



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” Mark 9:42

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# Parish Information

## Parish Office New Hours:

The parish office has now returned to being open seven days a week. The new hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3pm and Sundays from 9:00 am to noon. Parishioners may stop by to make prayer requests, pay Mass stipends, or seek assistance. Please wear masks when entering the office and remain socially distanced.

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

## Mass Schedule & Confessions:

All are welcome to join us for Mass at the following times:

**Saturday Vigil - 4:00pm, Sunday Morning - 9:00am and 11:00am.**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 3:00pm in the main church.

## Pet Blessing - October 2, 2021:

Bring your pets to the steps of the church on **Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00am** for the annual Blessing of the Pets done in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi. All dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, and domestic animals of any time are welcome. Their presence reminds us how we are stewards who care for the welfare of the entire earth!



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## Parish Staff

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# Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“As disciples of Jesus Christ, we will not be cut off. We will not be abandoned.”*

The scriptures this weekend have a strikingly harsh tone that seems dissonant with what we normally hear. Jesus is rather blatant when he says “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe [in me] to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.” Mark 9:42. There are other tips he gives about cutting off hands that lead to sin and so forth. It is rather harsh and a bit macabre.

Much has been said about the times that we live in and the phenom of “cancel culture.” With fresh eyes upon the scriptures this weekend, it seems that “cancel culture” is not a new idea. Jesus seemed very willing to “cancel” anyone who hurt a child and quite frankly, I agree with him.

But is the way of God that of cancellation? Should we embrace the modern notion of “cancel culture?” What I have found helpful in our current cultural climate are the commentators who note that we are not so much in a time of “cancellation” as much as a time of “consequence.” We are finally holding people in positions of authority accountable for what they say and do. Anyone certainly free to do and say what they want but there are consequences and accountability.

Even as the scriptures sound harsh this weekend, there is another thread within that strike another, more dominant vein. The First Reading has two individuals (Eldada and Medad) who weren’t in the right place at the right time to receive God’s blessing. Low and behold, they still received God’s blessing and began to prophesy. Some wanted to “cancel” them from the recently-made-prophet club but Moses said “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!” Numbers 11:25. Later in the Gospel reading, Jesus the disciples are about to chastise some miracle workers and Jesus responds, “Whoever is not against us is for us.” Mark 9:40.

And herein lies the difference between the destructive nature of “cancel culture” and the life-giving “culture of consequence.” Cancel culture has a corrosive effect, treating the human person as disposable. On the other hand, holding fast to the truth that there are consequences for our actions encourages the inherent dignity of the human person to shine forth. When we are responsible to that dignity, then our best selves are brought forth as we grown and learn from our mistakes.

What is more, it demonstrates that there is a consequence for being rooted in God. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we will not be cut off. We will not be abandoned. We will find surprise blessings overflowing in our life, even when we don’t deserve them. Yes, we will make mistakes, miss appointments, and stumble through things with dumbfounded clumsiness, but we will never be cancelled. God will only deepen the call to lead us to personal transformation. He’ll even reach down to the depths of the sea to find us.





## REBOOT Your Spirituality!

Our popular spirituality program for adults returns this Fall. [REBOOT: Update Your Spirituality](#) will be held on Thursday nights this fall for 6 weeks starting **October 14, 2021**. If you need to start learning, need a booster, or just a refresher on the Catholic Church's trove of spiritual treasure, join us for this 6 weeks faith-enrichment program. To find out more and to register visit [www.standrew.org/reboot](http://www.standrew.org/reboot)

## Run to Support Saint Andrew

Runners and walkers, it is time to prepare! The Annual Saint Andrew 5K Race will be on the morning of **Sunday, October 24, 2021**. The race is designed for the 5K enthusiast as well as family-friendly participation to encourage everyone to get outside and stay fit. Prices vary based on age group. Register soon to ensure that you receive the complimentary merchandise for the event while supplies last. To find out more and to register, go to <http://standrew.org/gather/upcoming-events/5k-running-of-the-bulldogs/>

## Broadcast with Us

Saint Andrew Parish continues to offer live streaming broadcasts of our Masses and special events in the church. That means we are in need of additional volunteer support this ministry. Please volunteer if you have or are willing to learn skills in how to use audio, visual, and live streaming equipment. If interested, please contact David Heimann at [david@standrew.org](mailto:david@standrew.org).



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## God our Creator

For thousands of years, people have given God different names and attributes. In our Catholic tradition, the triune (three in one) God, exists in a beautiful, mysterious relationship between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We participate in this relationship too! Our connection to God as part of creation not only compels us to rely on God's love for our very existence, but also calls us to participate as stewards of the earth, in caring for the gift of our planet - the earth, the skies, the water, and all living creatures who live among us.

In Genesis 1:28, God instructs humanity to "Have dominion over [...] all the living things that crawl on the earth." Dominion in this sense does not mean domination - we are not to use and abuse the earth purely for our own pleasure and profit. If we are made in the image and likeness of God, we are also made to reflect God's mercy, grace, love, and respect for all living things.

God places humanity in creation as part of a larger plan, both as members of creation and as trusted guardians.

### Do At Home

**Watch:** Swap your TV shows for a documentary on God's creation.

**Read:** Writings of Gerard Manley Hopkins, Jesuit priest and poet. Try "God's Grandeur" or "Pied Beauty."

**Do:** Put on gloves and take a trash bag out to clean up your neighborhood with your family or a couple of friends.

**Pray:** There are two beautiful prayers at the conclusion of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si: Care for Our Common Home*. Scroll to the bottom of [this website](#) to find the prayers.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2021

Sunday <b>26</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Nm 11: 25-29</b> <b>Jas 5: 1-6</b> <b>Mk 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48</b>  +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family , +Amanda Fildes
Monday <b>27</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Zec 8: 1-8</b> <b>Lk 9: 46-50</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Tuesday <b>28</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Zec 8: 20-23</b> <b>Lk 9L 51-56</b>  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>29</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14</b> <b>Jn 1: 47-51</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Thursday <b>30</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12</b> <b>Lk 10: 1-12</b>  <b>+Our departed Parishioners</b>
Friday <b>01</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Bar 1: 15-22</b> <b>Lk 10: 13-16</b>  <b>Our departed Parishioners</b>
Sunday <b>03</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	<b>Gn 2: 18-24</b> <b>Heb 2: 9-11</b> <b>Mk 10: 2-16</b>  +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, and +Robert McFadden

For daily readings, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://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 all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19 including the ill, the deceased, and those suffering job loss.
- 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 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, and Amanda Fildes

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,851,712
Interest on Income	32,764
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,884,476</b>
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	157,120
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>811,947</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,072,529</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

August, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	11,134
Automated Giving	25,275
Loose Cash	1,714
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>38,123</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
<b>ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021</b>	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,605
Amount Paid	47,120
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>2,485</b>



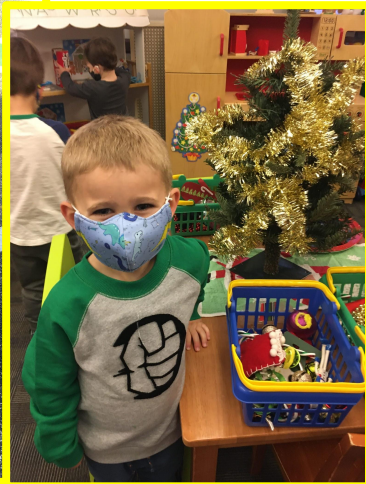


# Saint Andrew School



## Saint Andrew School Introduces Full Day Pre-School for 3 and 4 Year Olds, With Options for Half Day Programs!

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for more information!



## Spirit. Study. Service.