



Saint Andrew Parish

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“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.”
Mark 10:43

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.

Join us for Vespers and Vino

This Sunday, October 17, 2021 is the second of our monthly sung vespers with Saint Benedict Parish. This sung prayer experience will invite you into the sacred prayer of the church with a beautiful candle lighting ritual. All are invited to come at 7:30pm in the main church at Saint Andrew.

After the service, there will be a reception with wine and refreshments.

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.



SUNG VESPERS
PRESENTED BY ST. BENEDICT
& ST. ANDREW PARISHES

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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“Serve others.
Give of yourself.
Lift others up.”*

Any parishioner who has had extended conversations with me probably knows my open mindedness toward other Christian denominations and other religions. As an agent of the church, I root my notably liberal disposition in the documents of the Second Vatican Council - *Et Unum Sint* and *Nostrae Aetate*. These documents state that Christ’s real presence can be experienced to some degree in all Christian churches and God’s presence can be found to some degree in other religions. These are beliefs of the Church articulated from our highest position of dogmatic teaching.

But there are times that I become focussed on the uniqueness of Catholic Christianity and why I feel it is more necessary and more adequate for the challenges that the world faces than other inspired traditions, at least in the minimal ways that I know them. This weekend’s Gospel is a container for one of those times.

Specifically, I think the words of Christ stand out from the world religions and even some denominations of Christianity. Jesus says, *“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.”* Mark 10:45

These lines of scripture are be unique from other religious traditions. In the minimal basics that I know of Islam, my understanding is that Muslims believe in God’s superiority to which the human person can only find happiness if they submit to God’s will (Islam means “submission”). The Jewish covenant asks the human person to adhere to set of laws given by God through Moses. Buddhism believes adherence to a God or even to the necessity of rules of a social contract to be part of the disjoining or suffering that causes unhappiness. More polytheistic religions shape a realm of gods that are above humanity and I find it difficult to discern from them a unifying moral code.

But then there is the Catholic expression of God. This is a god who does not seek the vanity of worship nor the balance on a ledger of good deeds to bad ones. God seeks an activity which God himself models for us. **Serve others, give of yourself, lift others up.** This is something for each of us to do whether we are rich or poor; young or old; father, mother, or childless; employer or employee; gay or straight. There is no criteria which is exempt from the possibility of following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

What is most baffling to me however is that not only does organized Christianity seems to sail over this example of Christ, but it has even trespassed against it by presenting another image. In the desire to codify Jesus Christ and bring him to the center of our political and economic centers, we have somehow disfigured him. We make him look more like a ruler, power broker, or war-general.

The Jesus I know is very different. He is kind and sincere. He is loving and compassionate. His power is not proven through the projection of his might but in the might of his care. Our God, known fully in Jesus Christ, is a god of self-giving love and service to us all. And that, among all other religious ideas, is very unique.





**13th Annual Saint Andrew Parish Running of the
Bulldogs 5K**

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Montrose Harbor, Grove 16 Free Parking

SUNRISE MASS AT 8:15AM

STEP OFF FOR 5K at 9:00AM

STROLLERS WELCOME

KIDS FUN RUN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5K

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LARGEST CLASS PARTICIPATION

WINS AN OPEN GYM PARTY ON FEBRUARY 20, 2022

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT WWW.STANDREW.ORG

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WWW.GOSAINANTANDREW.COM



Trunk or Treat - Sunday October 31, 2021

The Saint Andrew School Board is pleased to announce the return of Trunk-or-Treat - a fun Parish event that will allow the young (and young at heart) to trick-or-treat from trunk-to-trunk in the Parish parking lot. The event will be held on **Sunday, October 31st at 10 a.m.** Please join us at Mass at 9:00am or 11:00am and gather outdoor before or after as a community for Halloween fun. Costumes welcome! Also, because of this event, the Church parking lot will be closed October 31st from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.. We apologize for any inconvenience, but hope the fun makes up for it!

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 now 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/>

Remember Our Beloved Dead

There will be a Mass of Remembrance to remember all of our beloved dead on the Feast of All Souls, **Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00pm**. In this year when so many people have died, there hasn't always been the space to mourn the loss of our loved ones. Parishioners may bring photos of friends and family who have died in the past year to place on our Altar of Remembrance. During the Mass there will be a chance to light a candle in their honor. If you cannot attend, you are encouraged to send photos those recently deceased to info@standrew.org so they may be included in this year's Altar of Remembrance.



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.

OCTOBER, 2021

Sunday 17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 53: 10-11 Heb 4: 14-16 Mk 10:35-45 +Thomas Cooney Family+ Dockery Family,+Edward Hettinger, + Robin Wilkins and +Joseph Nguyen Loc
Monday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	2 Tim 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 19	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 5: 12-15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12: 35-38 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 20	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 6: 12-18 Lk 12: 39-48 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 21	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 6: 19-23 Lk 12: 49-53 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 22	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Rom 7: 18-25a Lk 12: 54-59 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jer 31: 7-9 Heb 5: 1-6 Mk 10: 46-52 +Thomas Cooney Family, +The Dockery Family, +John Kaufman and +Mary Lou Jones

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 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, + Edward Hettingerd, +Robin Wilkins and +Joseph Nguyen Loc

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,855,847
Interest on Income	32,764
Total Income	1,888,980
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
Total Expense	811,947
Balance	1,077,033

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September, 2021 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,663
Automated Giving	23,163
Loose Cash	1,583
Total Offertory	34,409
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021	
Goal	33,945
Amount Pledged	49,605
Amount Paid	47,120
Balance Due	2,485

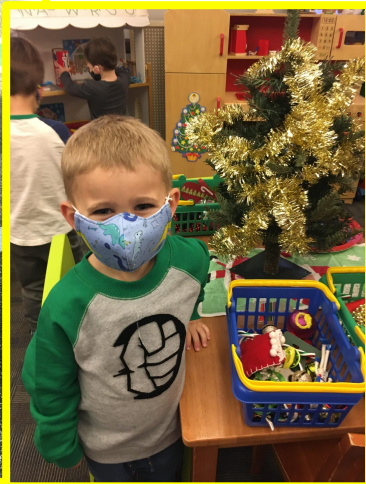


Saint Andrew School



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

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