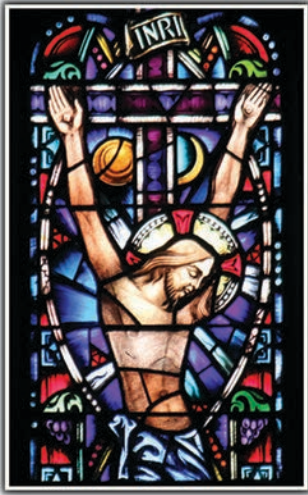


March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent



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All St. Andrew parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in the worldwide Synod 2021-2023 survey, available online now through April 4, 2022. In the synodal process, you can make an assessment of your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish. Use our dedicated parish link <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k9bp4k>.

You are also invited to participate in an onsite or virtual synodal session. For more information and to register, please visit catholicleaders.org/archphila-synod-sessions.

Come Pray with St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society



Please join the Nocturnal Adoration Society on the Thursday night before First Friday to spend one hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Our next prayer hour is Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Never has there been a more important time to pray together for peace and direction. Nighttime adoration offers a convenient and peaceful time to pray. If you have a busy schedule this may be the perfect way for you to spend more time with Jesus. For more information about our Society, please contact Tina Angelo (610-513-8731 or tangelo212@yahoo.com).

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 21, 2022

6:30am Recently Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

6:30am John K. ("Jack") Ray

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:30am J. Louise Sciarrone

Thursday, March 24, 2022

6:30am Harry L. Golden

Friday, March 25, 2022

6:30am Betty Jane Schaeffer

Saturday, March 26, 2022

8:00am Deceased Members of Maguire, Martin,
and Monaghan Families

In your charity, please remember in your prayers
those who have died and join the whole Church in
commending them to the Mercy of God:
Sr. Vera Green, SSJ

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

In our prayer for those in need of healing, each of us in the Church serves Christ Himself in the suffering members of His Mystical Body. Please pray for: Sally Christ, young Mark DiCocco, Helen Getzfread, Mary Jane Grace, Barbara List, William Lott, Dominick Martini, Jamie McPoyle, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, William Paffett, Jr., Kim Petitpren, David Weaver.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News



In today's Gospel, Jesus is quite clear in his message: "*Bear fruit or be cut down.*" This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work, far greater than you think. Know that your nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars are multiplied by the gifts placed by others in the poor box for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Save the date Saturday, April 30, 2022 for our clothing and household goods collection!



Parish Lenten Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Spiritual Enrichment

It is not too late to renew your commitment to grow closer to God this Lenten season. St. Andrew Parish offers many ways to deepen your faith.

Attend daily Mass – Monday-Friday at 6:30 AM, Saturday at 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration – The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Tuesdays from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. Also, St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society meets on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 PM. All are invited to this special nighttime prayer hour.

Pray the Rosary – The Rosary is prayed before every daily Mass (6:15 AM Monday-Friday, 7:45 AM Saturday). You are also invited to join the Parish Rosary Group on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM.

Miraculous Medal Novena – The Novena is recited on Wednesdays after 6:30 AM Mass.

Explore Catholic resources on Formed.org – Access thousands of free faith-based movies, podcasts, seminars, and series on [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org) by using St. Andrew's parish code 784JN8.

Saint Andrew School Passion Play



The return of spring marks the return of the annual 8th Grade Passion Play at Saint Andrew School. The students are working hard to prepare this reverent retelling of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

We invite you to join us in Msgr. McGettigan Hall as we celebrate the mystery of our faith on **Palm Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 PM**. The play runs approximately one hour. We hope to see you there!



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



"Oh, Moses, I shall be with you when you go to the king of Egypt. ... Take the staff in your hand, Moses. With it, you shall do My wonders." (taken from "The Prince of Egypt")

Dear Friends,

Today's first reading from the Old Testament is one with which we are most familiar. Whether the images of Moses' mysterious experience are formed by the inspired words of sacred scripture, the pictures from our childhood Catechisms, the artistry of Cecil B. DeMille in "The Ten Commandments" (1956); the masterful animation of DreamWorks in their film, "The Prince of Egypt" (1998); or the more recent interpretation in "Exodus: Of Gods and Kings" (2014), the mystery presented to us provides a paradigm of the human person in relation to Divine grace. The Book of Exodus depicts the "burning bush" experience, in which God communicates His plan of salvation to Moses. In the description of the event, the scriptures portray Moses as both a potential leader—called by name and granted a privileged part in a salvific dialogue—and as a faithful descendent of Jacob who willingly responds, albeit with fear and doubt, by disposing his entire self to the consequences of his decision to say "Yes." In this way, Moses is both capable (by God's Will) and open (by his own) to receive and transmit the divine message entrusted to him. The burning bush symbolizes how the Holy Spirit and God's grace is experienced mysteriously within the human condition and at the same time beyond it.

The story sheds some light on our own lives in relation to God. The initial contact is through an incomprehensible transcendent experience (the burning bush) which is both fascinating and frightening. Once God gets Moses' attention, He breaks into his comfortable life and reveals Himself as "I AM"—pure and simple Being. But then God goes on in His

introduction of Himself to make the connection: "I AM the God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob" by which He enters our history through Israel. Moreover, God intimates that He knows of and is going to do something about Israel's suffering and slavery. Simultaneously, He extends an invitation to Moses to get involved in His plan and do something, not simply complain or escape it. Moses realizes that there is something quite different here - a Truth that cannot be completely understood or proven, but must be accepted in Faith. It is this Faith that compels Moses to engage an extraordinary personal sacrifice in Love, which empowers him to go beyond his inherent limits and those he had imposed upon himself by doubt, guilt or sloth. In this way, Moses responds in sincere love to the truth revealed to him. Like grace in the human soul, the supernatural fire blazes, but neither destroys nor consumes the natural constitution of the bush. Moses, therefore, represents how human beings are called by God, from with the experiences determined by their social conditions into a sanctifying dialogue directed toward eternal salvation.

Over the past three weeks, the Lenten Scriptures have introduced us to the three fundamental practices for a fruitful Lent, recommended by Holy Church from her earliest days: Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving. This is what the Church has asked of us in order to strengthen and preserve the communion of faith; but, how much of any of these do we do or even attempt? In the desert, Jesus teaches us that by stripping away all the unnecessary earthly things, clutter and pretenses of life on which we depend upon to define ourselves and yielding to our true identity as the beloved sons and daughters of God, we come to humbly understand that despite our unworthiness, God still calls us into an intimate relationship with Himself. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus teaches us how prayer opens us up to the authentic reality of not only who we are, but Whose we are. He, like the burning bush of the New Testament, reveals the eternal reality of the divine life, that God freely chooses to entrust into our care and share with us for eternity. And in this week's passages from the Book of Exodus and the Gospel of Luke, we are taught that we are invited to cooperate with the grace given (not bury it) that we are to open ourselves to be nourished with the spiritual nutrients that are in the fertile seedbed in which we have been planted. We learn that in order to bear fruit, we need to accept God's Gift (not our version of it) and "do" something with it. During this Lent let us keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus as we strip away all pretense; be transfigured by His Love in and for the Father; and commit ourselves to do something to change the world by advancing the Kingdom of God. Be of good cheer, have a blessed week and a fruitful Lent!

Msgr. Grous

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Casseroles for St. John's Hospice

"Until EVERY person is seen as an equal human being, change will never happen." ~ Homeless Loki

"The next time you walk over a homeless person lying across the door of Starbucks or pass a woman pushing a shopping cart filled with all her worldly possessions, think not of how they are now, but who they might have been, what they could be if they had help. Sadly, most people do not view homeless people as fellow beings. Instead, they are viewed as human trash, unable to take care of themselves and therefore worthless. This is how most people think of me." Here is an account of a person who calls himself, Homeless Loki. He goes on to say that society finds no value in a person like himself.

In the Parable of the Great Feast, Jesus said that when you give a banquet, invite the poor, and blessed will you be because of their inability to repay you. (Luke 14:12) Please help us increase our casserole donations by contributing to the SJH program this month. Fully cooked frozen main dish casseroles can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on **Tuesday, March 22 between 3:00-4:00 PM**. Please use the aluminum pans and lids found in the entrance of the church. Kindly mark the lid of your casserole with the main ingredients and date prepared. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Thank you for your continual support of the needy.

Respect Life Ministry News



40 Days for Life calls you to action this Lent to help end the scourge of abortion and to be in prayer for the women and babies whose lives are destroyed by abortion. The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign continues through April 10. Join us in prayer for an hour as we seek to help vulnerable mothers who feel they have nowhere else to turn. On Saturday, March 26, we will pray at a Philadelphia abortion clinic from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Many mothers who chose life have shared that what changed their mind was the presence of those praying outside when they arrived at the clinic. What a beautiful Lenten gift to God, the Creator of All Life! Please call/text Raphael Vantine (610-613-7481) with questions or to make driving arrangements for that day.

Parish Outreach Easter Food Drive

Collection #1 - Easter Basket Items needed before Wednesday, March 23



It is our sincere hope to be able to supply 40 Easter baskets this year for the children in the food pantry program. Just the following items are requested: new, small sized, low handle Easter baskets, Easter grass; small bags of jelly beans, individually wrapped candy, fruit snacks or breakfast bars; new rosaries, white or black preferred.

Please call the Outreach Office Monday through Wednesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (484-461-4954) to schedule a drop-off time.

Collection #2 - Easter Food Drive Saturday, April 9, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Msgr. McGettigan Hall

*"What shall I repay to the Lord,
for all His benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12)*

Kindly consider helping a neighbor in need by donating to the Easter Food Drive. Contributions should be brought to the Foss Avenue door of the Father John Hughes building between 10:00 AM-1:00 PM on Saturday, April 9th. Volunteers will meet you outside the building to transfer your items inside. Please do not attempt to come into the building.

In addition, gift cards to local supermarkets, Walmart, or Target are most appreciated. It is important that you do not leave food in the church, at the Rectory, or outside other entrances to McGettigan Hall. May the glory of the Lord be yours this Easter and always! Thank you for your support.

No student volunteers are needed for this drive.

Current Needs: frozen meat or refrigerated hams; bananas, oranges, apples; canned pineapple and other canned fruit; fresh white or sweet potatoes; canned vegetables; rice, noodles, boxed potatoes, pasta; cereal; pancake mix and maple syrup; snacks and boxed desserts; beverages; soap (bar, dish, laundry); paper products; cleaning products; personal care products.

"Say the Word"

Reflections from St. Andrew CCD / PREP

Our Confirmation PREP class this year includes students from four different parishes. The students from Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo were the first to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next night at PREP I asked them, "What is different in you now than yesterday morning?" One young man said, "I have a new name." A young lady replied, "The gifts of the Holy Spirit we received at Baptism are strengthened." We talked about their relationship with their patron saints and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to them to be used.

For the rest of the PREP year, we will give students opportunities to use these gifts, especially through the works of mercy. We will make casseroles and collect socks for people experiencing homelessness, learn about new saints, and invite them to listen to the Holy Spirit directing them in their lives, so their gifts don't remain forever unopened.

Prayers for PREP – Come, Holy Spirit. Guide our parishioners receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Light the fire of Your love in their hearts, that they may spread the Good News to all whom they encounter. Amen.

Saint Andrew School News



The Saint Andrew Home & School Association offers many ways to support our parish school this spring.

Sweet Spot Easter Cookie Kits - Kits contain 12 sugar cookies, three bags of royal icing, three containers of sprinkles, and instructions for \$30.

Sam's Boardwalk Pizza Kits - Kits contain one dough ball for a 12" pizza, sauce, and cheese. Cheese Kit is \$13; Extra Cheese Kit, Pepperoni Kit, Sausage Kit and Mushroom Kit are \$14 each.

Place your orders online through March 28 at StAndrewHSA.CoreCommerce.com/fundraiser/.

The pick-up date for both sales is Monday, April 11 from 3:00 until 6:00 PM at the Foss Avenue entrance to Msgr. McGettigan Hall.



Dine Out with Saint Andrew School - Treat yourself to dinner at Freddy's Steakburgers in Broomall on Monday, March 28 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Fridays 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil; Sunday 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM

Daily Mass

Weekdays: 6:30 AM, Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Days

5:15 PM Vigil, 6:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:15 PM

Daily Visitation: The Church is open for visitation weekdays from the first Mass until 5:00 PM; Saturdays until after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass and Sundays until 1:45 PM. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance for Adoration every Tuesday (September through June) until 7:00 PM when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in reparation for the sins of sexual abuse and concludes with Benediction.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office to register for Pre-Jordan class prior to Baptism. Baptisms are administered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please refer to the Parish website regarding guidelines for Sacramental Sponsors / Godparents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30 PM, Sunday after 7:30 AM Mass, or by appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office to request an appointment with the pastor prior to setting a date. Six months notification to prepare for marriage is expected; a full year is recommended.

Sacrament of Anointing and Sick Calls: Gather at the Altar of Our Lady following the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass for this Sacrament. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing or a Eucharistic visit for those who are unable to come to Church. Sick calls in an emergency will receive prompt attention.

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