



# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



*"Let us ask our Lord, who has clothed himself with the 'coarse sackcloth' of our humanity at his first coming, to wake us up so that we may merit the gift of eternal salvation at his last coming."*

*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](mailto: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

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

Saturday: 5:00PM (Vigil)

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

### Confessions and Adoration:

Monday thru Friday after 8AM Mass and 6PM

Saturday 6:30PM

### 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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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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*ΕΡΩΦΗΛΙΑ*



Dear Friends of Saint Anthony,

The Feast of Epiphany, or “Three Kings” day, is in its own way at the very heart of the meaning of Jesus’ incarnation. To paraphrase Meister Eckhardt, if Jesus’ eternal birth does not happen in me, how is it salvation? It wasn’t salvation for King Herod, the chief priests or the scribes, but it was for the Wise Men and shepherds. What was different about them?

The Wise Men knew that the meaning and purpose of their learning and understanding had to point beyond itself; and the shepherds too, knew that their dignity did not depend on human respect or esteem, so could go serenely about their work as humble servants of God and neighbor. King Herod, the chief priests and the scribes must have thought “it doesn’t get any better than this!”

That particular lie and invitation to despair, now lives on as “scientism” which actually boasts of “ARTIFICIAL” intelligence (AI) without getting the joke; and rejects the good, the true, the beautiful because they point to the transcendent. Like the Hobbits we are called to be, when the Herods of our day ask “where the Christ is to be born?” we must be prepared to say, “Thanks for asking!” Jesus is to be born in you, and me, and in everyone made in his image and likeness who desires infinite and eternal love. Why settle for anything less?

“God’s vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint!”

**MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS!!!**

*Father Fred*



## PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 12/24 Christmas Eve**  
5pm Children’s Mass  
11:30pm Midnight Mass

**Saturday 11/30**  
3pm Legion of Mary  
6:30pm DC Divine Mercy Grp

**Wednesday 11/25 Christmas**  
8am Christmas Mass  
10am Christmas Mass



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK



### January 5 — Epiphany

7:00am Schaller Family  
10:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
Noon Snearly Family  
6:30 pm Parishioners of St. Anthony

**Monday, January 6** St. Andre Bessette  
8:00 am

**Tuesday, January 7** St. Raymond of Penafort  
8:00 am +Mary Dolcich  
7:00 pm 1st Tuesday of St. Anthony’s Novena

**Wednesday, January 8**  
8:00am

**Thursday, January 9**  
8:00 am

**Friday, January 10**  
8:00am

**Saturday, January 11**  
8:00am  
5:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

### January 12 — Baptism of the Lord

7:00am  
10:00am  
Noon Mothers of the Gabriel Network  
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 Keaqueney, Claudia Nelson, Nancy Logan, Rose Willis, Msgr. Joaquin Bazan, Jessica Thomasian

### ETERNAL REST, GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD

+Michael Cieslak, +Gwendolyn Means, Jesudoss Gabriel, & 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.



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

**Venmo:**

@stanthonyofpaduaDC

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)

Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Mar 14-16, 2025 in Jessup, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at:

<https://moments4marriage.org> or call: 301-500-0871.

## Family Service Counselor (Cemetery Service Planning)

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington is hiring a Family Service Counselor at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington, DC. Family Service Counselors support families by meeting with them in person or remotely to plan for burial services or prepare advance (pre-need) arrangements. They help families select burial sites and explain our varied goods and services. They escort burials on the day of the service, and assist families with the purchase of beautiful memorials. They perform a variety of administrative, operational, and other tasks in support of the ministry, at the direction of a manager. Our priority is to meet with candidates who have prior office experience, and good verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills. Excellent customer service skills and attention to detail are essential for this role. We require a valid driver's license, and a high school diploma or a GED. A background check will be performed. Prior cemetery experience is a plus, but not required. We offer career-oriented training and generous benefits. Our cemeteries are extensions of our parish communities, and we minister to people during one of the most profound and meaningful times of their lives. For Catholic Cemeteries, this is not "just" a job. It is a ministry of consolation and compassion carried out on sacred ground. Please email a current resume and a letter of interest to [rmelvin@ccaw.org](mailto:rmelvin@ccaw.org). No phone calls, please. To learn more about the position, visit <https://ccaw.org/mount-olivet2> or Catholic Cemeteries at [www.ccaw.org](http://www.ccaw.org).

## 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.



## Opened and Offered

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The three Magi journeyed to encounter Jesus firsthand. The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of the glorious manifestation of God, come to the world He created as an infant child. Like the Magi, our path to encounter and adore Jesus as our Lord and God involves a personal journey alongside others we go with. As we open and offer our own hearts to Jesus firsthand, he receives the treasure that is reflected in every other gift we can offer. Will we?

## Something Special for Our Youngest Parishioners!

On your way into Mass, look for the bin of "Quiet bags" (filled with coloring pages related to the liturgical calendar, activity sheets, and quiet fidgets) & bin of "Quiet Books" to entertain your little ones. Return bags and/or books to the bins after Mass".



## Stay Connected



- Visit our parish website [stanthonyofpaduadc.org](https://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](mailto: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)



**JANUARY 5, 2025**

## PARISH SUPPORT

### LITURGICAL ROLES

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### YOUTH MINISTRIES

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### DEVOTIONS

**2 HEARTS HOME ENTHRONEMENT:** Candace Harshaw ..... 845-401-4678  
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For more information on devotions and ministries  
please see our parish website :  
<https://stanthonyofpaduadc.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.*

## Administrative Assistant Job Position

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur of the Base Communities Unit invite applications for the position of Administrative Assistant (approx. 30 hours and in-person) in the SNDBC - Base Communities unit office. The office is located at Trinity College, 125 Michigan Avenue, NE, in Washington, DC.

The responsibilities include general management of routine office work. The administrative assistant provides support to the communication, economic, and life care structures of the Unit. The applicant must have effective communication skills, orientation to detail, proficiency with Office 365, email usage, social media, and general computer knowledge and understanding.

If interested, please provide a letter of interest and a resume by Thursday, January 23, 2025 to: Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Base Communities Office, 125 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. Attention: Administrative Assistant Position, or email: [BCNotices@snadden.org](mailto:BCNotices@snadden.org).



## Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate Marriage

Join us at the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025 at 10:00 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 their parish office by January 24, 2025 to attend the Mass and/or request a certificate from Wilton Cardinal Gregory in honor of their anniversary year. To register, please contact the parish office at: 202-526-8822.

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For information on enrollment or open house dates

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**School Hours:** 8:00AM—3:15PM

**School Mass:** 10:00AM on Fridays