



Saint Andrew Parish
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January 2, 2022
Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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.



January 1—January 9, 2022

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
Mon. 3	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Tue. 4	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Wed. 5	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Thr. 6	9:00 AM	The Visinski Family
Fri. 7	9:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Andrew
Sat. 8	4:00 PM	Constance Jarzynski
Sun. 9	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Nina Cirillo & Anthony Cirillo Vincent Casa



From:

Father Milan,
Monsignor Bernelli,
Father Hyginus,
and the Parish Staff



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory
of the deceased parishioners of St. Andrew.**



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Want to keep Christ in Christmas?



FEED THE HUNGRY,
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



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Week of December 19, 2021

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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.

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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.

Thank you for your generosity!



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.



"Looking for a lifeguard?"

Ours walks on water!"



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!

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

CYCLE C

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Epiphany of the Lord • Matthew 2:1-12

PUZZLE

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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|----------|---------|-------|
| wise-men | king | Mary |
| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |
- wsie mne w i s e m e n
- brno _ _ _ _ _
- knig _ _ _ _ _
- derma _ _ _ _ _
- cildh _ _ _ _ _
- wrsohpi _ _ _ _ _
- Mrya _ _ _ _ _
- gfsti _ _ _ _ _
- srta _ _ _ _ _

MISSION

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.



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

January 2, 2022

Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

Readings for the week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

The words "Thank You" are written in a large, cursive, multi-colored font. The letters are filled with a rainbow gradient, transitioning from red at the top to purple at the bottom.

From the Parish Social Concerns Committee

We thank you all for your support during this Christmas season. We were able to help many people with food baskets and with gift cards.

Through your kindness, we collected over \$2000 in gift cards. Some of the gifts cards have been delivered to:

Home of the Brave
(for our veterans)
and
Bridgeport Rescue Mission
(for those in shelters)

May God bless you for your generosity!



Faith Formation

January, 2022

Sunday, January 9

Family Life: Unending Faith Formation (FLUFF)
10:00– 11:00 AM
For parents AND students
In the Church/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 Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated on Saturday, March 19, 2022
2:00 PM in the Church

Please keep the 40 young parishioners in our Confirmation class as they continue their preparation for this special day!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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



Please keep the two ladies entering into the Catechumenate phase of their preparation in your prayers:
Christina Mauricin
Andrea Easter



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