

March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Come Pray with St. Andrew's Nocturnal Adoration Society



Please join the Nocturnal Adoration Society on the Thursday night before First Friday in Church to spend one hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Our next prayer hour is this **Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 PM**. Never has there been a more important time to pray together for peace and direction. Nighttime adoration offers a convenient and peaceful time to pray. If you have a busy schedule this may be the perfect way for you to spend more time with Jesus. For more information about our Society, please contact Tina Angelo (610-513-8731 or tangelo212@yahoo.com).

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Join us this weekend to complete your survey!



If you have not yet completed your parish survey, please stop over to Msgr. McGettigan Hall after any Mass this weekend. We will have laptops ready and available to you to complete this 15-minute survey. Your completed survey not only fulfills the request of the Holy Father as part of the Synod, but also aids our parish in communicating your thoughts and needs. You are strongly encouraged to participate, so come over and enjoy a refreshment while you take your survey. Technical assistants will be available to assist you. God bless you for your participation!

this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 28, 2022

6:30am Ong Gioan Tran Ngoc Khai

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

6:30am Daminh Pham Cong Bong

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

6:30am Joseph Magee

Thursday, March 31, 2022

6:30am Phanxi Coaxvie Than Cong Vien and
Anna Than Thi Vui

Friday, April 1, 2022

6:30am Living and Deceased Members of the
Romani and Travaglini Families

Saturday, April 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:
Sr. Marianna Fieo, SSJ

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

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

St. Andrew Parish Blood Drive



Save the Date
Saturday, May 21, 2002
More details to follow



Parish Lenten Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Parish Outreach Easter Food Drive

Saturday, April 9

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Msgr. McGettigan Hall

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



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

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

No student volunteers are needed for this drive.

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

Thank you for your support!



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

In the context of the Gospels presented in the first three Sundays of Lent, the common theme, that might be missed, is our status as the beloved children of God. At His Baptism, Jesus is affirmed as God's Beloved Son prior to going out into the desert. There after fasting from the "things" of this earth, Jesus focuses His attention on and grounds His public ministry on His true identity and resists the temptations of the devil, ("If you are the Son of God...") because He never for an instant doubted His relationship with the Father. At the Transfiguration event, our Lord's Son-ship is reaffirmed and the splendor of His true dignity is revealed in a flash. And as a result, hope is given to each of us, that like the fig tree, we too will be given another year, another opportunity to bear fruit. These accounts are not meant simply to focus our attention on the life of Jesus some 2000 years ago; rather, they are meant to challenge us to accept the dignity of our genuine status as sons and daughters created in the image and likeness of the Eternal Father, redeemed by the Blood of Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. Lent is an invitation to journey from ashes to Easter into authentic truth and mystery of who we truly are.

In light of today's Gospel in which we see the flipside of the coin, that our "Sonship" is rooted in God's "Fatherhood;" allow me, to share with you the beginning of an article from a few years ago. This is how Dudley Hall begins his post, titled "What Should We Do When We Fail?"

It just popped up as a text on my smart phone. I read it and choked up.

RELIGION: "I've messed up. My dad is going to kill me."

SON-SHIP: "I've messed up. I'd better call my dad."

This accurately expresses the deepest heart-cry of both a failing child and a caring father. Every sane father

wants his child to call when he/she is in trouble. There is no mire too messy to get in, if your child is in it. Every failing child wishes for a father who would understand, and get involved. Literature is replete with examples of such stories. Maybe the most popular is the story of the "prodigal son." (Luke 15)

(<https://stream.org/what-should-we-do-when-we-fail/>)

The parable of the "Prodigal Son" is probably one of the most known parables of Jesus. The genius of Jesus' use of parables is particularly highlighted in the telling of this story. Regardless of your faith background, what human being cannot relate to the drama so beautifully played out in this literary device? Its message touches the deepest chord in our human nature, not simply in how it relates to the love of a child. As people of faith, however, we see clearly how Jesus' mission is to reveal the Father and how this parable, in particular, reflects our relationship with our all-loving heavenly Father. While historically we focus our attention on and are astonished by the drama between the father and the younger son, as their emotional reunion is reported; there is so much more to the story. First, we often, if not always, forget about the role and response of the third protagonist, the older son, who like the younger brother, doesn't really appreciate his Father and the gift that he has and is by being his son. The younger son with greater flair physically takes his so-called "fair share" and with respect neither to his father nor himself squanders that which he never earned. The older son is not innocent in this regard either. He fulfills all that is required of him, but does it out of duty or fear or simply out of religion, but not out of love. He is "doing" for his father grudgingly and never takes the time to bask in "being" the son of so gracious a father. In fact, both sons, despite the perception of their actions, have left the "Father's home." In fact, the gracious Father runs out of the comfort of his home to greet both of his sons. Now, obviously, the greeting of the younger son is more intense, but it is in direct relation to the rather extreme route the young man chose to follow. And while the father's "going out" to the older son is not supported with the bling of a "new cloak" or "ring" or "fatted calf;" this exodus from the comfort of his home and the joy of his son's return is far more intimate and profound. He explains the "gift" the older son is and possesses. The father is probably deeply saddened by the fact that the son, he thought was safe and with him, has not yet come to the realization that the younger son has just already attained. Today's Gospel is a beautiful lesson in real masculinity rooted in the Fatherhood of God. Any man can sire children. Real men, courageous to tell the truth and humble enough to give themselves in love, can be fathers/dads/*Abba*. Be of good cheer, have a blessed week and a fruitful Lent!

Msgr. Grous

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may be found on our website.

Saint Andrew School News



The return of spring marks the return of the annual **8th Grade Passion Play** at Saint Andrew School. The students are working hard to prepare this reverent retelling of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. We invite you to join us in Msgr. McGettigan Hall as we celebrate the mystery of our faith on Palm Sunday, April 10 at 7:00 PM. The play runs approximately one hour. We hope to see you there!

Confirmation Service Project – In preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, Saint Andrew School and St. Andrew CCD/PREP 7th grade students are working to collect donations of NEW socks for those experiencing homelessness. Donation bins are located at the Blessed Mother's altar through April 1. Thank you for your support.



Dine Out with Saint Andrew School - Treat yourself to dinner Monday evening at Freddy's Steakburgers in Broomall. Join family, friends, classmates, and fellow parishioners on March 28 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM. Be sure to tell the cashier that you are there for Saint Andrew School!



The Saint Andrew Home & School Association offers two fun and delicious fundraisers for SAS. **Cookie Kits from Sweet Spot in Broomall** contain 12 sugar cookies, three bags of royal icing, three containers of sprinkles, and instructions. Each kit is \$30. **Pizza Kits from Sam's Boardwalk Pizza in Drexel Hill** contain one dough ball for a 12" pizza, sauce, and cheese. Cheese Kit is \$13; Extra Cheese, Pepperoni, Sausage, and Mushroom Kits are \$14 each.

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

The pick-up date for both sales is Monday, April 11 from 3:00 until 6:00 PM at the Foss Avenue entrance to Msgr. McGettigan Hall. Additional information can be found on the SAS Facebook page, and on the Home & School Facebook page.

See page 6 for information about our next Pre-School & Kindergarten Open House.

Thank you for supporting our parish school!

Respect Life Ministry News



Abortion Pill Reversal = Miracle Baby! Nine months ago, a scared young girl went into the Philadelphia Women's Center and took an abortion pill. She later had regrets and called the abortion facility asking if anything could be done. They said no. After much frantic searching online, she was finally led to Dr. Monique Ruberu at 10:00 PM who told the girl to meet her at her office. There she was given her first treatment, counseling, and prayer, and a follow up was arranged. A week later at Hope Pregnancy Center, an ultrasound confirmed that the girl's baby was still alive, and she and Dr. Monique went for lunch to celebrate! Although there were a few challenges along the way, this young girl delivered a beautiful baby girl on February 24, 2022. Let us thank God for this Miracle of Life! Let us thank Him for the Abortion Pill Reversal! Let us thank Him for those people who sacrifice for others and make themselves available according to His Will! And let us all pray for an end to all abortion!

Please contact Raphael (610-613-7481) if you would like to help (in any capacity) with our Respect Life efforts here at St. Andrew Parish. God bless you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society News



In today's Gospel, the prodigal son repents and finds mercy in the heart of his father. Know that your penance during Lent can give the poor the grace of finding the merciful heart of God the Father.

In the month of March, 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 for your generosity!

Clothing Drive - St. Andrew the Apostle Parish will host a clothing and household goods drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will use the services of GreenDrop to support the clothing drive.

“Say the Word”

Reflections from St. Andrew CCD / PREP

Kids are very honest. In a discussion of joining the parish for Mass on Sunday, a girl may say, "No. We do fun things on Sunday!" When a tour of the Church is going a little too long for a student, he might say, "I'm done." They also share what is important to them like the child who might greet me with, "E-A-G-L-E-S, Eagles!" Another wants to volunteer a younger sibling to read, proud of how good they are at reading. You're never quite sure what response you'll get to any topic.

This week, we were joining Pope Francis in praying for Russia and Ukraine, in preparation for the Consecration of those two nations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the Feast of the Annunciation. When one catechist told the children they would be praying for Russia, they responded, very honestly, "Why would we do that?!" When they had prayed for the people of Ukraine the week before, there had been no questions like this. What a beautiful opportunity to explain that Jesus taught us to pray for our enemies, and that even from the Cross He was praying for those who crucified Him. This is an opportunity to be more like Jesus. Another beautiful thing about children is that when you speak from the heart, they can really get the point. They got it, and they prayed for Russia.

Prayers for PREP - (from the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Pope Pius XII) Lord Jesus, we join together in prayer as the Holy Father prepares to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to your Mother's Immaculate Heart. May our prayers of consecration be united with the Pope, the bishops and all the faithful and may the promises of peace by Our Lady of Fatima be fulfilled.

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of Your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to You, all the people of our country and all the world. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL



2022-2023



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On or before 09/01/22
- Student must be potty trained

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- Student must be 5 yrs. old
On or before 09/01/22

Call or Email Mrs. Della Vecchio
for a

Registration Packet

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Packets can also be found online at:

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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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