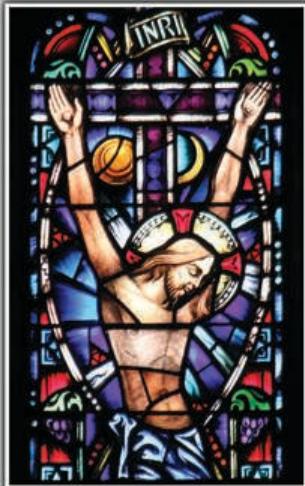


*March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent*



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Parish Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 7:30pm, and Fridays at 2:00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00pm, Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, and Sundays following 7:30am Mass.

Parish schedules for Lent and Holy Week can also be found on the parish website, standrewdh.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

Thank You to our parishioners, & the greater Drexel Hill community, for all of your generous support as our St. Andrew the Apostle-SVdP conference celebrates 10 years of serving our neighbors in need! Please see the insert included in this bulletin for our SVdP fact and information sheet.



Saint Andrew School Passion Play

The 8th Grade students are working hard to prepare the Passion Play, a reverent retelling of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

The play will be on Palm Sunday, April 2, at 7:00pm in Msgr. McGettigan Hall; it runs approximately one hour. We hope to see you there!



This week's Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27, 2023

6:30am Margaret Stiles

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:30am Catherine 'Cathy' Huver Ricci

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

6:30am Kathleen Rose Pierce

Thursday, March 30, 2023

6:30am Mary Dominique

Friday, March 31, 2023

6:30am Tina Angelo (Living)

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:00am Redemptoris Mater Prayer Guild

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

Please 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: Vanessa Bowrin, Baby Chris Califano, Joseph Carver, Sally Christ, Deacon Daniel DeLucca, Anne Fernandez, Bernard Fernandez, Helen Getzfread, Chris Kane, Patty Kane, Terry Marinelli, Jamie McPoyle, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, Bill Murphy, William Paffett, Jr., Kim Petitpren, Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, O.S.F.S., Walter Simcox, and Mary Walsh.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist individuals and families in our neighborhood by providing food, rent assistance, utility payments, and more. Thank you!



Easter Food Drive 2023

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



Kindly consider helping a neighbor in need by donating to the Easter Food Drive. Contributions should be brought to the Foss Avenue door of the Fr. John Hughes building from 10:00am-Noon on Saturday, April 1. Volunteers will meet you outside the building to transfer your items inside. In addition, gift cards to local supermarkets, Wal-Mart, or Target are most appreciated. Please do not leave food in the Church, at the Rectory or outside other entrances to McGettigan Hall. Thank you for your support!

High school students desiring service hours, please call - we can use your help!

Current Needs: frozen meat, refrigerated hams, canned pineapple/fruit, canned veggies, fresh bananas, fresh oranges, fresh apples, fresh white or sweet potatoes, rice, noodles, boxed potatoes, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned soup, beverages, snacks, boxed desserts, pancake mix, maple syrup, personal care products, cleaning products, paper products, and soaps (bars, dish, and laundry)

Please Note

There will be no Baptisms scheduled on April 2 (Palm Sunday), April 9 (Easter Sunday), or April 16 (Divine Mercy Sunday). Pre-Jordan for the month will be offered on April 23.

Respect Life Ministry News

Remember these three facts to explain that Planned Parenthood is abortion:

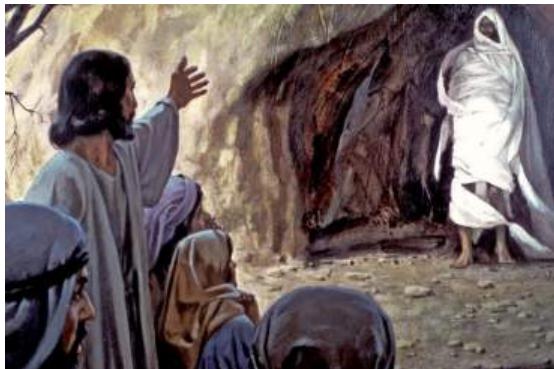
1. Planned Parenthood is America's leading abortion provider.
2. Any good that Planned Parenthood does is tainted because they kill children.
3. Planned Parenthood is the ultimate evil special interest group.

This information is taken from "What to Say When" by Shawn Carney & Steve Karlen. For more information about St. Andrew's Respect Life Ministry, please contact Raphael Vantine at 610-613-7481.



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

In two short weeks, we will be entering into the sacred mysteries of our faith celebrated during the Sacred Triduum and Easter, and already the focus of the sacred Scripture selected for this Sunday is resurrection. As Holy Church continues her journey toward Easter, she prepares with greater intensity to accompany and be accompanied by our Lord and Redeemer to His passion and death, and rejoice in His Resurrection. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ, who in His humanity wept at the death of His beloved friend, Lazarus, the same death He Himself would suffer soon; and in His divinity raised both Lazarus and Himself, as He will raise all the sons and daughters of fallen Adam on the last day. Let us be clear, that the resurrection of Lazarus portrayed in the Gospel and the one for which we hope are distinct and different. Lazarus was raised to live again in this world, but eventually died again. Pope Benedict XVI comments on this passage from the Gospel of John:

In today's Gospel — the raising of Lazarus — we listen to the voice of faith from the lips of Martha, Lazarus' sister. Jesus said to her: "Your brother will rise again," and she replies: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day" (Jn 11:23-24). But Jesus repeats: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (Jn 11:25-26). This is the true newness which abounds and exceeds every border! Christ pulls down the wall of death and in Him dwells all the fullness of God, who is life, eternal life. Therefore, death did not have power over Him and the raising of Lazarus is a

sign of His full dominion over physical death which, before God, resembles sleep (cf. Jn 11:11).

However, there is another death, which cost Christ the hardest struggle, even the price of the Cross: it is spiritual death and sin which threaten to ruin the existence of every human being. To overcome this death, Christ died and His Resurrection is not a return to past life, but an opening to a new reality, a "new land" united at last with God's Heaven. Therefore, St Paul writes: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit who dwells in you" (Rom 8:11). (ANGELUS, 10 April 2011)

We are more than halfway through Lent: has it been a wasted time or a fruitful season? Have we allowed ourselves to expect God to do all the work, hand us whatever we want on a silver platter, not exert any effort ourselves and settle for the "same-ole, same-ole"? Have we used this time well or squandered the riches of grace that the Church makes available during this graced season? Have we moved the scales away from self-centeredness toward thankful generosity? Have we grown more intimate with Jesus or are we still wondering if we should risk encountering Him more deeply? The hope of this story of Jesus raising His beloved friend from earthly death at this time of Holy Lent is to remind us that, each of us is His beloved friend; He said so Himself: "I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from My Father." (John 15:15) Moreover, if we have faith in Him, He will free us from all that binds us and liberate us from our sins, He is the Light of the world that the darkness will not snuff out ... He is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14: 6) leading us into the fullness of our dignity as His beloved friends and beloved sons and daughter of His ... our Father.

If you have not started Lent, really; the time is right now! Seek the power of Jesus; ask Him to roll away the stone of death and unbind the shackles of our slavery! Let us pray with the Psalmist: "*Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! ... I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in His word.*" (Ps. 130)

Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

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**St. John's Hospice
Casserole Program**

"Sometimes it may seem to us that there is no purpose in our lives, that going day after day for years to this office or that school or factory is nothing else but waste and weariness. But it may be that God has sent us there because but for us, Christ would not be there. If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile." ~ Caryll Houselander

St. John's Hospice, located at 1221 Race Street in Philadelphia, services the city's homeless men. A former client and resident of the hospice had this to say, "The biggest lesson or takeaway from my time at St. John's is that no matter what the rules of society might be, there is no right or wrong way to the finish line. In the world we live in today, it's easy to write someone off from one bad choice or wrong action, but we need to remember that we are all on our own journey, and no matter how bad your situation may seem, it's always important to give someone a chance to prove themselves. The support I received at St. John's provided me with the tools necessary to get to this point. This time helped me remember that my situation doesn't define me, but the true test of character comes from the effort I put forth in improving myself."

How can you help someone get back on his feet? Become a cook in our casserole program. Fully cooked main dish frozen casseroles can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on **Tuesday, March 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 the casserole with the main ingredients and the date prepared. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office at 484-461-4954. Thank you for your continual support of the needy.





ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners,

While I appreciate that it is difficult to say goodbye to Lisa Grillo, I am excited to have the opportunity to work with you. I have lived in Upper Darby for over 23 years, and am thrilled to be working close to home again. I earned my Master's Degree in Social Work at Widener in 2011, worked at St. Francis Country House for eight years, and have worked in the Elder Care program for seven years. My phone number remains the same; my email address is jrose@chs-adphila.org. I look forward to meeting you, learning from you, helping you to access services, and connecting you to benefits. I will generally be here Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Wishing you a blessed spring holiday season,
Jennifer Rose
(610) 284-0497

“Say the Word”

Reflections from CCD / PREP by Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, PVM

"I can be like Saint Athracht by caring for the homeless. She founded a hostel to care for travelers and the homeless." Part of the preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is to choose a Saint you want to take as a special patron, to help you conform to Christ as they were in their lifetime. I was reading through some of the Confirmation students' saint reports during PREP on Monday night. I had to smile, because as I read the report, our Confirmation students were caring for the homeless by making casseroles! Monday turned out to be a casserole-making day, as Level 5 students also made casseroles at St. Charles, and our Young Disciples made casseroles at St. Andrew's! A mother of a younger student wanted to know if there were opportunities for the younger children to serve in the community as well. Jesus said, "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Our children recognize the love shown by the Saints and want to be a part of it! Let's give them the opportunity.

Prayers for PREP

Jesus, You washed the feet of Your disciples at the Last Supper and told them to go out and do the same. Help all our parish families show our love for You through our service to others - in the home, on the playground, and in the community. Amen.

2023 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 2

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule
SAS Passion Play at 7:00pm (McGettigan Hall)

Monday of Holy Week, April 3

Confessions from 7:00 to 8:00pm

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4

Confessions from 3:00 to 4:00pm

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5

Confessions at 7:00pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper, April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to the Altar of Repose at 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration from 9:00pm to Midnight

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), April 7

The Passion of Christ, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion at 3:00pm
Prayer Service, Divine Mercy Novena at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

Easter Vigil at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 9

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16

Masses at 7:30am, 10:00am, 12:30pm, and 3:00pm
Confessions & Holy Hour from 1:30 to 3:00pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30pm

15th Annual David Garrison Memorial Scholarship Benefit

The David Garrison Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Saint Andrew School 8th grade student who will attend Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast High School. Please join us to support the scholarship fund on Saturday, April 15 from 5:00-9:00pm at Casey's Restaurant on Lansdowne Ave. Tickets include food, drinks, and music for \$60. Tombola tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets will be available. For dinner tickets, more information, or to donate to tombola baskets, please email Patty at rmcnevin1@verizon.net. Thank you in advance for your gracious donations and help in building our fund!

Wiffle Warriors Memorial Tournament

Are you ready to have some fun and wiffle for a good cause? Join us Saturday, April 15th, at 10:00am for the Wiffle Warriors Memorial Tournament. Location will be the Bonner & Prendie grass field. Teams are formed up to 5 players each, and the \$125 team registration fee includes entry into the tournament and a tee shirt for each player. Light concessions will be available for purchase; personal coolers are encouraged. Tournament rules and further details to follow; come spend the afternoon with your CYO community and be a Wiffle Warrior!

Around the Archdiocese

Theology of the Body: Spring Retreat for High School Boys

St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson will host this overnight event March 31-April 2. The retreat will introduce you to St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body and what it means for your life and to be a young, dynamic, Catholic man in today's world! Tough cultural topics will be discussed in a safe format; small groups; Mass; Adoration; and Confession. Led by Brendan McCauley (certified speaker for the Theology of the Body Institute), and will also include Peter DeMaio (Pennsylvanians for Human Life), Fr. David O'Brien, and Fr. Steve Delacy. For more information and to register, go to <http://lifelovesexuality.com>.

Brothers of Borromeo Vocation Camp

Young men in grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited to join the Vocation Office and Philadelphia seminarians for BBVC! Held on April 22 at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, BBVC is a day filled with food, fun and fellowship! For more information and to register, visit heedthecall.org/BBVC.

Quo Vadis Days, June 26-29

Plan ahead for this special opportunity! High school men are invited to join Philadelphia seminarians for this 4-day, 3-night camp. *Quo Vadis* is full of opportunities for fun, prayer, and discernment with fellow young men from around the Archdiocese. For more information or to register, visit heedthecall.org/QuoVadis.

Lawrence and Phyllis Rebecchi Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The St. Anthony Di Padova Society of Southwest Philadelphia has partnered with the Lawrence and Phyllis Rebecchi Sr. Memorial Scholarship to award scholarships to Catholic school students for the 2023-24 school year. This year we will be awarding two \$1250 scholarships to students attending grade schools associated with our Society members, including Saint Andrew. Applicants must: be enrolled in 7th or 8th grade for the 2023-24 school year; be a practicing Catholic; provide a report card showing a B or better average; and write a 500-word (maximum) essay on "Why Catholic education is important to you." Applications must be postmarked by April 15, and can be found at <https://stanthonysswphila.com/rebecchi-memorial-fund>. Scholarships are also available for parishioners who will be enrolled at Catholic high schools, as well as Neumann University. Please see flyers in the vestibule of the church, or contact the St. Andrew Rectory for more information.

Sacred Heart Church Pierogi Sale

Sacred Heart in Clifton Heights will again be hosting their pierogi sale! Pierogi, a case of dough with savory potato and cheese filling that is cooked by boiling and then pan-frying, will be \$8/ dozen and will be made at St. Stephen's Church Hall from March 20-31. To order please call Joanne Bidoli at 610-574-7077 or the Sacred Heart Rectory at 610-623-0409. After ordering, pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall will be weekdays from Noon - 1:30pm or special evening pickups Wednesday of both weeks from 5:30 - 6:30pm.

New Classes at The Catechetical Institute

The Catechetical Institute at The School of Theological Studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary provides affordable online, non-credit courses designed for parish catechists, Catholic school teachers and all who want to learn more and grow in their Catholic Faith. The courses "Person of Jesus" and "New Testament" will begin on April 3. Registration is now open. The cost for each course is \$60.00. Please visit our webpage at <https://www.scs.edu/school-of-theological-studies/catechetical-institute/> to register.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm; Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00pm Vigil; Sunday 7:30am, 10:00am, 12:30pm

Daily Mass

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

Holy Days

5:15pm Vigil, 6:30am, 12:00pm, 5:15pm

Daily Visitation: The Church is open for visitation weekdays from the first Mass until 5:00pm; Saturdays until after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass and Sundays until 1:45pm. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance for Adoration every Tuesday (September through June) until 7:00pm 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 – 4:30pm, Sunday after 7:30am 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 10:00am 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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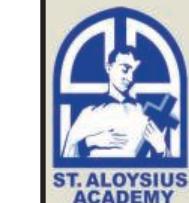
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