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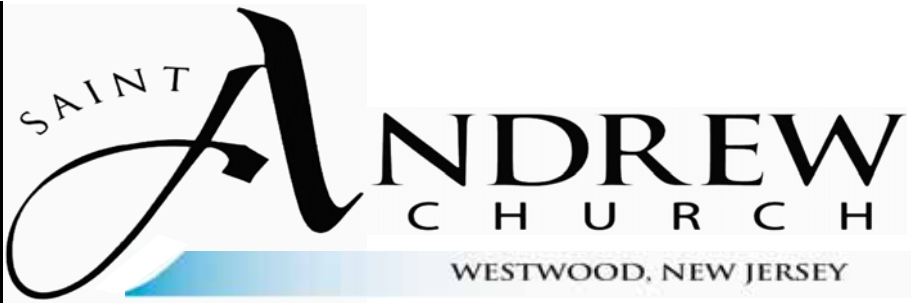
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Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM to NOON

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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.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 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
Sunday 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

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.

SAINT ANDREW CHURCH, WESTWOOD

MASSES FOR THE WEEK UPDATE

Monday, December 26
 9:00 AM Isabella DeSantis - Joyce DeSantis

Tuesday, December 27
 9:00 AM Robert Sauer - The Sok Family

Wednesday, December 28
 9:00 AM Angela Giombarrese - Charlene Alessi

Thursday, December 29
 9:00 AM Elizabeth Pfeiffer - Colleen & Marty Dargis

Friday, December 30
 9:00 AM Domenic Gabaccia - His Granddaughter Denise

Saturday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
 9:00 AM Ron DeMeo - Henry Cenicola
(THIS MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH)
 5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, January 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:30 AM Nicole Haran - The Mogck Family
 12:15 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

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

Please help us update our prayers for the sick list. If there is anyone you would like to add /remove, please call the Parish Center at 201-666-1100.

“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 Liferieri, 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, Marguarite 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

Monday, December 26 PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED
 St. Jude/Miraculous Medal Novena 7:00 PM (Church)
 RCIA 7:00 PM (Conf)
 Centering Prayer & Lectio Divina. 7:30 PM (Chapel)
 Charismatic Prayer Group 8:00 PM (MPR)

Tuesday, December 27 PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED
 Fr. Alex Bible Study. 9:45 AM & 7:00 PM (MPR)
 Choir Practice 7:30 PM (Church)



Wednesday, December 28 PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED

Thursday, December 29 PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED
 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (Chapel)
 Food Pantry 7:30 PM (Church Hall)
 Basketball 7:00-9:00 PM (Gym)

Friday, December 30 PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED

Saturday, December 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE
PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED
 Men's Cursillo 8:00 AM (MPR)
 AA Meeting 10:30 AM (Church Hall)
 Reconciliation 4:00 PM (Church)

Sunday, January 1
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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| <p>MEMORIALS DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25</p> |  |
| <p>CHURCH HOSTS In loving memory of HARTY & SOK FAMILY by the Sok Family</p> <p>CHAPEL HOSTS In loving memory of ELIZABETH LOGUE by Peggy Blessing</p> | |
| <p>The 50/50 Raffle has been extended. The drawing will now take place on Saturday, February 11, 2017, at the parish Valentine Day Dance. For any additional information call, Frank Mariconti Sr. at 551-579-1123.</p> | |
|  | <p>BIBLE STUDY Please join Fr. Alex for a lively discussion of the Bible this coming Tuesday at 9:45 AM or 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome.</p> |
| <p>Novena to St. Jude and Miraculous Medal Please join us this Monday in the Church at 7:00 PM as Fr., Alex celebrates the Novena to St. Jude and the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome.</p> | |
| <p>PARISH CENTER CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS CLOSING The Parish Center will be closed 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 Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p> | |

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Pastor's Letter

Dear Parish Family,

Merry Christmas everyone! We gather again this year to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Emmanuel – “God with us.” Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas will have the peace and joy this Season brings.

Christmas at St. Andrew's is also an opportunity to thank so many parishioners who give so generously of their time and talents in making this parish such an energetic, faith-filled community. Since becoming your pastor, I am particularly proud of the accomplishments that St. Andrew's parish has achieved. At St. Andrew's we have seen some exciting changes occur. Under my supervision, we have activated the Parish Pastoral Council. It is being run so well under the leadership of Kyle Smith, the President. The Finance Council is equally very active under the chairmanship of Chuck DeMeola, with new incoming members. I welcome two new parish trustees: Jim Keegan and Fran Borg – very active, committed and long-time parishioners. I thank Paul Zeller and Roselaine Fernino for having served as parish trustees with great dedication and commitment.

The Liturgy Committee does an exceptional job in preparing and planning for our special liturgical celebrations. The Religious Education Program, under the supervision of Maura Roem, has incorporated a new program this year called the “Family Based Catechesis,” and is turning a “new leaf” as we see parents and guardians being involved in church catechesis. Paul Zeller is starting a new parish program geared towards “Young Adults,” and I find it very promising. We also started a Bereavement Program under the supervision of Joan Shaw. The RCIA is being directed by Marsha Boddie. The Ministry of the Hispanic Community, under the supervision of Fr. Rafael, is doing an excellent job. They have a very active prayer group, an exuberant youth ministry and many other programs. I thank them for the many services they do for our parish.

I would also like to thank Fran Borg and Frank Mariconti for volunteering as part-time business managers who assist me in the administration of the parish. I thank John Kim who helps as volunteer sacristan. Just recently we hired a new Music Director, Mary Lamberti, and we look forward to working with her in the music ministry.

Two big projects have been accomplished this year: installation of a new drain system in the Parish Center, which hopefully will deter any future flooding in the Parish Center and the Chapel and the new sound system in the Church. The last project, still ongoing, is the replacement of the roof on the church. This is a huge project and is being supervised by the Archdiocese and thoroughly evaluated by our parish committee. Hopefully, when it is completed, there will be no more leaks in the church.

Many people have been involved in bringing about these various initiatives. We give thanks to the many parishioners who have generously given of their time, talents and treasure in making this parish such an energetic, committed and faith-filled community. In the name of our priests, Deacon and Parish Staff, I wish each and every one of you a faith-filled and joyful celebration of Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Alex

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 10-11

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| Envelopes: 222 | \$ 10,338.00 |
| Non-Envelopes | \$ 1,442.00 |
| In-Church Total | \$ 11,780.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 2,110.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$ 566.00 |

**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.

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.

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.



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 inscription - see sample leaf form). Forms will be available in the back of the Church and at the Parish Center.



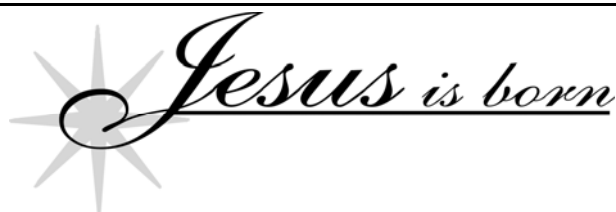
St. John's Academy News



Jesus is the Reason for the Season!
Wishing a blessed Christmas to all of our parish families from the community of St. John's Academy. May your day be filled with the joy of Christ's birth

LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have received our first quarterly check from the Archdiocese from our Living Stones Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of those parishioners who have pledged their support to St. Andrew's in this campaign, we received a check for \$6,600.00 to be used towards the sound system expenses. Each quarter, we should continue to collect 50% of the accrued amount for that quarter. Thank you again for your continued support of our parish.



**Jesus is the Light
that Brightens the Darkness**

On Christmas night, like a burst of brilliant light, there rings out the proclamation of the Apostle: "God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race" (Tit 2:11).

The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, true man and true God. He has entered our history; He has shared our journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In Him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father: Jesus is Love incarnate. He is not simply a teacher of wisdom, He is not an ideal for which we strive while knowing that we are hopelessly distant from it. He is the meaning of life and history, who has pitched His tent in our midst.

The shepherds were the first to see this "tent", to receive the news of Jesus' birth. They were the first because they were among the last, the outcast. And they were the first because they were awake, keeping watch in the night, guarding their flocks.

Together with them, let us pause before the Child, let us pause in silence. Together with them, let us thank the Lord for having given Jesus to us, and with them let us raise from the depths of our hearts the praises of his fidelity: We bless you, Lord God most high, who lowered yourself for our sake. You are immense, and you made yourself small; you are rich and you made yourself poor; you are all-powerful and you made yourself vulnerable.

On Christmas night, let us share the joy of the Gospel: God loves us, He so loves us that He gave us His Son to be our brother, to be light in our darkness.

To us, the Lord repeats: "Do not be afraid!" (Luke 2:10). And I, too, repeat: Do not be afraid! Our Father is patient, He loves us, He gives us Jesus to guide us on the way which leads to the promised land. Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness. He is our peace. Amen.

-- Excerpt from Pope Francis' Homily, Christmas 2013 --

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