

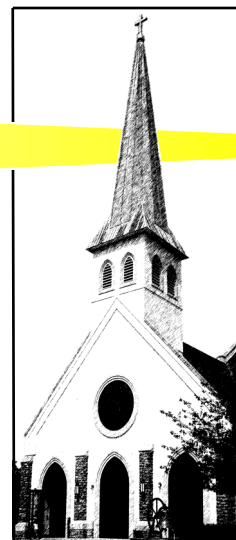
The Beacon

November 2018

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

A Community of Christ's Disciples

A Beacon of Hope to Our World



St. Anthony Parish Commissions

The seven 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.



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.

- The second middle school dance of the year was held in November. The next dance will be on Friday, December 14th.
- Basketball season has officially started and Saint Anthony has 88 athletes in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade participating this year. In addition to team playing, basketball clinics for boys and girls were offered this year and free basketball play is available on Tuesday evenings. Registration is still open - see the website for details.
- StAY participants in pre-school through high school visited Artman in early November to work on a fall craft with the residents. The group also played balloon games with the residents and everyone involved had a great time. The games were such a success that we will be adding more game-themed activities to our schedule. The Youth and Family Commission will also be working with the Works of Mercy Commission to expand our service projects to other area nursing homes.
- Our second annual Christmas tour will be held on Thursday, December 13th. Middle and high school participants will meet at the church parking lot at 3:30, board a bus and visit Artman and Springhouse Estates to sing and spread holiday cheer. There will be a pizza dinner served when the group returns to the church.
- The Christmas Stocking Stuffer Service Project to benefit Covenant House in Philadelphia will be held on December 16th after the 11:15 mass. Donation collection will begin the first week of December. Look for collection boxes in the Narthex and details in the bulletin and on the website.



St. Anthony Youth visits the Artman Home

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.



**Live Nativity
December 6**

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Be an angel and give us a hand:

- ★ Provide baked goods and hospitality support
- ★ Participate in the tableau or as costume assistant
- ★ Help set up or take down

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.

- The commission is considering a parish retreat. We will reach out to the Dominicans to discuss.
- 33 Days to Morning Glory—The plan is to start this in January with exact details still to be determined.
- Lectio Peter—This is a 10-week video series on led by Dr. Tim Gray and will be held on Sunday evenings during January, February, and March. The ~30-minute videos would be followed by small group discussion.
- "Man Up Philly" Men of the parish will be encouraged to attend and we will look into going as a group by bus, van, or carpool.
- Pilgrimages—The Commission is considering pilgrimages to DC and Pittsburgh.
- Catholic Book Club—Plans are being developed to restart this program.

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.

- Thanks to all who participated in our Fall Clean up day. The garden beds in and surrounding the parking lot look great!
- Major work was done and is ongoing in the cemetery. Working with the Corporal Works Commission, the records for the cemetery have been vastly updated.
- More help is needed to maintain the cemetery. We are specifically looking for parishioners who have family buried there. It is the final resting place for generations of Ambler families. The oldest grave found so far dates to 1866. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.
- The cemetery wall project has begun!



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.

- In addition to the physical clean up of the cemetery—the commission is organizing the records. Once their work is finished there will be complete computerized records as well as images of each head stone available on the internet. This will be a great aid for the many requests each year from people researching their family histories.
- The commission will be making rubbings of the stones that are not legible. Help is needed for this phase of the project.
- The commission will take over the maintenance of the Aid for Friends and St. John's Hospice Collections. Please remember that the clothing items donated for St. John's hospice are to be gently used or new MEN'S only. Commission members will each take turns monitoring the bins.
- We will be supporting an outreach for the building of a cistern in Amman, Jordan to help keep the people of that region supplied with precious water.
- At the suggestion of the pastoral council—we are looking to have a program in the new year in the area of the Opioid Crisis. Many families are struggling with this devastating form of imprisonment.

Egiving: Safe,
Convenient, Secure



Liturgy & Worship Commission

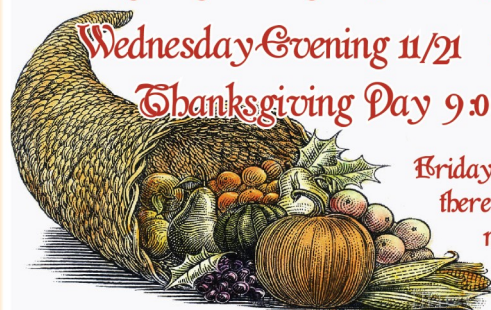
To strengthen commitment to Sunday worship and deepen the understanding and level of participation in the Eucharist.

- The traveling Lady of Fatima statue will be available to homes during 2019. Please see The Paduan for information.
- The Liturgy and Worship Commission has been diligently composing a questionnaire that will be distributed early in 2019. It will provide an opportunity for parishioners to assist in enhancing liturgical worship at Saint Anthony's. Responses to the questionnaire may occur on paper and on-line.
- The commission will soon make available an opportunity for families to schedule dates and Mass times to present the gifts at the Offertory. Families will be able to sign up at the narthex Mobile Office on Sundays.
- The commission discussed the benefits of live streaming with Monsignor McHenry, who said that this will be available to the parish very soon.

Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family.

Wednesday Evening 11/21 7:00 pm

Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am mass.



Friday, November 23
there will be an 8:45 am
mass only.
Parish Office
will be closed.

Stewardship & Advancement Commission

To help form gospel attitudes toward the stewardship of time, treasure and talent in the lives of our parishioners. As wise stewards of our resources, we intend to draw on the rich Catholic heritage of giving as well as to use contemporary means to spread the message of Jesus Christ.

1. Welcomed Christy Cincotta as a new member of the commission. Very happy to have her.
 2. Discussed the results of the eGiving sign up activities a few weeks ago. The actual turnout was low, but numerous people signed up on their own during the subsequent 2-3 weeks.
 3. We discussed high level idea on how to "programize" the concepts of stewardship into our parishioners daily lives. Some concepts/questions.....
- Personal Accountability
 - Weaving **Service** concepts into the program
 - Annual Commitments
 - Focus on those who do participate initially.....then how to roll out to the larger St.A's community
 - Rewards.....contest....."guaranteed seating at crowded Masses"?
 - Maybe leverage the children's service into getting families involved
- Case studies.....how living stewardship effects people's lives and the positive changes that have come from it.