



***Saint Andrew Parish***  
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**February 14, 2021**  
**Sixth 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  
Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier  
Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

**SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY**

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552  
[standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org](http://standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org)

**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:**  
**Linda Larkin**  
**Edith J. Gabriel-Masulli**  
**Joan & Robert Bissonette**  
**Michael Carter**  
**Theresa DeFilippo**  
**Rudy & Phyllis Mingoello**



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:  
**Theodore & Louise Montroy**  
**Russell & Elizabeth Curl**



**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.



**Benediction/Adoration**

**Saturday**  
February 20 , 4:00 PM  
**Sunday**  
February 28, 11:00 AM

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**Week of January 31, 2021**

Offertory—\$4190.00

On-line—\$711.08

**Week of February 7, 2021**

Offertory—\$3380.66

On-line—\$812.00

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Please go to the parish website,  
[www.standrewchurchbpt.org](http://www.standrewchurchbpt.org)



**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



***LENT IN A BAG!  
PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITY***

Pick yours up at Mass next weekend!  
Let's pray and reflect on the Scriptures together!



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.

Rosary Group

Monday evenings  
7:00  
in the Church

Please join us!



February 14, 2021

# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B

## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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## PUZZLE

Circle the picture that is the same as the first.  
Then color all the pictures.



## MISSION

I will tell everyone about the good things God has done for me.



# KID'S CORNER



Please contact the parish office for registration information.

Our program has changed due to COVID-19.

**Grades 5 & 6— will meet Sunday morning, February 20, 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 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

## Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

## **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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading 1

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,  
“If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch  
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,  
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,  
or to one of the priests among his descendants.  
If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall de-  
clare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head.

“The one who bears the sore of leprosy  
shall keep his garments rent and his head bare,  
and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, ‘Unclean,  
unclean!’

As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself  
unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell  
apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

### Psalm Response: Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill  
me with the joy of salvation.**

Blessed is he whose fault is taken away,  
whose sin is covered.

Blessed the man to whom the LORD imputes not guilt,  
in whose spirit there is no guile.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill  
me with the joy of salvation.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
my guilt I covered not.

I said, “I confess my faults to the LORD,”  
and you took away the guilt of my sin.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill  
me with the joy of salvation.**

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you just;  
exult, all you upright of heart.

**R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill  
me with the joy of salvation.**

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

### Reading 2

1 Cor 10:31—11:1

Brothers and sisters,  
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.  
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or  
the church of God,  
just as I try to please everyone in every way,  
not seeking my own benefit but that of the many,  
that they may be saved.  
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

### Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him  
and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.”  
Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him,  
and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.”  
The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made  
clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at  
once.

He said to him, “See that you tell no one anything,  
but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your  
cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for  
them.”

The man went away and began to publicize the whole  
matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was im-  
possible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained  
outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to  
him from everywhere.

### **WOMEN'S LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP**

Ladies of St. Andrew Parish,

We would like to begin a virtual women's group to pray  
and reflect on the Lenten Gospels. If you are interested in  
attending, please send your email address to our parish  
at: [standrewparish@optimum.net](mailto:standrewparish@optimum.net). The Zoom link will be  
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7:00 PM, beginning February 25 and continue through  
March 25.

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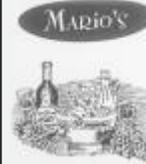
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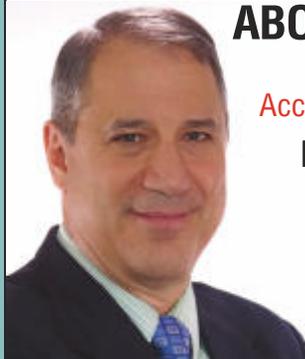
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