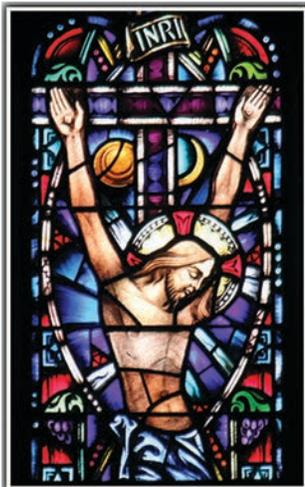


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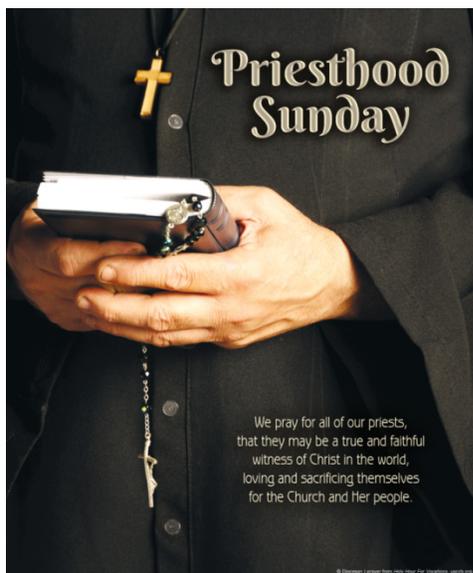
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Today is Priesthood Sunday!



May God Bless Msgr. Grous, Fr. Lowe, Fr. Anthony, and all priests.

Please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

Blue Mass

You are invited to join us for a “Blue Mass” at 7:00 PM this Thursday, September 29, the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Mass will be celebrated in honor of and in thanksgiving for law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and first responders. Please pray for those who serve and safeguard our community with unwavering and selfless dedication on a daily basis.



this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 26, 2022

6:30am Matthew Carr

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

6:30am The People We Serve at the St. Andrew Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

6:30am Robert Swain

Thursday, September 29, 2022

6:30am John Mone
7:00pm First Responders

Friday, September 30, 2022

6:30am Sally Sweeney

Saturday, October 1, 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: Peter Angel, Ethan Black, Christopher Califano, Danielle Califano, Sally Christ, Deacon Daniel DeLucca, Sean Dolan, Helen Getzfread, Jeanine MacWilliams, Matthew MacWilliams, Anne Massinger Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, William Paffett, Jr., Kim Petitpren, Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, O.S.F.S., Alicia Rudd, Ellen Schumaker, Jerry Sullivan, Mary Walsh, David Weaver.

Tuesday Adoration



Eucharistic Adoration is encouraged on Tuesdays beginning at 7:15 AM. Tuesday Adoration closes at 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. We are in need of adorers particularly between the hours of 7:00-10:00 AM and 5:00-6:00 PM. If you are able to sign up for any time please call Stephanie Ennis (610-622-8169).

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

"Meditate upon this slowly: I am asked for very little compared to how much I am being given."

~ Josemaria Escriva

The following was written by David, a former client and resident of St. John's Hospice: "The biggest lesson or takeaway from my time at Saint John's is that no matter what the rules of society might be, there is no right or wrong way to get 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." David went on to pursue a degree in Psychology, got a job and now has a place of his own.

Our appeal for your help is constant every month. Please consider joining our crew of cooks. **Fully cooked main dish casseroles can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on Tuesday, September 27 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. For further information please contact the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Thank you for feeding the homeless.

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! For more information, please contact Marguerite Cechvala (484-680-1608).



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

Watching the funeral rites for Queen Elizabeth II, this past week, an image that stands out most of all is the one of Prince Harry in a business suit and not in military garb. It stands out because the press seemed to be focused on it being a punishment or proof of the "estranged" relationship that he and his wife have with the royal family. For me, however, it was material for a reflection on this Sunday's Gospel. The image expressed the consequence of a free choice of an individual. Please understand ... there is no judgment here. I believe, that Harry had the right to renounce "his" role in the royal family, for whatever reasons he felt significant. But "his" choice does not require the royal family to renounce its role, protocols and ceremony. As Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, wrote in a letter to Thomas Cromwell, dated 14 March 1538 during the reign of Henry VIII: "a man can not have his cake and eat his cake."

The sad story that is reported to us in today's Gospel is a wake-up call to remind each of us that Heaven or Hell is not something imposed on us by a hateful and uncaring God. Rather, it is a choice ... a personal choice that each one of us makes for ourselves with our own free will. What we discover in our relationship with Almighty God is that, He who is Truth and Love, respects our free will more than we do. He accepts our word and doesn't force us to accept His. And when our free choices cause us pain ... He will not ... cannot deny Himself ... Truth. He cannot restore us to our rightful place and continue to live in a way unworthy of our dignity according to His Truth, until we freely accept the responsibility of striving to walk in His way. If heaven is living in the Presence of God, by our choices we can choose heaven already in this imperfect world by practicing to live intentionally in the Presence of God. If, by our choices here on earth, however, we choose not to hear the Word of God and practice it in our lives ... what makes us think that death will change us. In both virtue and vice,

our choices in this world of time and space bear a consequence in the hereafter; whether we take it seriously or not.

In the parable, we can focus too much on the earthly part of the story. We usually feel a sense of righteous indignation against "Dives", the rich man and maybe even a bit of "he deserves everything he got." Yet this is only the Prelude of the story; the point of the parable is directed to focus our attention on its eternal dimension and what transpires there ...

Even with the truth of pure love staring him in the face (could this not be an expression of the last judgment), Dives cannot or will not see it. While he does admit to being wrong on some level, it seems as if he is incapable of a true conversion of heart by accepting Lazarus as a person. He still treats Lazarus, now enwrapped in eternal glory, as his inferior ordering him "to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool (his) tongue" and then telling him to go to his father's house "so that he may warn [his five brothers], lest they too come to this place of torment." Abraham's response is both hard-hitting and heart-rending: "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them." Dives replies: "Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent." To a worldly minded person I guess his pathetic response sounds respectable and rational, but not to Jesus nor to Abraham. Jesus speaks in anticipation of His own Passion, Death and Resurrection His response through Abraham's words: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Fast forward to today, as we hear this lesson in discipleship from the Lord. Not only do we have Moses and the prophets, but we have Jesus, who gives us His Body and Blood, His Soul and Divinity ... His Holy Spirit, as well as a vast company of witnesses to the faith in His Passion, Death and Resurrection ... Do we make our choices with these in mind or only according to self-interest? WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD ... has that changed our choices or behaviors? Like Prince Harry, do we freely choose to renounce our royal dignity as God's children by choosing to live according to our own will and then feel cheated or abused when the consequence of our choice is on public display? Our choices apply to each of us personally ... our free choices do not nor cannot change God's Holy Will. Let us, therefore, choose heaven NOW! Not a heaven that we define by our own level of comfort, but by seeking to know and accept the loving design of the Creator, to live according to His gracious Will which is our peace and salvation. "Heaven" or "Hell" is your choice for you. Choose wisely and well! Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous

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Parish Pastoral Council Elections

There are three available positions on our parish Pastoral Council and an election ballot is now available for your vote. Nicky Verna will be at all Masses this weekend and you may pick up your ballot, vote, and submit it in the collection box after all Masses. You may also submit your ballot by returning it to the Parish Office or by placing it in the collection basket. All ballots must be received by Sunday, October 2 in order to be counted. Any questions, please contact Nicky Verna (nverna@standrewdh.org or 610-259-1169).

Adult Bible Study 2022-2023 The Gospel of Luke

We will study the life of our Lord as recorded by St. Luke, physician and companion to St. Paul. Our text is the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament (2nd Catholic ed. RSV) which includes commentary by noted scholars Dr. Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. **Beginning Wednesday, October 12**, we meet Wednesday evenings 7:30-9:00 PM. Our first meeting will be held in Msgr. McGettigan Hall, Fr. John Hughes Building. We welcome all adults and older teens both from our parish and others, so invite someone to come with you. For more information or to register, please call Leslie Fitzpatrick (610-853-6304).

Listening Sessions

After completing our Parish Survey and reviewing the findings, the St. Andrew Parish Council is conducting a series of Listening Sessions for those who would like to discuss and expand on some of the responses. There are two remaining sessions, and ALL parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Each session will also have a focus on a particular demographic to address, but ALL are invited to attend ANY session. All sessions will be held in the lower level meeting room of the Rectory. Contact Nicky Verna with any questions (nverna@standrewdh.org or 610-259-1169).

Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 PM

Focus: Parents with children infants to 8th grade

Saturday, October 8 at 9:30 AM

Focus: Parents with children in high school

St. Andrew Parish Outreach

The Bobby Stafferi (St. Andrew) Food Pantry is low on supplies and could use your assistance. Please consider donating at this time, as we re-stock our shelves. If you are able to make a donation, kindly call 484-461-4954 and arrange a convenient drop-off time. The Parish Outreach Office is open Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Should those hours not suit your schedule, other arrangements can be made. Please do not take your contributions to the rectory and do not leave them in the church. As always, thank you for choosing to serve the less fortunate.

The following items are currently in urgent need: spaghetti sauce and pasta, pancake mix and maple syrup, tuna and canned meat, crackers, beverages, grape jelly, all canned vegetables and fruit, rice, noodles and potatoes, all personal care items, tissues and napkins.

Respect Life Ministry News

October is Respect Life Month



Respect Life Sunday is next Sunday, October 2. It is a day set aside each year to remember and respect the importance and value of every human life created by God. It is also the day that kicks off

Respect Life Month. This Respect Life Sunday, we will make gifts, information, and news available to parishioners at the front three doors of the Church. Please use this opportunity to learn more about this vital issue, and pick up some items to share with others and help you witness your own respect and love for God's precious gift of Life. Donations are optional but appreciated.

Another opportunity to show your respect and love for all life – born and unborn – is to attend a **Life Chain**. Participants stand along the side of a designated street and pray quietly and/or hold a sign in support of life, being visible witnesses to love. There will be a Life Chain at Baltimore Pike and Saxer Avenue from 1:00-2:00 PM on October 2.

For more information or 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.



Community Resources

Do you need information about home care services, transportation options, financial benefits, health insurance, legal documents, social activities, home-based therapies, housing, etc?

There are a variety of community resources available that provide services to seniors and disabled adults. If you are interested in finding out what community resources are available for you, your family, or your friend, please call Lisa Grillo at St. Andrew Elder Care Ministry.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society



In today's Gospel, we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

As you place your gift in the poor box for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Save the date for our Clothing Drive! On Saturday, October 8, 2022 St. Andrew Parish will host a clothing drive to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We will use the services of GreenDrop to support the clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM in the school parking lot behind the church. An attendant will be available to assist you.

Package gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. We can also accept household items such as kitchenware, games and toys, small appliances (under 50 pounds), electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs, and videos. For a full list of acceptable donations, please visit www.GoGreenDrop.com.

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe



A Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will visit St. Andrew the Apostle Church from Saturday, November 12 through Wednesday, November 30.

To arrange for time for your group or ministry to venerate this image of Our Lady, please contact Nicky Verna, Director of the New Evangelization (NVerna@StAndrewDH.org or 610-259-1169).

Catherine Grinn will present a talk on the Image and its significance and impact on the Catholic Church on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 PM in Msgr. McGettigan Hall. Tickets are available for a minimum donation of \$10 per person. To purchase, please visit StAndrewDH.org/parish-events or contact Nicky Verna. All proceeds and donations go to Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe Ministries.

13th Annual Spirit Run Saturday, October 29, 2022

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



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

Parish Youth Ensemble



Saint Andrew Parish is excited to introduce the Youth Ensemble to sing at the 12:30 Mass on Sundays. Parish students in grades 4-8 are invited to participate. Students are required to rehearse twice a month and will sing at various 12:30 Masses throughout the year. If your child is interested in joining, please contact Mr. Jeff Braconnier (jbraconnier@standrewdh.org). Parents, please complete this registration form: <https://forms.gle/u24m3HJDv8MvuzP39>. More information will follow once those interested are signed up.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Our parish RCIA group begins this Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM. We will meet bi-weekly in the lower level meeting room of the Rectory. If you are considering becoming a Catholic, if you would like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, interested, please contact Nicky Verna in the Parish Office (610-259-1169 or nverna@standrewdh.org).

Parent Meeting for Confirmation

On Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 PM there will be a meeting in Msgr. McGettigan Hall, Fr. John Hughes Building, for all parents of children who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in April 2023.

Around the Archdiocese

Healing Mass - All are invited to attend a Mass of Healing at St. Dorothy Church on Sunday, October 9 at 1:30 PM. Come join us in prayer!

Adoration for Vocations - You are invited to prayerfully support those discerning their vocation by participating in Philly Adoration for Vocations. This new prayer initiative is held each Thursday from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM in Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Catholics are invited to spend time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament praying for vocations and asking Him to bless His Church with many holy vocations. To sign up for a day/time to pray, visit HeedTheCall.org/PhillyAdores. Specific details will be emailed to all adorers on the Wednesday before their scheduled prayer time.

Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction
Are you seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery from addiction? Parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction, and to their families and loved ones. Please visit ArchPhila.org/hope for Catholic resources available to you or a loved one.

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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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