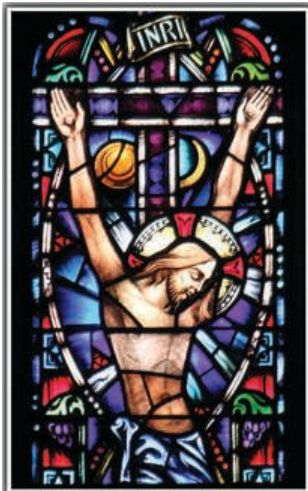


August 27, 2023
Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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St. Andrew CYO



Registration is now open to all active St. Andrew Parish and Saint Andrew School students for Fall 2023 sports.

- **Cross Country** – Co-ed, grades K-8
- **Flag Football*** – Boys, grades 3-4
- **Football*** – Boys, grades 5-8
- **Soccer** – Co-ed, grades 5-8
- **Volleyball*** – Girls, grades 5-8

**A team will be formed with neighboring parishes.*

Visit <https://standrew.sportngin.com/> to register. Adult volunteers (18+) who have all required Safe Environment clearances are always needed and welcome. Please email StAndrewDHCYO@gmail.com with questions.

St. Andrew Spirit Run



Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:30 am One Mile Fun Run

9:00 am 5K Race

Registration is now open!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/DrexelHill/StAndrew5kSpiritRunandWalk>

The Spirit Run is an annual tradition that includes hundreds of runners – parishioners, students, alumni, parents, faculty, and friends – plus many more individuals working behind the scenes and cheering them on. All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew School. Contact Owen Quigley (ojquigley@msn.com) with questions or to volunteer.

this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28, 2023

6:30 a.m. Dominic Colangelo

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

6:30 a.m. Susan Reilly

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

6:30 a.m. Angelina DiCarlo

Thursday, August 31 2023

6:30 a.m. William Paffett, Jr.

Friday, September 1, 2023

6:30 a.m. Ida Buonanno and Dolores Buonanno (L)

Saturday, September 2, 2023

8:00 a.m. 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:
Paul Bibighaus, August DeJohn, Nancy Rigney

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: Joseph Carver, Deacon Daniel DeLucca, Anne Fernandez, Helen Getzfread, John Huver, William Lott, Barbara McGarvey, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, Kim Petitpren, Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, O.S.F.S., Anne Rigney, Beatrice Rolling, Mary Walsh.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to experience Jesus' presence in our lives, God reveals himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

“Fides et Scientia” Lecture Series

Dr. Allen Hunt of Dynamic Catholic
“How to Live & Die with No Regrets”
September 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Msgr. McGettigan Hall
StAndrewDH.org/parish-events

Pre-Jordan Baptismal Instruction



Pre-Jordan Baptismal instruction is required for parents who wish to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith. Prospective godparents are also welcome and encouraged to attend.

The next Pre-Jordan session will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 9:00 a.m. Please call the Parish Office to register.

Respect Life Ministry News



St. Andrew's Respect Life Ministry shares this update from the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference and the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia:

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro recently announced that he plans to end the state's 30-year contractual relationship with Real Alternatives, an award-winning Pennsylvania Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services Program which funds pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Presently, 83 centers provide compassionate support services to 13,500 women a year, from the moment they find out they are pregnant through 12 months after the birth of the baby.

Approximately 60% of the women who come to Real Alternatives considering abortion choose to bring their baby to term. Also, 84% of women that have been pressured to abort choose to bring their baby to term. Terminating this contract will result in an increase in abortions statewide.

We thank you for helping in whatever way you can!

1) Call Governor Shapiro's office (717-787-2500) and ask that he reverse his decision to cancel Real Alternatives' contract; and/or

2) Contact your legislators, stressing that funding must be restored to Real Alternatives by going to: <https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/2f7nuT/Hjk25M2NmhfSebyw>

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.



Shepherd's P.I.E.

Doctrinal Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

Back in the olden days (before cell phones), a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home with tickets and briefcases flailing, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. And while apples flew everywhere, they, without stopping or looking back managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding ...ALL BUT ONE!! The one gentleman paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived in Chicago explain that he was taking a later flight. Then he returned to the place where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The sixteen-year-old girl whose table was overturned was totally blind! She was crying softly, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about, no one stopping nor caring about her difficulty.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded

through her tears. He continued, "I hope that we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister . . ." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She asked, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped dead in his tracks ... he pondered her words. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place." The girl then said: "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. So, He must have sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, sir." Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

The question that Jesus poses in the Gospel today to Simon Peter and the other disciples present then, is also meant for each one of us today. The question Jesus asks, however, is much broader than we think when we first hear it. Inasmuch as Jesus had already what everyone else thought about Him, His question: "Who do YOU say that I am?" is not so much about Him ... He knows who and whose He is. The question is, therefore, focused on the one who answers it because "my" answer will say much more about "me" than about Jesus. The answer is not so much about erudite or the multiplication of words ... rather, the answer that Jesus seeks is about the integrity of our lives. "My" answer to the question "Who do I say that He is?" tells me, God, and everyone else much more about who do I say that I am! And this, my friends, is the impactful reality, whether we believe it or not, that this Scripture has on our lives ... not simply in this imperfect and broken world; but also, in the everlasting life. Thus, our choices made in this world ... with, against or devoid of God will bear ramifications on whether our life in eternity will be with, for or devoid of Him. We must avoid, at all costs, the pretentious attitude and simply presume that we're going to heaven. Who do you say that He is? Do we answer with Simon Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God;" accepting the responsibility that is connected with that profession of faith? Or is Jesus simply a spiritual plaything that we use when we need or want something? The answer to the girl's question to the salesman; "Are you Jesus?" should ideally be, "Yes," for all of us. Knowing Him as He is, however, will allow us to know who we are and Whose we are. Have a blessed week and a restful end to the summer!

Msgr. Grous

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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.



St. Andrew Choir

St. Andrew's Choir will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 PM in the choir loft.

Do you love to sing at Mass? Are you willing to commit Tuesday evenings (7:30 – 9:00 p.m.) to rehearsal? If you answered 'yes,' St. Andrew's Choir could be just the place for you! The Choir sings twice a month at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and at major parish liturgies.

If you have questions about joining the Choir, please consider sitting in on a rehearsal or two ... no obligation. Talk to Jerry Troy in the Choir Loft after Mass or call him at 610-405-7973.

***“HAVE A SONG IN YOUR HEART?
LET IT BE HEARD!”***

“Say the Word” - Summer Edition

by Servant of God Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, PVMI

On a battlefield the doctor is not the first to reach those who are wounded; the men nearest the wounded soldier are the first to pick up their companion and carry him to the doctor.

We are all soldiers of Christ, but with us it is in a spiritual order. The priest is the great doctor, who represents Jesus, Who is the great Physician of souls.

Many of our companions are wounded by sin, or they are so weak in faith that they are liable to drop wounded at the first shot. We must help by bringing them to church, that Jesus may help them.

Prayers for PREP

Healer of Souls, give me the courage to bring to You the spiritually wounded whom I know. I bring them to You in prayer and then by inviting them to know You better through my experience of Your healing love. May I also invite them to join me at Mass or to visit You in the presence of Your priestly servants. Amen.

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed in the Atrium "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" Program at Saint Andrew School for 1-1/2 hours weekly. Volunteers assist pre-school, Kindergarten, or 1st grade students in this Montessori (hands-on) environment centered on the Good Shepherd.

Volunteers help the children in a quiet, independent, meditative work to develop a relationship with Jesus. All Safe Environment clearances are required; please visit SaintAndrewSchool.com or call at the Parish Office (610-259-1169) for more information about obtaining required clearances. Volunteers must be physically able to get down on the floor with the children. Orientation will be provided in early September.

For more information, please contact Rosey Lester ([rl Ester@saintandrewschool.com](mailto:rl Lester@saintandrewschool.com)) or visit SaintAndrewSchool.com/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd.



ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY

Contractor Scam Alert from AARP

Someone claiming to be a contractor arrives on your doorstep and explains he's just finished a job fixing storm damage on a neighbor's property. Since he's here already, he'll say he can handle your repairs at a steep discount. He'll likely ask for payment upfront, or try to convince you to sign over payment from your insurance company. Shady contractors and outright scammers target areas hit by extreme weather events in search of "work" they may not even attempt to do. Many specifically target older homeowners who they perceive as more trusting, more likely to have savings and, they think, may be experiencing cognitive decline. Avoid reactively agreeing to repair work at your doorstep; proactively seek out contractors that you can research. Ask contractors for references and check them. Pay no more than 1/3 of the total cost prior to the work beginning, and then only when materials arrive.

I will be on vacation from Labor Day through September 13. I will return to my office on Friday, September 15. If you need assistance while I'm away, please call the Parish Office for guidance on how to reach my colleague.

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

Saint Andrew School Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion



The Saint Andrew School Class of '73 is invited to gather for our 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 7, 2023. We will meet at St. Andrew for 5:00 p.m. Mass, followed by a tour of the school. The celebration continues at 7:00 p.m. at Barnaby's of Havertown (901 Old West Chester Pike). Please help us spread the word! Classmates can contact Jim (484-437-1638) or Sue (610-804-3769) with questions.

Around the Archdiocese

Archbishop Carroll Hall of Fame



Archbishop Carroll High School's annual Hall of Fame Induction will take place on Saturday, September 30 at St. David's Golf Club in Wayne. Carroll alumni, families and friends are encouraged to save the date to honor our 2023 inductees: Joe Dowd, Stephen Graham '70, Sr. Pat Kennedy R.S.M. '71, Admiral Gerry Mauer '72, Maryanne O'Donnell '72, Greg Webster '77, Kevin Connor '78, Betty Tuppeny '78, Jean Oelwang, '83, '95 Boys' Basketball Team.

Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival September 16-17, 2023

St. Bede the Venerable Parish (Holland, PA) welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Padre Pio Festival. The weekend will be full of games, amusements, food, craft vendors, live music, and activities for the whole family. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday. On Sunday, the Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia will be the guest homilist at the 12:30 p.m. Mass in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio will be on display all weekend long in the Padre Pio Chapel. Free parking is available and pilgrim buses are welcome. Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com or call the St Bede parish office (215-357-5720) for more information.

Roman Catholic High School Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion

Roman Catholic High School Class of 1973 is holding its 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 14 from 7-11 pm at the Venetian Social Club (8030 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia). The ticket cost of \$125 per classmate (\$100 per significant other) includes a dinner buffet and two-hour open bar. Each classmate will also receive a commemorative RCHS golf shirt. The deadline to purchase tickets is September 7. Make checks payable to Andy Sontag and mail to 3316 Ainslie Street, Philadelphia, PA 19129. Tickets may also be purchased online at RomanCatholicHS.com/alumni/reunions. Contact Bob Climaldi (rclimaldi@gmail.com) with questions.

Charismatic Mass and Healing Service

All are invited to the Mass and Healing service with Our Lady of Fatima's pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin as the celebrant. Kathleen McCarthy will be the speaker. Come and worship the Lord with Martha's House music, receive Eucharist and more. The service will be held at Our Lady of Fatima (1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA) on First Friday, September 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. For more information: visit www.archphilaccr.org.

Bonner & Prendie Class of 1973 Reunion



Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School Class of '73 will jointly celebrate their 50th high school reunion with a 3-day reunion weekend this September 21-23. If you have questions or need additional information, email 73reunions@gmail.com or visit our reunion site:

<https://www://tinyurl.com/bpreunions>

Fall Bereavement Support Group

St. Bernadette Parish will host an eight-week Bereavement Support Group beginning Tuesday, September 5 from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. We will meet in the Wright Center, accessible from the Harper Avenue parking lot. The program is open to adults (18+) who have lost a loved one, particularly during the past 6-24 months. There is no fee for this non-denominational program. For more information and to register, contact George Salloom (610-306-0252 or georgesalloom@hotmail.com).

Crossing Guards Wanted



Upper Darby School District has openings for crossing guards and crossing guard substitutes at \$12.75 per hour, with 2-4 hours per shift guaranteed. Applicants must have transportation, and be able to work outside in all types of weather. Please note that posts may not be near Saint Andrew School. For more information and to apply, visit UpperDarbySD.org, or call Supervisor of Street Safety Thomas Nee (610-389-1543).

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.; Friday 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00p.m. Vigil; Sunday 7:30a.m., 10:00a.m., 12:30p.m.

Daily Mass

Weekdays: 6:30a.m., Saturday: 8:00a.m.

Holy Days

5:15p.m. Vigil, 6:30a.m., 12:00p.m., 5:15p.m.

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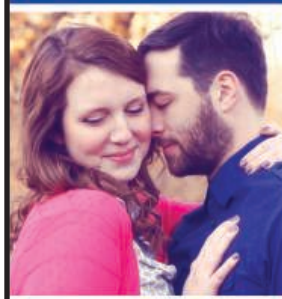
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