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6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to NOON

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Those who are sick, homebound or in the hospital are a vital part of our parish family. Please call the Parish Center to arrange for reception of the Eucharist and Anointing of the Sick.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - MARCH 20, 2016



Welcome

The Saint Andrew's Roman Catholic Church mission is to spread the love of Jesus Christ through active ministry, inclusive worship and charitable works for our community and the world. We invite all who live in our area to join our parish community by calling the Parish Center or by seeing one of the priests.

COME WORSHIP WITH US

On the Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM
7:00 PM (Spanish Mass)
Last Sunday of Each Month 4:30 PM (Filipino Mass)

Daily

Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays 9:30 AM—3:00 PM (Chapel)
Rosary and Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7:10 PM (Chapel)
Rosary Saturdays 6:00 PM (Spanish)
Sundays 9:45 AM (English)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

New parishioners may register by calling the Parish Center. Current parishioners should notify us of any changes in their status such as births, deaths, marriages, change of address, etc. Registration is a prerequisite for receiving the Sacraments.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 21
 9:00 AM Thomas Dunne - St. Andrew's Staff

Tuesday, March 22
 9:00 AM Connie Hawthorne - Religious Ed Staff

Wednesday, March 23
 9:00 AM Mary Buckley - St. Andrew's Staff

Thursday, March 24 - HOLY THURSDAY
 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
 7:30 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's

Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY
 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
 7:30 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's

Saturday, March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY
 9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE
 8:00 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's

Sunday, March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY
 8:00 AM Robert Meehan, Sr. - Mary Butler
 10:30 AM Carol Petrillo-Lintz - Mary Ann Harshberger
 12:15 PM Mary Ann McDonald - the Cunski American Club
 7:00 PM For the St. Andrew's Spanish Community

Those who have pre-arranged a Mass intention, are invited to present the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. On the Lord's Day and Holy Days, please inform the usher.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 21
 Yr. II Interviews. 7:00 PM (Gym)
 Centering Prayer/Lectio Divina 7:30 PM (Chapel)
 Charismatic Prayer Group 8:00 PM (MPR)

Tuesday, March 22
 Choir Practice 7:30 PM (Church)
 Basketball After 5:00 PM (Gym)

Wednesday, March 23 -
PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 12 NOON
 Basketball After 5:00 PM (Gym)

Thursday, March 24 - HOLY THURSDAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Food Pantry 7:30 PM (Church Hall)

Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Walk of Faith begins at Grace Episcopal Church 12:00 PM


Saturday, March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Men's Cursillo 8:00 AM (MPR)
 AA Meeting 10:30 AM (Church Hall)
 Blessing of Food 2:00 PM (Church)
NO RECONCILIATION TODAY

Sunday, March 27 - EASTER SUNDAY

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:11
"A time to be healed"
For those who are ill, especially: Msgr. Thomas McCarthy, Gilda Gilmartin, Barbara Stewart, Chris Napoli, John Spellman, Robert Lebron, Craig Carosella, Joan Casey, Jim Ferris, Michael Bodtman, Olivia Liffrieri, Cathy Wojcicki, Corey Rooney, Juan Antonio Rodriguez, Naomi Barbaretti, Irwin, Ralph Gigante, Lee Ann Fernino, David Nowacki, Deyanira Pineda, Kay Pareti, Michael Cucco, Mary Pulver, Christopher P. Marra, Ada Binder, Patricia Massey, William Quinn, Nancy DeMeola, Daniel Swift, Pauline Olds, Rhea Felknor, Vincent Ficarra, Kay Vanderhoof, Susan McShane, Mclean Ambrogio, Anna Meehan, Ed Marlow, George Harshberger, Margaret Buckley, Shirley Manfredi, Carol Petrucelli, Judy Murtagh, Elizabeth Krone, Frank Sakosits, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Fr. Ward Moore., Sam Mercurio, Diane Mariconti, Lucrezia, Joseph and Amelia G. Luongo.

"A time for peace"
For those serving in the Armed Forces, especially: Alma & Michael Baffa, Dillon Heyliger and Jeffrey Gum.

"If today, you hear his voice..."
For those studying for the priesthood, especially:

MEMORIALS DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 20	
CHURCH HOSTS	
In loving memory of THOMAS CRISTALDI by Laura Cristaldi	
Sunday, March 27, 2016 No CLOW this Sunday	


"A time to be born" into the waters of Baptism

December, 2015
 Bambi Pearl, daughter of Alyssa & Daryle Pelligrino
 Xena Perri, daughter of Alyssa & Daryle Pelligrino
 Ulises, son of Maria & Oscar Fuetes

January, 2016
 Jesse Caren, daughter of Evie & Anthony Salerno
 Colton Blake, son of Kelly & Steve Tarabokya
 Stella Rae, daughter of Stephanie & Edward Hogan
 Caleb Allen, son of Alishia & Donald Trammell III
 Valentina R., daughter of Joanna & Bogar Rivera
 Victoria A., daughter of Joanna & Bogar Rivera

February, 2016
 Charlotte Ann, daughter of Nicole & Christopher Sandt
 Colin James, son of Heather & Theodore Rozzi
 Colton Michael, son of Jennifer & Thomas Rome


We look forward to watching you grow in Faith and Love with our community.



Notes from Jesus

No one loves you more graciously than I do.
 I love more than anyone else ever has,
 Ever can, ever could, ever will.

No one loves you more fully than I do,
 For, indeed, I am love.
 I abide in you and you in me, forever and ever.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. Today, we commemorate the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before He was crucified. During Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church to participate in the reenactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Branches of palm are widely recognized as ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as new life. So, we enter into these solemn days of Holy Week with an attitude of hope and determination – that beyond death, there is life. After the suffering we endure, there is joy and redemption. Jesus came to die for all of us so that we may have life forever.

I would like to remind you of some important liturgical matters concerning Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: the blessing and distribution of palms takes place at all Masses followed by a Solemn Procession.

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer will be held at 9:00 AM in Church. There is only one Mass today – the Mass of the Lord's Supper which is celebrated at 7:30 PM. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is to take place after Mass until midnight in the Church. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time in Church before the Blessed Sacrament. It is an ideal night for all to pray as we take time to watch and wait.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer will be held at 9:00 AM in Church. It is the only day in the liturgical calendar that a Mass is NOT celebrated. This is a holy day of fast and abstinence. The service for the Passion of Our Lord will be held at 7:30 PM.

Easter Vigil: Morning Prayer will be held at 9:00 AM in Church followed by Blessing of the Food at 2:00 PM. The Easter Vigil Mass is celebrated in its entirety after nightfall at 8:00 PM. This is considered the most Solemn of all Vigils. We gather to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Easter Sunday: The Rite of Renewing Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of Holy Water takes place after the homily, in place of the Profession of Faith, at all Masses.

A schedule of our Holy Week Services is in the "Holy Week" pamphlet at the back of the Church.

We have raised over \$167,000 in pledges for the "We Are Living Stones" Capital Campaign. This is indeed a significant accomplishment, but we need to raise more monies to meet our campaign goal that will allow us to take care of many of our parish needs. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Pledge envelopes have been sent out to you and extras are in the pews. We are most thankful for the support we have received from those who have already made their pledges. We pray that we can count on everyone's support as well.

On behalf of our priests, deacon, and staff, I wish you all a faith-filled Holy Week and a joyful celebration of Easter. May God bless you and keep you and your family in His loving care.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Alex



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

On Holy Saturday, March 26, at 2:00 PM in the Church, there will be a blessing of the food that you plan to prepare for your Easter dinner. Parishioners are invited to bring a food item to have it blessed for your meal.

In addition, parishioners are invited to donate food items for the needy of our parish which will be offered up to God with the gifts of bread and wine on Holy Thursday at the 7:30 PM Mass. Please place these items at the rear of the center aisle by the carport entrance, and alert the usher. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 3

St. Andrew Church

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

*Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
Prayers for Healing*

St. Andrew's Parish will host a **Holy Hour of Adoration, Praying The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers for Healing on Divine Mercy Sunday** in the Church, 2:00 PM. There will also be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope John Paul II dedicated the first Sunday after Easter for this Devotion given to St. Faustina. St. Faustina was asked to pray the Chaplet by Jesus especially for the dying. He urged her to encourage others to pray it also, promising extraordinary graces to those who would recite this special prayer. We invite you to prepare for this day by praying The Chaplet of Mercy Novena beginning on Good Friday, March 25. Copies of the Novena will be available on the back tables of the Church. For further information, please call 201-666-5697.

Church Stewardship

Our stewardship commitment to support the work of the parish and its ministries shows our appreciation to God for the gifts we have been provided and our willingness to share those gifts.



**HUMAN CONCERNS
ITEM OF THE WEEK: TUNA**



ADDITIONAL FOOD PANTRY ITEMS: juice, tomato sauce, pancake mix, canned fruit, toilet paper, toiletries, crackers.

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO WELCOME.

CLOTHING BIN OPEN: We ask that clean, ready-to-use clothing, shoes, towels and bed-linens **ONLY** be placed in it. **Do not leave any items outside the bin or the Church garage doors.** Due to limited space, we are **ONLY** able to accept clothing, small toys, children's books, kitchen, and baby items at the garage on Mondays from 6:30 – 8:00 PM and Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

WANTED: Volunteers are needed on Mondays, 6:30 - 8:00 PM and Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 PM.

NEW HOPE, INC. 31ST ANNIVERSARY GALA

"New Hope Building Lives" - SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 - 10:30PM. Seasons, 664 Pascack Road, Washington Twp. 07676. \$75 per person. Cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, Tricky Tray, raffle, huge 50/50 and dancing. Your generosity enables us to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies, so please celebrate with us! Reservations: Kathy: (201) 573-8697 or kturlick@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for all you do to help us help women "Choose Life" for their babies!

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 7:30 - 8:45 PM

(ON GOING EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)

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AT 201-391-5315 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,

CONTACT BONNIE COSTABILE AT 201-784-1914

St. John's Academy News

Moon vs. Mars?

Sixth grade students were assigned to one of two teams to research Mars and the Moon to determine if space colonization would be feasible in either location. After in-class research, students presented their findings to their classmates. This fun activity encouraged students to work as a team and combine their creative talents with hands-on research.



Thank you to all of the priests who have been a part of our school Reconciliation services this month. We are thankful for all of them and for the time they spend helping us grow in our faith.

A "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY" TRIP WITH FR. ALEX

Fr. Alex is leading this tour to religious and historic sites in Austria, Hungary and Poland from May 9 to 21. The cost is \$2,798.00 per person/double occupancy and includes airfare and transfers. Flyers are available at the Parish Center.

Looking for a Way to Get Involved??

There are two ministries that could use your help:

- to help with web site design
- to participate in a welcome and hospitality committee

If you would like to participate, speak to Fr. Alex or call the parish office at 201-666-1100. Thank you.

Help Needed

An elderly Park Ridge woman is in need of several hours of day time home care. If you can assist, please call 201-391-9087.

Save the Date: April 16, 2016

for the 10th Annual Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund Beefsteak Dinner and Reverse Raffle at the Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter. For more info go to www.frjimmckenna.org.

St. Andrew's 50+ Club News

Our next meeting will be April 7 at 1:00 PM in the gym. Come join us for our Spring Ice Cream Social. Any questions, please call Elaine at 201-664-7037.

Some synonyms for the word **MERCY**:

compassion, grace, gentleness, forgiveness, pardon, generosity, kindness, goodwill, forbearance, tenderness, charity, blessing, love.

FOR THE RIDE HOME

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Luke 22:14-23, 56



Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Adults: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

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