



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the little ones.”

Matthew 11:25

Parish Information

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

Reopening Status:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**. The Archdiocese has granted Saint Andrew Parish the permission to hold Mass publically starting July 12, 2020 (*read more on page 4*).

Meanwhile, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

What Children Can Teach Adults

One of the remarkable things about children is that they don't see race or color. When given the option of making a judgement about another child, the usual criteria is simple. "Will the other child allow me to play with them safely?"

Children see another human being and they see a potential friend, a playmate. Adults add complex layers of bias onto their perceptions. They add race, gender, judgement about economic status, culture, and more. In an instant, adults see another human person and adds obstacles to the relationship, often unconsciously. Children have a basic bias - they see a friend.

In many ways this is the bias of the Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus speaks of in the Gospel and why Jesus praises children for having insight that is "hidden from the wise and the learned." It inspired the front cover of the bulletin this weekend which was a photo taken at one of our Coffee and Donut socials prior to the outbreak of COVID-19. May we all strive to overcome the sin of racism by seeing through the eyes (and bias) of a child and to restore a social paradigm of true equality.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*"Our pursuit of
Happiness
finds its fulfillment
in the
pursuit of God."*

Today, our nation celebrates our Declaration of Independence. An independence that denounced the tyranny of the King of England. A declaration that all men have rights to Equality, Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. The establishment of a new government to secure these rights, "laying its foundation on such principles, as to most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness." A 244 year history of establishing these rights for all humanity and pursuing our happiness.

Yet, in these times we hear of the toppling of statues - perhaps a reverence to past idols. We see the Confederate Flag being abolished at sports events. A flag representing the tyranny of slavery. We know of the cry, "Defund the Police." The demand to end the blatant disregard for life. The many protests to acknowledge that Black Lives Matter. The ongoing pursuit, "No justice, No peace." All reminiscent of our Revolutionary War when we declared our independence on July 4, 1776, down with the British Flag for "No Taxation without Representation." They set forth our rights, but even today we are still in pursuit of their fulfillment.

The Declaration of Independence submitted 27 facts as evidence of England's repeated injuries and complete usurpation of the their power over them in an effort to establish absolute tyranny over the colonies in the New World. And the Founders declared their independence on a greater power; that is, on "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." Perhaps, this Truth is no longer so self-evident, and so, we find ourselves in these unhappy times.

Yet, when we pursue with eyes of faith, we find that we are *all created Equal*. "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them," with no further differentiation. Gen 1:27. God blessed us with *the unalienable gift of Liberty* through his Son, the freedom (forgiveness) of our sins. "We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin." Rom 6:6. Jesus *endowed the right of Life* in its fullness by following him. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jn 14:6. Thus, the way to be truly happy is to truly conform ourselves with Christ. So, *our pursuit of Happiness* finds its fulfillment in the pursuit of God.

Yes, through our faith we *all have the Rights* to celebrate this Independence day, and to pursue a *Happy 4th of July!* God Bless!



Vacation Bible School - July 27 -31, 2020

Looking for something for your children to do this summer?
Vacation plans changed? Camps closed?

Saint Andrew will host the “Rocky Railway” Virtual Vacation Bible School targeted for students K-4 from **Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, 2020.**

All children are welcome and older children can also join to help younger children participate.

Cost is \$40 per family. Register at www.standrew.org/vbs



Church Reopens for Mass July 12, 2020

The church will reopen on **Sunday, July 12, 2020** for public Mass at 9:00am.

Public Masses will continue on the following Sundays also at 9:00am and with increased number of participants.

ALL ATTENDEES MUST HAVE A RESERVATION TO PARTICIPATE AND MUST ADHERE TO THE POLICIES FOUND AT www.standrew.org/reopening

The reservation system will open beginning on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 2:00pm . Visit www.standrew.org/reopening or call 773-525-3016 and leave a message.

Join the Reopening Team

The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers must meet the following criteria.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 45 people.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams:

Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team.

To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Service and Sacrifice

Two major holidays mark the beginning and middle of summer: Memorial Day and Independence Day. While these days might be spent picnicking with family or watching fireworks over the lake, they are meant to be reminders of the service and sacrifice offered on the behalf of our nation. We take time away from our usual schedule but to honor and celebrate those who laid down their lives for others.

In the Catholic church, we celebrate feast days to commemorate saints, martyrs, and special events in the life of the church. These important days are listed in the calendar of the church, and they are ordered by degree of importance. They fall into three categories: solemnities, feasts, and memorials.

When celebrating a **solemnity**, the church begins with either Vespers (evening prayer) or sometimes a vigil mass. The Gloria and Creed are recited at the mass. For example: Sundays and Holy Days are considered solemnities. The second highest rank is **feast days**. They do not have an evening celebration (with the exception of our Lord's feast days), and only the Gloria is recited. Finally, **memorials** are important days to celebrate a saint or group of saints.

Consider taking some time to celebrate and honor these special saints on their special days:

June 29 - Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

July 1 - Memorial of Saint Junipero Serra

July 6 - Memorial for Saint Maria Goretti

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JULY

Saturday Vigil 04	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Zec 9:9-10 ROM 8:9, 11-13 Mt 11:25-30
Sunday 05	Mass Intentions	+Robert Ledvina
Monday 06	First Reading Gospel	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 07	First Reading Gospel	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38
	Mass Intentions	+Aurora Vinzons
Wednesday 08	First Reading Gospel	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 09	First Reading Gospel	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10:7-15
	Mass Intentions	+Tyler Gwodz
Friday 10	First Reading Gospel	Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Pentecost Sunday 11	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
		+Isabella Schuch and +Jack Stanton
Sunday 12	Mass Intentions	+Joyce Haderlein and +Colleen O'Malley

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of: Altigracia Monroy, and for all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including **Nick Masterson, Tyler Gwodz, Jack Stanton, Matthew Drumm, Robert Ledvina, Cecelia Vinzons, and Charlie Sullivan.**

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,658,292
Interest on Income	23,867
Total Income	1,682,159
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	870,812

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2020 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,932
Automated Giving	22,837
Loose Cash	168
Total Offertory	33,157
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

