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Tuesday, Thursday

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Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM to NOON

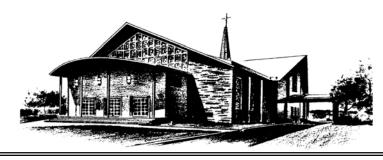
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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- DECEMBER 18, 2016





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
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
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Sunday
Devotions
Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays 9:30 AM—3:00 PM (Chapel)
Rosary and Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7:00 PM (Chapel)
Rosary Saturdays 6:00 PM (Spanish)

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.

OUR NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

Our website has been updated and contains a link to our Facebook page. Go to www.standrewcc.com St Andrew's Church (Facebook).

YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE SUNDAY BULLETIN ON OUR WEBSITE.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19 9:00 AM Elizabeth Pfeiffer - Kathy & Bob Pontillo

Tuesday, December 20 9:00 AM Louise Lettiero - (Living-Special Intention)

Her Friends

Wednesday, December 21

9:00 AM Elizabeth Pfeiffer - Elaine & Fred DeRobertis

Thursday, December 22

9:00 AM Angela Giombarrese - Kathy & Chet Kovaleski

Friday, December 23

9:00 AM - David Mihalinec - Mr. & Mrs. Jure Picinic

Saturday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

3:30 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's (Recommended for families with small children)

5:30 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's

10:00 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's

12:00 PM For the Parish Community of St. Andrew's (This Mass is celebrated in English and Spanish)

Sunday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM Joan & Leo Montini - (Living - Special Intention for Their 6th Anniversary) - The Stickel Family

10:30 AM Juliann Franchina - Elizabeth Ferrarro 12:15 PM Raymond Badach - His Wife

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

"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, Lurdes Salazar, Robert Lebron, Craig Carosella, Leonora Paul, Rosemary Giordano. Michael Bodtman, Olivia Lifrieri, Cathy Wojcicki, Corey Rooney, Naomi Barbaretti, Ralph Gigante, Lee Ann Fernino, Daniel Swift, Deyanira Pineda, Michael Cucco, Grace Skuches, Shannon Casey, Mary Pulver, Christopher P. Marra, Ada Binder, Elizabeth Krone, Patricia Massey, William Quinn, Nancy DeMeola, Terry Rekow, Pauline Olds, Vincent Ficarra, Kay Vanderhoof, Roselaine Fernino, Susan McShane, Mclean Ambrogio, Anna Meehan, Ed Marlow, Carol Petrucelli, Lia A., Richard Mastrangelo, Marquarite O'Brien. Judy Murtagh, Frank Sakosits, Fr. Ward Moore, Denise Robertson, Diane Mariconti, Lucrezia, Joseph & Amelia G. Luongo, Jim Ferris, Jorge Barquest, Joan Casey, Barquest Family, Edward Heinz, Pasquale Germinario, Carmella & Rosolino Salerno, Lois Re, Joan Tursi, Billie Evans.

"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..."

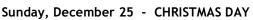
For those studying for the priesthood, especially:

Pedro Soriano, our parishioner.

Paul Zeller, our parishioner, Diaconate candidate.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Monday, December 19
Bereavement Mtg
RCIA
Posadas
Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina 7:30 PM (Chapel)
Deanery Penance Service at OLGC Church 7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 20
Posadas
Choir Practice
Wednesday, December 21
Posadas
Thursday, December 22
PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSES AT 1:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Chapel)
Spanish Women's Group 6:00 PM (MPR)
Rosary and Holy Hour
Posadas
Food Pantry 7:30 PM (Church Hall)
Basketball 7:00-9:00 PM (Gym)
Friday, December 23
PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED
Eucharistic Seminar 1:00 PM (MPR)
Posadas
Saturday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
PARISH CENTER OFFICE CLOSED
Men's Cursillo 8:00 AM (MPR)
AA Meeting 10:30 AM (Church Hall)
Reconciliation 4:00 PM (Church)



Reconciliation 9:45 AM- 10:15 AM (Church)



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6 Gospel: John 1:1-18

Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our Gospel reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas. The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. In the account of the genealogy of Jesus, the evangelist did not just want to show us the lineage of Jesus, but he wanted us to follow the example of St. Joseph. Like him, we are asked to place ourselves totally at the service of God in the fulfillment of His plan of salvation. Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants.

Next Sunday we celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Messiah. What have you been doing to prepare for Christmas? I was browsing the internet when I read a wonderful article written by Tessa Morrell entitled "10 Ways to Prepare Your Heart for Christmas." I would like to share this with you.

<u>Reflect</u> - Take note of the many reasons you have to be thankful this Christmas. Spend time thanking God specifically for ways He has provided for you – spiritually, relationally, financially, etc. Praise Him for his goodness, grace, and faithfulness in all seasons of life.

<u>Gather</u> - Spend uninterrupted time with the people you love. If necessary, limit the activities and parties you commit to so that you may focus on time with your family instead. We often rush through our Christmas schedules and miss time to really be present in the moments we are together with our loved ones.

Sing - Spend time singing your favorite Christmas songs. Pay attention to the words, thanking God for His incredible gift of our Savior.

<u>Celebrate</u> - Jesus chose to enter the world in the humblest form – a small, helpless baby. Jesus' birth is the greatest gift we will ever receive and that is definitely a reason to celebrate! Embrace the joy found in the birth of Emmanuel – God with us.

<u>Listen</u> - Practice the art of truly listening to others as you gather with family and friends. Whether you are having dinner, opening presents, or sitting around and catching up with those you haven't seen in a while.

<u>Remember</u> - Reflect on the fact that our Savior was born specifically so that He would one day die for our sins. Thank Him for His willingness to enter this messy, broken, hopeless world.

<u>Enjoy</u> - Christmas is a beautiful season – sparkling Christmas lights, decorations hung with care, memorable moments with family. Appreciate the little moments. Slow down long enough to delight in the beauty all around.

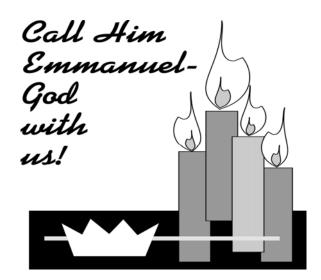
<u>Read</u> - Study the story of Christ's birth. Read Matthew 1 or Luke 2 and take time to meditate on the words. Ask the Lord to help you notice new things as you read the story with fresh eyes.

<u>Pray</u> - Lift up those who do not know Jesus in prayer. Pray for the lost and hurting. Ask God to open your eyes to opportunities to share the gospel around you. Pray for all those who are all alone this Christmas.

Worship - Christmas is the perfect opportunity for worship. This Christmas, seek to honor Him with the way you live. Praise God with the little moments in your daily life.

God bless you all! Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Alex



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

September 2016

Sophia, daughter of Sandra & Juan Restrepo
Romulus, son of Kristen & Louis Severino
Lucy Althea, daughter of Teresa & Robert Rorro
Dominic Gabriel, son of Nicole & Greg Dragona

Aliyah Hurtado, daughter of Alejabdra Marin& Richard Hurtado

October 2016

Paislee Grace, daughter of Jacqueline Mezzatesta & Brian Delseni Lucas, son of Melissa & Brett Boretti

Riley Ann, daughter of Victoria & Jeff Noonan Faith, daughter of Palma & Paul McCormick

Emily Carol, daughter of Sarah & Shawn Stewart

Celeste Matia, daughter of Leslie & Jonathan Lerro

Daniel, son of Paola & Stephen Reich

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in His sight. St. Andrew's community welcomes you!

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.

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF: DECEMBER 3-4

Envelopes: 204	\$	7,632.00
Non-Envelopes	\$	1,279.00
In-Church Total	\$	8,911.00
Electronic Giving	\$	365.00
Priests Retirement Fund	. \$	1,514.00

HUMAN CONCERNS ITEM OF THE WEEK: CRACKERS



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

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.

FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Our food pantry is in need of your help! The many requests for assistance have significantly reduced our supply of the basics used to support our local families who are most in need. If you can donate an item of food, drop it off in either the church before or after Mass, or anytime at the Parish Center, we would be most grateful. Supermarket gift cards or monetary donations are also welcome.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir will sing at the 3:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Practice will continue on Sunday after the 10:30 AM Mass. in the Church hall.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us in telling the story of "The First Nativity." The pageant will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 PM in the Church.

FOR THE RIDE HOME FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading Isaiah 7:10-14 2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 Gospel



Adult Question: What experiences do you have of God "speaking to you" and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

Child's Question: When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?

St. John's Academy News

Happy 4th Week of Advent.

The SJA community has experienced an amazing Advent season. The students collected food for needy families, performed good deeds for others, went shopping at our Santa Shoppe, celebrated Reconciliation, worshipped together at Mass, attended a special prayer service, sang and played instruments at our concert and performed at Barnes & Noble. We are ready to say: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS

MINISTRY CORNER

Men's Cornerstone: A Day of Reflection

We invite all men who have made Cornerstone to come to a Day of Reflection (10:00 AM to 2:00 PM) on January 14. There will be three speakers, time for reflection and sharing of lunch. It is our hope to reignite the "feeling and enlightenment" of your original Cornerstone weekend in preparation for Cornerstone 2017. Please contact John Toale 201-314-1943 if you will attend.

The first Christmas gift came from God and the gift was precious indeed: God gave us his only begotten Son. Jesus Himself was the first Christmas gift and Jesus is a great and generous gift giver.

- He gave us the gospel, the good news of his Father's love for
- And he gave us a new commandment, that we love one another.
- And he gave us a new teaching on how to live and love, a teaching filled with truth and wisdom.
- And in the end, Jesus gave us everything he had: out of love for us, he gave his life for us on the Cross.
- And in his suffering and dying he gave us hope of eternal life.
- And after he rose from the dead he gave us the gift of his Spirit to live in our hearts and lead us and guide us in life. Jesus is the original gift that keeps on giving.

PARISH CENTER HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 22 through Monday, January 2 and will re-open at 9:00 AM on Tuesday morning, January 3.

The staff wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ST. ANDREW'S MEMORIAL TREE

You may make a gift of a leaf for our St. Andrew's Memorial Tree and have it inscribed in memory of your loved one. Your gift and loved one's name will live on

in memoriam and the donations collected from this tree will be used towards the operating expenses of the Parish. The cost of each leaf is \$50. (Maximum 30 letter inscriptionsee sample leaf form). Forms will be available in the back of the Church and at the Parish Center.

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