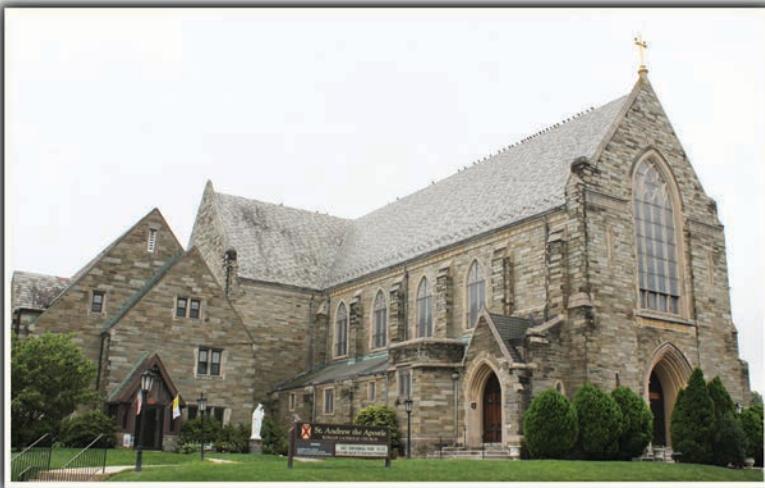
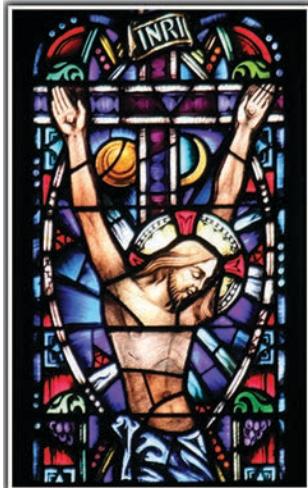


*November 13, 2022*  
*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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

St. Andrew Parish Annual Forty Hours Devotion begins on 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's homilist is Fr. Francis Foley, Pastor of St. Gabriel Parish in Philadelphia. All are invited to join us for evening devotions (November 27) and Masses (November 28 and November 29) at 7:00 PM. The Eucharistic Procession and Benediction will follow Mass on Tuesday.



## This week's Mass Intentions

Monday, November 14, 2022

6:30am John K. ("Jack") Ray (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

6:30am Rita Froeder

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

6:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 17, 2022

6:30am Lucy Desmond

Friday, November 18, 2022

6:30am Edward McLaughlin

Saturday, November 19, 2022

8:00am John K. ("Jack") Ray (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

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 Getzfread, Anne Massinger, Emily Conley Meakim, Thomas Melvin, 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.

## 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, November 20 at 9:00 AM. Please call the Parish office (610-259-1169) for more information and to register.

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

## Parish Outreach Thanksgiving Food Drive

*"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



Over the past year grocery prices have steadily increased and salaries have generally not kept pace. Your neighbors in need could use your assistance. Be Christ to someone this Thanksgiving. Contribute to our food drive. Gift card donations to any grocery store, Target, or Walmart can be handed to Kathy Caporizzo at the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Brown grocery store bags, especially with handles, and reusable store logo bags are greatly needed. Let us spread the love of Christ this holiday.

**Saturday, November 19:** Please bring your donation to the Foss Avenue entrance of McGgettigan Hall between 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. A volunteer will meet you at your car and carry your contribution into the hall. Kindly remain outside. Do not take food to the church or to the rectory.

**Saturday, November 19:** Parish high school students in need of service hours, please call my office. Can you assist in sorting items Saturday morning? Would you be able to help unload the cars? If so, we could use your energy.

### Current Needs

frozen turkeys or turkey breasts  
turkey gravy, stuffing, and cranberry sauce  
fresh white or sweet potatoes  
apples, oranges, bananas  
canned pumpkin, canned yams  
cereal, crackers, beverages  
pancake mix and maple syrup  
canned soup, tuna, veggies and fruit  
pasta and spaghetti sauce  
paper products  
cleaning supplies



## Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

The other day, someone asked if I was losing weight! My vanity went into full throttle and I wanted to say "Yes," but there I was enrobed with the holy vestments after celebrating Holy Mass and I submitted to my conscience and told the truth ... "No." While the person who asked the question was quite sincere, thoughts were taken to the folksy but sage humor of Mark Twain who quipped: "When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old." The Sacred Scriptures that Holy Church offers for our reflection this week, however, direct our attention very seriously to something more significant than my weight or my ageless good looks, to the end times and to our own mortality, i.e., one day each of us will die in this world and yield ourselves to eternity.

The great St. Bernard of Clairvaux is reputed for mumbling the Latin phrase, "*Quid hoc ad aeternitatem?*" (What has this to do with eternity?) when faced with the usual parade of trivial matters of administration of the abbey or dealing with the relational drama among the monks ... What does it really matter in the light of eternity? And yet, and yet, with total respect for eternity, it seems so easy to get caught in the web of the "things" of this world and attach unearned respect and precedent to them over and above those things that ... those persons ... the Person who really matters and have eternal value. At the same time, some of the trivia and drama with which we deal on a daily basis, may be received as God's invitation for growth in our appreciation of and preparation for eternal life, if we choose selflessness over selfishness. It's amazing how we often go through life picking and choosing what we like. Of course, life does depend on our decision making process; we do it all the time. Danger arises, however, when we fail to have an objective standard of truth by which to make these judgements. In a culture that promotes that everyone's opinion has equal weight,

without prejudice, it becomes very difficult for a community to create a safe and secure environment without offending at least someone. The Gospel that the Church offers us for reflection this week, has been used over the centuries to predict the "end of the world" in almost every age. "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky." These words have captured the imagination of believers to describe certain current events in their own time; just as today, there are those that would use it to announce the end! These words, plucked out of the context in which Jesus spoke them, are chosen to serve an agenda rather than the truth. The words in the same passage that are frequently forgotten, hardly referenced or just counted as insignificant are, in fact, the meat of the message that Jesus is preaching. **"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, ...It will lead to your giving testimony.... By your perseverance you will secure your lives."** (my emphases) These words, which call every disciple throughout history to personal responsibility and faith in Jesus form the foundation of the Gospel message. If we are serious about our faith in Jesus Christ: we must stop making excuses for why we can't believe and just admit that we won't; we must avoid blaming persons, various groups or institutions for our lack of faith and take a personal interest in forming a genuine relationship with Christ, rather than using Him as a spiritual bubble gum machine.

Our spiritual life is a life-long journey in which we strip away all the "things of this world" that we think define us as who we are and trust only on God and His grace as the source of our dignity and the purpose and meaning of life. And in the process, in these daily acts of dying-to self, we increase our faith, hope and love and slowly begin to recognize His Presence in our lives and slowly prepare ourselves to open the door of our hearts a little wider when He knocks and seeks entry. When everything comes crashing down; when the house is destroyed by a storm or the job is lost without warning or a beloved person dies unexpectedly, we carry the burden of these tragedies with faith, knowing that we will get through them more easily if we share that burden with the Lord, who carried the cross of human nature unto His own death. Let us, therefore, focus our attention on faith and the world to come; rather than the chaos of this world and its destruction. Let us prepare our hearts to be faithful, by living our lives intentionally in God's loving presence, aware of His countless blessings and His sure help in times of need.

Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous

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may be found on our website.**

## Respect Life Ministry News



You are invited to attend a planning meeting for our annual "Baby Christmas Tree" event. The meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM. We look forward each year to this wonderful event which allows parishioners an easy way to support mothers in crisis pregnancies and their unborn babies. (In some cases we also have an opportunity to help clothe and nurture older siblings as well!) Your generosity over many years has been so overwhelming that we know for certain you have made a positive difference in many lives.

In addition to our scheduled meeting, because we have been blessed by the visitation of the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will meet in Church for a "Prayer Hour for Life" from 5:00-6:00 PM that same evening. The prayer hour will be followed by our dinner meeting at 6:30 PM at a location to be determined. All are welcome to join us for one or both activities! Please call and leave a message or text Raphael for details (610-613-7481).

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Patroness of the Unborn, pray for us!*



St. Andrew the Apostle Parish hosts its annual  
**"Black Friday" Blood Drive**

Friday, November 25  
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
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## 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 ELDER CARE MINISTRY

## Medicare Open Enrollment October 15 to December 7, 2022

Appointments are now being scheduled with Lisa Grillo to assist people who want to explore changing their Medicare Advantage Plan (HMOs and PPOs) or their prescription drug plan (Part D). "Options counseling" is provided by comparing your current plan to other options. You will be provided with all information so you can make an informed decision as to if you'd like to change your plan or stay with your current plan.

Please call Lisa to set up an appointment. Don't delay – appointment times go quickly!

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

## Saint Andrew School Home & School Association Christmas Plant Sale



It will soon be time to start decking the halls, and the Saint Andrew Home & School Association is here to help. From November 7-21 we are accepting orders for poinsettias, door wreaths, and window swags.

Pick-up will be on Friday, December 2 from 3:00 until 6:00 PM in the lobby of Msgr. McGettigan Hall, Fr. Hughes Building.

Please visit our store at <http://StAndrewHSA.CoreCommerce.com/Fundraiser/> to order online before November 21. Proceeds benefit programs that enrich the students' education and enhance their community experience while at Saint Andrew School.

Please direct all questions to [HSAFundraising@SaintAndrewSchool.com](mailto:HSAFundraising@SaintAndrewSchool.com). Thank you for your support!

## 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.

## Expectations for Sacramental Sponsors and Godparents

Godparent and Sponsor are more than honorary titles. We remind our parishioners that a Letter of Eligibility to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent certifies that the person is someone who:

- is at least 16 years of age;
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church;
- attends Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;
- receives the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation often;
- lives in conformity with the teachings of our Catholic faith; and
- if married, has been married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you know that you do not meet these criteria, please reconsider accepting a request to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent. Also consider how to renew your own faith and recommit yourself to its practice in order to assume responsibility for the growth of another's faith. If you have questions or concerns about eligibility that you would like to discuss with the pastor, please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. St. Vincent often asked this simple question: "What would Jesus Christ do, if he were in my place now? Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and put your gift in the poor box for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

## 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. All are welcome! For more information, contact Marguerite Cechvala (484-680-1608).

## "Say the Word" Reflections from CCD / PREP

"What are we celebrating today?" "Halloween!" they all cried. "That's right. The word Halloween comes from All Hallows' Eve. Does anyone know what that means?" They were all quiet. "Well, how about hallow. Is there a prayer that uses the word 'hallow'?" With a little prompting they were able to recognize "hallowed be Thy name" from the Our Father. "That's right. Hallowed means holy and today is the day before All Saints' Day when we celebrate all the holy ones in heaven."

On my recent visit to my family I was able to stop in at the Religious Ed and school that I attended as a child. It reminded me that November is a month when we celebrate the communion of saints - those in heaven, those on Earth, and those in purgatory. This month at PREP we will be praying for those in purgatory and asking the saints in heaven to pray for us. If you would like us to include your loved ones in our prayers, please let me know.

**Prayer for PREP** - Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to pray for those who have died. We pray for all the deceased loved ones of our parish families. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

# ST. ANDREW the APOSTLE CHURCH

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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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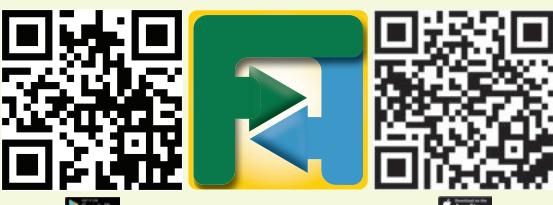
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