



Saint Andrew Parish
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July 4, 2021
Fourteenth 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
Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552
standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org.

MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

July 3, 2021—July 11, 2021

Sat. 3	4:00 PM	Peter S. Casa
Sun. 4	9:00 AM	Tony, Rose & John D'Andrea
	11:00 AM	Pierino Lisi
Mon. 5	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Tue. 6	9:00 AM	Mary Ann Cardellicchio
Wed. 7	9:00 AM	Joseph & Mary Salce
Thr. 8	9:00 AM	Michael Bogey
Fri. 9	9:00 AM	Dorothy Krusinski
Sat. 10	4:00 PM	Dorothy Krusinski
Sun. 11	9:00 AM	Maureen Chuga
	11:00 AM	Frank DiVincenzo & Vito Lucia Ginsesella, Maria & Giuseppe DiVincenzo



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.



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**Register for our new and exciting program,
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**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
For those over 18 who wish to be fully initiated in
The Catholic Church**

**Junior High Youth Ministry
and High School Youth Ministry**

Contact Jeannie at 203-374-6171



American Red Cross

**The Knights of Columbus thank all who participated,
donors, Red Cross, and helpers!**

**Next Blood Drive
Saturday, August 28, 2021
Parish Hall
Donors please register with the Red Cross**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of June 20, 2021

Offertory—\$5,552.00

Online— \$744.00



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.

Credit Card Donations

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

Special Collection last week was the Peter's Pence Collection,

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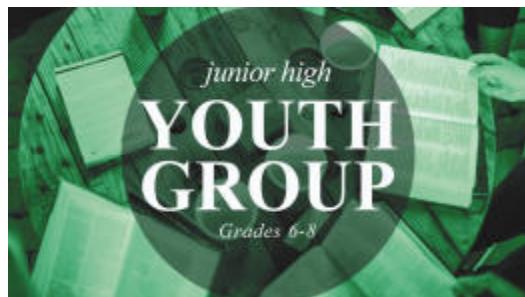
Columbiettes Book Drive



Saint Andrew Parish Columbiettes

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Coming to Saint Andrew's

Thank you to all those who attend our meeting last Sunday.
Our regular meetings will begin in the fall.

For more information please contact the parish office at 203
-374-6171

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel reading:

jesus	power	prophet
taught	miracle	heal
wisdom	town	faith
J esus	e s <u>s</u> u s	
p ower	— — — — —	
ph etrop	— — — — —	
f aith	— — — — —	
t own	— — — — —	
w isdom		
r ight.		
m iracle	— — — — —	
h air		

MISSION

Read today's Gospel with your family. Talk about ways that people sometimes turn Jesus away. Pray together, asking God to keep you close to Jesus.



GROWING WITH THE Gospel

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 6:1-6a

KID'S CORNER



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.

Please come and see what it's all about!

A thought
TO START
YOUR WEEK

**Human spirit fails unless
the Holy Spirit fills.**



St. Andrew Parish Chapel

**Open Monday through Friday
9:00 AM until 12:00 NOON**



Rosary Group

Monday evenings
7:00
in the Outside Chapel
(Church if weather is inclement)
Please join us!

GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, pre-conceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

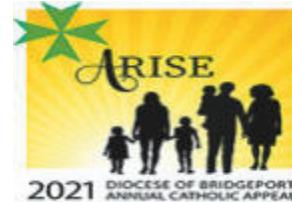
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-3



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$40,600

Received to date: \$35,128

171 Gifts from 145 Donors

We have almost made our goal! If you have not donated to this appeal and can make a donation, no matter the amount, we can easily reach our parish's commitment.

Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website,
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Ez 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet,
and I heard the one who was speaking say to me:
Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites,
rebels who have rebelled against me;
they and their ancestors have revolted against me to
this very day.
Hard of face and obstinate of heart
are they to whom I am sending you.
But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD!
And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious
house—
they shall know that a prophet has been among them. . .

Psalm Response:

Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
To you I lift up my eyes
who are enthroned in heaven —
As the eyes of servants
are on the hands of their masters.
R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
As the eyes of a maid
are on the hands of her mistress,
So are our eyes on the LORD, our God,
till he have pity on us.
R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.
Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,
for we are more than sated with contempt;
our souls are more than sated
with the mockery of the arrogant,
with the contempt of the proud.
R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

Reading 2

2 Cor 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated,
because of the abundance of the revelations,
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave
me,
but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this?
What kind of wisdom has been given him?
What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!
Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary,
and the brother of James and Joses and Judas
and Simon?

And are not his sisters here with us?"
And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them,
"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place
and among his own kin and in his own house."
So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there,
apart from curing a few sick people by laying his
hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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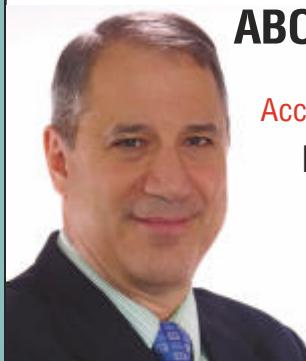
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