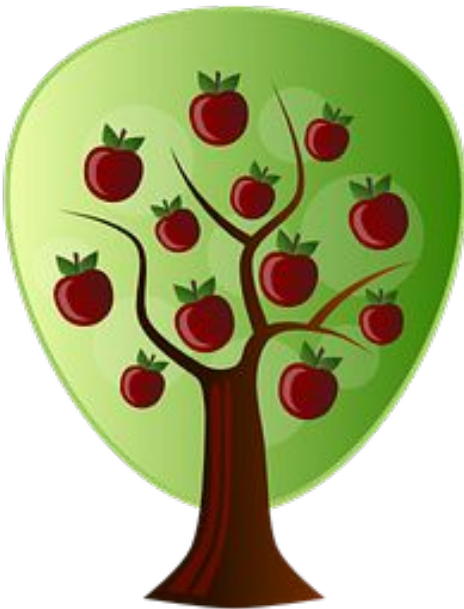




Saint Andrew Parish

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“The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one’s speech disclose the bent of one’s mind.” Sirach 27:4-7

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.

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.

Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, March 2, 2022

- 7:30 am Prayer Service
- 1:30 pm Prayer Service
- 6:30 pm Mass

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

Safety Measures Changing Effective February 28, 2022:

Masks are optional and recommended at public worship after February 28, 2022.

- 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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Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine - March 2, 2021

Pope Francis has called upon Catholics to enter into a day of fasting and prayer on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2021 for the sake of Peace in Ukraine.

“Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks,” the Pope said, “increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up,” with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain. Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests,” he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those “with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.”

He also prayed that “all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”

Speaking at the pope’s general audience, he called on believers “in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day” as he expressed his deep sadness at the worsening international situation.



I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace: let believers dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

#PrayTogether

#Peace



Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Ash Wednesday is traditionally the day that we hold a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Our collection takes on special significance this year as the collection will support those ministering to the crisis regions of this most recent conflict. Find out more about the collections and donate directly at www.usccb.org/ccee

Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



*“May we adhere to
the care God has
for us all.”*

Perhaps you have heard about the difference between *knowledge* and *wisdom*. The saying goes, “*Knowledge* is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. *Wisdom* is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.”

The playful pirouette of wording might give us a slight chuckle or even the slight tilt of a smile when we hear it. Such are the sayings of wisdom (proverbs) which land abundantly upon us in this Sunday’s Sacred Scriptures. There are so many prolific quips this weekend, it is almost like a snow squall. Their rapid fire litany makes it difficult to digest their impact without slowing them down a bit.

We’re probably familiar with the one that goes “How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye.’ (Luke 6:41) It is a classic aphorism to pull out on anyone who’s narcissism demonstrates blatant hypocrisy. But it’s also funny. If you slow down and imagine the ridiculous nature of the example Jesus illustrates, you can’t help but chuckle. Who can see the speck in another’s eye when you’ve got a two-by-four in front of you?

I personally get a chuckle out of Luke 6:44 “For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.” While I’ve never been involved in the agriculture of figs or grapes, the metaphor sticks. Perhaps a modern day parallel is that you can’t purchase software from the detergent aisle at the grocery store.

We can laugh at wisdom’s precepts, but the acquisition of wisdom is hardly easy. Too often, as we daringly dash to confront the world with brazen innocence, our mistakes are pointed out to us by the more experienced and knowing. With admonition comes shame and guilt. I wish it weren’t so.

Even recently, within the governance of our parish I have advocated, “Why don’t we just tear the building down?” (referring to the Annex building on the corner of Paulina and Addison). The answer came back, “When do you propose we remove the asbestos? Before the building comes down or after everyone breathes it into their lungs?”

There are parishioners more informed than me and for that I am grateful. In fact, as I look around Saint Andrew Parish, I am repeatedly thankful that there are people more experienced and wiser. If I bring any wisdom to the conversation, it is in acknowledging that communities are not companies. They are not corporations who are judged on the contents of financial spreadsheet.

Our bottom line, our balance sheet is one that takes the long view. It is a place that grows the fruit of compassion, of love, of families valued for their journey, of individuals who may have stopped by only once, but know, “I was moved closer to God by the touch of God’s wisdom.” Sometimes we measure the fruit of Saint Andrew Parish by the smile of a First Communicant and sometimes by the tear of a widower at a funeral. It is only evident when we look at the whole picture and see the good work God has done in each of us.

Or as the First Reading puts it this weekend, “The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had.” (Sirach 27:6). May we adhere to the care God has for us all.



Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

The observance of Lent will begin on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with the distribution of ashes at the following times.

- 7:30 am Prayer Service
- 1:30 pm Prayer Service
- 6:30 pm Mass

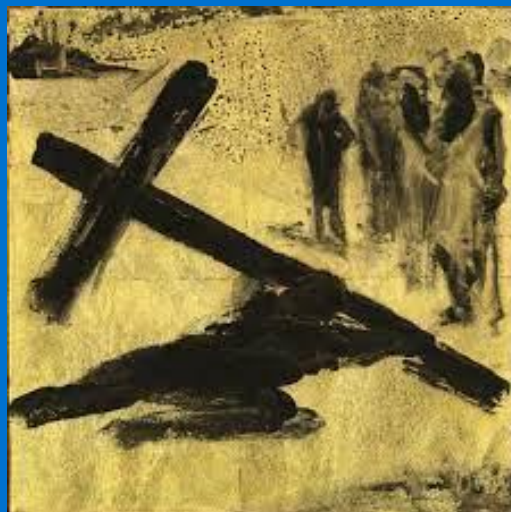
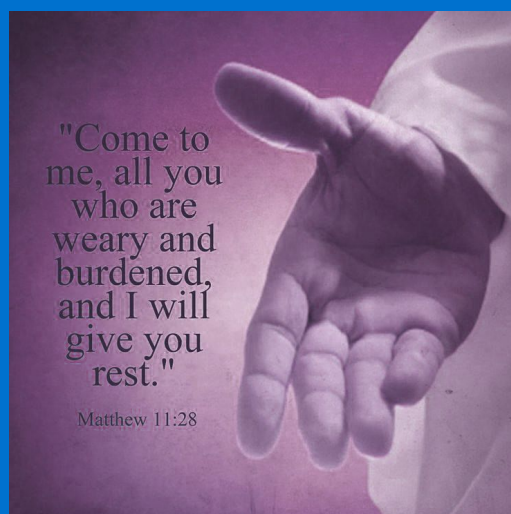
Remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting for Catholics eating scant food and no meat. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Throughout Lent we are invited to sacrifice and give alms to the those in need.

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.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays in Lent

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed together as a community every Friday in Lent at 6:30pm in the main church. These will begin on **Friday, March 4, 2022**. Please join us for this liturgical devotion recalling the Passion of Jesus Christ and his Crucifixion. Prayer booklets will be provided upon arrival.



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 27	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Sir 27: 4-7 1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45 +Thomas Cooney Family, Dockery Family, +Nina Marie Whitsel and +Jean Dougherty
Monday 28	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Pt 1: 3-9 Mk 10: 17-27 Our departed Parishioners.
Tuesday 01	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	1 Pt 1: 10-16 Mk 10: 28-31 Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Jl 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20- 6:2 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18 Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 03	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 30: 15-20 Lk 9: 22-25 Our departed Parishioners
Friday 04	First Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9: 14-15 Our departed Parishioners
Sunday 06	First Reading Second Reading Gospel Mass Intentions	Dt 26: 4-10 Rom 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13 +Thomas Cooney Family +The Dockery Family, and +Ella and Chic Groh

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, +Dockery Family, +Nina Marie Whitsel, and +Jean Dougherty

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,876,293
Interest on Income	34,985
Total Income	1,911,279
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)	25,905
Total Expense	820,821
Balance	1,090,457

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



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

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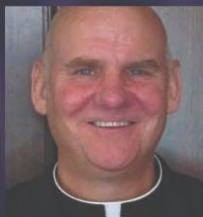
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Fr. Mike, a mental health professional
will help us use prayer to calm
and center our hearts and help us find

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

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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