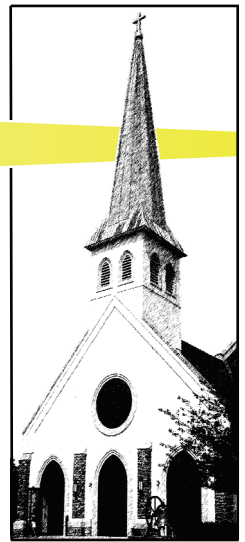


The Beacon

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

A Community of Christ's Disciples

A Beacon of Hope to Our World



St. Anthony Parish Commissions

The six St. Anthony Parish Commissions are a most important aspect of parish life. The commissions are comprised of lay people, members of our parish who seek to better our faith community. They hope by their involvement to assure that St. Anthony's is now and will continue to be a place that people find support, acceptance and community.

Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation Commission

To provide occasions for adults, parents and extended family to gather, grow spiritually, and share their faith and deepen their bonds as part of the St. Anthony Parish Family.

- A Live Production "**Theresa, The Story of a Soul**" will take place on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 PM in the church. Tickets for the one woman show are now available. Please call the rectory or purchase your tickets on the parish website.
- Our **Book Club** is reading **Dorothy Day's** book **Theresa**. The monthly book discussion will take place in the RECTORY on September 26 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Please let us know if there is a book the group might like.
- A new **Home Visitation Program** will begin shortly. The tradition of Parish Visitation or Block collection has been a casualty of our modern era. With its demise however, the opportunity to reach out to parishioners in their homes, building bonds of community and maintaining communication has also gone by the way side. Teams of 2 parishioners each who have been preparing for over a year for this project will be reaching out initially to about 400 families in hopes of arranging a visit.
- **Men's Spirituality Conference** - please join us for our 2nd Annual Conference. Nationally known speaker Dr. Peter Kleponis will making morning and afternoon presentations. Continental breakfast and catered lunch included.



MORNING AND AFTERNOON PRESENTATIONS BY
DR. PETER KLEPONIS
AUTHOR & COUNSELOR



Youth and Family Commission

To invite children and families to grow in their love for Christ, and develop a commitment to Mass, prayer, service, and fellowship.

Upcoming Dates for Activities:

- September 23rd – 10:30-11:30 AM - Manicures at the Artman Home.
 - September 26th from 6:30-8 PM – Weekly Middle School Youth Ministry Begins
 - September 30th – 5:15 PM Teen Mass Followed by High School Youth Meeting
 - October 6th – 7:30-10 PM – Middle School Dance
 - October 21st – 9 AM - 12 PM – SHARE Food Program Service Project
- 2) Plan a fun day trip over the next few months for Saint Anthony families.
 - 3) Update our Commission Mission Statement to be more specific and in line with what our group does so that we can provide activities, services and other programs that support our mission.
 - 4) Update our Commission goals for the year to include the following:
"Develop opportunities to support parents of St. Anthony youth with a specific focus on Childcare, CFF and OLM families."
 - 5) Move forward with a Youth and Family service trip to the Florida or Houston area to assist hurricane victims.

Parish Events and Hospitality

Suggest, plan and implement social activities that will foster community and participation in St. Anthony parish. Provide hospitality for parish events and the other commissions.

We will be providing support for these upcoming parish events:

- Family BBQ following the Eucharistic Procession through Ambler on October 8
- Men's Spirituality Conference on November 4th.
- Ministry of Consolation Mass on November
- And the big Kahuna : Live Nativity on December 7th

Have a heart  for hospitality?
Join the Hospitality and Parish Events Commission!

Buildings and Grounds Commission

To help us maintain a well-ordered, safe, clean and aesthetically pleasing campus through dedicated facility management and maintenance while being financially responsible.

- The St. Fiacre society continues to plan to beatify our grounds. Currently under discussion is the creation of a prayer walk area behind the church outside of Friendship Hall. This is a quiet space where stations, or a contemplation maze could be installed. The ground will need to be cleared and steps added to aid movement through the area.
- We are working on our Jubilee Projects. The new hot water heater for the church/ hall is installed.
- Work on the windows for the Ed Center will commence shortly.
- We are pricing a lift for reaching the high places in the church.

Stewardship & Advancement Commission

To come to an appropriate understanding of the present and future financial, operational and capital needs of the parish. To communicate the good news of St. Anthony Parish using all means possible particularly technological.

- The **Live Streaming Project** is taking shape. Some equipment is installed and some is on order. Liturgies including Sunday Mass, funerals, Weddings, Sacraments are all possible subjects for streaming. A Tech Team is necessary to make it all happen. Please give the rectory a call if you would like to help us with this project.
- **E-Giving** - There are currently almost 300 families actively using the program. The program is a great benefit to the parish insuring stability in giving allowing the parish to budget well and meet our obligations. E-Giving is also safe, easy and convenient. Please visit our website to sign up.
- **Planned Giving Seminar** - We are planning a presentation on Wills and Estates. We would also like to suggest that parishioners remember the Parish in their will. These gifts to the parish are most welcome and in the past have provided funding for many important projects.
- **Increased Offertory Program** - Every other year, we ask parishioners to reconsider their level of Sunday giving. Just as in our personal life, expenses grow- so to do those of the parish. It is important that we be able to keep up with the cost of living.

Liturgy & Worship Commission

To strengthen commitment to Sunday worship and deepen the understanding and level of participation in the Eucharist.

- **Please join us for a Eucharistic Procession through Ambler. Volunteers: adults and altar servers are needed to carry flags, statues, banners etc. Call the rectory if you would like to help out.**



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

SUNDAY OCTOBER 8
THROUGH THE
STREETS OF AMBLER
4:00 PM

FAMILY BARBECUE
TO FOLLOW
FRIENDSHIP HALL
DONATION OF \$10 PER FAMILY

- **A Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima** will be making her way around the parish. She will be hosted for a week by families who would like to have her. We hope to begin the program in November. More details to follow.
- **Family Mass** - There will be a Child/Family oriented mass once a month coinciding with the 9:15 Donut Sunday. Music, prayers and homily will be geared toward children and families will be invited to participate in the Liturgical ministries. As a cooperative effort with families, resources will be available to help prepare for mass.
- Liturgical Minister Training for both Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will take place in the next few weeks.
- We are always in need of Ushers. Please give the rectory a call if you would like to help out.

Have an idea or thought that could help others in our parish? Looking for a way to make a real difference?

I've been thinking...

Want to get together with others who share your vision of what's important?

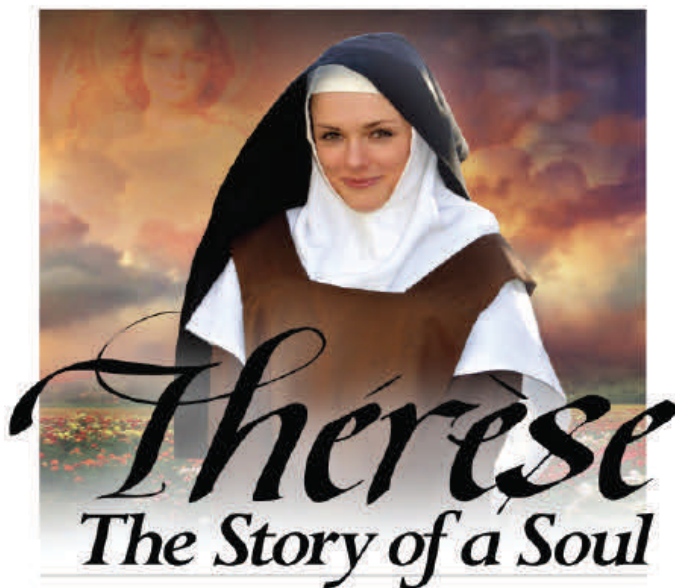
Let Us Know!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

My Idea: _____

Return this form to the rectory or email to
ideas@saintanthonyparish.org



Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.