration:

Monday thru Saturday after 8AM Mass and 6PM

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri, 9AM—5:30PM; Sat and Sun & Fed Holidays—closed

For information on sacraments and funerals call the Rectory Office or see the website.

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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!.

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EPHOPHANY



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 the "three Kings of Orient" and all those who recognize life as a journey returning back to the beginning because of Christmas Day. The magi alone "saw" Jesus' star at its rising, and they left everything, "followed" the star, and bought gifts. The priests and scribes knew much more, but it didn't move them, and Herod's fear moved him to genocide. The religious authorities failed, and the political authorities murdered.

The more things change, the more they stay the same! Can we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down," and not expect change? What if the dramatic increase of the "Nones" indicts an "I'm OK, you're OK" religion that demands nothing, risks nothing, and changes nothing? What if the pandemic of fear's cancellation of public worship means part of Herod lives on in us?

Now that it is our turn, let us rejoice that with the three Kings we are "returning to the place we've always belonged, right here with You" singing to baby Jesus: "And it was all so simple, It was easy to love, No space between us, It was easy to trust" because "here's where the dead things come back to living, I feel my heart beating again. It feels so good to know you are my friend."

Epiphany means that "God's vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint!" Merry 12th Day of Christmas forever!

Peace,

Fr. Fred



- i. "Communion" sung by Steffany Gretzinger and Brandon Lake, lyrics copyright Bethel Music Publishing Source Musicmatch
- ii. Ibid.
- iii. Ibid.

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 1/8

4:30pm Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday 1/9

7pm Mass & 13th TUES Novena (Day 4)

Wednesday 1/10

6:30pm Social Concerns mtg
7pm Alpha

Saturday 1/13

6pm Divine Mercy Group

Sunday 1/14

2pm Legion of Mary
3pm Eritrean Charismatic Prayer



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK



January 7th—The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am The Spence Family
10:00am Dale Brown Sasse & Roberto Torres
Noon Dcn. Simon Roy
6:30pm Parishioners of St. Anthony

Monday, January 8th The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am +Margarita Dy Tan
10:00am School Mass

Tuesday, January 9th

8:00am +Sabato Belli
7:00pm 4th TUE in St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday, January 10th

8:00am +Antoinette Margot

Thursday, January 11th

8:00am

Friday, January 12th

8:00am +Fr. Jose Alphonso Salazar

Saturday, January 13th

8:00am
5:00pm Souls in Purgatory

January 14th—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00am
10:00am
Noon
6:30pm Parishioners of St. Anthony

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, George Ramsey

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 THEM O LORD

Alice Harriston, Ronald Hart, & the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Call our parish office if you would like to add a name for prayers. Please let us know if there is any change.



We offer electronic tithing through
Faith Direct

1. Scan the QR code below and follow instructions.
2. Or, go online to faith.direct/DC463



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PARISH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Has St. Anthony interceded for you and you'd like to donate online to his Church in Thanksgiving?

Thank you St. Anthony! Pray for us!

PayPal:

paypal.me/StAnthonyofPaduaDC

Venmo:

[@stanthonyofpaduaDC](https://venmo.com/stanthonyofpaduaDC)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) March 1-3

At a Marriage Encounter experience, married couples will learn new tools to improve their communication and will be taught how to use these tools to deepen their relationship and nurture their love for the rest of their lives. Couples often find new meaning and joy in their marriage relationship, and discover new ways to face challenges and thrive together in their life-long journey. This experience is also for priests. Whether one is recently ordained or have been a priest for decades, our experience can enrich one's priesthood with new insights about loving relationships and how God manifests himself in a priest's relationship with others. WWME Experience on Mar 1-3, 2024 at the Holiday Inn Washington, COLLEGE PARK, MD 20740 Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://moments4marriage.org> or wwme.org or call: 301-500-0871. There is a \$50 non-refundable application fee with opportunity to make a voluntary donation at the close of the weekend.

How does God want to be profoundly, lovingly generous through you?

That is the question that points you toward your personal "who" and "why"... your deeper identity and your greater mission. God is giver. You are given. As Jesus is your way, your truth, and your life, you (as the Church) are the way by which He has chosen to love the world. God has already done all the giving. It is your *Amen* that is required to allow that giving to bear great fruit for God's greater purpose and greater glory. This is *Amen Generosity*.

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 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

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** at 202-529-7558.

*All children receiving any sacraments must bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.



Yes or No to Rescue?

Many believe that there is no need to be rescued by God. They think that they are good to take care of themselves and manage in their own way. Others realize that something is wrong under the surface and that they need help, but they do not believe they deserve to be rescued by God. They feel ashamed or unworthy. I may not fully realize it yet, but if I am alive in this world, there is some way in which I am drowning and need rescue. Acknowledged or not, the evil one exists to instigate or magnify my experience of sin, frustration, failure, and fear. Even if I know that, I may not realize that Jesus Christ, in his infinite mercy and love, is ready and able to come to my rescue. That is His desire. I can ignore it or reject it. I can try and make it on my own and continue drowning. Or I can say yes to being rescued by the Lord in His merciful love. For those ready to hear it, this is the greatest news! Once rescued, I become qualified by firsthand experience to serve as a frontline first-mate on God's Rescue Team. This is the vision for Church. This is our mission of mercy and of love. Drowning is within and all around us. The hour is urgent. Yes or No to Rescue?

Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website stanthonyofpaduadc.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](https://www.instagram.com/stanthonyofpaduadc) or **Facebook** : [StAnthonyofPaduaInLittleRome](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyofPaduaInLittleRome)

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

The Holy Mass in which we participate is the highest form of Catholic worship because here Christ feeds us with His Body and Blood. For Catholics, preparing to receive Holy Communion includes first receiving sacramental confession - if one is conscious of grave sin. Catholics who are not properly disposed to receive the Holy Eucharist, as well as any non-Catholic visitors who have joined us for worship, are respectfully asked to remain in the pew during the Communion procession and express in prayer their love for the Lord, who is truly present in this Most Holy Sacrament.



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Mary, Woman of the Eucharist

Where shall we find Jesus on earth if not in Mary's arms? Was it not She who gave us the Eucharist!

It was Her consent to the Incarnation of the Word in Her womb that inaugurated the great mystery of reparation to God and union with us which Jesus accomplished during His mortal life, and that He continues in the Eucharist.

"Mary is a 'Woman of the Eucharist' in Her whole life. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate Her in Her relationship with this most Holy mystery." (St. John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia, No.53.)

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, February 10th at 10 a.m. at the Basilica of the Nat'l Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Gregory.



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School Hours: 8:00AM—3:15PM
School Mass: 10:00AM on Fridays