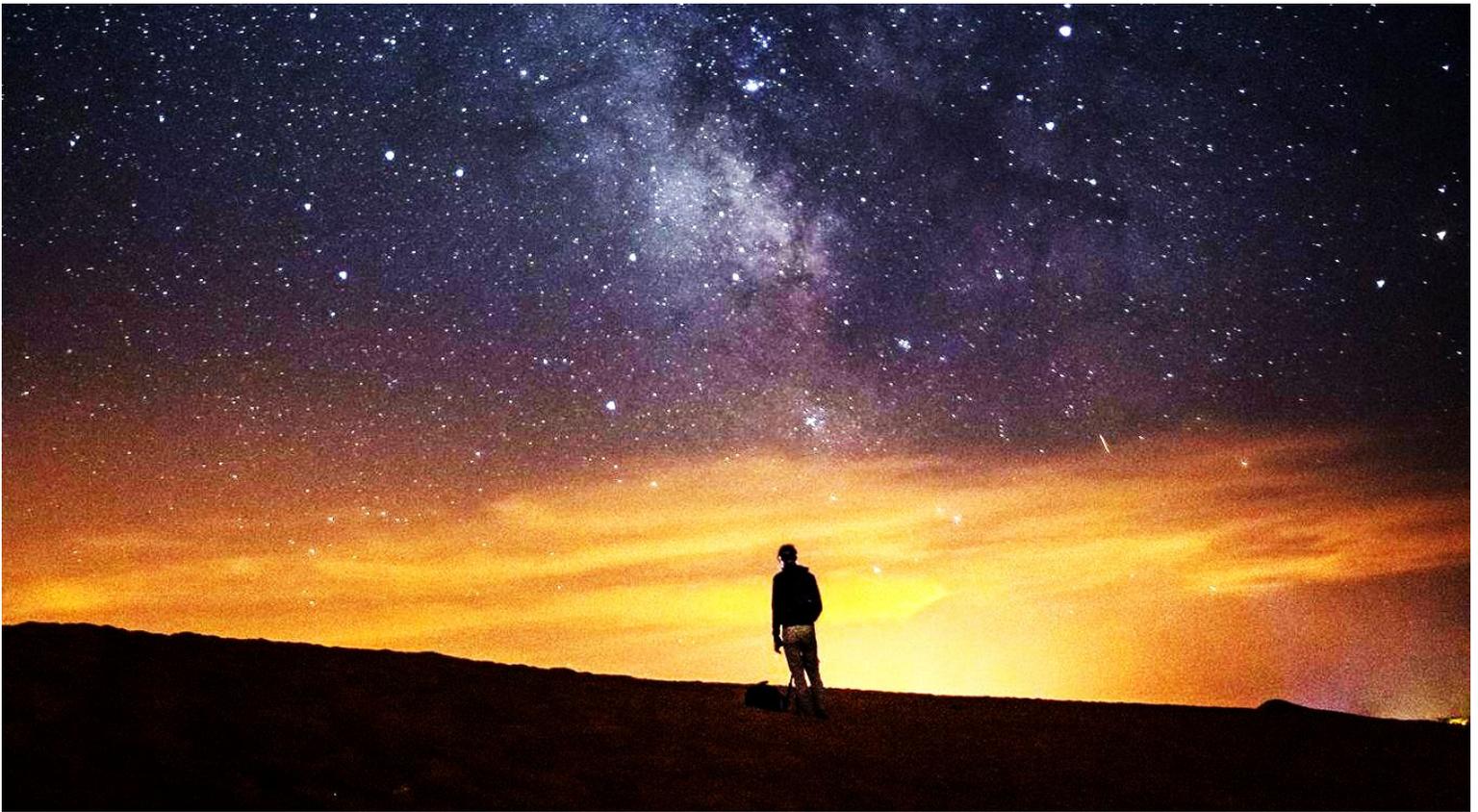




Saint Andrew Parish

GATHER • LEARN • LOVE



“The LORD said to Abram ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars if you can. Just so shall your descendants be.’ Genesis 15:5

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 773-525-3016 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.

Stations of the Cross are held each Friday at 6:30 PM during Lent.

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

Current Safety Measures:

Masks are optional and recommended at public worship.

- Please be respectful of others and their decision regarding masks usage
- If you have symptoms of any illness, please continue to isolate
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, you must continue to wear a mask for an additional 5 days after a 5-day quarantine.

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Pastoral Letter

by Deacon Eric Sorensen



*“Indeed, all things
are possible for
those who put their
trust in God.”*

Rita and I recently saw the movie, *The Shack*, the 2017 release. Perhaps you have already seen it yourselves. It is taken from William Young’s book “The Shack,” which was a best seller some years back. The movie takes a few liberties from the book, but still reflects the losses in Mack Phillips life and the depressive spiral his life has taken. As the story centers on Mack’s healing, it does so by encouraging him to focus on three important truths of our faith:

- How real and generous is God’s love for each of us.
- God’s excessive efforts to establish a relationship with each of us.
- And our need to put our complete trust in God - to be healed, to be renewed, to be alive.

I particularly liked the movie’s portrayal of the Trinity and how the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit associate in unity. And how God exists as three distinct persons. Perhaps it helps us to see and understand the actions of God in our lives. True, it is hardly the fullness of Truth, but it does give a partial vision of Scripture. Perhaps, even a dazzling glimpse of what the glory of God might be.

Yet, Mack, like us in so many ways, is so consumed in his losses and pain. He is unable to reconcile that God is good; that God can love. Because he’s in pain, ‘He only sees through a knot-hole.’ But God is ever-patient and kind, and is ever-present, all the while, trying to establish a closer relationship with Mack, never giving up. Only when Mack is willing to forgive is he finally able to start letting go of his losses, and accept the presence of God into his life. Through his journey into faith, putting his trust in God, he begins to heal.

We are all on different faith journeys this Lent. We too have our hurts and losses. We too are angry and bitter. We too have complaints and grudges. Unfortunately, such feelings are so all-consuming, and just like Mack, they lead to depressive spirals in our own lives. But this is not the faith journey God wills for us. This Lent we are supposed to let go to receive the love of God. We are supposed to reach out to find God presence in our lives. We are supposed to admit we are sinful and put our trust in the mercy of God. I believe the movie presents a fair vision of these truths. And I believe that we are supposed to find healing in the loving arms of God.

At the end Mack is given a free choice to remain with God or to return home to his family. At first it seems that either choice is quite okay. But ...*spoiler – alert*, Mack returns and finds that he is able to reestablish lost relationships; to once again offer his love freely; and through his love to heal so many around him. Indeed, all things are possible for those who put their trust in God.

May our Lenten Journey renew us - through our trust in God. Blessings, always!



Come to the Fish Fry!

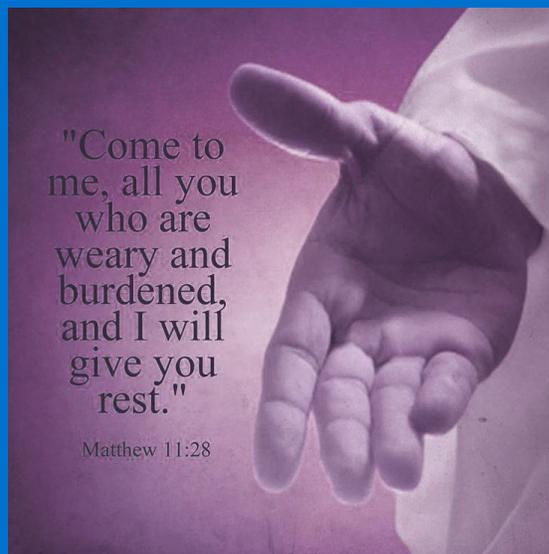
We're excited to announce the return of one of Saint Andrew's most cherished events, our annual Lenten Fish Fry. Come and join us on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm as we gather in the gymnasium to mark Lent with Fish baskets, Mac & Cheese, and a lot of fun. Order your dinner baskets [HERE!](https://saintandrew.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/LentenFishFry/Buytickets/tabid/1290969/Default.aspx) The event is BYOB! Don't miss out!

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Parish Mission - REST IN ME

The annual joint Parish Mission for Saint Andrew and Saint Benedict Parishes will take place on **Sunday, March 27 at 4:00pm** and **Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm** featuring Fr. Mike Shanahan LPC. If you find that stress, anxiety, and tension are driving your life, come and see how spiritual practice can calm and center your heart. Fr. Mike is both a priest and mental health professional who will offer insight and guidance on how our Catholic Faith can guide us through these difficult times.



Holy Week Schedule 2022

Please joins us for the liturgies of Holy Week

Palm Sunday - April 9 at 4 pm and April 10 at 9 & 11am

Holy Thursday - April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00pm

Adoration from 8pm to Midnight

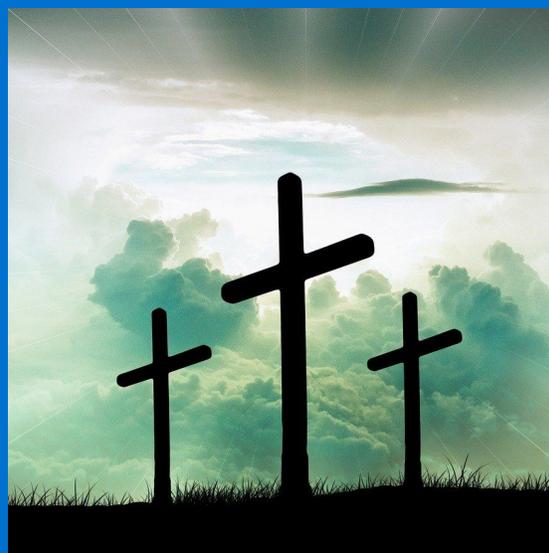
Good Friday - April 15

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 16

Blessing of Easter Baskets - 11:00am

Easter Vigil - 8:00pm



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Forty Days of Lent

The Bible is filled with significant numbers, like 3, 7, 12, and 40. Have you ever wondered why Lent is connected to the number 40?

In the bible, the number 40 is mentioned quite a bit. During the flood, it rains for 40 days and 40 nights on Noah's ark. Moses spends 40 nights on Mt. Sinai. The Jewish people wandered for 40 years in the desert. Goliath taunts the Israelites for 40 days. Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert. So, consider: What do these events have in common?

They are times of waiting, testing, suffering... and they are all followed by a time of rejoicing. After the flood, the world has been given fresh to humanity. God gives Moses laws of love. The Jewish people are brought to their promised land. David beats Goliath. And Jesus begins his ministry.

Whenever we hear the number "40," we might want to focus on the time of suffering, but God is using this time to prepare us for some "glorious unfolding." We have certainly had our fair share of waiting in the last year, and wonder what God may have in store for us at the end of this pandemic. What might God be asking you to consider, change, or examine as we prepare for that glorious unfolding? And what marvelous calling may the Holy Spirit move us toward when we arrive in that place?

Things to Do at Home:

Pray: Take the 40 second challenge: Start with 40 seconds of daily prayer, and increase the same amount every day.

Do: Establish a new tradition to countdown to Easter with your family. Design a special calendar for kids to mark off, or light a candle each night at dinner to mark the days.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

March, 2022

Sunday 13	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 15: 5-12, 17-18 Phil 3: 17- 4:1 Lk 9: 28b-36 +Thomas Cooney Family, The Dockery Family, and +Felipe Espaldon
Monday 14	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dn 9: 4b-10 Lk 6: 36-38 Our departed Parishioners.
Tuesday 15	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 16	First Reading Second Reading Mass Intentions	Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28 +Sharon Sanchez
Thursday 17	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 18	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Gn 37: 3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 20	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Ex 3: 1-8a, 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13: 1-9 +Thomas Cooney Family +The Dockery Family, Deceased of the Kauman, Drury, Cassidy and Hood Families and +Rev. John Parker

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



St. Andrews and St Benedict Parishes
invite All to our Combined Lenten Mission

Rest in Me

Are anxiety, stress and tension
driving your life?

Fr. Mike, a mental health professional
will help us use prayer to calm
and center our hearts and help us find

Rest in God.

Fr Mike will share at St Benedict Parish on
Sunday, March 27th at 4pm
and at St. Andrew Parish on
Monday, March 28th at 7pm

All are invited to both sessions.



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MISSION PRESENTER: FR. MIKE SHANNAHAN LPC



FRIDAY
APRIL 8
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Saint Andrew Gym at
Addison & Paulina

FISH BASKET
MAC & CHEESE
BASKET
BYOB!



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ANDREW



Order your dinners
today at
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Pray for Peace in Ukraine

Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace

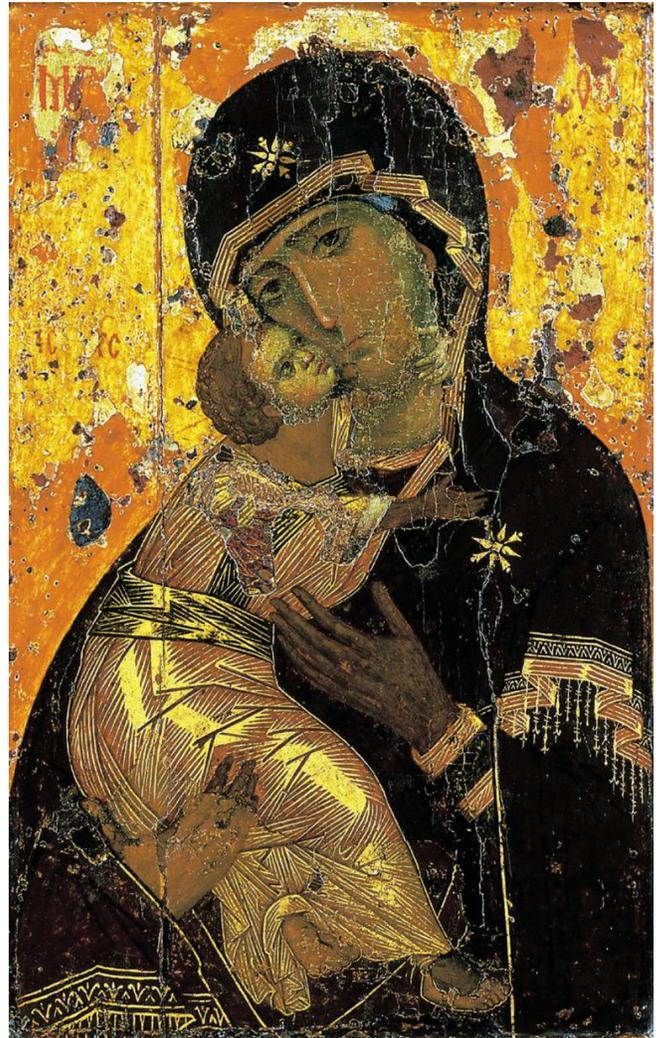
Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!
We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried...
But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost".
Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.



Our Lady of Kyiv

Pray for us

CHILDREN'S GARAGE SALE

DATE: Saturday, May 14, 2022

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

BARGAIN BLOWOUT: 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Saint Andrew Gym – Corner of Addison & Paulina

ADMISSION: \$1 Donation

The Saint Andrew Garage Sale is back! Please donate!

Start cleaning out your closets, basement, garage and attic now!!

Donation drop off dates and times will be announced in March.

- CASH AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED -

To volunteer or for more information contact Julie Richards at
Julie@standrew.org

All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew Parish.

Unsold items will be donated to charity.

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, and +Felipe Espaldon

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,879,010
Interest on Income	35,309
Total Income	1,914,319
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)	128,380
Total Expense	923,297
Balance	991,023

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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



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



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