

June 26, 2022
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Tuesday Adoration



Our church is open for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays beginning at 7:15 AM. Adoration closes at 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

Please note that Tuesday, June 28 is the last day of Adoration until September. Weekly Adoration will resume on Tuesday, September 6. Please contact Stephanie Ennis (610-622-8169) to schedule yourself for one (or more) hour per week to pray before the presence of Our Lord, exposed in the monstrance. Even if you are not a scheduled Adorer but come in to make a visit, please sign in on the clipboard the time 'you remain with Him.'

CCD / PREP Registration

St. Andrew Parish will partner again with St. Charles Borromeo Parish for CCD/PREP in 2022-2023. Classes will be held September through May at St. Charles. Students must be baptized prior to registration and must present a Baptismal certificate unless baptized at St. Andrew or St. Charles.

Registration Fees

1 Child:	\$140
2 Children:	\$200
3 or more children:	\$250

Registrations must be received no later than September 1. Forms may be mailed or hand-delivered to the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church. If you have questions, contact Sr. Theresa Marie, pvmi (610-623-3800 or srtheresam@scbdh.org)

this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 27, 2022

6:30am Helen Schindler

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

6:30am Marilyn Hagan

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

6:30am Helen and Joseph Kelly

Thursday, June 30, 2022

6:30am Emma and Roland Henderson

Friday, July 1, 2022

6:30am Nellie G. O'Keefe

Saturday, July 2, 2022

8:00am Redemptoris Mater Prayer Guild

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

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

In our prayer for those in need of healing, each of us in the Church serves Christ Himself in the suffering members of His Mystical Body. Please pray for: Ethan Black, Sally Christ, young Mark DiCocco, Sean Dolan, Anne Fernandez, Helen Getzfread, Dominick Martini, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, William Paffett, Jr., Kim Petitpren, Ellen Schumaker, David Weaver.

Rosary for Religious Liberty



On Sunday, July 3, the eve of our nation's 246th birthday, all are invited to join in prayer for religious liberty in our country. Our nation was founded on the principles of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." In our lifetime, we have seen these freedoms erode, as laws and new court decisions change and reshape our society. Please join us at 7:30 PM in praying the Rosary outside of Church near the Sacred Heart Statue on Mason Avenue. Prayer is the very best birthday gift we can give to help heal our country! Feel free to bring a chair or blanket. In case of rain, we will pray in the Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Church (3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill). The Chapel is on the left side of the Church as you face it (parking lot side). Questions? Call Margie (401-749-5375) or Tina (610-513-8731).

Nocturnal Adoration Society

The Nocturnal Adoration Society does not meet during the summer months. Our evening Adoration will resume on October 6. For more information about this devotion, please contact Tina Angelo (610-513-8731).

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much." ~ Helen Keller

In March 2020 it was discovered that a group of homeless individuals in South Philadelphia were living in an encampment at an abandoned construction site near the Walt Whitman Bridge. The project had left behind huge steel pipes, which offered shelter from the elements and provided these individuals with the ability to hide from outreach services. The community called itself "The Tubes." Many homeless individuals, for a variety of reasons, are leery of entering the shelter system. Like the rest of us, this population values freedom and safety. Sometimes being free from danger is translated into hiding from humanity. However, this is not a long term solution, especially when the temperatures plummet. In a Philadelphia *Inquirer* article, ("South Philly has a growing, hidden homeless population - and almost no services to help them"), the opioid crisis was cited as being the main reason for the threefold increase in homelessness in this section of the city.

There is never a shortage of need at St. John's Hospice. After all, Jesus said, *"The poor you will always have with you."* (Matthew 26:11) Casserole cooks are still needed. Fully cooked, frozen main dish casseroles and new men's clothing can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on **Tuesday, June 28 between 3:00-4:00 PM**. Please use the aluminum pans and lids found in the entrance of the church. Kindly mark the lid of your casserole with the main ingredients and date prepared. Need a casserole recipe idea? Visit SaintJohnsHospice.org/recipes. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Thank you for your continual support of the needy.



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

... to another He said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But He answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead."

Admittedly for a long time, these words in today's Gospel had created a conflict in my coming to understand Jesus, whom I believed loves me unconditionally in a singular way. Initially, I would just ignore these words of Jesus in the Gospel and pretend that He never said them or that they did not relate what Jesus "really" meant. But my own integrity, would not allow me that easy way out ... or allow me to remain in "my" comfort zone, wherein my views about life and reality were never challenged and, of course were always right. But, this was different. This wasn't some article, or scholar or friend ... this was Jesus addressing these words to me, personally. I knew it because the more I read them the heavier they weighed on my heart. I really do not understand: "How could He not want me to bury my father ... how can He be so cold?"

That question began the arduous interior journey into understanding myself and how I relate to Jesus. That question was transformed into asking myself: "What evidence do I have that would make me think that I would have to delay following Jesus in order to bury my father?" Thus, the question Jesus poses in the Gospel makes me uncomfortable, because it exposes my excuses for not responding to Him, by pretending to want to follow Him, but only under certain circumstances ... when I get out of college; after I get married and settle down (or get ordained); when my kids get out of school; when the tension at work passes; when the economy levels out, etc. There are as many excuses to following Him as there are individuals He is calling and then some. Are we not

the source of the conflict in ourselves as we fail to yield to the loving design of the Creator? In my own prayer and life, I have discovered that there is no conflict in Jesus' words ... the conflict is in my interpretation of them. Jesus didn't say that the guy couldn't bury his father when he died (and while even my interpretation of the Gospel was initially that the guy's father was actively dying, there is no evidence of that. In fact, if he were dying wouldn't you or I ask Jesus to come over and cure him?) No, we are great at making up excuses why we can't, or won't, or just don't want to. Jesus is calling us right now in the fullness of who I am with my achievements and failures, my gifts and limitations, in my joy and my sorrow. All He wants is "me" and He wants us to want Him. Allow me to share part of one of Fr. Richard Rohr's reflections that I believe speaks eloquently to this matter:

Struggling with one's own shadow self, facing interior conflicts and moral failures, undergoing rejection and abandonment, all daily humiliations, experiencing any kind of abuse or form of limitation, can be gateways into deeper consciousness and the flowering of the soul—if we allow them to be. These experiences give us a window into our naked "now"ness, because very real contradictions are always staring us in the face. ... Except for God, nothing is perfectly anything. Even as we set necessary and healthy boundaries, we are also invited to forgive what is, to weep over and accept our own interior poverty. In facing the contradictions that we ourselves are, we become living icons of "both/and" [not one or the other.] Once you can accept mercy, it is almost natural to hand it on to others ... You become a conduit of what you yourself have received. If you have never needed mercy and do not face your own inherent contradictions, you can go from youth to old age dualistically locked inside a mechanistic universe. That, in my opinion, is the "sin against the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 23:31-32). It cannot be forgiven because there is a refusal to recognize that you even need mercy or forgiveness. You have blocked the conduit that you are.

... To put it another way, what I let God see and accept in me also becomes what I can see and accept in myself. And, even more, it becomes that whereby I see everything else. ... Can you let God "look upon you in your lowliness," as Mary put it (Luke 1:48), without waiting for some future moment when you believe you are worthy? Consider these words inspired by John of the Cross: "Love what God sees in you." Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous

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may be found on our website.**

Pastoral Council Elections

The terms for our elected members of the parish's Pastoral Council are expiring. We are now asking members of our parish community to submit names of their fellow parishioners (or themselves) for consideration and ultimately voted upon by the entire parish community for a three-year term with an option to remain a member for one additional three-year term.

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.

The current elected members whose terms are expiring are Kelsey Bierling, Marianne Grace, Rosemarie Dooling, David Magee, Joseph Gallagher, and Robert Montoro. Since they have served two terms, they cannot be re-nominated.

Please submit your recommendation(s) for Pastoral Council to Nicky Verna, Director of the New Evangelization via email (nverna@standrewdh.org) or by dropping a plain envelope marked "Pastoral Council Nomination" in the collection basket or rectory mail slot.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In today's Gospel we see how Jesus, on His way to Jerusalem, sent "messengers on ahead of Him." To be the messengers of God, we must know well what it is God wants to say and do through us, as He sends us out to bring His love to others.

In the month of June, you were the "messenger of God" in bringing hope to the poor. Your gifts enabled the St. Andrew Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to assist individuals and families in our neighborhood, providing food, rent assistance, utility payments, and more.

Parish Registration



If you are new to the Drexel Hill area, or if you attend Mass at St. Andrew but have never registered, please call the Parish Office and make an appointment to register as a parishioner. Knowing our members helps us determine how to best serve the needs of our parish community. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner in order for you and your child(ren) to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Matrimony. You should be a registered parishioner for at least six months before requesting a Letter of Eligibility to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sacramental Sponsor for Confirmation.

Adult children who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our parish boundaries must register individually in order to be considered active parishioners.

Expectations for Sacramental Sponsors and Godparents

Godparent and Sponsor are more than honorary titles. We remind our parishioners that a Letter of Eligibility to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent certifies that the person is someone who:

- is at least 16 years of age;
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church;
- attends Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;
- receives the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation often;
- lives in conformity with the teachings of our Catholic faith; and
- if married, has been married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you know that you do not meet these criteria, please reconsider accepting a request to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent. Also consider how to renew your own faith and recommit yourself to its practice in order to assume responsibility for the growth of another's faith. If you have questions or concerns about eligibility that you would like to discuss with the pastor, please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.



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Please call Lisa Grillo if you would like to apply to receive the voucher. Vouchers may be redeemed at a local farmer's market.

Lisa Grillo, Elder Care Program Manager
610-284-0497

St. Andrew CYO



Registration is now open to all St. Andrew Parish and Saint Andrew School students for Fall 2022 sports.

Soccer – Co-ed, grades 5-8. The season runs from early September until mid-November. Informal practices will run throughout the summer, with official practices beginning at the end of August.

Field Hockey – Girls, grades 4-8. Practices begin late August. The season runs through late October.

Cross Country – Co-ed, grades K-8. The season runs from early September through late October. Practices will begin in late August.

Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Any adult (18+) interested in serving as a head coach, assistant coach, or volunteering for any sport should register online. **Please Note: All volunteers must have clearances on file at the Parish Office and must complete the required training before beginning any volunteer work.** Contact Safe Environment Coordinator Terry Conway in the Parish Office for more information.

Visit <https://sac19026002.SportsSignUp.com/site/> to register today. Questions? Email StAndrewDHCYO@gmail.com.

St. Andrew 13th Annual Spirit Run

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022



8:30 AM One Mile Fun Run
9:00 AM 5K Race

The Spirit Run was inaugurated in 2009 in memory of beloved Saint Andrew School faculty member Ray Ewing. The Spirit Run has become an annual tradition that includes many runners – students, alumni, parents, faculty, families and friends working behind the scenes and cheering them on. All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew School.

Volunteers are needed for all phases of this event! To join our planning committee, please contact Owen Quigley (ojquigley@msn.com).

Parish Outreach News

The St. Andrew Food Pantry is closed during July and August. No donations of food will be accepted during those summer months, but emergency need will be addressed.

The St. John's Hospice Casserole Program will continue as usual throughout the summer; please see our notice on page 2. Thank you for your support of the needy, and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Parish Rosary Group



A group of parishioners gathers to pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in Church. We pray for our country, our priests, our families, and for an end to abortion. We pray for our personal intentions and in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. Occasional social gatherings for coffee or lunch are an extension of our fellowship and friendship. All are welcome!

Please note: If a funeral, school Mass, or other service is taking place in Church, we will meet in the Rectory to pray at the same time. For more information, please contact Marguerite Cechvala (484-680-1608).

“Say the Word”

Reflections from St. Andrew CCD / PREP

To Catholics who are not going to Mass “you might say, gently but earnestly, how awful it is to miss Mass, where the tragedy of Calvary is renewed for their benefit in the Holy Sacrifice offered before their eyes. In the Holy Mass Jesus offers Himself for every soul. Unless the people see the reasons why, they will not know any motive for attending Mass...*What is there that influences you to go to church?*” These words were spoken by Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, foundress of the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate to catechists in 1921. Did you know there were Catholics not going to Mass in 1921? It’s not a new situation.

What influences us to go to church? Are we encountering Christ at Mass? Am I aware that God is speaking to me at every Mass? Am I listening? Before we can share Christ with others, we must first encounter Him.

I invite you, next time you come to Mass, to arrive a few minutes early and ask God what He wants to tell you during this Mass. Then listen. It may be in a song or a reading, a homily or a smile, in the Eucharist or in a stained-glass window. God will speak to you. Listen to Him, encounter Him. The next time someone asks you why you go to Mass, you can tell them about your encounter.

Prayers for PREP - Lord, help me to think of a time in my childhood when I encountered You. Was it my First Holy Communion, praying the Rosary with my grandmother, maybe picking flowers in the sunshine, or when my best friend moved out of the state? Thank You, Lord, for being with me in that moment. Please give me an opportunity to share that encounter with someone this week. Amen.

Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva

Join us for a Solemn Mass in honor of the feast day of St. Josemaria Escriva, priest and founder of Opus Dei, on Monday, June 27 at 7:00 PM at Annunciation BVM Church (401 Brookline Boulevard, Havertown). The celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Thomas who serves as chaplain of Mercer House in Princeton, NJ. A reception will follow Mass.

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Parish Office Hours

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

Sunday Mass Schedule

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

Daily Mass

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

Holy Days

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

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

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

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

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

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

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