

September 18, 2022
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Family Rosary Night



Family Rosary Night resumes on **Wednesday, September 21!**

Join us in church on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM for the Family Rosary. Families of all ages are encouraged to attend. This will be a prayerful experience for families –especially for younger children – to learn the joy of praying the Rosary as a family.

We hope to see you in church on Wednesday evening!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



Are you or is someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? Would you like to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Have you been away from the celebration of the faith, or would you like to learn more about the foundations and teachings of the Catholic faith? We will be starting an RCIA group this fall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nicky Verna in the Parish Office (610-259-1169 or nverna@standrewdh.org).

this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 19, 2022

6:30am Anne C. Brophy

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

6:30am Recently Deceased Sisters of St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:30am John Serwinski, Sr.

Thursday, September 22, 2022

6:30am Patrick O'Kane

Friday, September 23, 2022

6:30am Henry Jahn

Saturday, September 24, 2022

8:00am John and Margaret Vantine

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:
Margaret Baker

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, Jerry Sullivan, Mary Walsh.

Altar Society Volunteers Needed

The St. Andrew Altar Society needs your help! Men and women are needed to assist with cleaning the sanctuary, sacristy, and confessionals; taking care of the altar linens; and arranging missalettes in their proper place in the pews.

The Altar Society team meets on Saturday mornings following 8:00 AM Mass for about one hour once a month. Please call Mary Walsh (610-626-0949) for more information.

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 in the St. Katharine Drexel Room, 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).



St. Andrew Choir

St. Andrew's Choir has resumed rehearsals on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the choir loft!

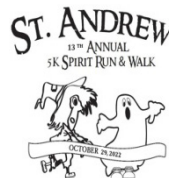
Do you love to sing at Mass? Are you willing to commit Tuesday evenings (7:30-9:00 PM) to rehearsal? If you answered 'yes,' St. Andrew's Choir could be just the place for you. The Choir sings twice a month at Sunday Mass and at major parish liturgies.

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.

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).



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed

Dear Friends,

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth; who will trust

you with true wealth?" (Lk 16: 10-12) If these words of Jesus in today's Gospel didn't send a shiver up your spine; you were probably not listening or grasping the gravity of what He is addressing to all of us. His words focus our attention on the reality of personal integrity and honesty. While we may be influenced by people in our lives, for good or for bad; at the end of the day, the practice of genuine honesty and integrity has nothing to do with anyone else, but ourselves. These virtues are acquired through the practice of stripping away the false self (the one I think I am, should be, or just deserve to be) and accepting the true self dreamed into existence from all eternity by the God of Love.

During my freshman year of College, among the required reading for the Introduction to Philosophy class, was the book by Victor Frankl titled, *Man's Search for Meaning*. Frankl was an Austrian psychiatrist, a Jew and a Holocaust survivor, who was head of the neurology department at the Rothschild Hospital in Vienna in 1942, when he and his family were transported to *Theresienstadt* concentration camp (where his father died of starvation). The family was later transferred to *Auschwitz* (where his mother and brother were murdered in the gas chambers). From 1942 until the end of World War II, Frankl was a prisoner in 4 different concentration camps, in one of which, *Bergen-Belsen*, his wife died to typhus. In that book that I read so many years ago, Frankl wrote: *"Freedom, however, is not the last word. Freedom is only part of the story and half of the truth. Freedom is but the negative aspect of the whole phenomenon whose positive aspect is responsibility. In fact, freedom is in danger of degenerating into mere arbitrariness unless it is lived in terms of responsibility. That is why I recommend that the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast."*

INTEGRITY
IS DOING THE
RIGHT THING.
EVEN WHEN
NO ONE IS
WATCHING.

C.S. LEWIS

Unapologetically, with a wealth of experience of the genuine lack of freedom and of profound personal loss, Frankl was critical of the developing understanding of our notion of freedom popular in the U.S. He strongly disagreed with the cavalier approach to and widespread acceptance of equating freedom with a license to do virtually anything one wants. To Frankl, freedom without responsibility was an oxymoron.

The true practice of faith is not something we do simply because someone else told us, or because there is a dogma that says this or that. Mature faith is achieved when I no longer say "I believe ..."; because, on a certain inexplicable level, "I KNOW." I may not be able to explain it to others, or prove it with empirical data, but again, I do not need to. Faith, on the deepest level, is knowing who I am and Whose I AM. Everything that I am and have belongs to God, who has graciously shared it with you and me. Life is not about "me." We are alive and participate in life not just in this realm of time and space, but unto Life Eternal. Not only has God entrusted the stewardship of creation into our fragile and weak hands, but has conjoined His divine nature with our human nature in Christ.

Highlighting the qualities of honesty, integrity and prayerfulness, ultimately, a right relationship with God, Jesus invites us to put in the effort to acquire a mature faith and to "die to self" letting go of the adolescent things that obscure our sight or block our ability to trust in God alone. We do not wake up one day and decide to behave as an adult. Rather, through childhood and adolescence, we watch how the adults in our lives behave: do they tell the truth? do they respect others by remaining faithful to their word and commitments? do they fulfill their responsibilities well? how do they handle adversity? etc. Kids watch and see everything. As we interact with our peers and our elders we learn how to relate properly. How do we learn or how do we model: Respect for authority, despite its imperfection ("I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.") Respect for others, despite the many things that differ between persons ("The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones.") respect for all life, all we have and are ("If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?"). The Gospel today challenges us to be honest about ourselves, about others and about God. Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous

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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.

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.

St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry

In seeking to protect every life, we offer the following information for resources and services in Delaware County:

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

A Baby's Breath

ABabysBreath.org

121 N. Wayne Avenue, Ste. 102, Wayne, PA 19087
484-580-6436, 24-Hour Hotline 484-571-5540

Delaware County Pregnancy Center

DCPCChester.org

2508 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, PA 19013
610-872-2229

Mothers' Home

MothersHome.org

51 N. MacDade Boulevard, Darby, PA 19023
610-583-HOME

Rachel's Vineyard (post-abortion counseling)

RachelsVineyard.org

808 N. Henderson Road, 2nd floor
King of Prussia, PA 19406
877-HOPE-4-ME

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County

ProLifeDelco.org

720 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083
610-789-LIFE

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.

Pilgrim Virgin



The Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima Ministry is looking for parishioners who are willing to host Our Lady for two weeks at a time. Our Lady only travels within the parish boundaries and serves as a reminder to continue to pray for world peace. To add your name to the calendar to host the statue, or for more information, please contact Brian Murray (410-279-5609 or bmurr86@gmail.com).

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 Mon-Tues-Wed, 9:00AM - 3:00PM. 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.

Rita's Italian Ice Fundraising Nights for SAS



Saint Andrew School is hosting fundraising nights at Rita's Italian Ice at 5060 Township Line Road on Thursday, September 22 and Friday, September 23 from 3:00 until 9:00 PM. Join us and enjoy a sweet treat while raising funds to support our parish school!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



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.

Safe Environment Program clearances are required, and volunteers must be physically able to get down on the floor with the children. Orientation will be provided. Please contact Rosey Lester (RLester@SaintAndrewSchool.com) or visit SaintAndrewSchool.com/catechesis-of-the-good-shepherd to learn more.

Listening Sessions

After completing our Parish Survey and reviewing the findings, the St. Andrew Parish Council will be conducting a series of Listening Sessions for those who would like to discuss and expand on some of the responses. There will be four sessions at varying times 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).

Monday, September 19 at 7:00 PM
Focus: Young Adults ages 18-30

Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 PM
Focus: Adolescents ages 14-17

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

“Say the Word” Reflections from CCD / PREP

by Sr. Debra Marie

Our first day of PREP is Monday, September 19. Both parents and children will meet in St. Borromeo Church at 6:30 PM for our opening prayer service and then the children will be led by their catechists to the school and we will have an informational meeting for the parents in the Church. Please note that we cannot take any registrations on the first day of PREP. If you have not registered but wish your child to be enrolled, you may come to the church on September 19 for the prayer service and parent meeting, but your child will have to stay with you until they are properly registered. We look forward to seeing you all soon! God bless you.

PREP Prayer: Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon our children, our catechists and our parents as we begin this new PREP year. Send out the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them that they all may come to know You better and love You more fervently. Amen.

Around the Archdiocese

Are You Being Called? Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Are you called? We invite Catholic men (and their wives, if married) to join us for an in-person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program. The information session will present details of the current formation program, give an opportunity for those present to ask questions, and to consider an application to the next academic year of the formation process. Potential candidates should be between the ages of 29 and 55 and, if married, in a sacramental marriage for at least five years.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the Vianney Auditorium at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. To learn more, visit ArchPhila.org/deacon or the School of Diaconal Formation website scs.edu/diaconal-formation.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Annual Catholic Women’s Conference



Don't miss your opportunity to register for the annual Catholic Women's

Conference to be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Doylestown, PA). This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Finding Your Freedom in Christ." Visit www.catholicwomensconference.org to register today!

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Our next program will be held August 19-21 at the Family Life Center in Malvern. Another weekend program will be held October 14-16 at the same location. Don't miss your chance to heal your marriage. For more information and to register, please visit HelpOurMarriage.org, or call 215-766-3944.

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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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