



Saint Andrew Parish
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January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

PARISH STAFF

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Deacon Roland J. Blier
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MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Tuesday and Thursday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Temporarily Closed

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance.
Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



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Mass Intentions for this week:

Louise Capasso

Alfred Pagliuco

Anna Monaco & Josephine Donnelly

Torres & DeFeo Family

Maria Sendas

Kenneth Miklus



We remember all those we have been asked to pray for during their time of illness.

We remember all those who have gone home to the Lord.

We especially remember all those listed in our Prayer Request book.

Blessing of the Throat in honor of St. Blaise



Weekend of January 30-31 following all weekend Masses



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:
Joseph Gabriel Masulli**



Benediction/Adoration

Sunday

January 24, 2021, 11:00 AM

Saturday

January 30, 2021, 4:00 PM



St. Andrew Parish Chapel Temporarily Closed

Due to the COVID 19 and an issue with our Fire Alarm we will have to close the chapel until further notice.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of January 17, 2021

Offertory \$3522.06

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Please go to the parish website,
www.standrewchurchbpt.org
and click on-line giving.



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a blood drive

Saturday, January 30, 2021

9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

in the Parish Hall

Please register with the Red Cross to be a donor



The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: cereal, oatmeal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, pasta, pasta sauces, macaroni and cheese, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, rice, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hand sanitizer, lysol/clorox wipes, toilet paper. Many thanks in advance for your support.

If any family in our parish and school community is in need of a food, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171 or Janis at 203-880-4700.

Columbiette News

The Columbiettes are looking for new members. Catholic women ages 18 and up are welcome to join our group.

We are a great group of ladies (if I do say so myself!) who meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, to discuss what we can do to help others. With the current COVID situation, we haven't been doing much, but that will, hopefully, change soon. For now we are meeting virtually, and our initiation ceremony will be done virtually, too. If you are interested, or simply have questions, please call Sue Berry at 203-856-6213. I promise you won't get a high pressure sales pitch! ;-)

Men ages 18 and up are also invited to join the Knights of Columbus. They are a great group of men (ask my husband!) and membership with them provides you with access to really affordable life insurance. Their contact information is in the classified section of this bulletin.

Sue Berry

January 24, 2021

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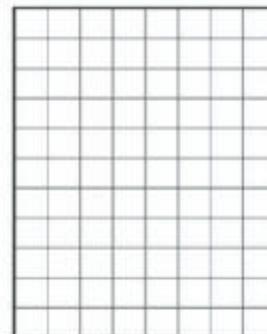
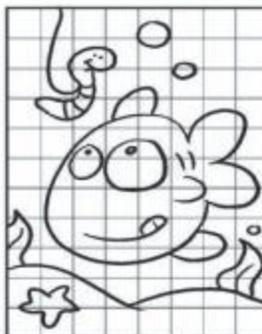
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:14-20

PUZZLE

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MISSION

Jesus wants you to come to his home in heaven. Make a party invitation from Jesus to you. Use this invitation as a bookmark in your Bible.



KID'S CORNER



Please contact the parish office for registration information.

Our program has changed due to COVID-19.

Grades 7 & 8 — January 30, 2021

Parents, please make sure we have your correct email address as we will be using Zoom classes for each group on Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:00 AM. Make sure your child has their book with them for these meetings. You will receive an email with the Zoom call link the week of each grade level meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flip-pantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41



St. Andrew masks will be on sale the weekend of January 30/31 before and after mass.

Consider wearing a St. Andrew mask as a witness to our Lenten journey. All funds go to the parish.

Thank you!



Rosary Group

Monday evenings
7:00
in the Church

Please join us!

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying:
“Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you.”

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD’S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day’s walk announcing, “Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, “ when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Psalm Response: **Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice
and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Reading 2

1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them,
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.
He walked along a little farther
and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.

They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



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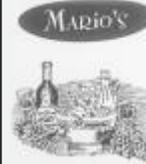
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