

Saint Andrew Parish
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December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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
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MASSES

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

CONFESSIONS

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.



December 25—December 26, 2021

Sat. 25	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Andrew The Parishioners of St. Andrew
Sun. 26	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Elizabeth Verrelli Antonio & Laura Monteiro
Mon. 27	9:00 AM	Nell Allen
Tue. 28	9:00 AM	Maria Sendas
Wed. 29	9:00 AM	Gabriel Abreu
Thr. 30	9:00 AM	Peter Cashman
Fri. 31	4:00 PM	The Parishioners of St. Andrew
Sat. 1	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	The Parishioners of St. Andrew Pierino Lisi
Sun. 2	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	John Albano Pasqualina & Michael Guerrera



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 4:00 PM
Saturday, January 1, 10:00 AM

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass



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of Joseph Gabriel & Edith Josephine Masulli**



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CLOTHE THE NAKED,
FORGIVE THE GUILTY,
WELCOME THE UNWANTED,
CARE FOR THE ILL,
LOVE YOUR ENEMIES,
AND DO UNTO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD HAVE
DONE UNTO YOU.

~Steve Maraboli



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Week of December 12, 2021

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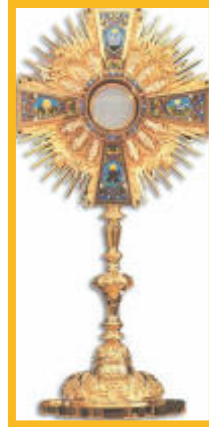
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The Saint Andrew Knights of Columbus, Cabrini Council, invites all eligible candidates to participate in the exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on the First Sunday of each month

Please come and see what it's all about!

Benediction/Adoration



Sunday

January 9, 2022 11:00 AM

Saturday

January 15, 2022 4:00 PM

***No 9:00 AM Mass
Benediction in January***

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



"Come on in, the (holy) water's fine!"



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.



Rosary Group

Monday evenings, 7:00
Please join us!

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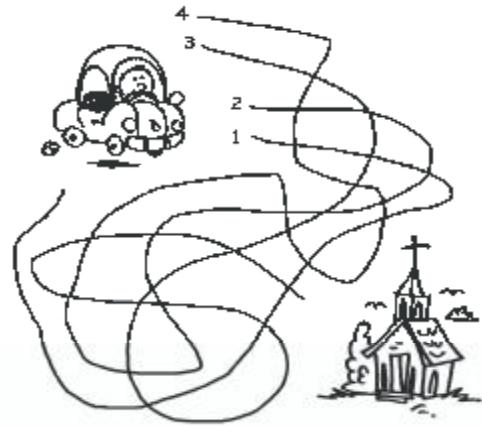
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Holy Family • Luke 2:41-52

PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to church!



MISSION

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.



KID'S CORNER



Listening Sessions

Thursday, January 6, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday, January 22/23, after Masses



Questions for survey can be found here



English

Pray how the Spirit is leading you to share your joys, your healings, your insights and dreams, your gifts of the Spirit, the journey together.

Espanol



The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: oatmeal, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, tea, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, boxed potatoes, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, hand sanitizer, Lysol/Clorox wipes, toilet paper, boxed dessert mixes, Chef Boyardee, pancake mix, maple syrup, salt, pepper. 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 203-610-1554.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family or Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

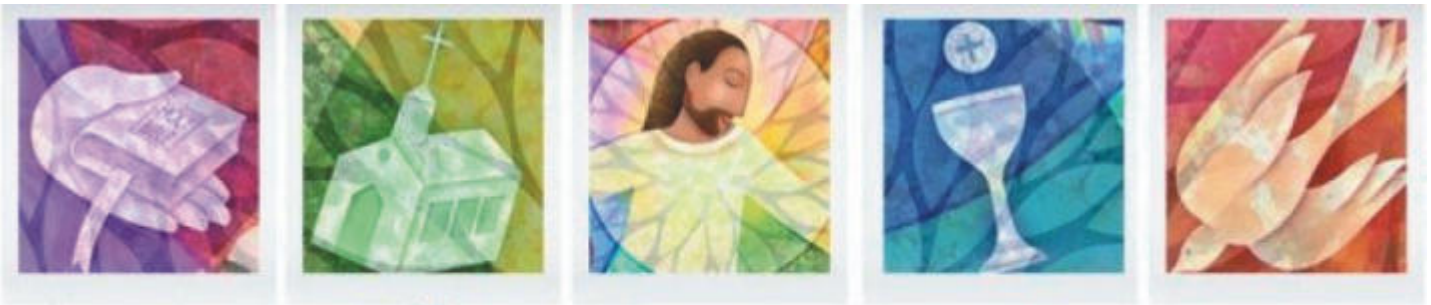
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Rudolph Abelli III, Fr. Celsius Offor, Fr. Emma Okwanaocha Andrew Amaral, Stephen Applebee, Major Michael Casano, Jacob Chuma, Jeremy Cole Jr., Sebastien Colon, Major James J. D'Elia, Sgt. Joshua Domogala, Russell Edgett, Carlos Ferreira Jr., Michael Graham, Stephen Hunt, Christopher Jarzynski, Sgt. William Keegan, James Kulikowski, James Lariccia, Amanda Lein, Mark Joseph Lombardozzi, Corporal Steven Lopez, Ryan Nieves, Josh Recupero, Joseph Rodonski, Isiah Smith, Jeremy Tamone, Mathias Volpe, Joseph Wresilo. And for all who serve our country!



Message from the Columbiettes

If you purchased an Angel Ornament, please feel free to take it from the tree by December 26!



Faith Formation

January, 2022

Sunday, January 9

Family Life: Unending Faith Formation (FLUFF)
10:00– 11:00 AM
For parents AND students
In the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 16

First Holy Eucharist Program
10:00-11:00 AM
In the School

And

Junior High Youth Group
10:00-11:00 AM
In the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 23

Confirmation Program
10:00-11:00 AM
In the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 30

First Holy Eucharist Program
10:00-11:00 AM
In the School

The young parishioners of Saint Andrew Parish met the forgiving Jesus in the Sacrament of Penance for the first time on:

Saturday, December 11, 2021

May God bless:

Kaio Barbosa
Dino Brunetto
Nicolo Brunetto
Michelle Castillo
Doodley DesVallon
Leonardo Espada
Kimberly Fiallos
Juliana Gomez-Builes
Aiden Hernandez
Marques Lofton
Bailey Lopez
Tony Nivelo
Oreoluwa Nwogu
Charlie Pereira
Sophie Petrone
Jameson Pine
Saraiyah Prieto
Wittaker Pullen
Joseph Rudin
Theryana Sanon
Martin Talero
Grace Teixeira
Gabriella Vieira

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Next meeting
Sunday, 16
10:00-11:00 AM
In the Parish Hall**



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Meetings 2nd Monday 8pm

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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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