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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18, 2018**



**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.

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**PARISH CENTER  
OFFICE HOURS**

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY**  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
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

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**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)

**DAILY**

MONDAY - SATURDAY ..... 9:00 AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY ..... 4:00 - 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY ..... 9:30 - 10:15 AM

**DEVOTIONS**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION . . . . THURSDAYS 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM (CHAPEL)  
ROSARY AND HOLY HOUR . . . . . THURSDAYS 7:00 PM (CHAPEL)  
ROSARY . . . . . SATURDAYS 6:00 PM (SPANISH)  
MONDAY - SATURDAY 9:45 AM (CHAPEL)

**OUR PARISH FAMILY**

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

**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.

**OUR PARISH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE**

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**

**MONDAY, February 19**  
 9:00 AM Virginia Kenny - Michael Burke

**TUESDAY, February 20**  
 9:00 AM Esther Orlando - Her Family

**WEDNESDAY, February 21**  
 9:00 AM Adelaide & Joseph Sauer - The Sok Family

**THURSDAY, February 22**  
 9:00 AM Clement J. Rieger - Jo Luby

**FRIDAY, February 23**  
 9:00 AM Christina Isolde - Remy & Family

**SATURDAY, February 24**  
 9:00 AM People of the Parish  
 5:00 PM Alvah Smith - The Yates Family

**SUNDAY, February 25**  
 8:00 AM Felicita & Ezio Salto - Their Daughter  
 10:30 AM Robert Zawitkowski - Stella Losino  
 12:15 PM Hugh Dalzell - The Mirabella Family  
 7:00 PM Leonora T. Miller - Teresa Cortez

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

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**MONDAY, February 19 PRESIDENTS' DAY**  
**PARISH CENTER OFFICES CLOSED TODAY**  
 Charismatic Prayer Group . . . . . 7:45 PM (MPR)

**TUESDAY, February 20**  
 Choir Practice . . . . . 7:30 (Church)

**WEDNESDAY, February 21**  
 Little Angels . . . . . 9:30 AM (Gym)  
 ESL . . . . . 7:15 PM (3rd Fl)

**THURSDAY, February 22**  
 Eucharistic Adoration . . . . . 9:30 AM-3:00 PM (Chapel)  
 50 Plus Board Mtg. . . . . 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm)  
 Spanish Women's Group . . . . . 6:00 PM (MPR)  
 Rosary & Holy Hour . . . . . 7:00 PM (Chapel)  
 Food Pantry . . . . . 7:30 PM (Church Hall)

**FRIDAY, February 23**  
**NO SPANISH YOUTH GROUP IN THE PARISH CENTER**  
 Stations of the Cross . . . . . 7:00 PM (Church)

**SATURDAY, February 24**  
 Men's Cursillo . . . . . 8:00 AM (MPR)  
 AA Meeting . . . . . 10:30 AM (Church Hall)  
 Reconciliation . . . . . 4:00 PM (Church)  
 (Carport Entrance)

**SUNDAY, February 25**  
 Discovering Christ . . . . . 3:45-6:30 PM (Gym)

**PRAYER INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK**

Please join us for 15 minutes each day to spend quietly with the Lord in prayer and meditation.

**“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 & Dave Stewart, Joan Shaw, Leonora Paul, Michael Bodtman, Cathy Wojcicki, Lee Ann Fernino, Bob Tropila, Deyanira Pineda, Octavio Galvez, Paul L. Clark, Helen Stipo, D.E., Kay Vanderhoof, Vinny Ficarra, Fr. Ward Moore, Maria Venezia, Diane Mariconti, Vinnie Covello, Elaine & Fred DeRobertis, Craig Carosella, Terry Rekow, Brian Fitzpatrick, John McLaughlin, Mary & Lou Pulver, McLean Ambrogio, Ed Marlow, Jean Neary, Ron & Joe Koppinger, Shannon Simester, Lombardi Family, Mary Kenny.

**“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 our parishioners studying for the priesthood/diaconate:**

Pedro Soriano, Seminarian. Paul Zeller, Diaconate candidate.



**HOLY HOUR ORGANIST NEEDED:** If you can play the piano or organ, your talents would enhance the prayers at Holy Hour on Thursday evenings in the Chapel. You would play three one page songs. Please call Charlie's new cell at 973-222-2528 if you are able to volunteer or know someone who could.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**1ST READING:** GENESIS 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18  
**2ND READING:** ROMANS 8:31-34  
**GOSPEL:** MARK 9:2-10



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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**February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23**  
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation  
 will be available each week.



**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Please pray for all of our teens who will be participating in the Confirmation Retreat next Friday and Saturday. The weekend is given and directed by our Peer Ministers - parish teens who have already been confirmed and are part of a leadership in our Youth Ministry. There are 79 candidates this year and we ask that you keep all of them in your prayers.



**TEENS - YOUTH GROUP  
 SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION**

Thanks to your contributions to the Souper Bowl collection, the teens were able to raise \$721.93 for the benefit of the needy of our parish. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.



**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL**

Last weekend was our Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the Parish Center. We would like 100% participation in our One Body, One Mission that is the Archdiocese of Newark.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### Reflection on the Sunday Readings

“Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... ‘The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’”

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon, Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose - to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us, that during His desert experience, Jesus was led by the Spirit to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God’s Word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?



#### PRAYER FOR THE DISCOVERING CHRIST PROGRAM

Lord Jesus, we offer this prayer for the success of the Discovering Christ Mission. Bless the volunteers who coordinate and facilitate the program. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire the words of the guest speakers. Open the minds and hearts of participants that they might receive your word with joy. May this Discovering Christ Mission strengthen and increase their desire to serve You and each other. Amen.

#### WHAT TO GIVE UP

In the spirit of Lenten sacrifice, I am asked to consider the one thing I am going to give up, turn over to the Lord ... something I really ought to give up because I am too attached to it, or because it stands in the way of my spiritual growth.

This one is a real challenge, because it involves something I am very attached to ... a bad habit, a possession or something that has to do with my eating or drinking or smoking. It might be a grudge I have been carrying for a long time. Or I may have to give up my pride and apologize to someone.

It may be a relationship that needs to be dealt with. It may be games on my computer that eat up too much of my time.

This giving up is hard to do, and this is where prayer and fasting are needed to enable and support me on this Lenten journey.



#### LENTEN REFLECTION

It's the word "whole" that makes things hard here...

*Returning? Sounds like a good idea...*

*Starting now? Why not? It's Lent!*

*From the heart? Where else? With my whole heart? Whoa!*

*See, that's the hard part: the Lord asks for all of me...*

*even the parts I want to hide, cling to, or keep for myself...*

*It's the word "whole" that makes things hard here...*

#### LENTEN PRAYER

The truth is, Lord, I'm not sure I'm ready to come back to you with my *whole heart* - and to say otherwise wouldn't be the whole truth. So be patient with me, please.

Let's you and I work this out this Lent... Can we do this one day at a time, a piece of my heart each day?

And will you help me with the parts I have trouble with, the heart-parts I hold on to?

I trust you, Lord, and pray you will trust me

to return to you this Lent, day by day, with my whole heart...

Amen.

- - The Concord Pastor - -

BEFORE  
we ask God for anything,  
we must first thank him  
for everything.



**Our Stewardship Commitment**

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11**

Envelopes: 150.....	\$ 5,653.00
Non-Envelopes .....	\$ 3,119.00
<b>In-Church Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,772.00</b>

**ST. ANDREW'S FOOD PANTRY**

**ITEMS OF THE WEEK:**

**CEREAL, PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP**



**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF:** peanut butter/jelly, pasta/tomato sauce, soup, juice, cereal, pancake mix/syrup, tuna, soap, shampoo, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, toilet paper.

**SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO WELCOME.**

**CLOTHING BIN OPEN:** We ask for clean, ready-to-use shoes, clothing, 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 baby & kitchen items, clothing, small toys & children's books at the garage on Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM and Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM.

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

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG FOR NEW HOPE**

Are you participating in the "Baby Bottle Boomerang"? If so, please return your filled baby bottle next weekend at either the February 24 or 25 Mass to a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Thomas More Council in the back of the Church. All monies raised will go directly to New Hope, Inc., a nonprofit volunteer organization that gives support to struggling first-time single mothers of Bergen County who have chosen life for their babies. Contact Joe Laquidara at 201-666-9529 for details or you can visit New Hope at [www.newhope4lifeweb.org](http://www.newhope4lifeweb.org).

**LIVING STONES UPDATE**

<b>Pledge Amount .....</b>	<b>\$ 285,390.72</b>
<b>Amount Received .....</b>	<b>\$ 153,110.83</b>
<b>Portion to be Shared .....</b>	<b>\$ 88,173.83</b>
<b>Funds distributed to the Parish .....</b>	<b>\$ 39,876.44</b>

**SAVE THE DATE/NEW HOPE ANNUAL GALA - Wednesday, April 18, 6:30-10:30 PM** at Seasons, Washington Twp. Cost: \$90 per person ...Cocktail Hour, Dancing, Gourmet Dinner, 50-50 Raffle, Tricky Tray, Silent Auction.

**MEN'S CONFERENCE AND WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION**

There will be two conferences being held at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange. The Women's Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 3, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, with Mass at 4:00 PM. Register: call at 973-497-4545 or online at [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission). Cost is \$25. per person.

The Men's Conference will be on Saturday, March 10, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM, with Mass at 4:00 PM. Register: call at 973-497-4545 or online at [www.nj catholicmen.org](http://www.nj catholicmen.org). Cost is \$25. per person.

**St. John's Academy News**

"Lenape Lifeways" presented a program about the Lenape Indians to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade as part of their study of the history of New Jersey. The students examined artifacts of the Lenape and learned interesting facts about the Lenape's culture and lifestyle.

Can you spell S-T-U-P-E-N-D-O-U-S? Our middle school spelling bee participants were just that! Congratulations to all who participated and to our winners: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Giulia Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sophia Kuzma, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sean Deane. Special thanks to SJA moderator, Ms. Kristina Signore.

SJA's Super 50/50 drawing will be held on March 21. For further information, please contact Eileen Kuzma at [ekuzesq@yahoo.com](mailto:ekuzesq@yahoo.com). Thank you for your support of SJA.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**FOR THE RIDE HOME  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**1ST READING:** Genesis 9:8-15

**2ND READING:** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15



**ADULT QUESTION:** In what ways can you identify with Jesus in the desert during this Lenten period?

**CHILD'S QUESTION:** What will you do this Lent to become more like Jesus?

**LENT IS SPIRITUAL SPRING TRAINING FOR CHRISTIANS.**

*Lent is a season that calls us:*

- to fast from discontent and to feast on gratitude;*
- to fast from anger and to feast on patience;*
- to fast from bitterness and to feast on forgiveness;*
- to fast from self-concern and to feast on compassion;*
- to fast from discouragement and to feast on hope;*
- to fast from laziness and to feast on commitment;*
- to fast from complaining and to feast on acceptance;*
- to fast from lust and to feast on respect;*
- to fast from prejudice and to feast on understanding;*
- to fast from resentment and to feast on reconciliation;*
- to fast from lies and to feast on the truth;*
- to fast from wasted time and to feast on honest work;*
- to fast from grimness and to feast on joy;*
- to fast from suspicion and to feast on trust;*
- to fast from idle talk and to feast on prayer and silence;*
- to fast from guilt and to feast on the mercy of God.*

*(Based on a version often attributed to William Arthur Ward)*

**50 PLUS CLUB NEWS**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 1:00 PM in the gym. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with entertainment provided by the popular Jimmy Walsh. Come and enjoy your favorite Irish tunes and remember to wear your green. Any questions, call Elaine at 201-664-2037. Reminder: Please bring 1 or 2 items for the Food Pantry.

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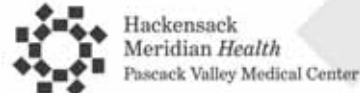
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