



Saint Andrew Parish
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February 7, 2021
Fifth 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

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
Rev. Hyginus Agu
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in residence
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SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552
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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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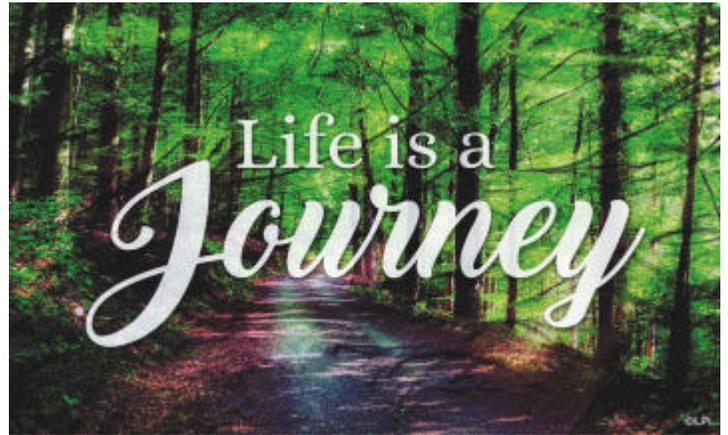
Mass Intentions for this week:
Dorothy Krusinski
Joan & Thomas Antonelli
Biagio Casano
Clara Pettite
Thomas & Mark Rozbicki
Linda Larkin



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.



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:
Joan and Thomas Antonelli**



**Benediction/Adoration
Sunday**

February 7, 9:00 AM
February 28, 11:00 AM

Saturday
February 20, 4:00 PM

Please stay for a few extra minutes for some quiet time with Our Lord.



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 31, 2021

**Collection not available.
Bulletin transmitted early due
to inclement weather**



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device.

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



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MASS AND ASHES
9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

SERVICE AND ASHES
12:00 PM

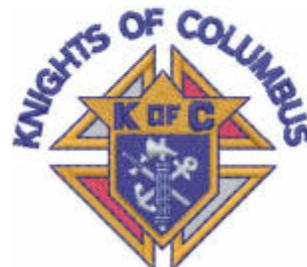
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent
7:00 PM



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.



The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

Rosary Group

Monday evenings
7:00
in the Church

Please join us!



February 7, 2021

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:29-39



GOSPEL

Simon Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her. She felt so good, she cooked them a nice meal to celebrate. Neighbors brought all of their sick loved ones to be cured. When we pray today, Jesus still comes to those who are sick and heals them. He cures through doctors, nurses, medicines, and machines.



PRAYER

Lord, heal my family and friends who are sick today.



KID'S CORNER



Please contact the parish office for registration information.

Our program has changed due to COVID-19.

Grade 3— will meet Sunday morning, February 13, 10:00 AM in a Zoom Call

Parents, please make sure we have your correct email address as we will being Zoom classes for each group (except Grade 2) 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

February 7, 2021

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **St. Francis X. Cabrini Council**



The Knights are bringing back the fish. Fish Dinners, that is! On February 19th, we will be serving Fish Dinners - **Curbside service only**. Dinner will be baked fish, french fries, and coleslaw only. You can order by phone by calling 203-257-6563 (Michael Martin) or 203-767-8750 (Sergio Toni).

The cost will be a "free will offering". We will collect the offering the day of the fish dinner. All proceeds will go to support the charitable activities of St. Frances X. Cabrini Council.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying:

Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?

Are not his days those of hirelings?

He is a slave who longs for the shade,
a hireling who waits for his wages.

So I have been assigned months of misery,
and troubled nights have been allotted to me.

If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?"

then the night drags on;

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn.

My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;

they come to an end without hope.

Remember that my life is like the wind;

I shall not see happiness again.

Psalm Response: Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good;

sing praise to our God, for he is gracious;

it is fitting to praise him.

The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;

the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

He tells the number of the stars;

he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

to his wisdom there is no limit.

The LORD sustains the lowly;

the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.



Reading 2

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast,
for an obligation has been imposed on me,
and woe to me if I do not preach it!

If I do so willingly, I have a recompense,
but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship.

What then is my recompense?

That, when I preach,

I offer the gospel free of charge

so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all,

I have made myself a slave to all

so as to win over as many as possible.

To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak.

I have become all things to all, to save at least some.

All this I do for the sake of the gospel,

so that I too may have a share in it.

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue

Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with
James and John.

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.

They immediately told him about her.

He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.

Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset,

they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door.

He cured many who were sick with various diseases,

and he drove out many demons,

not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left

and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.

Simon and those who were with him pursued him

and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages

that I may preach there also.

For this purpose have I come."

So he went into their synagogues,

preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

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It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in a special ceremony of admission and advancement.

Please join us for the Exemplification of *Charity, Unity and Fraternity* immediately following the 11am Mass on the First Sunday of each month.

(men 18 or older)

All invited guests are welcome with pre-registration

Contact Joseph Leonetti

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