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Don't miss the opportunity to deck your halls! The Saint Andrew Home & School Association is accepting orders for poinsettias, door wreaths, and window swags through Monday, November 21 only.

Pick-up is on Friday, December 2 from 3:00 until 6:00 PM in the lobby of Msgr. McGettigan Hall. Please visit our store at <http://StAndrewHSA.CoreCommerce.com/Fundraiser/>. Proceeds benefit programs that enrich the students' education and enhance their community experience while at Saint Andrew School. Thank you for your support!



St. Andrew Apostle Parish hosts its annual

“Black Friday” Blood Drive

Friday, November 25

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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in the Fr. John Hughes Building

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this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 21, 2022

6:30am Recently Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

6:30am Mariam Thomas

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

6:30am Deacon James Kane

Thursday, November 24, 2022 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Joseph A. DiFrancesco, Jr.

Friday, November 25, 2022

6:30am Joseph A. DiFrancesco, Jr.

5:00pm Living and Deceased Benefactors of
Saint Andrew School

Saturday, November 26, 2022

8:00am Patti Lake Carroll

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: Christopher Califano, Danielle Califano, Sally Christ, Deacon Daniel DeLucca, Anne Fernandez, Helen Getzfred, Anne Massinger, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, Bill Murphy, William Paffett, Jr., Kim Petitpren, Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, O.S.F.S., Dawn Raiburn, Beatrice Rolling, Alicia Rudd, Jerry Sullivan, Mary Walsh, Ellen Schumaker, Ben Zacharczyk.

Thanksgiving Day

In observance of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 24, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM only. Afterwards the Church will be closed until 6:00 AM on Friday.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25. The office will reopen at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 28.

Happy Thanksgiving! Drive safely!

St. Andrew Parish Annual Forty Hours Devotion November 27 - 29

St. Andrew Parish Annual Forty Hours Devotion begins next Sunday, November 27 following the 12:30 PM Mass. There will be Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday afternoon and throughout the day on Monday and Tuesday. Spend some peace-filled and quiet time away from the noise and distractions of everyday life, and rest in the Presence of the God of Love.



This year our homilist is Fr. Francis P. Foley, CAPT, CHC, USN (ret.), Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish in Philadelphia. Fr. Foley's 27 years of active duty include nine years serving with the United States Marine Corps, including four times in Afghanistan; Command Chaplain on: USS Peleliu (LHA-5), USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD-6), and USS Nimitz (CVN-68); Director of Policy for the Navy Chaplain Corps, serving at the Pentagon; and Command Chaplain United States Naval Academy.

All are invited to join us for evening devotions (Sunday, November 27) and Masses (Monday, November 28 and Tuesday, November 29) at 7:00 PM. The Eucharistic Procession and Benediction will follow Mass on Tuesday.

Please note that the Sacrament of Baptism will not be administered on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

Spiritual Opportunities



It is believed that whoever recites the **St. Andrew Christmas Novena** prayer fifteen times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) until Christmas Eve will obtain the favor requested.

Join in praying the **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe**. This Novena begins on Saturday, December 3 and concludes on Sunday, December 11, one day prior to the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

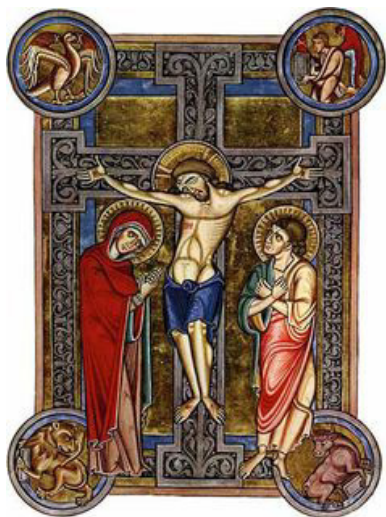


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Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

In his first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith), promulgated 29 June 2013, Pope Francis writes: *"There is an urgent need, then, to see once again that faith is a light, for once the flame of faith dies out, all other lights begin to dim. The light of faith is unique, since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence. A light this powerful cannot come from ourselves but from a more primordial source: in a word, it must come from God. Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals His love, a love which precedes us and upon which we can lean for security and for building our lives. Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us. Faith, received from God as a supernatural gift, becomes a light for our way, guiding our journey through time. On the one hand, it is a light coming from the past, the light of the foundational memory of the life of Jesus which revealed his perfectly trustworthy love, a love capable of triumphing over death. Yet since Christ has risen and draws us beyond death, faith is also a light coming from the future and opening before us vast horizons which guide us beyond our isolated selves towards the breadth of communion. We come to see that faith does not dwell in shadow and gloom; it is a light for our darkness."*

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The message of today's Gospel highlights the significance of faith in our lives as St. Luke characterizes the two others with whom Jesus was crucified. He puts in contradistinction, the two attitudes that we probably all have at different moments and/or seasons of our life, i.e., the one, accusing and blaming God, without an honest evaluation of one's own personal choices versus, the other, realizing that one is responsible (at least in part, by way of commission or omission) for the situation and, more importantly, for one's own relationship with God. In other words, genuine faith, should always leave us feeling a bit uncomfortable, because the things which can only be grasped by faith are so far beyond our comprehension and control. Moreover, faith requires us to be unsure, so as to trust God and to entrust ourselves to Him. As Christians, the life of Jesus should make us feel a bit uncomfortable, get under our skin, move us to be better versions of ourselves. On this solemnity of Christ the King, let us pray the prayer of the distinguished English naval officer and explorer, Sir Francis Drake, which he wrote in 1577 at the beginning of his most famous expedition wherein he circumvented the globe in one voyage.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; when our dreams have come true, because we have dreamed too little; when we have arrived safely, because we have sailed too close to shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the waters of life; having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity; and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly and to venture on wider seas, where storms will show Your mastery; where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. We ask You to push back the horizons of our hopes; and to push back the future in strength, courage, faith and love. This we ask in the name of our Captain, Who is Jesus Christ!

May our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe rule and guide our hearts, our families, our parish, our nation and our world.

Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous

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may be found on our website.**

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

"Like women in many parts of the world today, Mary most likely spent, on average, ten hours a day on domestic chores like carrying water from a nearby well or stream, gathering wood for the fire, cooking meals, and washing utensils and clothes." ~ "The Historical Mary," Robert P. Maloney, CM

"Housing First was a revolutionary idea when it was introduced in the 1980s because it doesn't require homeless people to fix their problems before getting permanent housing. Instead its promise - since confirmed by years of research - was people are better able to address their individual problems when basic needs, such as food and a place to live, are met."

"It was a change in direction from how the initial response to homelessness was thought about and structured," said Matthew Doherty, the nation's former homelessness czar. It was discovered that people were less likely to bounce back if they had been classified as addicts or criminals. In addition, many individuals remain "shelter resistant" for a variety of reasons. So giving a person a place to sleep every night solves that issue for the time being and they can work on other concerns. (National Alliance to End Homelessness)

Let us imitate Mary in her responsibility to others. Are you willing to add another chore this month to your list of duties: making a casserole for the homeless? **Fully cooked main dish casseroles can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on Tuesday, November 22 between 3:00 -4:00 PM.** Please use the aluminum pans and lids found in the entrance of the church. Kindly mark the lid of your casserole with the main ingredients and the date prepared. No pork should be in your entree. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Your generosity to the poor is most appreciated.



St. Andrew Parish Advent Celebration Weekend – November 26-27



Fellowship Reception in Msgr. McGettigan Hall



You are invited to stop in to Msgr. McGettigan Hall in the Fr. John Hughes Building after all Masses this weekend to enjoy some refreshments and the company of your fellow parishioners.

We are happy to offer complimentary soft pretzels after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, and coffee and doughnuts following all of the Sunday Masses.



Good Shepherd Olivewood

We are blessed to welcome Good Shepherd Olivewood and the Odeh Family to St. Andrew Parish for our Advent Celebration Weekend! They will be in McGettigan Hall before and after all Masses.

They will have many beautiful olivewood carvings, Rosaries, and other religious gifts for sale. These items make wonderful gifts for Christmas, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, birthdays, or any occasion. Your purchase helps to support the Odeh Family and other Christian families living in Bethlehem.



**Please visit our parish
website to register for wreath
making activities!**

Respect Life Ministry News



Look for the Saint Andrew "Baby Christmas Tree" to reappear soon at Our Blessed Mother's Altar. Beginning Wednesday, November 30, parishioners may place gifts under the tree. If you wish, take a gift tag from the tree and purchase the suggested item to donate to area mothers in crisis pregnancies and their babies. Or you are welcome to purchase a gift of your choice.

All gifts should be unwrapped and must be under the tree by December 18. We will collect and deliver the gifts before Christmas to our recipients Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center, Mothers' Home, and Catholic Social Services.

We know that once again, your kindness and generosity will bring light and hope into the lives of young women who have chosen life for their babies, and need our help at this critical time.

To learn more about St. Andrew's Respect Life Ministry, please contact Raphael Vantine (610-613-7481). Join us as we stand for the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News



Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom on earth.

In the month of November, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist individuals and families in our neighborhood, providing food, rent assistance, utility payments, and more. Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you!

Did you know you can donate your car to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



The car will be picked up within 24 hours, the tax paperwork will be sent to you, and the donation stays in the community.

Visit www.svdpusacars.com, or call 1-800-322-8284. Please specify that your donation should be directed to "St. Andrew the Apostle in Drexel Hill, PA." Thank you for your support.

"Say the Word"

Reflections from CCD / PREP

by Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, PVM

Why 40 hours?

What is Exposition?



These were the questions I set out to answer for our Level 4-7 PREP students before they made a visit to the Church during the 40 Hours Devotion at St. Charles Borromeo Parish recently. Could you answer these questions? I led them to the answers by asking about what day Jesus died? (Good Friday) and what day Jesus rose from the dead (Easter Sunday). In between Jesus was in the tomb about forty hours. For this reason, the early Christians would spend that amount of time praying before an empty tomb. But we have something better than an empty tomb here, so we spend the forty hours with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in a monstrance.

And what does Exposition mean? One of the Level 7 girls said quietly, "like showing." Yes. Jesus is usually in our Churches, hidden in the tabernacle, but during Exposition, He is shown, or revealed, in the monstrance. That is why we are extra reverent when we come into the Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a special time to be with Jesus and pray for our parish. The final 40 Hours for our three parishes that work together at PREP will be at St. Andrew the Apostle at the end of the month. Please take some time from Sunday, November 27 through Tuesday, November 29 to visit with Jesus and pray for our CCD/PREP community there.

Prayers for PREP - Thank You, Sweet Jesus, for being present to us in all the tabernacles of the world. May our PREP families be blessed during these times of special prayer for our parishes, and may the souls of their departed loved one rest in peace. Amen.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

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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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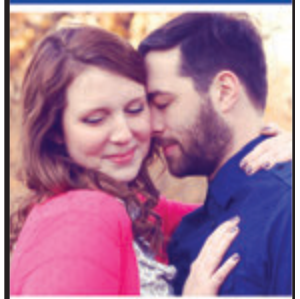
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