



Saint Andrew Parish

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“I am the good shepherd and I know mine
and mine know me.” John 10:14

Parish Information

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

Contacting Parish Staff:

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

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.

Wearin' the Green - Saturday, May 1, 2021

Today is the last day to order dinner packages for Wearin' the Green on **Saturday, May 1, 2021**.

Saint Andrew's annual fundraiser and auction will be virtual but the food is quite real and offered by Chef Giuseppe Tentori.

The main auction will be broadcast at 7:00pm and is free to watch but to participate in the auction, the pre-event and post-event entertainment (*Comedian Pat McGann seen to the right*), please purchase a tickets and dinner at www.wearinthegreen.com

Please support this important evening that celebrates and advances the mission of Saint Andrew Parish.



Chef Giuseppe Tentori

Comedian Pat McGann



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Pastoral Letter

by Kascha Sanor, Pastoral Ministry Assistant



*“Holy Spirit you
are welcome here.
A prayer.”*

This past Sunday, Saint Andrew Parish held a confirmation retreat for our middle school students. They spent 3 hours in the Church, and some even brought pillows and blankets to make cozy nests in the pews. (I will not confirm nor deny a few naps!) The theme was ‘learning how to pray’.

I was in the back of the church, intending to read for grad school or send thank you emails to our safety team (still coming!), but instead found myself fully participating in the opening rosary, centering prayer, and reflective journaling. I realized, I do not remember the last time I have intentionally thought about prayer - What is it? How do I do it? When do I do it?

As it turns out, my prayer has taken many forms (thank God)! I know that my tendency has been to go *to* God in prayer. I bring a request, a temptation, or on my brighter days, offer thanksgiving. I ask for miracles or magic. However, as I mature in both age and faith, my prayer is transforming from going *to* God in prayer, to going *with* God in prayer. I’m learning to acknowledge the sacred, and not so sacred of the ordinary.

Rather than asking “Why God, are you doing this to us?”, I find myself leaning into the question “Where God, are you in this?”.

This time last year, during the first wave of the pandemic, I was a hospice chaplain. My spiritual well-being truly depended on understanding God *with* us and among us. Before entering each hospital room, I would pause at the door, take a deep breath, and exhale “Holy Spirit you are welcome here”. A prayer.

Jesuit theologian Walter Burghardt offers the reflection of prayer as “a long, loving look at the real”. This Easter Season, I have desperately been searching for the resurrection amidst the real. In doing so, I am, we are, witnesses to variants, vaccines, and verdicts - to both Easter and Empire. It is abundantly clear that God's reign is already and still not yet.

Where is God in this, and where is God calling us? As an Easter people, how can we more honestly embody our prayer and incarnate the Gospel?

God of creation, Christ of the crucifixion, and Spirit of life be with us.



Worship In Person at Saint Andrew

Even as more people are vaccinated, the guidelines for safe attendance at Mass remain in place. We are pleased to welcome you in person to give thanks and praise to God.

Mass for the public is held every Sunday at 9:00 am and starting on **Sunday, May 9, 2021** the general public will also be welcomed to the 11:00 am Mass.

Attendees must meet travel ban regulations, be symptom free, and wear a mask. Reservations are required to attend. Make a reservation at www.standrew.org/mass-reservations

Worship at Home

Many people are still homebound or restricted from coming to church due to the pandemic. Please avail yourself to our our resources to worship God from home. Every Saturday, at-home prayer resources are emailed to those on our contact list. You can also find these resources at

<http://www.standrew.org/about-us/your-sunday-connection/>

Sunday Mass at 9:00am is live streamed to watch in real time and it is saved as a recording for parishioners to watch throughout the day. Witness other parishioners read the word of God, the consecration of the Eucharist, and the beauty of Saint Andrew church. www.standrew.org/sundaymass

Join Our Safety Team

Our Safety Team helps to ensure that we can continue to hold public Masses by safeguarding our pandemic protocols including, set-up, greeting/ushering, and clean up. We are in need of additional members of the team as we expand our available Masses for public worship. Especially if you may have the benefit of receiving a vaccine, please consider volunteering for this important ministry in 2021 so that others can attend Mass safely. Find out more and sign up at

<http://www.standrew.org/volunteer-church-safety/>



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

The Easter Season

Pop quiz! Which season is longer: Lent or Easter? Most of us are familiar with the 40 days of Lent, and might think that Easter only lasts one day. But the Easter season officially lasts 50 days! If we were gathered for mass, we would see and hear these changes in the liturgy: the deep purple vestments give way to bright white, the Gloria is sung again, and the bareness of the altar would be covered in beautiful flowers. These signs tell us Jesus is risen!

The Easter season does not end with Jesus' return to heaven, on the Ascension of our Lord (May 16). He promised his disciples that he would send an "advocate," which is sometimes translated to "helper." This promise was the gift of the Holy Spirit, which instructs and guides us individually and as a church to grow in love and knowledge of God. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (May 23), which officially concludes the season.

But if the Holy Spirit is still with us, does Easter really end? Maybe not. Saint Augustine once said, "We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"

At Home with Emmaus [\(Luke 24:13 13-35\)](#)

The gospel story of the Road to Emmaus provides us with ways to celebrate the Easter season. We can...

...read the Old Testament, and discover the scripture Jesus "opened" to the disciples. Try [Dt 18:15](#), [Psalm 22:1 1-18](#), and [Isaiah 53](#)

... go for a walk. Invite Jesus to meet you on the road, especially if your heart feels heavy.

... bake bread; Jesus revealed himself in the breaking of it. Here are [50 quick breads](#).

Hey! That's one for every day of Easter!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

APRIL/MAY 2021

Sunday 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18 Our departed Parishioners
Monday 26	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 1-10 Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 27	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 12: 24-13: 5a Jn 12: 44-50 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 29	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 30	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6 Our departed Parishioners
May Sunday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8 +Edward & Jean Dougherty and +Leuvina Castillo Jalbuena

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 Sandra Burns, Loretta Ferenzi, Robert Ledvina, and Antonio Seranilla

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	1,742,607
Interest on Income	31,415
Total Income	1,774,021
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	962,075

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

March, 2021 Offering

Envelopes Collection	5,635
Automated Giving	21,973
Loose Cash	735
Total Offertory	28,343
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Annual Catholic Appeal	
2020 Goal	34,114
Amount Pledged	78,092
Amount Paid	68,522
Balance Due	11,105

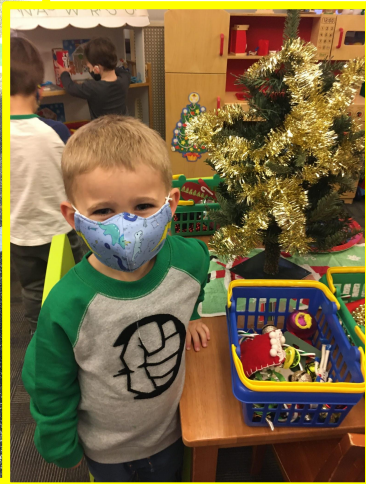


Saint Andrew School



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

Contact Anne Japsen in
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Spirit. Study. Service.



Overview of Laudato Si'

Chapter One – WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COMMON HOME (Pollution and climate change; Pollution, refuse and the culture of waste; Climate as a common good; The issue of water; Loss of biodiversity; Decline in the quality of human life and the breakdown of society; Global inequality; Weak responses; A variety of opinions).

Chapter Two – THE GOSPEL OF CREATION (The light offered by faith; The wisdom of the Biblical accounts; The mystery of the universe; The message of each creature in the harmony of creation; A universal communion; The common destination of goods; The gaze of Jesus).

Chapter Three – THE HUMAN ROOTS OF THE ECOLOGICAL CRISIS (Technology: creativity and power; The globalization of the technocratic paradigm; The crisis and effects of modern anthropocentrism; Practical relativism; The need to protect employment; New biological technologies).

Chapter Four – INTEGRAL ECOLOGY (Environmental, economic and social ecology; Cultural ecology; Ecology of daily life; The principle of the common good; Justice between the generations).

Chapter Five – LINES OF APPROACH AND ACTION (Dialogue on the environment; In the international community; Dialogue for new national and local policies; Dialogue and transparency in decision-making; Politics and economy in dialogue for human fulfillment; Religions in dialogue with science).

Chapter Six – ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND SPIRITUALITY (Towards a new lifestyle; Educating for the covenant between humanity and the environment; Ecological conversion; Joy and peace; Civic and political love; Sacramental signs and the celebration of rest; The trinity and relationships between creatures; Queen of all creation; Beyond the sun).

The following text offers an overview of the 191 pages of the Encyclical *Laudato si'* and its key points, along with a summary of each of its six chapters (“What is happening to our common home”, “The Gospel of Creation”, “The human roots of the ecological crisis”, “Integral ecology”, “Lines of approach and action”, and “Ecological education and spirituality”). The Encyclical concludes with an interreligious prayer for our earth and a Christian prayer for Creation.

“What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?” (160). This question is at the heart of *Laudato si'* (May You be praised), the anticipated Encyclical on the care of the common home by Pope Francis. “This question does not have to do with the environment alone and in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal”. This leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and its values at the basis of social life: “What is the purpose of our life in this world? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us?” “Unless we struggle with these deeper issues – says the Pope – I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results”-.

The Encyclical takes its name from the invocation of St. Francis, “Praise be to you, my Lord”, in his *Canticle of the Creatures*. It reminds us that the earth, our common home “is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us”. We have forgotten that “we ourselves are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.”



Overview of *Laudato Si'*

Now, this earth, mistreated and abused, is lamenting, and its groans join those of all the forsaken of the world. Pope Francis invites us to listen to them, urging each and every one – individuals, families, local communities, nations and the international community – to an “ecological conversion”, according to the expression of St. John Paul II. We are invited to “change direction” by taking on the beauty and responsibility of the task of “caring for our common home”. At the same time, Pope Francis recognizes that “there is a growing sensitivity to the environment and the need to protect nature, along with a growing concern, both genuine and distressing, for what is happening to our planet”. A ray of hope flows through the entire Encyclical, which gives a clear message of hope. “Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home”. “Men and women are still capable of intervening positively”. “All is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start”.

Pope Francis certainly addresses the Catholic faithful, quoting St. John Paul II: “Christians in their turn “realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith”“. Pope Francis proposes specially “to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home”. The dialogue runs throughout the text and in chapter 5 it becomes the instrument for addressing and solving problems. From the beginning, Pope Francis recalls that “other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have also expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections” on the theme of ecology. Indeed, such contributions expressly come in, starting with that of “the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew”, extensively cited in numbers 8-9. On several occasions, then, the Pope thanks the protagonists of this effort – individuals as well as associations and institutions. He acknowledges that “the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all [...] have enriched the Church’s thinking on these questions”. He invites everyone to recognize “the rich contribution which the religions can make towards an integral ecology and the full development of humanity”.

The itinerary of the Encyclical is mapped out in n. 15 and divided into six chapters. It starts by presenting the current situation based on the best scientific findings available today, next, there is a review of the Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition. The root of the problems in technocracy and in an excessive self-centeredness of the human being are analyzed. The Encyclical proposes an “integral ecology, which clearly respects its human and social dimensions”, inextricably linked to the environmental question. In this perspective, Pope Francis proposes to initiate an honest dialogue at every level of social, economic and political life, that builds transparent decision-making processes, and recalls that no project can be effective if it is not animated by a formed and responsible conscience. Ideas are put forth to aid growth in this direction at the educational, spiritual, ecclesial, political and theological levels. The text ends with two prayers; one offered for sharing with everyone who believes in “God who is the all-powerful Creator”, and the other to those who profess faith in Jesus Christ, punctuated by the refrain “Praise be to you!” which opens and closes the Encyclical.

Several main themes run through the text that are addressed from a variety of different perspectives, traversing and unifying the text: the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policies, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle.

Vatican City, 18 June 2015 (VIS) – <http://www.news.va/en/news/overview-of-the-encyclical-laudato-si>