

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDship REPORT

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH
DREXEL HILL, PA



DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The back pages of this Stewardship report contain excerpts of the January 2025 Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Nelson Pérez addressing the future of parishes within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the fact that 83% of our fellow baptized Catholics do not come to church.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, perhaps many are escaping situations that are troubling, disappointing or hopeless – and drift toward the *dictatorship of relativism*. “When Christ’s sovereignty is contested, other “gods” take His place. When the human ego, the human self, itself becomes its own god, there is no longer any transcendent truth or goodness or beauty, all becomes subjective, all becomes relative to the experience of the self, which has as its highest goal one’s own ego and one’s own desires.” (Pope Benedict XVI).

While escaping the uncertainty and danger of Jerusalem and seeking safety in Emmaus - a stranger joined them on their journey – boldly reminding them how slow of heart they are to doubt all that the prophets spoke. Finally, with their hearts burning within them and their eyes recognizing the Risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, they returned to Jerusalem and shared the good news with their fellow disciples.

As missionary disciples, what road are we on? That’s not a question for Siri, Google or ChatGPT. Simply follow the Good Shepherd - ♪Take me home - to the place I belong ♪

Pastor's Annual Message

It is with gratitude and joy that I share with you our parish's **2025 Annual Stewardship Report**. This 48-page report is more than numbers and listings—it is a reflection of the living Body of Christ at work in our parish. Within these pages, you will find an account of our financial stewardship, a record of the sacraments celebrated, and a listing of the many ministries and volunteers who so generously give of their time, talent, and treasure.



At its heart, this report is a *thank you*. It is a thank you to every parishioner who contributes in ways both visible and unseen: to the parents who bring their children faithfully to Mass, to the catechists who prepare our young people for the sacraments, to the volunteers who serve at our liturgies, and to the many who support our parish financially. Each of you helps to build up the Kingdom of God here in our community, and this report is one way of acknowledging your generous response to God's call.

The financial results presented here reflect both the sacrifices of our parishioners and the careful stewardship of our resources. Together, we strive to use every gift wisely and faithfully in support of our mission: to proclaim the Gospel, to celebrate the sacraments with reverence, and to serve those in need. Transparency is an important part of stewardship, and this report provides an honest picture of how your contributions sustain and grow our parish.

Equally important are the pages that highlight the breadth of our parish life. Here you will find a directory of ministries, each one representing a concrete expression of discipleship. From liturgical ministries to outreach programs, from faith formation to social activities, these groups embody the diversity and vitality of our parish. The names of volunteers listed are not just entries on a page; they are testimonies to the love and commitment that keep our parish strong.

The sacramental information included reminds us of the grace that continually flows into our lives through the Church. Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings, and funerals—all of these milestones reflect our shared journey of faith. They remind us that we are a community bound together by Christ, celebrating joys, supporting one another in sorrows, and walking side by side toward eternal life.

As you read through this report, I encourage you to do two things. First, give thanks. Give thanks to God for the many blessings He has poured out upon our parish and for the generous response of so many parishioners. Second, reflect on your own call to stewardship. How is God inviting you to share your time, talent, and treasure in the year ahead? Perhaps you will feel moved to join a ministry, to deepen your involvement, or to make a renewed commitment to financial support. Every contribution, no matter how small it may seem, strengthens our parish family.

As your new pastor, I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving this community. Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your love for our parish. May this report serve not only as a record of what has been accomplished but also as an inspiration for what lies ahead. Together, let us continue to build a parish where Christ is known, loved, and served.

With prayers of gratitude for each of you,

Rev. Marc F. Capizzi

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Parish Staff

Pastoral Staff

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Permanent Deacon: Deacon Thomas N. Verna, M.A., D.M.D

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Friday – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday – No office hours



School Information



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Schedules

Masses

Weekend:	Saturday - Vigil Mass 5:00 pm Sunday - 7:30 and 10:00 am, and 12:30 pm
Holy Days:	Vigil – 5:15 pm Holy Day – 6:30 am; 12 noon, and 5:15 pm
Weekdays:	6:30 am (Monday through Friday) 8:00 am (Saturday)

Daily Visitation

Church Hours:	6:15 am until 5:00 pm (Monday through Friday) 7:45 am to 6:00 pm (Saturday) 7:00 am to 1:30 pm (Sunday)
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Eucharistic Adoration

The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Tuesday (September through June) at 7:15 am, and is reposed following recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 6:40 pm. Visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament are encouraged.

Miraculous Medal Novena Devotion

Recited every Wednesday after the 6:30 am Mass

Rosary

Recited at 6:15 am before the 6:30 am Mass (Monday through Friday), and at 7:45 am before the 8:00 am Mass on Saturday.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm
Sunday: after the 7:30 am Mass
OR by appointment with a priest

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:30 pm in the Church. Please refer to pages 7, 11 & 12 for additional information.





Saint Andrew School
Faculty and Staff
 saintandrewschool.com

School Administration

Dr. Helen McLean
 Ms. Jacquelyn Hart
 Mrs. Patty McNevin
 Mrs. Jacqueline Magee

Principal
 Vice Principal
 Administrative Assistant
 Administrative Aide



Helen McLean, Ed. D.
Principal

Saint Andrew School Faculty

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Mrs. Marianne Corcoran	KB
Ms. Michele Conway	1A
Mrs. Mary Carroll	1st Grade Aide
Mrs. Christine Lynch	2A
Ms. Caroline Lynch	2B
Mrs. Megan DellaVecchio	3A
Ms. Kayla Harrington	3B
Mrs. Kathleen OChuilin	4A
Mr. Joseph Lignore	5A
Mr. Jovani Tablezo	6A
Mr. Garrett Rippert	6B
Mrs. Joan DeRitis	7A
Ms. Riese Baker	7B
Mrs. Stefanie Wetzel	8A
Mrs. Dina Conners	8B

Saint Andrew School exists to provide a quality Catholic education rooted in the Gospel. Our mission is to build a civilization of Love through faith and knowledge.

Our students receive a superior academic education in safe surroundings where qualified, dedicated teachers instill moral and spiritual values like compassion, respect for life, and a close relationship with Jesus.



Special Instruction

Advanced Math

Mrs. Dina Conners

Spanish

Mrs. Maryanne Rayer

Technology

Ms. Beth Zdinak

Library

Mrs. Tricia Ezzie

Reading Specialist

Mrs. Marlene Canio

Music

Mr. John Christie – Grades 4-8

Ms. Terri Power – Grades PreK-3

Mr. Peter Rowley – Instrumental Band
 and Strings

Physical Education & Art

Mr. Jack Hopkins

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Mrs. Christine Brenner

Mrs. Meg Dierkes

Mrs. Rosey Lester

Mrs. Mary Jane Mrazik

CARES Program Director

Ms. Michele Conway

The Sacrament of **Baptism** is joyfully celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month following at 1:30 pm in the church.

Baptism

The word baptism in its origins is Greek and means "immersion" and "bath." Immersion in water is a sign of death and emersion out of the water means new life. To bathe in water is also to undergo cleansing. Saint Paul sums up this truth when he says, "You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead" (Col 2:12).

The origin and foundation of Christian Baptism is Jesus. Before starting his public ministry, Jesus submitted himself to the baptism given by John the Baptist. The waters did not purify him; he cleansed the waters. Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will. Jesus did not need to be baptized because he was totally faithful to the will of his Father and free from sin. However, he wanted to show his solidarity with human beings in order to reconcile them to the Father.



By commanding his disciples to baptize all nations, he established the means by which people would die to sin—Original and actual—and begin to live a new life with God. After his Resurrection, Jesus met with the Apostles and gave them the commission to preach the Gospel and baptize, telling them, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mk 16:16).

Please refer to pages 11 and 12 for information regarding Pre-Jordan (Baptismal Preparation) and Letters of Eligibility requirements for Godparents.

Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, form the Sacraments of Initiation that are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Confirmation

Those who believed in the Apostles' preaching were baptized and received the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. The Apostles baptized believers in water and the Spirit. Then they imparted the special gift of the Spirit through the laying on of hands. "The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC, no. 1288)

By the second century, Confirmation was also conferred by anointing with holy oil, which came to be called sacred Chrism. "This anointing highlights the name 'Christian,' which means 'anointed' and derives from that of Christ himself whom God 'anointed with the Holy Spirit'" (CCC, no. 1289)

Our parish celebrates the liturgy of Confirmation each spring. In the years prior to being confirmed, our seventh-grade school students and CCD / PREP children prepare for this significant moment in their faith life by regularly attending religious education classes and church. In the fall of seventh grade, students announce their candidacy for Confirmation and begin a formal period of preparation.



Note: Any seventh-grade student attending a private Catholic school should contact Mrs. Nicky Verna at 610-259-1169 or nverna@standrewdh.org. These students should participate in our Rites of Candidacy, Election, retreat, practice days, etc. Any high school student or adult who has not been confirmed should contact Fr. Capizzi at the rectory.

Holy Eucharist

So rich is the mystery of the **Eucharist** that we have a number of terms to illumine its saving grace: the Breaking of the Bread; the Lord's Supper; the Eucharistic Assembly; the Memorial of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection; the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Holy and Divine Liturgy; the Eucharistic Liturgy; Holy Communion; and Holy Mass (cf. CCC, nos. 1328-1332).

The use of bread and wine in worship is already found in the early history of God's people. These ancient rituals were given historical meaning at the Exodus of God's people - united into the Passover Meal as a sign of God's delivering the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, a pledge of his fidelity to his promises and eventually a sign of the coming of the Messiah and messianic times. Each family shared the lamb that had been sacrificed and the bread over which a blessing had been proclaimed. They also drank from a cup of wine over which a similar blessing had been proclaimed.



When Jesus instituted the Eucharist he gave a final meaning to the blessing of the bread and the wine and the sacrifice of the lamb. The Gospels narrate events that anticipated the Eucharist. The miracle of the loaves and fish, reported in all four Gospels, prefigured the unique abundance of the Eucharist. The miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana manifested the divine glory of Jesus and the heavenly wedding feast in which we share at every Eucharist. In his dialogue with the people at Capernaum, Christ used his miracle of multiplying the loaves of bread as the occasion to describe himself as the Bread of Life: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. . . Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you" (Jn 6:51, 53).

Traditionally, our parish second grade school children and CCD / PREP students prepare to receive Holy Eucharist usually on the first Saturday in May. Both parents and children make a commitment in the fall to prepare fully for this important time in their lives. Children enrolled in private Catholic elementary school or families who home-school their children should contact the rectory for additional information.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy. Not only does it free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). While all the Sacraments bring us an experience of the mercy that comes from Christ's dying and rising, it is the Sacrament of Reconciliation that is the unique Sacrament of mercy.

The schedule for Confessions can be found in the parish information section of this Report on page 5. A comprehensive *Guide for Confession* can be found on the parish's website (standrewdh.org) under the sacraments tab.

Anointing of the Sick

The **Rite of Anointing** tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient. The Sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after the anointing but becomes ill once again, or if, during the same illness, the person's condition becomes more serious. A person should be anointed before surgery when a dangerous illness is the reason for the intervention (cf. Rite of Anointing, Introduction, nos. 8-10).

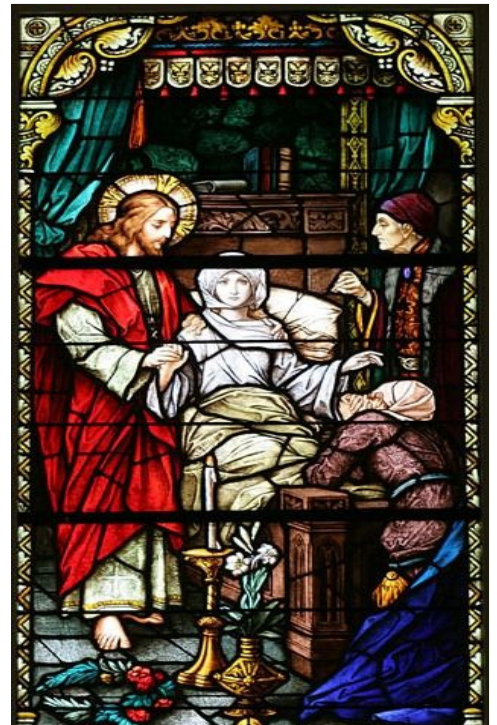
Moreover, "old people may be anointed if they are in weak condition even though no dangerous illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be comforted by this sacrament. . . . [The faithful] should be encouraged to ask for the anointing, and, as soon as the time for the anointing comes, to receive it with faith and devotion, not misusing the sacrament by putting it off" (Rite of Anointing, nos. 11, 12, 13).

Only bishops and priests may be ministers of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A penitential rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word opens the celebration. Scripture awakens the faith of the sick and family members and friends to pray to Christ for the strength of his Holy Spirit. The priest lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then proceeds to anoint, with the blessed Oil of the Sick, the forehead and hands of the sick person (in the Roman Rite). He accompanies these acts with the words, "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up" (CCC, no. 1513).

For those who are about to depart from this life, the Church offers the person Penance, Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist as Viaticum (food for the journey) given at the end of life. These are "the sacraments that prepare for our heavenly homeland" (cf. CCC, no. 1525). These rites are highly valued by Catholics as powerful aids to a good death. Since Holy Communion is the effective sign of Christ's Paschal Mystery, it becomes for the recipient the opportunity to unite one's own suffering and dying to that of Christ with the hope of life eternal with him. The special words proper to Viaticum are added: "May the Lord Jesus protect you and lead you to everlasting life. Amen."

Please notify the rectory when a parishioner is confined to the home due to sickness, infirmity or age. Extraordinary Ministers will visit and bring Holy Communion to shut-ins on a weekly basis at the request of the parishioner. Fr. Capizzi will make communion calls to shut-ins upon request. Please call the rectory to schedule a mutually convenient time for Fr. Capizzi to make a visit.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is administered in church after the 10:00 am Sunday Mass before the altar of Our Blessed Mother. The sick will be anointed before admission to a hospital; the elderly because of a weakened or disabling condition; and all whose illness shows a need for strengthening through the power of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of the Church. Please gather before Our Lady's altar directly after the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday.



Matrimony

Sacred Scripture begins with the creation and union of man and woman and ends with "the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:7, 9). Scripture often refers to marriage, its origin and purpose, the meaning God gave to it, and its renewal in the covenant made by Jesus with his Church.

God created man and woman out of love and commanded them to imitate his love in their relations with each other. Man and woman were created for each other. "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him. . . . The two of them become one body" (Gn 2:18; 24). Woman and man are equal in human dignity, and in marriage they are united in an unbreakable bond before God.

Jesus brought to full awareness the divine plan for marriage. In John's Gospel, Christ's first miracle occurs at the wedding in Cana. "The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence" (CCC, no. 1613).

By their marriage, the couple witnesses Christ's spousal love for the Church. One of the Nuptial Blessings in the liturgical celebration of marriage refers to this in saying, "Father, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his Church."

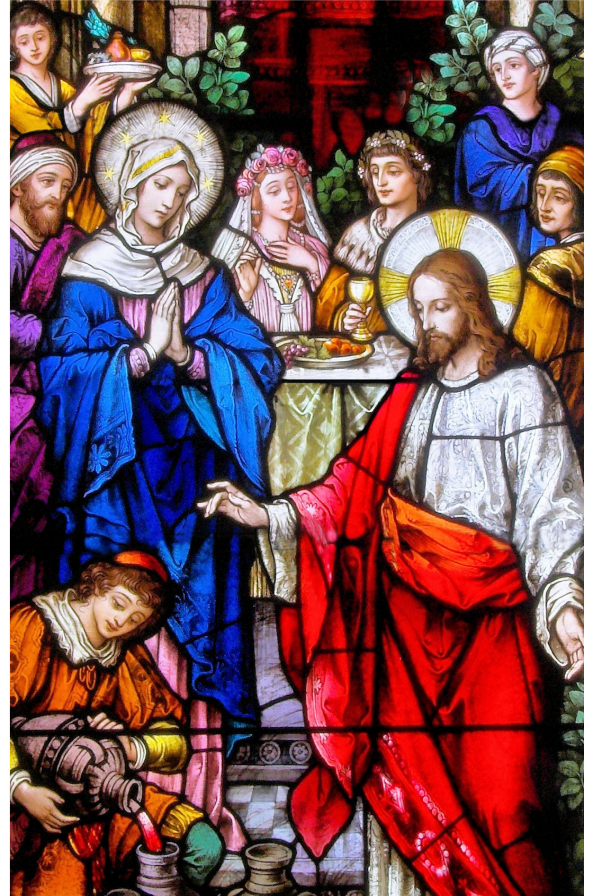
The Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant, which is more than a contract. Covenant always expresses a relationship between persons. The marriage covenant refers to the relationship between the husband and wife, a permanent union of persons capable of knowing and loving each other and God. The celebration of marriage is also a liturgical act, appropriately held in a public liturgy at church. Catholics are urged to celebrate their marriage within the Eucharistic Liturgy.

To assist couples in their preparation for Christian marriage, the priest must be notified as soon as possible after you become engaged. Marriage preparation usually takes 12-15 months from a couple's engagement to the desired wedding date. Couples considering marriage should contact the rectory to make an appointment with Monsignor Grous and to set the date for the wedding.

Pre-Cana (Pre-Marital) Program or Engagement Encounter: The Church earnestly desires to assist engaged couples in strengthening their relationship. This is usually accomplished by learning about and discussing topics which promote a lasting commitment. The program covers communication skills, decision making on the use of time and money, lifestyle adjustments, and spirituality.

Please refer to page 13 for information regarding Pre-Cana.

Weddings: Weddings are scheduled on Saturday at 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm. Arrangements can be made for a Friday evening wedding, except during Lent. Visiting priests are welcome. Contact the rectory office for additional details.



Holy Orders

"The discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call." – Pope Benedict XVI

Those who receive the sacrament of Holy Orders -- as a deacon, priest or bishop -- are consecrated in Christ's name "to feed the Church by the word and grace of God."

Any man of the parish who has an interest in serving as a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia should speak with Fr. Capizzi. Any man, single or married over the age of 35, who has an interest in becoming a permanent deacon may make an appointment with Deacon Verna or write to: Office of Permanent Diaconate, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, 1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002. Anyone interested in learning more about a calling to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life should speak with Fr. Capizzi.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a process of instruction, prayer, and faith sharing in a group that leads a participant into full communion with the Catholic Church.

O.C.I.A. Catechumens and Candidates: Participants include any adult who has never been baptized; people of another faith or church; any baptized but not confirmed individual; and/or any adult who would like to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Normal Meeting Schedule: We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 pm from September through April in the Good Shepherd Room (Rectory lower level).

O.C.I.A. Key Contact:

Mrs. Nicky Verna

610-259-1169

Pre-Jordan

St. Andrew **Pre-Jordan** program assists Parents and Godparents toward a fuller understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and provides information for the Baptism of your child.

Attendance Information: Attendance is required for all parents and is encouraged for Godparents before a child is baptized. Parents may attend while they are expecting their baby. Children are welcome, so please bring your baby!

Meeting Information: Pre-Jordan classes are held on the third Sunday of each month at 9:00 am in the Fr. John Hughes Building in the St. Katharine Drexel Conference Room. Please use the Foss Avenue entrance; follow signs through the Angel Garden. Please contact the parish secretary during normal office hours to register for the class.

Pre-Jordan Key Contact:

Deacon Thomas N. Verna

610-259-1169



Letters of Eligibility - Godparents & Sponsors

Godparents - Parents may obtain all the necessary forms and the *Baptism Guidelines and Instructions for the Godparents* at the Baptism (Pre-Jordan) class. It is wise to attend the Baptism class as early as possible--even before the child is born. If you have previously attended the Pre-Jordan class (within the past three years), please telephone one of the priests to obtain all the forms, guidelines, and instructions. The Pre-Jordan class is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00 am in the St. Katharine Drexel Conference Room (1st Floor of the Fr. John Hughes Building).

The purpose of the Pre-Jordan program is to assist parents in celebrating the Baptism of their child and to give them insight into the child's spiritual care and training. With the completion of all documents, parents may make final arrangements by telephoning the parish. Arrangements may also be made for a visiting priest or deacon to baptize a child at times convenient to the family and when the church is available.

Confirmation Sponsor - Since the role of the Confirmation sponsor is to provide living witness to the Catholic Faith and to support to the candidate, the church recommends that a Baptismal Godparent be the Confirmation sponsor. However, other sponsors (except parents) meeting the below qualifications are permissible.

Godparents or Confirmation Sponsors must obtain a Letter (Certificate) of Eligibility from their parish priest attesting to the fact that they qualify to be a Godparent / Sponsor. To qualify as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, a person must:

1. Be at least 16 years of age
2. Have received their First Communion and Confirmation
3. Attend weekly Mass
4. Receive the Eucharist and Reconciliation (Confession) often
5. Live in conformity with the teachings of the Catholic faith
6. If married, must be married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church

Occasionally, a person presents him/herself seeking a Letter and leaves upset because they were told that they did not meet the necessary requirements. This, at times, becomes a point of consternation and a cause of anger toward the Church, and even at the priest.

The role of Godparent/Sponsor is more than merely ceremonial and even more than the above requirements. It is a call to **PERSONAL INTEGRITY!** The first question, therefore, is not whether or not the Church will allow me to be a Godparent/Sponsor, but whether or not I can allow **MYSELF** to be one! Each one of us must ask oneself, "Does my life truly reflect and give witness to the Catholic Faith I am publicly professing?"

The role of the Godparent / Sponsor does not demand absolute perfection, however; for each of us is in need of God's Mercy & Providence. It may happen, though, that one not living out the Faith given to us may be asked to fill this role. In this situation the person has three options: 1) it can be received as a genuine grace-filled moment of conversion, that assuming the responsibility for another person's faith, I am ready to Renew my own faith and recommit myself to its practice; 2) it can make me realize that I am not ready to assume responsibility for another person's faith, for I have failed to be accountable for my own Baptismal promises. In this case, I would have to honestly turn down the request; 3) it can be a moment in which I do not take seriously the Sacrament, the responsibility or the gravity of my promise and violate my integrity by swearing to do something I was never willing to practice, God forbid.

Bring this decision before God honestly and don't be nervous to speak with your priest. In respecting Our Lord and His Church, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the true graces which will come.

Pre-Cana

Marriage preparation – commonly referred to as pre-Cana – is a time of preparation for the wedding day, and every day after. It is a time of meditating on the meaning of the Sacramental union, and what difference inviting Christ into your marriage and your lives makes. This process is designed to help the engaged couple grow closer to God and each other, and to come to a deeper understanding of the sacrament of marriage, into which a couple will soon enter. The Church earnestly desires to assist engaged couples in strengthening their relationship by learning about and discussing topics which promote a lasting commitment. Marriage preparation programs cover such topics as communication skills, decision-making on the use of time and money, lifestyles, marital adjustments, sexuality, and spirituality.

Marriage preparation courses can be completed either through a self-paced online program or by attending any in-person program offered through a Catholic parish, retreat center, or university within, or outside of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, provided that the program fully and thoroughly covers all the core theological, spiritual, practical, and intimate aspects of marriage, in conformity to Catholic doctrine. *Couples should register for a marriage preparation program soon after their engagement to allow ample time to complete the program no later than 6-12 months prior to the wedding day.*



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia partners with Ascension Press to offer “The Joy-Filled Marriage” Pre-Cana program. This self-paced online course introduces couples to the teaching of the Church on the sacrament of Matrimony, including the truth and meaning of human sexuality. As part of the course, couples are offered virtue-based instruction in communication, conflict resolution, and financial decision-making. Please visit PhillyCatholicMarriagePrep.com to register for “The Joy-Filled Marriage.”

The Office for Life and Family of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides information about other online marriage preparation programs, as well as in-person programs conducted at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Please visit their website PhillyCatholicLife.org or call the Parish Office (610-259-1169) for more information.

Funeral Mass & Arrangements

The death of a loved one is a most sacred and sensitive time for family, relatives, and friends. When a family member passes away, the designated person contacts the Funeral Director to arrange the details of the funeral. The Funeral Director will make all the initial arrangements with St. Andrew Church for the Funeral Mass after consultation with the family. Once the Funeral Director schedules the Funeral Mass, members of the family are requested to come to the Rectory for the planning of the Funeral Mass (readings, music, etc.).

Please Note: If a eulogy is desired, it is appropriate to do so at the funeral home, the graveside or at the luncheon. A 2 or 3 minute ‘Words of Remembrance’ may be given BEFORE Mass begins. This option speaks of the deceased person’s Faith and love and should be in keeping with the dignity of the Funeral Mass and the Sacred Space of the Church.

Liturgy Committee

Liturgy Committee

Rev. Marc F. Capizzi	Parochial Administrator
Deacon Thomas N. Verna	Permanent Deacon
Nicky Verna	CCD / PREP
Francis Crowley	Lectors
Gerald Troy	Music
Chris Petitpren	Ushers
Kate Paffett	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Kenny Lester	Sacristans

The **Liturgy Committee** is composed of representatives of various parish ministries that work together to serve our community in carrying out the Church's plan of worship. In addition to special seasonal liturgical events, the work of the liturgy committee work will focus on "the basics" — doing the fundamental actions of welcoming, Word, and Eucharist exceedingly well, week after week.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers help to foster a spirit of worship and nurture Catholic belief while serving in the sanctuary on Sundays and Holy Days. Servers are also present for weddings, funerals and other parish religious celebrations.

Membership Information: Membership is open to all boys and girls from the fourth through eighth grade. A special training program is conducted for all new servers.

Normal Meeting Schedule: Mass servers will be contacted by email and/or telephone in addition to receiving monthly Mass assignment schedules.

Altar Servers Key Contacts:

Moderator – Rev. Marc F. Capizzi or Deacon Thomas N. Verna

610-259-1169

Ciaran Boyle
Ethan Civillico
Jude Civillico
Liam Civillico
Sophie Civillico
Eli Claxton
Inayah Claxton
Michala Coll
Nyla Curtis
Nicholas Ezzie

Marina Karasavas
Varfee Kesselley
Varfinda Kesselley
Henry Lester
Bria McCusker
Riley McCusker
Rosemary Meermans
Isabella Miller
Coree Moment
Molly Morrissey

Elizabeth Murray
Franco Murtha
Catherine Nelson
Cassidy Oteri
Samantha Oteri
Eveyln Pio
Trey Reichard
Rosa Rojas
Emma Weber

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and in visits to the sick and homebound.

Membership Information: Ministers are chosen by the pastor.

Normal Meeting Schedule: Training sessions are provided by the parish and the Archdiocese.

Key Contact: Rev. Marc Capizzi 610-259-1169

Schedule & Communion Call Coordinator: Kate Paffett kp4032@outlook.com



Christine Brenner	Mary Ellen Gardner	Brian Lester	Kate Paffett
Nancy Cappelli	Ron Grace	Steve Litz	Nancy Quinn
John Civillico	Lillian Hearn	Barbara Montoro	Tina Rago
Nick Frederick	Kelly Lawler	Robert Montoro	Fran Sherman
Maggie Fullmer			

Lectors

Lectors are called to proclaim God's Word when the church assembles for Liturgy and / or prayer.

Special Skills: Public Speaking

Normal Meeting Schedule: Initial training provided. Periodic instructional meetings.

Lectors Key Contact: Fran Crowley
610-246-1020 or crowley@blankrome.com



Helpful websites - <http://netministries.org/Bbasics/bwords.htm#> - for a pronunciation guide for biblical words and <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm> to listen to the daily readings.

Tina Angelo	Mark DiCocco	Linda Hodgson	Greg Shannon
Dominic Branca	Bill Dierkes	Helen McLean	Catherine Stock
Rich Brennan	Karen Friel	Christyn Moran	John Vantine
Christine Brenner	Marianne Grace	Nancy Quinn	Margie Vickers
Mike Breslin	Lillian Hearn	Greg Rice	Dan Zwilling
Francis Crowley			

Choir

Our choir has a strong fifty year history at St. Andrew and is an important part of the ministry of music. The choir serves the parish by actively supporting the community in worship.

Special Skills: 🎵 Enthusiasm for singing 🎵 Ability to carry a tune 🎵 Commitment to continuous improvement through faithful attendance at rehearsal 🎵

Normal Meeting Schedule: The choir sings at the 10:00 am Mass on the first and third Sundays of each month and on special occasions throughout the year.

Practice time is Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm. in the choir loft (September through early June) and new members are always welcome. Time commitment per week: 90 minutes of rehearsal and 30 minutes for warm-up on choir Sundays.

Choir Key Contact: Jerry Troy 610-405-7973



Choir Members

Nicolas Alvarez	Lori Finnegan	Kate Paffett	Joyce Severin
Patricia Bobo	Sarah Hidding	Hannah Paquette	Barbara Shannon
Dominic Branca	Lawrence Owens	Jennifer Prud'homme	Fran Sherman
Ann Marie Campbell	Bill Paffett	Linda Ranieri	Claudia Viechweg

Cantors

The Cantor leads the assembly in common sacred songs and in the responsorial psalm. The cantor is a minister of music and a servant of God's people, for he/she leads them in their prayer response to God.

Special Skills:

♪ Musically inclined ♪ Ability to carry a tune ♪ Good sense of rhythm ♪ Vocal talent ♪ Sufficient courage to sing in front of an assembly.

Normal Meeting Schedule:

Mass assignments are based on each cantor's availability. Periodic rehearsals as needed.

Cantors Key Contact:

Jerry Troy 610-405-7973



Cantors

Patrick Benner
Patricia Bobo

Bill Dierkes
Bill Paffett
Hannah Paquette

Barbara Shannon
Fran Sherman

Ministers of Hospitality

collection of parishioners' offerings and coordinate the procession of gifts with them at the Offertory. They assist the congregation during communion and provide help in the event of an emergency situation.

Membership Information: Open to all parishioners eighteen years of age or older.

Key Contact: Chris Petitpren - 610-622-4175 (home) or 215-600-9079 (mobile)

Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

* **Kevin Kidd**
Keith Russell

Sunday 7:30 am Mass

Bob Melvin
David Popovich
Bob Viola

Sunday 10:00 am Mass

* **Chris Petitpren**
John Campbell
Carl Parainfo
Pat Toal

Sunday 12:30 pm Mass

John Black
Tim DiFelice
Daniel Monbourquette

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) are men and women who volunteer for the responsibility of greeting and assisting the congregation with seating during parish liturgies. They direct the



Usher Ministry

An opportunity to serve God by serving his people;

A positive and welcoming attitude

A desire to serve the Body of Christ

Enjoy being a team player

Assist in handing out hymnals and worship aids

Assist in seating and taking the collection
Prepare the worship space 30 minutes prior to Mass

Remain 10 minutes after Mass to hand out bulletins and straighten up

18 years or older, we welcome men and women to this ministry

Choose the Mass at which you would like to serve

Substitutes

Jim Ascitutto	Donald Nee
Art Basciano	Jeff Roken
Mark Hamilton	John Vantine
Phil Maurone	

* **Mass Captain**

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the 6:30 am Tuesday Mass concluding with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction beginning at 6:40 pm.

Our church is open on weekdays from the first morning Mass to 5:00 pm; Saturdays from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and Sundays from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

During the Mass, the priest (during the consecration) speaks these words as he holds the communion host, *"...He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you"*. When the priest says *"this my body"*, it is at that instant when, through the miracle of transubstantiation, the bread and wine which we offer as the bloodless sacrifice to our Lord truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ.

What do you actually do during adoration?

You may sign up to be an *"adorer"* which allows you to schedule yourself for one (or more) hour per week to pray before the very presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. It means that you can have some time alone with Jesus to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope, charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever type of prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend.



"Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe, capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

"Indeed, this is the will of my Heavenly Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day."

John 6:40

Eucharistic Adoration Key Contact:

Stephanie Ennis 610-349-9038



Nocturnal Adoration Society

The **Nocturnal Adoration Society** provides a fervent response to Christ's invitation to keep a prayer vigil with Him. Members deepen the experience of communion with Christ as He continues His self-offering and saving influence. Members strive to live more consciously and actively embrace the full significance of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of charity and unity for the Church around the world.

Membership Information: Open to Catholic men and women of all ages who are eager to enrich their prayer and Christian life by means of the Eucharist. (Our Chapter is inter-parochial-open to members from other parishes). Just one hour a month - a small sacrifice that is both pleasing to God and so necessary for our world today!

Meeting Information: Prayer sessions are held on Thursday before the first Friday of each month, September through June, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in the church.



Key Contacts:

Tina Angelo 610-513-8731
 Stephanie Ennis 610-349-9038
 Alicia O'Grady 484-466-3637

Nocturnal Adoration Society Members

Tina Angelo	Stephanie Ennis	Jeanne Medora	Margaret Savitski
Margaret M. Burke	Nicholas Frederick	Patrick Mulranen	Helen Schaper
Nancy Cappelli	Maureen Isaacs	Stephen Mulranen	Fran Sherman
Helen Carver	Donna M. Kelly	Timothy Mulranen	Chuck Smyth
Joe Carver	Kevin Kelly	Theresa Murphy	Catherine St. John
Marguerite Cechvala	Patrick Kelly	Paul Murphy	Maria Stierheim
Anna Ciccarone	Sharon Leonard	Colleen Newcomb	Paul Vanderveer
Sonja Civillico	Mary Anne Litz	Mary O'Brien	Raphael Vantine
Jennifer Clark	Steve Litz	Alicia O'Grady	Nicky Verna
Jessica Conley	Roseanne Lovelick	Jim O'Hanlon	Margie Vickers
Joan Coyne	Fran McCue	Theresa Price	Catherine Vitti
Christine Daly	Jim McCusker	Nancy Quinn	Alice Voegelin
William Dierkes	Mary McKee	Sylvia Rivera	Teresa Walther
Joe Doyle	Margaret Mary McNicholas	Cynthia Rolling	

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Ministry is to encourage and strengthen devotions to Our Lady of Fatima. We continue to pray for world peace in these times of difficulty.

Pilgrim Virgin

Membership Information: There are no meetings to attend and no requirements, except to bring the statue of Our Lady to the next home within the parish boundaries according to the provided list of parishioners.

Normal Schedule: The Pilgrim Virgin travels throughout the parish all year long. Each household keeps her in the home for two weeks, then transports her to the next home on Sundays. If anyone is unable to do so, please call or email Brian.

Pilgrim Virgin Key Contact:

Brian Murray 410-279-5609
bmurr86@gmail.com

*"My Immaculate Heart will be
your refuge, and the way that
will lead you to God."*

Our Lady of Fatima



Parish Rosary Group

A group of parishioners gathers to pray the Rosary every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in Church. We pray for our country, our priests, our families and an end to abortion. We pray for our personal intentions and in thanksgiving for all of the many gifts God has given us.

Occasional social gatherings for coffee or lunch are an extension of our fellowship and friendship. All are most welcome to join us.

Rosary Group Key Contact:

Marguerite Cechvala 484-680-1608



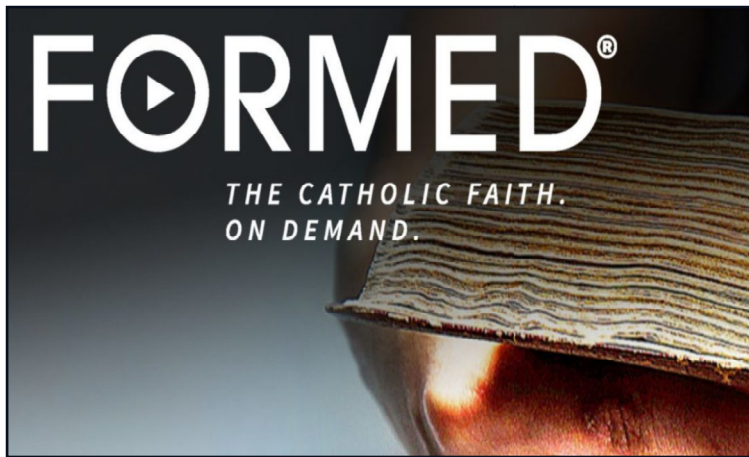
Parish Rosary Group Members

Tina Angelo	Jen Daly	Diane Palmer
Nancy Cappelli	Rita Hoffman	Nancy Quinn
Marguerite Cechvala	Jean Klick	Helen Schaper
Jessica Conley	Diana Lang	M. Raphael Vantine
Christine Daly	Paul Murphy	Margie Vickers

"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously..."

*~ Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (St. Pope John Paul II)
November 9, 1976*

The Rosary has proven itself as an effective weapon of protection throughout history. The battles of Lepanto (1571), Vienna (1683) and Belgrade (1716) were each won against all odds by the power of the Rosary. Let us use the Rosary as a weapon to combat the evil rampant in our world today.



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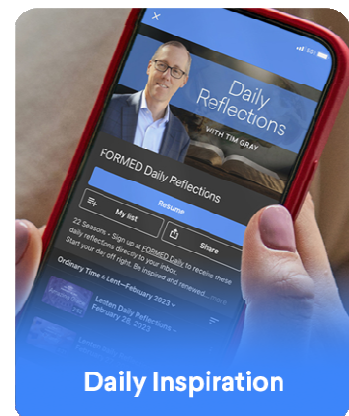
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SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



CGS is a common religious experience involving children and adults in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant. This experience is shared in a place particularly prepared for the religious life of children called the Atrium. SAS is proud to provide students in grades Pre-K - 1 with the experience of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. www.cgsusa.org/



Advanced Math is offered for students in grades 6-8 who demonstrate above average ability in quantitative reasoning. At the end of the Advanced Math program our students are proficient in Algebra I and are encouraged to take the honors math placement test in their respective high schools.

Science Lab & Computer Lab - Computer Coding Skills - Grades K-8 are taught coding skills using <http://www.code.org>, <http://www.lightbot.com> and <http://www.playcodemonkey.com>.

To cultivate students' interest in **STREAM subjects**, faculty offer extracurricular clubs including Chess (grades 5-8), Chorus (grades 4-8), Debate (grades 3-5, grades 6-8), Drawing (grades 2-4), Math (grades 1-2, 3-4, and 5-8), Science Explorers (grades 1-5), and Story & STREAM (Pre-K and Kindergarten).



Engineering – Saint Andrew School was awarded **third place** out of 35 participating school during the 2025 **Future Cities Competition**. SAS students also won 3 special awards at the 2025 Future Cities Competition – *Plumbing Design Technology Award*; *Sustainability in Transportation Award*; and *Chuck Cierecuzio Innovation in Healthcare Award*.

Students in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to share their talents for acting, singing, dancing, and set design by participating in the annual school show. Rehearsals for this year's production of Disney's *Beauty and The Beast, Jr.* are underway in preparation for performances in February 2026.

In addition to the regular music curriculum, Mr. Peter Rowley offers lessons on a variety of band instruments to students in grades 3-8. The SAS Band was rated exemplary in 2015, 2016, and 2018 at the National Catholic Band Competition held at Villanova University.

Faculty & Staff

- One Doctorate Degree
- Eight (8) Masters' Degrees
- Avg. Years of Experience – 16 yrs.
- Faculty Specialists
 - Reading Specialist
 - Technology
 - Advanced Math (Gr. 6-8)
 - Social Studies
 - Library
 - Music
 - Physical Education
 - Art (Grades 5-8)
 - Spanish (Grades 5-8)



Saint Andrew School graduates now attend:

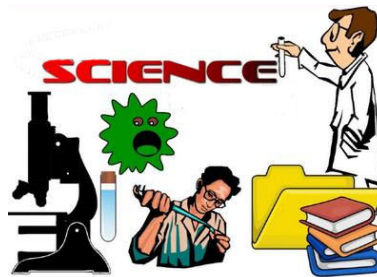
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| ✚ Academy of Notre Dame | ✚ Friends' Central School | ✚ Roman Catholic H.S. |
| ✚ The Agnes Irwin School | ✚ Friends Select School | ✚ Sacred Heart Academy |
| ✚ Archbishop John Carroll H.S. | ✚ Malvern Preparatory School | ✚ Science Leadership Academy |
| ✚ The Baldwin School | ✚ Mercy Career & Technical H.S. | ✚ St. Joseph's Preparatory School |
| ✚ Cardinal O'Hara H.S. | ✚ Merion Mercy Academy | ✚ Villa Maria Academy |
| ✚ Devon Preparatory School | ✚ Msgr. Bonner-Abp. Prendergast | ✚ West Catholic Preparatory H.S. |

SAS Ministries



Office Aides

Gwen Peacock



Science Lab Aides

Michelle
Mirigliano-McCurdy



Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Christine Brenner
Meg Dierkes
Bea Donnelly
Anna Forbes
Rosey Lester
Mary Jane Mrazik



Library Aides

Carolyn McCrae
Meghan Oyen

Grant Writing

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Call the school office
for information.



Copy Aides

Michelle Mirigliano-McCurdy



Fr. McShain Building Morning Car Line

Kim Dougherty
Tricia Ezzie



Hot Lunch Program

Tricia Ezzie*
Michelle Faison
Denisia Lys
Michelle Mirigliano-McCurdy

SAS Ministries

Homeroom Parents 2024-2025

PreK	Wadiyyah Cooper-Drumm
KA	Amanda Buchanan
KB	Denisia Lys
1A	Carolyn McCrae
1B	Gwen Santana, Caché Wingfield
2A	Mynisha Cooley
2B	Michelle Mirigliano-McCurdy
3A	Kelly Eckels, Usha Jenemann
4A	Kelly Pio, Caché Wingfield
5A	Staci McGilvery
5B	Ebony Smith, Caché Wingfield
6A	Gwen Santana
6B	Regan McGarvey
7A	Rae-Leigh Loggia
7B	Megan Walsh Boyle
8A	Shannon Begley
8B	Sandy Kritz



Volunteer Nurses

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Call the school office for
information.

Home & School Association



Home & School Association
Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill, PA

The **Home and School Association** is a group of school parents who organize volunteers to help with school students and school finances, and provide support to the principal and faculty with educational assemblies and speakers.

Membership Information: Membership is for all parents of children attending Saint Andrew School. Membership dues are \$25 per family per year. This amount is included in your first tuition installment.

Normal Meeting Schedule: Three general meetings are held throughout the year to keep all school families informed of events taking place in school as well as trends and changes that affect our children. The Association encourages family participation in special liturgies and community events.

Home and School Association Key Contacts:

Dr. Helen McLean, Principal
Jacquelyn Hart, Vice Principal
Shannon Begley, President, Home & School Board

610-259-5145 (school office)

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ucbears01@gmail.com

Officers 2025-2026	
President:	Shannon Begley
Vice President:	Caché Wingfield
Treasurer:	Michelle Mirigliano-McCurdy
Recording Secretary:	Usha Jenemann
Corresponding Secretary:	Wadiyyah Cooper

Board Members 2025-2026
Patricia Duckett
Kelly Eckels
Tricia Ezzie
Joe Hewitt
Rae-Leigh Loggia
Megan Walsh-Boyle

The Home and School Association wishes to thank the
volunteers listed on pages 26 and 27
who generously gave their time and talent during the
2024-2025 school year in support of SAS!



CARES

Saint Andrew School CARES Program is an extended day program available for students in Pre-K through eighth grade. Services are provided from 7:00 to 7:50 am and from 2:45 to 6:00 pm.

CARES Key Contact:

Michele Conway 610-259-5145 or
mconway@saintandrewschool.com

**Confraternity of Christian Doctrine /
Parish Religious Education Program**

C.C.D. / P.R.E.P.

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the “material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.” Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them.

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church #2223

We are blessed to join our CCD/PREP with St. Charles Borromeo Parish where the children meet weekly on Monday evenings from 6:30 until 7:50 pm for prayer, instruction, and communion with one another in a safe and encouraging environment. They are shown the love of God through the instruction of their catechists and in turn, are encouraged to go out and love one another as Jesus has loved them. Complete information and registration forms are available on our website; click on ‘Faith Formation’ and choose ‘CCD/PREP’ from the dropdown menu.

CCD/PREP Key Contact:

Mrs. Nicky Verna, Director of the New Evangelization 610-259-1169 nverna@standrewdh.org

“All the things of the world are gifts from God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know Him better, love Him more surely, and serve Him more faithfully.”

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola



*“Go into all the world
& preach
the good news
to all creation.”*
Mark 16:15

CYO

St. Andrew CYO is a parish-based program which provides opportunities for youth to grow in faith and understanding of their Church through involvement in the parish, regional, and archdiocesan life. The CYO's multi-phase approach to youth ministry—athletic, social, service and spiritual—is a comprehensive method in the total development of the individual through a total youth ministry concept. CYO collaborates on all of the youth related programs offered by the parish. The emphasis of the CYO is to enable and empower youth to become responsible participants of the faith community.

Membership Information: CYO programs and activities are open to all parish and SAS children.

Athletic Programs

FALL SPORTS

Cross Country - Co-ed, Grades K-8
 Field Hockey - Girls, Grades 4-8
 Flag Football – Boys, Grades 3-4*
 Football - Boys, Grades 5-8*
 Soccer - Co-ed, Grades 5-8
 Volleyball - Girls, Grades 7-8

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball Clinics – Co-ed, Grades K-2
 Boys' Basketball - Grades 3-8
 Girls' Basketball - Grades 3-8
 High School Basketball - Grades 9-12

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball - Boys, Grades 5-8*
 Softball - Girls, Grades 5-8*
 Track - Co-ed, Grades K-8

*in conjunction with neighboring parishes

SPIRITUAL

Involves team sports Masses
 and Christian behavior during activities.



SERVICE

Programs include
Operation Santa Claus, caroling to parish home-bound, food pantry collections and various individual team activities.

SOCIAL

CYO supports annual graduation activities, the Quizzo Night, and Family Bingo Night.

CYO Board

Moderator	Rev. Marc Capizzi
President	Brendan Morrissey
Secretary	Jasmine Veney
Treasurer	Marybeth Daley
Athletic Director	Len Oteri

Board Members

Ray Begley	Jim Pio
Joe Hewitt	Mike Veney
Jim McCusker	Deacon Tom Verna
Michelle Meermans	Beth Zdinak
Bo Nelson	

Normal Meeting Schedule: The CYO Board meets monthly to coordinate activities, ensure compliance with Archdiocesan regulations, and determine policy.

To contact the CYO Board, please email:
standrewhcyo@gmail.com.

To register for CYO activities please visit:
standrew.sportngin.com

United Way #00904--Parishioners may direct United Way contributions to St Andrew's CYO by using our United Way number. Federal Employees use a different number; please email us for that special number.

Parish Outreach

Bobby Staffieri Food Pantry

Dedicated to serving the local needy, the St. Andrew Bobby Staffieri Food Pantry operates year-round. Located in the Fr. John Hughes Building, non-perishable food items are stacked on shelves in the manner of a small grocery store. Because the pantry has both a chest freezer and a refrigerator, meat and other necessities are also collected. In addition, the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter Food Drives are coordinated through the Food Pantry.



To make a donation, please call the Parish Outreach Office Monday through Wednesday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. No one mans the door to the pantry, so you must call first and make an appointment. To enter the Food Pantry, park in the small lot on Mason Avenue outside the Fr. John Hughes Building. Please do not leave any donations in the church or rectory.

The following items are always needed:

beverages	crackers	noodles & rice	snack foods
canned fruit	flour / sugar / salt	pancake mix & syrup	soap
canned meat / tuna	gravy	paper products	soup
cereal	macaroni & cheese	personal care products	vinegar & oil
cleaning supplies			

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

Serving over 3,000 meals weekly to homeless men in Philadelphia, St. John's Hospice can use your help by being part of the Feed the Homeless Program. You simply need to cook a main dish casserole in the comfort of your home. Donated casseroles are the main course of the noonday meal, served at 1221 Race Street. St. Andrew has combined with neighboring St. Bernadette Parish to supply frozen meals once a month to the shelter. No side dish casseroles are needed, only main meat or pasta entrees. Kindly omit pork from your selections, as some men find it difficult to digest.

Frozen casseroles need to be delivered to the Bobby Staffieri Food Pantry on Mason Avenue in the Fr. John Hughes Building on the fourth Tuesday of the month, between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm. Your ingredients and the date you prepared the casserole should be marked on the lid. Pans and lids are available continuously at the entrance of the church.



Parish Outreach Key Contact:

Kathy Caporizzo 484-461-4954
 parishoutreach@standrewdh.org

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The St. Andrew Conference was established in 2013 to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Primary funding for this important ministry is from donations to the poor boxes located in the back of church. Seventy-five percent of the poor box donations supports the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP). In addition, the annual parish building maintenance collection in February has been replaced with an annual SVdP collection. All monies are used to help members of our community pay for food, shelter and necessary utilities. SVdP members also coordinate requests for assistance with our Parish Outreach Food Pantry in the Fr. John Hughes Building. If you would like to donate to the work of St. Andrew's SVdP Conference or become a member, please contact the rectory (610-259-1169) and leave your name and phone number.

Members of the St. Andrew Conference of the SVdP Society

Spiritual Advisor: Rev. Marc Capizzi
President: Gregory Juckett
Vice President: Barbara Panarello

Co-Spiritual Advisor: Deacon Thomas Verna
Treasurer: Brian Lester
Secretary: Catherine St. John

Patrick Benner
 Rachel Benner
 Dana Black

John Civillico
 Sonja Civillico
 Rosie Vayda

Help People in Need. Donate Your Vehicle

The Society of St. Vincent
 de Paul gives Hope and
 Help to People in Need!



Give Today

Every sale from a donated vehicle will help support the mission, programs and services of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Did you know that you can donate your car (regardless of condition) to the St. Vincent de Paul Society? The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork sent to you, and the donation stays in the community. Please visit:

<https://svdpusa.careasy.org/home>

or call

1-800-322-8284

to donate your vehicle - regardless of its condition! Please specify that your donation goes to "St. Andrew the Apostle Conference in Drexel Hill, PA."

The semi-annual parish **Blood Drive** provides a convenient opportunity for parishioners and other members of our community to participate in this nationwide program that truly saves lives.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Membership Information: All parishioners and friends of St. Andrew Parish are welcome. Help is needed the day of the drive for set-up, break-down, and hospitality. Donor days are generally the Friday after Thanksgiving and a Saturday in the Spring. Watch for announcements in the parish Sunday Bulletin.



Time Commitment for Volunteers: Help is needed before, during, and after each Blood Drive for set-up, hospitality, and breakdown. An hour of your time would be greatly appreciated.

Red Cross Blood Drive Key Contact:

OPEN– Please call the Parish Office for more information!

The **Social Ministry** is an important part of the parish's Hospitality initiatives and provides socials throughout the year. It is designed to encourage a sense of family, welcome and community among parishioners.

Social Ministry

Membership Information: New members are always welcome.

Normal Meeting Schedule: No formal meetings unless preparing for an event.

Social Ministry Key Contact: **OPEN**



Social Ministry Members

Dana Black	Cathie Donohie	Heather LaRocco	Fran Sherman
Angie Brennan	Bobbi Dougherty	Joanne Lemke	Catherine St. John
Margaret Burke	Nancy Doyle	Keri Leonard	Catherine Stock
Anne Canny	Stephanie Ennis	Tammy Leonard	Rosie Vayda
Kathy Caporizzo	Rosemary Farrell	Celeste Quigley	Liz Wendling
Meg Dierkes	Maureen Kee	Terry Sharkey	

Respect Life

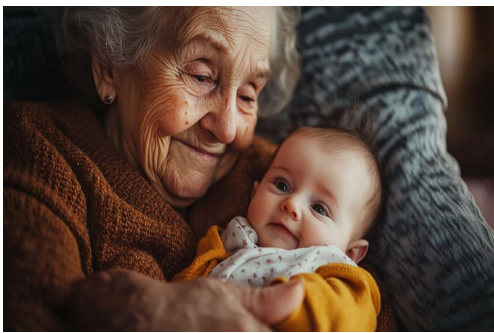
The **Respect Life Ministry** provides opportunities for parishioners to work and pray together for the promotion of a culture of life in society and the protection of all human life from conception to natural death, especially for the end of abortion and euthanasia. To this end, we have sponsored the “Baby Christmas Tree,” Mother’s Day and Respect Life Sunday observances, the Saint Andrew School and St. Andrew Parish “Baby Bottle Campaign,” prayer and witness opportunities at abortion sites, and other activities throughout the year.

Membership Information: Membership is open to all St. Andrew parishioners. Please join us!

Meetings: We meet 3-4 times yearly. Watch for Sunday Bulletin announcements!

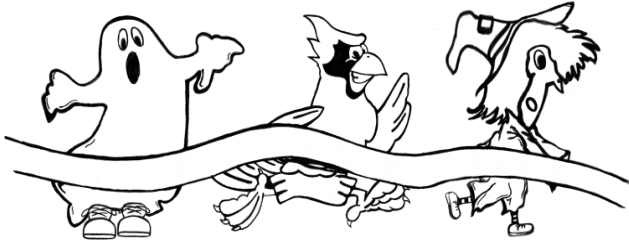
Respect Life Key Contacts: M. Raphael Vantine - 610-613-7481

Leslie Fitzpatrick - 610-853-6304



“America, you are beautiful indeed, and blessed... The ultimate test of your greatness is in the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones... If you want equal justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life!” ~ Pope St. John Paul II





5K Spirit Run / Walk

Saturday - October 24, 2026

St. Andrew's Annual 5K Spirit Run and Walk will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2026. We are seeking volunteers to help with this tremendous event. Contact Owen Quigley at 610-731-4899 or OJQuigley@msn.com



Race-day Registration:

7:30 am

1 Mile Fun Run:

8:30 am

5K Run/Walk:

9:00 am

St. Andrew Annual 5K Spirit Run & Walk



- Prizes for top 3 male and female finishers
- Best costume prizes for runners
- Ray Ewing Spirit Award for 1st place 5K male and female alumni runners
- All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew School



Spirit Run Committee Members

Kim Dougherty
Andreia Kervran
Tara McFadden
Helen McLean
Bo Nelson
Mike Nichols
Celeste Quigley
Owen Quigley
Greg Rice
Margaret Stevens

St. Andrew Elder Care Ministry

St. Andrew Elder Care Ministry provides social work services to older adults, their support people, and the community at large.

One type of service provided by the Elder Care Ministry is care management, which includes: an assessment of needs; development of a care plan detailing options to meet those needs, and; follow up calls and visits. The other type of service is Information and Referral, which transpires via phone to the community at large to provide needed resource information.



The Elder Care Ministry's core services include: needs assessments; counseling; coordination of services; information and referrals, and; advocacy.

Some of the services provided or coordinated during this fiscal year included:

- Non-medical home care
- Durable medical equipment
- Medical home health care
- Housing counseling & coordination
- Long-term care planning
- Caregiver support and services
- Transportation
- Public benefits
- Mental health support services
- Spiritual support
- Health insurance options counseling
- Treatment to improve physical health
- Advocacy
- Connecting to legal services
- Social activity resources
- Safety assessments



If you are interested in finding out how the Elder Care Ministry could benefit you or your loved ones, please contact

Jennifer Rose, Elder Care Program Manager, at 610-284-0497 or jrose@chs-adphila.org.

Altar Society

The **Altar Society** cleans the sanctuary, sacristy and confessionals, and choir loft; takes care of the altar linens; cleans tidies public areas such as the church entrance and the restroom; keeps holy water filled and arranges the missalettes in their proper place in the church pews.

Membership: Open to all parishioners. New members always welcomed for this ministry.

Normal Meeting Schedule:

Members meet every Friday after Mass. Time commitment is less than 1 hour per week. Special cleaning occurs during the Christmas and Easter season.

Altar Society Key Contact:

Theresa Murphy – 610-259-8254

Altar Society Members

Margaret Mary
Theresa Murphy
Karen Paraninfo



Collection Counters

There are four **Collection Counting** teams that count the church collections. The teams rotate every fourth week, with each crew working thirteen times per year. Counters verify and record donations in each envelope and manually record check donations without envelopes. All counters are also encouraged to assist on Christmas Day. Regular counting is done on Monday morning each week.

Membership Information: Membership is open to all adult parishioners and must be approved by Fr. Capizzi. Individuals may also volunteer as substitute counters.

Collection Counters

Tina Angelo
Rich Brennan
Steve Litz

Theresa Murphy
William Murphy
Chris Petitpren

Owen Quigley
Fran Sherman
Barbara Skrovanek

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and try me in this, says the LORD of hosts: Shall I not open for you the floodgates of heaven, to pour down blessing upon you without measure?" Malachi 3:10

Garden Ministry

The **Garden Ministry / Grounds Beautification** volunteers provide on-going assistance in the care of the parish grounds. Typical activities include planting in the urns and the specialty gardens: Marian, St. Michael, Respect Life, and Monument Garden beds, and caring for the Monarch Butterfly/Hummingbird and Bird Habitat areas.

Membership Information: Membership is open to all parishioners. Consistent help is needed year-round. Anyone who enjoys gardening or working outdoors with a cheerful, enthusiastic attitude is welcome.

Garden Ministry Key Contact:

Fran Sherman 610-259-1339

Garden Ministry Members

Christine Brenner
Greg Rice
Barbara Shannon
Fran Sherman



Scrip

The parish buys gift cards (scrip) from various food and department stores, at a discount of 4-5% off the face value of the certificate. We sell the certificates to parishioners at face value. This is a dollar-for-dollar exchange. It does not cost you any extra money to buy scrip, but buying scrip can help save you money on registration fees and tuition.

Participating Merchants: ACME, Giant, ShopRite, and Kohl's. In addition to groceries, scrip can be used to pay for prescriptions at ACME and for gas purchases at Giant. All scrip cards can be used out-of-state (i.e. at the shore) since the stores are all national chains.

Profit Distribution: When you purchase scrip, there are three options for profit distribution:

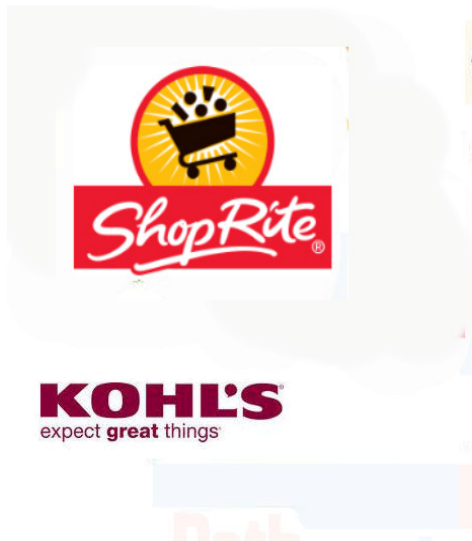
Option I – 5% of the total back to the parish

Option II – 2% back to the parish and 2-3% in fee/tuition credits for your family

Option III – 2% back to the parish and 2-3% in fee/tuition credits for a family you designate. This option allows grandparents and other family members to help offset fees and tuition costs. Or you can be a Good Samaritan and ask the scrip seller to assign the credits to a family in need.

Registration fee and Tuition Credits: Scrip credits may be used for Saint Andrew School, St. Andrew parish CCD / PREP, any Catholic high school, and Holy Child Academy. We keep track of the credits earned by each family and make payment on your behalf. You will be notified of the amount credited so that you can reduce your fee/tuition payment accordingly. Saint Andrew School credits are applied to the registration fee and/or tuition in February. CCD / PREP credits are applied to the registration fee in September. High school and Holy Child Academy credits are issued in March. Credit can be carried over from year to year and applied to tuition at a later date (i.e. when a child moves from elementary to high school).

Purchasing Information: You may purchase scrip at the Rectory during our regular business hours. We can accept cash, checks, and money orders for scrip purchases. When purchasing scrip, please specify the last name of the family to be credited, as well as the student's name and her/his school.



Pastoral Council

The **Parish Pastoral Council** fosters participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church. The Council, as a consultative body, advises and assists the pastor in areas of pastoral concern. It develops and recommends parish pastoral plans through consensus in an atmosphere of prayerful reflection. The pastor of the parish is the Chairperson. Members of the Pastoral Council are representative of the entire parish recognizing and reflecting the parish's diversity. The Pastoral Council collaborates and cooperates with the parish staff, committees, groups and parishioners.

Pastoral Council Members

2025 - 2026

					Elected Council Members		
Re. Marc F. Capizzi					Tina Angelo		Rosey Lester
Presider					Stephanie Ennis		Brian Lester
					Daniel Guerin		Bill Paffett
Ex-Officio Members					Linda Hodgson		
Dr. Helen McLean, Principal							
Deacon Tom Verna					Appointed Council Members		
Nicky Verna, Director of New Evangelization							
Steve Litz, Business Manager					Nicolas Alvarez		Sonja Civillico

The **Parish Finance Committee** is a consultative body which assists the pastor in areas related to the parish finances and temporalities on a regular basis. While

separate and distinct from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Committee shares information with the Council and assists the pastor in implementing the pastoral plans suggested by the Parish Pastoral Council by making fiscally responsible recommendations.

Finance Committee

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot
change; courage to change
the things I can;
and wisdom to know the
difference.*

Finance Committee Members

2025-2026

Rev. Marc F. Capizzi, Pastor
John Civillico
Maureen Kee - Chairperson
Ex-Officio Members
Dr. Helen McLean, Principal
Steve Litz, Business Manager
Thomas Verna, Permanent Deacon

Stewardship of Your Gifts

Background

As you may recall, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (and many parishes & schools) were facing serious financial issues when Cardinal Justin Rigali established a Blue Ribbon Commission and tasked it with charting a future course for Catholic education in the Archdiocese. The 16-member Commission submitted the findings and recommendations to his successor - Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., in January 2012.

The Commission determined that out of the 156 Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese, 40-45 of them cannot be financially sustained. They also recommended closing four of the seventeen high schools. The primary driver of these recommendations was a \$354 million underfunded Archdiocesan balance sheet obligation as of 6/30/2012. Included in that total was a \$152 million charge for the underfunded lay employee defined benefit pension plan.

To assist both the Archdiocese and parishes in addressing these financial challenges, the defined benefit pension plan was frozen as of 6/30/2014; and all parishes/schools were required to begin using the same payroll company and accounting software effective 7/1/2015. In addition, separate budgets for the church and school operations were required with the aim of increasing awareness regarding the level of financial support (subsidy) from the parish to the parish school and reducing the level of subsidy required of the parish's school operation.

The Challenges

How does a parish/school continue to maintain its infrastructure in good working order while meeting the financial demands of increases in the Diocesan Assessment (10.5% to 12.25% of church collections); funding both the frozen pension plan and contributing to the new employee 403(b) plan (8.35% of gross wages for all full-time employees); and exploding health care premium expenses? And as wages continue to climb, so do the associated insurance costs and payroll taxes.

Wages are the primary operating expense of any service-related organization. As wages continue to rise to keep pace with inflation and the marketplace, so do the associated payroll related expenses. The major cumulative expenses for both the church and school over the past ten fiscal years are found below:

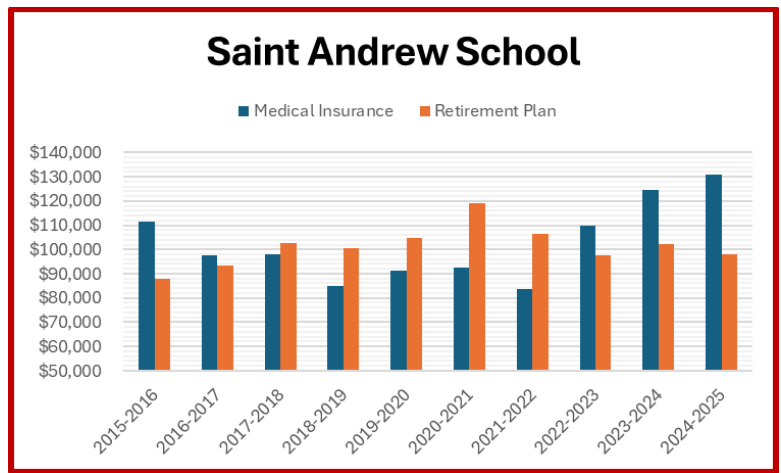
Major Insurance & Employee Expense Items			
7/1/2015 through 6/30/2025			
St. Andrew the Apostle Church		Saint Andrew School	
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 1,019,200		
Liability Insurance	\$ 181,637	Employee Retirement Plan	\$ 1,012,062
Payroll Tax (Social Security)	\$ 173,636	Employee Medical Insurance	\$ 1,024,985
Property Insurance	\$ 125,997	Payroll Tax (Social Security)	\$ 845,463
Employee Retirement Plan	\$ 135,746	Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 129,111
Employee Medical Insurance	\$ 68,784	Liability Insurance	\$ 111,571
Workers' Comp. Insurance	\$ 25,494	Property Insurance	\$ 103,310
Grand Total	\$ 1,730,494	Grand Total	\$ 3,226,502

Major Insurance & Employee Expense Items

7/1/2015 through 6/30/2025

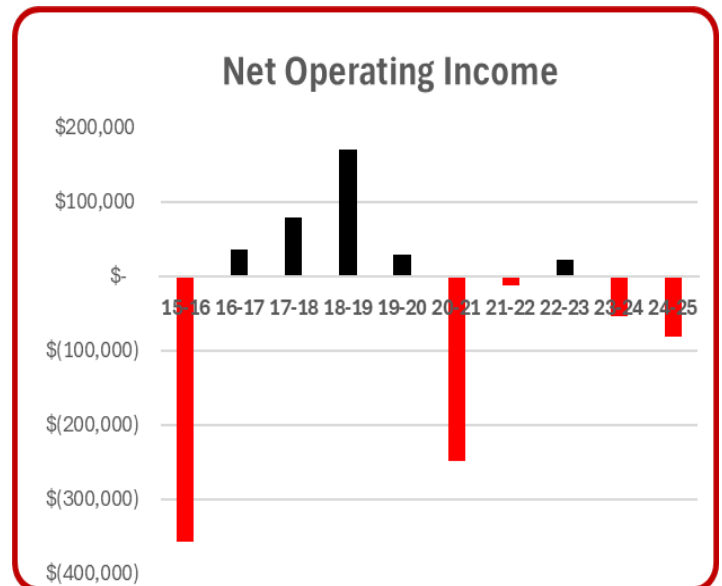
Saint Andrew School

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Employee Medical Insurance	\$1,024,985
Payroll Tax (Social Security)	\$ 845,463
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Liability Insurance	\$ 111,571
Property Insurance	\$ 103,310
Totals	\$3,226,502



Saint Andrew School

Fiscal Year	Operating Income	Operating Expenses	Net Operating Income
2015-2016	\$ 1,200,348	\$ 1,557,331	\$ (356,983)
2016-2017	\$ 1,584,714	\$ 1,549,545	\$ 35,169
2017-2018	\$ 1,677,569	\$ 1,598,237	\$ 79,332
2018-2019	\$ 1,837,713	\$ 1,666,451	\$ 171,262
2019-2020	\$ 1,696,635	\$ 1,668,050	\$ 28,585
2020-2021	\$ 1,512,414	\$ 1,761,149	\$ (248,735)
2021-2022	\$ 1,808,478	\$ 1,820,052	\$ (11,574)
2022-2023	\$ 1,885,787	\$ 1,863,262	\$ 22,525
2023-2024	\$ 1,789,344	\$ 1,843,779	\$ (54,435)
2024-2025	\$ 1,715,804	\$ 1,797,167	\$ (81,363)
Totals	\$16,708,806	\$17,125,023	\$ (334,854)



Notes: The 2015-2016 school year reflects the impact of the Stewardship Model in effect at that time. Our appeals to the Archdiocese to recognize all the parish school families' tithe (in lieu of tuition) in the school's financial results were denied which adversely impacted how the school's operating results were reported.

The other major operating loss for the school was during the COVID pandemic when Pennsylvania schools were shut down in 2020. In addition to the drop in enrollment / revenue, additional COVID related expenses factored into the negative operating results for the 20-21 fiscal year.

Beginning with the 16-17 fiscal year (even including the major operating loss during the COVID pandemic), the overall cumulative operating results for the school over the past nine years was a modest operating loss of just **\$59,234**. That works out to an average annual parish subsidy to the school of just \$6,581.

Capital Improvements

2015 – 2025

In addition to meeting our obligations in areas outlined on the prior pages, we are also committed to ensuring that our buildings and infrastructure are in good working order. Some of these capital projects during the last nine years are quite visible (or audible) such as :

- Church interior painting, Stations of the Cross, Baptismal Font, lighting, and rest room remodeling that took place during our parish's Centennial celebration
- New Church Sound System
- New Church Carillon (church bells)
- Renovations to Msgr. McGettigan Hall including a new acoustical tile drop ceiling, new lighting throughout, and a new sound system for guest speakers and SAS play productions.
- New steel exterior doors in Msgr. McGettigan Hall, food pantry, church rear entrance, school PK classroom entrance, administrative office rear entrance, and air handler room in the basement of the Fr. Hughes building.

	Church	School	Totals
Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC)	\$ 103,538	\$ 306,057	\$ 409,595
Roof Repairs	\$ 57,420	\$ 41,121	\$ 98,541
Exterior Doors	\$ 15,000	\$ 45,913	\$ 60,913
Msgr. McGettigan Hall Renovations	\$ 78,407		\$ 78,407
Church Sound System	\$ 39,150		\$ 39,150
Church Interior Upgrades	\$ 146,845		\$ 146,845
Carillon System	\$ 13,325		\$ 13,325
Outdoor Security Cameras		\$ 18,577	\$ 18,577
Fr. Hughes Window Project		\$ 119,250	\$ 119,250
Totals	\$ 453,685	\$ 530,918	\$ 984,603

- Two new air handlers for the church together with two 10-ton AC units
- Two new gas fired hot water heating boilers for the church.
- Outdoor security cameras for both school buildings
- Eighty-two new windows for the Fr. Hughes building (see below)
- Two new steam boilers for the Fr. McShain school building (in process)
- Roof repairs to the church, convent and both school buildings



 St. Andrew the Apostle Parish - Church Profit & Loss - Prior FY Comparison					
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Change	% Change	
	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024			
Income					
Sunday Collections	\$ 660,521	\$ 653,980	\$ 6,541	1.0%	
Other Parish Collections					
Holy Days	\$ 12,430	\$ 13,740	\$ (1,310)	-9.5%	
Christmas	\$ 26,027	\$ 24,711	\$ 1,316	5.3%	
Easter	\$ 15,825	\$ 21,229	\$ (5,404)	-25.5%	
Block Annual Appeal	\$ 31,070	\$ 34,553	\$ (3,483)	-10.1%	
Heat & AC Utilities	\$ 3,931	\$ 4,518	\$ (587)	-13.0%	
All other (Flowers, All Souls, etc.)	\$ 10,019	\$ 8,576	\$ 1,443	16.8%	
Total Other Parish Collections	\$ 99,302	\$ 107,327	\$ (8,025)	-7.5%	
Stole Fees (Weddings, Funerals, Baptisms)	\$ 5,610	\$ 14,045	\$ (8,435)	-60.1%	
Socials & Donations (Net of Expenses)	\$ 11,517	\$ 334	\$ 11,183	3345.5%	
Religious Education Fees	\$ 295	\$ 1,625	\$ (1,330)	-81.8%	
Interest and Dividends	\$ 16,051	\$ 14,841	\$ 1,210	8.2%	
Total Church Operating Income	\$ 793,296	\$ 792,152	\$ 1,144	0.1%	
Capital Campaign	\$ 78,417	\$ 61,347	\$ 17,070	27.8%	
Unrealized Capital Gains	\$ (834)	\$ -	\$ (834)		
Total Income	\$ 870,879	\$ 853,499	\$ 17,380	2.0%	
Expenses					
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 100,900	\$ 94,800	\$ 6,100	6.4%	
Clergy & Honoraria	\$ 56,954	\$ 57,606	\$ (652)	-1.1%	
Salaries - Lay Employees	\$ 245,488	\$ 243,451	\$ 2,037	0.8%	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$ 76,126	\$ 71,435	\$ 4,691	6.6%	
Property and Liability Insurance	\$ 47,040	\$ 43,439	\$ 3,601	8.3%	
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 14,397	\$ 13,571	\$ 826	6.1%	
Pastoral Administration	\$ 13,824	\$ 9,533	\$ 4,291	45.0%	
Professional Fees/Contracted Services	\$ 55,275	\$ 34,261	\$ 21,014	61.3%	
Outside Printing & Publications	\$ 10,398	\$ 10,859	\$ (461)	-4.2%	
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 6,063	\$ 4,424	\$ 1,639	37.0%	
Liturgical/Altar Supplies	\$ 22,069	\$ 18,483	\$ 3,586	19.4%	
Religious Education Programs	\$ 4,871	\$ 11,103	\$ (6,232)	-56.1%	
Rectory Operating Expense	\$ 10,257	\$ 13,138	\$ (2,881)	-21.9%	
Maintenance - Church	\$ 1,980	\$ 5,849	\$ (3,869)	-66.1%	
Maintenance - Rectory	\$ 11,685	\$ 2,368	\$ 9,317	393.5%	
Maintenance - Convent	\$ 1,565	\$ 12,777	\$ (11,212)	-87.8%	
Utilities (Gas, Electric & Water)	\$ 34,297	\$ 26,167	\$ 8,130	31.1%	
Total Church Operating Expenses	\$ 713,189	\$ 673,264	\$ 39,925	5.9%	
Additions					
Convent Repairs	\$ 15,245	\$ -			
Other Expenditures (boilers)	\$ 147,850				
Church Sound Sysytem	\$ -	\$ 39,195			
Total Additions	\$ 163,095	\$ 39,195	\$ 123,900	316.1%	
Total Expenses	\$ 876,284	\$ 712,459	\$ 163,825	23.0%	
Net Income	\$ (5,405)	\$ 141,040	\$ (146,445)	-103.8%	

		St. Andrew the Apostle Parish - Church Balance Sheet - Prior FY Comparison			
		Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Change	% Change
		as of 6/30/2025	as of 6/30/2024		
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
Cash & Investments					
Operating Account		\$ 207,223	\$ 315,510	\$ (108,287)	-34.3%
Other Church Checking Accounts		\$ 37,162	\$ 38,379	\$ (1,217)	-3.2%
Total Checking Accounts		\$ 244,385	\$ 353,889	\$ (109,504)	-30.9%
Money Market Accounts		\$ 62,472	\$ 21,962	\$ 40,510	184.5%
Capital Campaign		\$ 39,668	\$ 22,437	\$ 17,231	76.8%
Total - Money Market Accounts		\$ 102,140	\$ 44,399	\$ 57,741	130.1%
Investments					
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)					
Operations		\$ 217,545	\$ 208,019	\$ 9,526	4.6%
Memorial Fund		\$ 29,912	\$ 57,205	\$ (27,293)	-47.7%
Parish MM Account		\$ 87,018	\$ 83,208	\$ 3,810	4.6%
Capital Campaign		\$ 1,348,779	\$ 1,289,716	\$ 59,063	4.6%
Total CDs		\$ 1,683,254	\$ 1,638,148	\$ 45,106	2.8%
Archdiocesan Trust Fund		\$ 20,150	\$ 20,150	\$ -	0.0%
Vanguard Brokerage		\$ 12,289	\$ 13,124	\$ (835)	-6.4%
Vanguard MM - CC		\$ 36,952	\$ 34,867	\$ 2,085	6.0%
Total Other Investments		\$ 69,391	\$ 68,141	\$ 1,250	1.8%
Restricted Funds					
Mass Stipends		\$ 1,645	\$ 1,644	\$ (1,644)	-100.0%
Total Cash & Investments		\$ 2,100,815	\$ 2,106,221	\$ (5,406)	-0.3%
Total Current Assets		\$ 2,100,815	\$ 2,106,221	\$ (5,406)	-0.3%
Total Assets		\$ 2,100,815	\$ 2,106,221	\$ (5,406)	-0.3%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Mass Stipends		\$ 1,645	\$ 1,644	\$ 1	0.1%
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 1,645	\$ 1,644	\$ 1	0.1%
Total Long Term Liabilities		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Liabilities		\$ 1,645	\$ 1,644	\$ 1	0.1%
Equity					
Opening Balance Equity		\$ 101,148	\$ 101,148	\$ -	0.0%
Retained Earnings		\$ 2,003,429	\$ 1,862,390	\$ 141,039	7.6%
Net Income		\$ (5,407)	\$ 141,040	\$ (146,447)	-103.8%
Total Equity		\$ 2,099,170	\$ 2,104,578	\$ (5,408)	-0.3%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		\$ 2,100,815	\$ 2,106,222	\$ (5,407)	-0.3%



Saint Andrew School

Profit & Loss - Prior FY Comparison

	Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	Fiscal Year 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
Total Tuition Income & Financial Aid	\$ 1,439,357	\$ 1,516,395	\$ (77,038)	-5.1%
Registration Fees	\$ 32,700	\$ 38,488	\$ (5,788)	-15.0%
Technology Fees	\$ 15,055	\$ 16,710	\$ (1,655)	-9.9%
Other Misc. School Income /Fees	\$ 37,206	\$ 33,411	\$ 3,795	11.4%
Total School Other Income & Fees	\$ 84,961	\$ 88,609	\$ (3,648)	-4.1%
			\$ -	
SAS Alumni Annual Fund	\$ 106,238	\$ 81,590	\$ 24,648	30.2%
Matching Gifts	\$ 154	\$ 1,146	\$ (992)	-86.6%
All Other Fundraising (Net of Expenses)	\$ 3,470	\$ 19,600	\$ (16,130)	-82.3%
Total Fundraising (Net of Expenses)	\$ 109,862	\$ 102,336	\$ 7,526	7.4%
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CARES Income (Net of Expenses)	\$ 45,332	\$ 45,599	\$ (267)	-0.6%
Interest & Dividends	\$ 36,291	\$ 36,404	\$ (113)	-0.3%
Other Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
School Subsidy (from parish)				
Total School Operating Income	\$ 1,715,803	\$ 1,789,343	\$ (73,540)	-4.1%
Other School Income				
Legacies & Bequests	\$ 5,000	\$ 47,500	\$ (42,500)	
Fund Transfer (Parish) Boilers	\$ 147,850	\$ -		
Upper Darby Twp. ARPA - Grant	\$ -	\$ 80,000		
Total School Income	\$ 1,868,653	\$ 1,916,843	\$ (48,190)	-2.5%
Expense				
Salaries / Payroll Taxes / Benefits	\$ 1,535,711	\$ 1,609,563	\$ (73,852)	-4.6%
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 34,514	\$ 34,099	\$ 415	1.2%
School Administration	\$ 9,804	\$ 12,674	\$ (2,870)	-22.6%
Professional Fees /Contracted Services	\$ 103,380	\$ 96,607	\$ 6,773	7.0%
Outside Printing & Publications	\$ 3,370	\$ 827	\$ 2,543	307.5%
Office Supplies & Equipment	\$ 3,201	\$ 4,485	\$ (1,284)	-28.6%
Instructional Material	\$ 41,780	\$ 35,903	\$ 5,877	16.4%
Maintenance	\$ 30,108	\$ 21,637	\$ 8,471	39.2%
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Water)	\$ 35,299	\$ 27,983	\$ 7,316	26.1%
Total School Operating Expenses	\$ 1,797,167	\$ 1,843,778	\$ (46,611)	-2.5%
Capital Expenses	\$ 150,090	\$ 119,250	\$ 30,840	
Bad Debt Expense	\$ -	\$ 3,870	\$ (3,870)	
Total School Expense	\$ 1,947,257	\$ 1,966,898	\$ (19,641)	-1.0%
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (81,364)	\$ (54,435)	\$ (26,929)	
Net Income	\$ (78,604)	\$ (50,055)	\$ (28,549)	-57.0%



Saint Andrew School

Balance Sheet - Prior FY Comparison

ASSETS	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	\$ Change	% Change
Current Assets	as of 6/30/2025	as of 6/30/2024		
Checking/Savings				
Cash & Investments				
Petty Cash Account	\$ 1,288	\$ 2,796	\$ (1,508)	-53.9%
General Operating Account	\$ 262,852	\$ 78,467	\$ 184,385	235.0%
Other Checking Accounts	\$ 51,302	\$ 42,507	\$ 8,795	20.7%
Total Cash Checking Accounts	\$ 315,442	\$ 123,770	\$ 191,672	154.9%
Investments				
Certificates of Deposit (CDs)	\$ -	\$ 312,028	\$ (312,028)	-100.0%
Restricted Funds			\$ -	
Endowment Funds	\$ 459,893	\$ 437,988	\$ 21,905	5.0%
Total Cash & Investments	\$ 775,335	\$ 873,786	\$ (98,451)	-11.3%
Accounts Receivable				
Tuition Receivable	\$ 3,539	\$ -	\$ 3,539	
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 3,539	\$ -	\$ 3,539	
Other Current Assets				
Scrip Inventory (Gift Cards)	\$ 11,675	\$ 13,400	\$ (1,725)	-12.9%
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 11,675	\$ 13,400	\$ (1,725)	-12.9%
Total Current Assets	\$ 790,549	\$ 887,186	\$ (96,637)	-10.9%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 790,549	\$ 887,186	\$ (96,637)	-10.9%
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 188,581	\$ 201,781	\$ (13,200)	-6.5%
Unearned Income				
Unearned Registration Fees	\$ 30,989	\$ 31,300	\$ (311)	-1.0%
Unearned Tuition	\$ 59,484	\$ 64,329	\$ (4,845)	-7.5%
Other Unearned Income (Fin. Aid)	\$ 12,004	\$ 9,602	\$ 2,402	25.0%
Total Unearned Income	\$ 102,477	\$ 105,231	\$ (2,754)	-2.6%
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 291,058	\$ 307,012	\$ (15,954)	-5.2%
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 291,058	\$ 307,012	\$ (15,954)	-5.2%
Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Liabilities	\$ 291,058	\$ 307,012	\$ (15,954)	-5.2%
Equity				
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 523,322	\$ 523,322	\$ -	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 54,772	\$ 106,907	\$ (52,135)	-48.8%
Net Income	\$ (78,603)	\$ (50,055)	\$ (28,548)	57.0%
Total Equity	\$ 499,491	\$ 580,174	\$ (80,683)	-13.9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 790,549	\$ 887,186	\$ (96,637)	-10.9%

Payroll Liabilities reflect July & August pay periods for teacher salaries, payroll taxes, healthcare & pension expenses - incurred during the FY and paid in the following FY.

Unearned tuition, registration fees & financial aid reflects monies received and deposited during the respective FY for the tuition accounts of families for the subsequent FY.

An Invitation from Archbishop Pérez

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing to you because I need your help. Please join me for a conversation about our future. Your voices and presence are essential as we navigate our way forward together as the Church of Philadelphia.

Thank you.

I am deeply grateful for all of you. One of my greatest joys as Archbishop comes from the interactions I have with you as I travel around the Archdiocese. Coming to know you personally and to see how you serve our community is awesome!

Your resilience is a testament to God's work in our lives. The Church of Philadelphia has experienced more than two decades of crisis; everyone has suffered here in one way or another. When I received the call to come home to Philly as Archbishop five years ago, the biggest priority on my heart was to help our Church move from crisis to hope. That remains my top priority, but I cannot do it alone. I need your help.

Our hope rests in the Lord, in whom we trust. God relentlessly pursues all of us, His beloved children. As your brother, I yearn for a deeper encounter with Him. As your Archbishop, I want you to know that God continues to reach out to encounter you. He loves you. You have a home in the Church. The light is on, and the door is open. In Pope Francis's own words:

"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them...No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'...Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

(Joy of the Gospel 3)

Where are we today?

To get anywhere, you need to know where you are starting from. We are living in times more like the earliest Christians—times when many are living without Christ. Many Catholics have drifted away or been driven away from the practice of the faith, creating a challenging landscape.

Connected more than ever by technology, people, especially the young, experience an epidemic of loneliness, anxiety, and despair. We have faced crises that have tested our faith and diminished our numbers. Yet, even amidst this suffering, hope persists.

Our hope is in the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who is always calling us home. Our current task is to carry that hope to those who feel distant from the Church—those who may have slipped away or feel pushed away, angered and impacted by the abuse scandals, and those still seeking connection.

Today, 83% of our fellow baptized Catholics don't come to church. That fact needs to make us uncomfortable. We need to have urgency around this.

A pastoral change of heart

When determining how to respond to such a pressing need, discussion in dioceses around the world typically starts with 'pastoral planning.' This term usually describes a process that starts with the question, "Where can the Church no longer afford to be due to finances or the number of priests?" We know the answer to this question often leads to parish closures. In Philadelphia, the answer to this question has resulted in numerous closures in places like North Philadelphia, West Philadelphia, and Chester.

I do not want to perpetuate this cycle. I want to embark on a new form of pastoral planning by asking a new question, "Where does the Church need to be and how?" We need to inspire a pastoral change of heart that focuses on those who are absent and that aligns our collective efforts across parishes, schools, and charitable ministries to listen, rebuild trust, and invite people home.

This change of heart starts with me, and it requires your help. As I have been out and about during these past five years, I've heard stories of interactions with the Archdiocese that have caused a strained and deteriorating relationship. These stories are from your friends, coworkers, neighbors, parents, or your children, and grandchildren. We can do better. I can do better.

I want to begin to close this distance between many of our loved ones and the Church. I want people to know that the Lord is still calling them, that they are of great worth, have a divine purpose, and an eternal home.

We must be a community of Missionary Disciples focused on renewal, rebuilding trust, and inviting people to a relationship with Jesus Christ!

Where does the Church need to be?

Historically, Philadelphia has taken an on/off approach to parish life—with parishes either open or closed. When I became Archbishop, the second question at my introductory press conference was, "Will you close parishes?" My answer then, and now, is the same: I didn't come here to close parishes; I came here to build up the Church of Philadelphia.

Not all parishes need to be the same. They should be 'flexible centers for ongoing missionary outreach.' A pastor and his community are responsible for the wellbeing of all souls in the parish, not just those who attend Mass or parish events. Too often, we think of our parish only as those who enter the church doors.

Many parishes that experienced decline in past decades are now flourishing with different communities or cultures filling the pews. In other places, small communities of faith have persevered amid challenging circumstances and have been a beacon of hope for their communities.

However, I am not naïve about the number of parishes we have and how we are spreading our priests thin. While I want to avoid widespread parish closures, we will inevitably face some changes and closures over time. My hope is that, through flexibility and an open heart, we can work creatively to meet the needs of our parishes and create more time for the Holy Spirit to inspire them.

How does the Church need to be?

To build up the Church, we must form our people to be Missionary Disciples. Pastoral planning focusing solely on changing our current parish footprint will not cultivate that culture. We need to try something new. The goal of this initiative is a pastoral change of heart over the next twenty years. It begins today by planting seeds and tending the garden as the fruits of our efforts begin to grow.

Over the next decade, I want to establish “Missionary Hubs” across the entire Archdiocese, aiming for at least ten per county, planted at parishes and other locations. The goal is to reach out to Catholics who don’t participate and non-Catholics, using our resources and talents to ignite a spirit of Missionary Discipleship. This will create a supportive network of missionary life across the whole Archdiocese, animating our communities everywhere, especially in underserved areas.

We need to plan for these Missionary Hubs in a spirit of synodal discernment and collaboration. I want communities and leaders to express interest in having a Missionary Hub planted at their parish. The seeds planted today will be the evangelical fruit of tomorrow.

Parish renewal and reimagining ministry

Missionary Hubs would help to support parish life, reopen in our Church deserts, and inspire our people to be Missionary Disciples.

Missionary Hubs will have full-time staff working under a pastor committed to outward engagement. The staff may include service coordinators, communications experts, event specialists and missionaries all focused on facilitating an encounter with Christ and his Church.

We would plant Missionary Hubs throughout the Archdiocese and allocate resources where they are needed most, especially the poorest areas of our community.

A Missionary Hub would anchor hope and ensure a vibrant future of the Church for your children and grandchildren with an impact for generations.

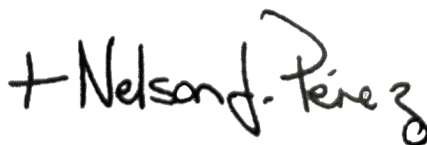
All of our institutions and communities must embrace flexibility to welcome new members while preserving their traditions and sharing the authentic faith. We are called to care for everyone, including our elder parishioners who’ve called the same parish home for a lifetime and the young adults who tend to move across parish lines to find a welcoming community.

I am so grateful for the generosity of spirit of our amazing priests, deacons, religious, and dedicated lay leaders and ministers that make Church happen every day because of their loving and passionate hearts. A growth mindset cultivates fruitfulness, leading to many more vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and marriage.

Please pray for me and be assured of my prayers for you each day.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



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2025 Christmas Schedule

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday - Dec. 20th 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Monday - Dec. 22nd 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday - Dec. 23rd 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday - December 24th

4:00 pm Church (Vigil Mass)
8:30 pm Choral Service
9:00 pm Church (Mass at Night)

Thursday - December 25th

7:30 am (Mass at Dawn)
10:00 am & 12:30 pm - (Mass during the Day)
(No confessions after the 7:30 am Mass on Dec. 25th)

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday - Dec. 27th - Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday - Dec. 28th - 7:30 & 10:00 am and 12:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary - Mother of God

Wednesday - December 31st - Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Thursday - January 1st
7:30 & 10:00 am and 12:30 pm