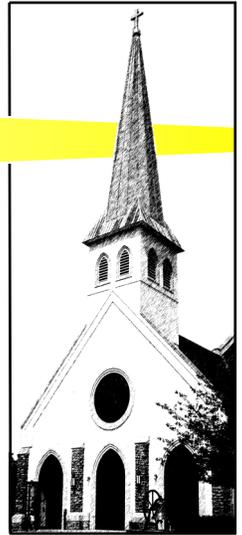


The Beacon

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.

-Soup & Stations takes place on the Fridays of Lent through March 23. Soup at 6:00 PM, video series the Bible and the Virgin Mary at 6:30 and Stations of the Cross at 7:30 PM in church.

-Forgiven- Fr. Paolino is offering the series Forgiven on Mondays of Lent after the 8:15 AM Mass and at 7:00 PM.

- We are continuing to reach out to our parish families. After the initial group of 400 we are now contacting our CFF Families and parishioners with their children enrolled in our Pre-school and Child Care. We seek to establish greater bonds between the parish and our families and ask the question- **How can we serve you better?**

Family Movie Night



Family Style Pizza Dinner at 6:30 PM for only \$10 per family

Popcorn, water & dessert are included.

Bring your own drinks and movie snacks.

Bring your own chairs and blankets for comfortable viewing

Enter the drawing to win COCO prizes!



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.

- StAY visited the Artman in January for manicures and in February for Bingo. Participants of all ages had a great time with the residents at both activities! See the picture below.

- Two service projects are scheduled for Holy Week. On Wednesday, March 28th, StAY will be visiting the Artman to work on an Easter craft with the residents. StAY will also be participating in the SHARE Food Program in Philadelphia on Thursday, March 29th to help prepare food packages.

- Basketball season is wrapping up and spring sports registration is open. Coaches are still needed especially for JV and Varsity track.

- The number of middle school students at the January middle school dance was 253. The next dance is on Saturday, February 24th. Funds will be raised at the dance to donate to an OLM family displaced from their home due to a fire.

- Family Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd. The movie Coco will be shown and popcorn and pizza will be served.

- Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. Registration continues with 120 attendees already registered.



**Next Commission Meeting
March 21 @ 7:00 PM
Friendship Hall ~ Please join us!**

**Donut Sunday
And Family Mass
March 11 9:15 & 11:15 Masses**



Due to the construction, the freezers for St. John's Hospice and Aid for Friends have been relocated to the Narthex near the Cry Room. Please drop off and pick up your items there.

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.

- Construction in both the rectory and the new residence continues. The current rectory will become the parish center and the new meeting rooms and offices are starting to take shape. In the next few weeks we will be able to return the Forest Ave entrance into service.
- There is a concern about the obstructed exits in Friendship Hall. There are trashcans and other items being stored there which would be a hazard in case of the need for emergency exit.
- We will arrange a meeting between Jonathan DeMent and both the commission and the St. Fiacre Group. There is a wealth of knowledge and skill among these parishioners.

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.

- We continue to work on the live streaming project and hope to have it up and running in a few weeks. We are looking for people who would be interested in becoming part of our tech team that will manage the project.
- We have begun looking at projects for this year's Jubilee Fund. These ongoing efforts keep our parish facilities up to date so as to better serve you our parishioners. Items discussed include new padding for the kneelers, interior paint, Sanctuary lighting, computers for staff.
- **HOWEVER** - The cemetery wall is in a sad state of disrepair and crumbling onto the side walk. We have been contacted by the Borough about the situation. This retaining wall has caskets right up against it making repair vital for those both living and deceased on both sides of our wall.

Liturgy & Worship Commission

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

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is taking place each weekday between the 2 morning Masses.
- You are reminded that both the Nave and the Mary Chapel are sacred places and conversation should be reserved for the Narthex or outside.
- Church environment: Can we make a more appropriate Marian Shrine in the church? The small statue of Mary by the crying room was never meant to be a permanent installation. How can we honor the Blessed Mother better?
- Banners in the sanctuary are one way to create a more prayerful environment. We will look at options for creating new banners. For Lent we will display the Corporal Works of Mercy Banner.
- The parish has a large collection of Relics. We have displayed them during the month of the Holy Souls. How can we make them more accessible throughout the year?

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 continue to provide the Core Team meals each month. This month we ordered from Costa's Deli and everyone was very pleased with the delicious hoagies and sides.
- We would like to plan some social events for sometime in the next few months. Suggestions included outing to the Phillies or the Iron Pigs, spaghetti dinner, a day trip to NYC and a Kentucky Derby Party. Get those hats and Fascinators ready!
- We are also working with the Worship Commission to plan a Pot Luck Luncheon in May to honor the Blessed Mother. You will be invited to bring your favorite image/statue of the BVM to 11:15 mass and a favorite national dish for luncheon after.

Have an idea or thought that could help others in our parish? Looking for a way to make a real difference? Want to get together with others who share your vision of what's important?

I've been thinking...

Let Us Know!

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

My Idea: _____

Return this form to the rectory or email to ideas@saintanthonyparish.org
We will be in touch!

Corporal Works of Mercy Commission

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs". They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The new commission is off to a wonderful start. It is apparent already that there is a great deal of work to be done. The commission members are a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm. With the 3 commission meetings left for this year consensus is beginning to form on where to start. We hope to do some things that could be immediately effective as well as look at some longer range projects. Particular areas of discussion included providing information on local aid for those who seek financial assistance from the parish as well as providing some spiritual encouragement. The 4 nursing homes for which we are responsible need some attention and additional pastoral care. These nursing homes vary widely in terms of what is offered to the residents. We would like to work with our youth in providing helping hands to the elderly or shut in of our parish. We discussed differing methods of providing aid for the poor in developing countries.

There are many opportunities to serve.