



# Saint Andrew Parish

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“Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
They are like a tree planted beside the waters.” Jeremiah 17:7-8

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# Parish Information

## Parish Office Hours:

The parish office is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 2pm 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 Sung Vespers

Join us on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 7:30pm when we will join together with Saint Benedict parish for sung vespers in the main church at Saint Benedict, 2215 W. Irving Park Rd. This sung prayer experience will invite you into the sacred tradition of the church with a beautiful candle lighting ritual. All are invited to come attend and enter into the beauty of music in prayer that is part of our Catholic tradition.



**SUNG VESPERS**  
PRESENTED BY ST. BENEDICT  
& ST. ANDREW PARISHES  
Sunday, February 20th at 7:30pm

## 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.

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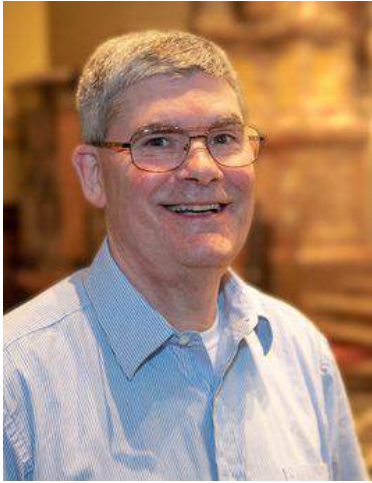
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# Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“I said a Valentine  
prayer for you  
and asked the Lord  
above  
to fill your heart  
and bless your soul  
with the precious  
gift of love.”*

My granddaughters have been busy. All excited, as they prepare their Valentine cards adorned with hearts and x's and o's. Of course, these cards are supposed to be a surprise. Still, they will be offered freely, as their gifts of love and joy, and perhaps, even wrapped in the innocence of a child. As Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Mt 19:14) Perhaps, a glimpse of heaven?

Saint Valentine is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14, and commonly associated with "courtly love." Although not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, and whether or not the stories involve two different saints by the same name is also not officially decided. Yet, it is highly agreed that St. Valentine was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.

What is believed to be the first representation of St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says, while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine."

Still today, the holiday is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance. We pray that it is celebrated in sincerity with giving hearts. Not hearts of stone, or made of paper, but hearts filled with joy, innocence and the love of God. For “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us,” so that we in turn may freely give his love ...and thus; witness a glimpse of heaven. (Rom 5:5)

So, as children of God, we freely offer this prayer for each other:

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
and asked the Lord above  
to fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end. (catholic.org)

Well, I need to prepare myself by putting a surprised-look upon my face -- always eager to hear their cries of joy and glee, as the freely offer their gifts of love --  
“Your Valentine.”

Happy Valentine's Day, and with God's love - xoxoxo



## Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. Your gift will provide inspiration, education and services to the less fortunate in our Archdiocese and throughout the world.

Commitment weekend will be the weekend of February 20

## Wearin' the Green Tickets Go Live!

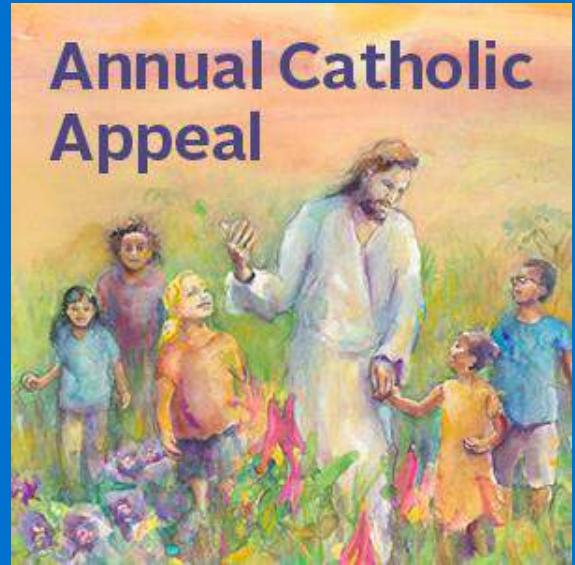
The date for Saint Andrew's annual fundraiser, "Wearin' the Green" has been announced. Please mark your calendars for the evening of **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. Saint Andrew will celebrate with fun, dining, and our live and silent auction. Don't miss this chance to be a part of and support Saint Andrew!

## Ash Wednesday Schedule

March 2, 2022

Ashes will be distributed at the following

7:30 am	Prayer Service
1:30 pm	Prayer Service
7:30 pm	Mass



# Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

## The Sacraments

In *Living the Sacraments*, author Joe Paprocki describes the sacraments as “thin moments,” significant opportunities when “we find ourselves encountering and keenly aware of the divine presence.” Kathleen Hughes, RSJ, sees the sacraments as opportunities to “[hallow and celebrate] everyday experience, inviting us to deeper participation of the mystery of God with us.”

When we celebrate a sacrament, we celebrate in a very tangible way the intangible God - we have a visible reminder of God’s love for us. These are not the only moments when we encounter God, but they are moments when we can see and hear God acting directly through the sacramental rites to touch us, individually.

Take some time this week to contemplate how you live the sacraments daily.

### Sacraments of Christian Initiation

(Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)

- Do I put pressure on myself to be perfect or complete in God’s eyes? Can I allow myself the grace to be “on the journey” of conversion?

### Sacraments of Healing

(Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick)

- Am I holding back forgiveness and healing from those who I have hurt or who have hurt me? Do I practice the corporal works of mercy?

### Sacraments of Service

(Matrimony, Holy Orders)

- Do I spend a great deal of time turning in toward myself and my own concerns? How am I serving others? Do I expect something in return? Do I graciously allow others to help me?

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

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

### February, 2022

Sunday <b>13</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jer 17: 5-8 1 Cor 15: 12-6 Lk 6: 17, 20-26  +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family, +Marietta Castillo Cavancz, +June Palm and +Dorothy Menze
Monday <b>14</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jas 1: 1-11 Mk 8: 11-13  +Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday <b>15</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jas 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21  Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday <b>16</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jas 1: 19-27 Mk 8: 22-26  Our Departed Parishioners
Thursday <b>17</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jas 2: 1-9 Mk 8: 27-33  Our departed Parishioners
Friday <b>18</b>	First Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	Jas 2: 14-24, 26 Mk 8: 34- 9:1  Our departed Parishioners
Sunday <b>20</b>	First Reading Second Reading Gospel  Mass Intentions	1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 1 Cor 15: 45-49 Lk 6: 27-38  +Thomas Cooney Family and +The Dockery Family

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, +Dockery Family, + Marietta Castillo Cavancz, +June Palm and +Dorothy Menze.

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,855,847
Interest on Income	32,764
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,888,980</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>1,077,033</b>

### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

January, 2022 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	8,539
Automated Giving	24,699
Loose Cash	2,907
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>36,145</b>
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	<b>38,500</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS 2021</b>	
Envelopes	11,449
Loose Cash	3,270
Automated Giving	13,090
<b>Total Christmas Giving</b>	<b>27,809</b>



# Saint Andrew School



## Preschool to 8th Grade Admission Sessions

9am

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

Join us for an  
Open House on  
November 18th at 6pm!  
(773) 248-2500  
[www.GoSaintAndrew.com](http://www.GoSaintAndrew.com)



## Spirit. Study. Service.

- 2013 & 2020 National Blue Ribbon School
- 3 & 4 year old Full Day Preschool programs
- Full Day Kindergarten program
- A rigorous curriculum tailored to each student
- Art, Music, Spanish, Technology and Phys. Ed.
- Catholic values for life: Spirit. Study. Service.
- Before + After school care
- A vibrant family community

