St. Andrew Church, Avenel, NJ

The Transfiguration by Raphael

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mass Schedule

Saturday evening Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday: 8:00am followed by the Rosary

St. Andrew Mass Association: First Saturday of the month: 8:00 am Mass

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We welcome you back to Church. We are now at 50% capacity which is 350 per mass. Please remember to wear your mask and social distance. Families in the same household may sit together. Please stay home if you are feeling sick.

Fr. David Kosmoski

Please be generous in supporting your parish.

For online giving please go to:

https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/rev244178 Thank you!!!

Mass on

YouTube:
Mass continues to be live-streamed. St. Andrews Church, Avenel, NJ

We are now at 50% of church capacity!!!! 325 per Mass.

Masses

Mon. 03/01	
8:00AM	Neil Filidei
Tues 03/02	
8:00AM	Debra Parent
Wed 03/03	**St. Katharine**
8:00AM	Gaspara Arcigal
	Kevin Chomicki
Thurs 03/04	**St. Casimir**
8:00AM	Evelyn Cromer
Fri. 03/05	**World Day of Prayer**
8:00AM	Raymond Caffrey
7:00PM	Michael & Rose Copertino
Sat. 03/06	
8:00AM	Mass Association
4:00 PM Vigil:	Joseph Caracappa
Sunday 03/07	**Third Sunday of Lent**
8:00 AM	Our Parish Family
10:00 AM	Margaret Basil
11:30 AM	Lorraine Mascher

CONVALIDATION

If you were not married in a Catholic Church and wish to discuss the sacrament of marriage please call the rectory 732-634-4355 for an appointment.

MOVING?

If you are planning to move please contact the rectory and let us know and we will remove you from the register. We have received many boxes of envelopes returned from parishioners who have moved and did not inform the rectory. ***Help us save money spent unnecessarily on unused envelopes.***

Parishioner Prayer List

Baby Eli, Steve Alach, John Allen, Emily Almeida, George Alusik, BZ, Sr., Mark and Anthony Beluch, Carl Booth, Finn Botti, Donna Sumpolec Bruno, Sylvia & Michael Bourgeois, Brian Burns, Dulce Caliero, Robert Caulfield, Marie Christini, Ann Ciarrico, Michelle Cole, Hector Colon, Charles Connolly, Dennis Costante, Denise Covino, Enrique Curbel, Linda Czaplicki, Michael Cysani, Terri Danyo, Gary Davila, DeLeon and Banasiak Famililes, Grace DeVivo, Vincent Di Giorgio, Pat DiMarco, Pamela Drotar, Joao Elias, Joseph Esteves, Marilyn Evan, Kyle Faihurst, Joann Foglia, Richard Fuentes, Frankie Gagliano, Diana and Jose Garcia, Daniela Giambrone, Barbara Golinski, Thomas Golinski, Mary Gorka, Ann Groben, Robert Grzeszczak, Baby Jackson Gubitosi, Hunterdon Developmental Center, Peter Jastrzembski, Katharina Jonke, Cheryl Kenny, Nicholas Koptko, Barbara La Coco, Richard Lagripo, Nick Lange, Elias Legaspi, Faith Longstreet, Catherine Masher, Tiffany Masters, Thomas McCafferty, Joan Modzelewski, Garry Maurath, Robert Matzura, Jeanne Michaloski, Samuel & Rose Moliterni, Barbara Moore, Gene Moore, Irma Munez, Adam Nowolzinski, William O'Neill, May Oldak, Beth Pajak, Nick Petrillo, Sandra Lynn Place, Peter Reimann, Terry and Tara Risso, Joe Romanowski, Florence, Julie and Lou Salerno, Barbara Santo, Stephanie Santonastaso, Charlene Schnepf, Trish Shuller, Perry Stio, Josephine Strittmatter, Julio Suarez, Betty Sullivan, Lisa Tangman, Jane Taylor, Lauren Teague, Ryan Terebetsky, Paul Tornambe, Mike Vallillo, Alice Wade, Robert Wodarski, Brian Zalasar, Vincent Zalasar, Marianne Zelizi, Okaan Zenger

SHRINE CANDLES (03/06/2021)

BLESSED MOTHER

Emily Almeida (Healing)
Kenneth Matulonis
Frank Matulonis, Jr. & Sr
George & Dorothy Schnepf
Andrew Mazzarella
Lucy Trackim
Bob Conway
Jim Pallitto

SACRED HEART

Rose & Michael Copertino
Quinn/Nolan Families
Pascarella & Dellamana Fam.
Torra Family
Farkas & Casale Families

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Sara Marie Eastman, Peter and Michele Guaracci, Capt. Timothy Hansen, Major Patrick Higgins, Justin Kitchen, Gerard Kopchik, Justin Lurker, Col. William McClary, Patrick Muir, Staff Sergeant Keith Zalasar

SECONDE SUNDAY OF LENT
February 28, 2021

ST. ANDREW MASS ASSOCIATION
WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 6TH AT 8:00AM
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW AND RENEWED NAMES
FOR MARCH 2021:

REQUESTED FOR:	***REQUESTED BY***:
Diane Lawson	Kieran Quinn
Nina & Jerry Bellizzi	Maria Castrogiovanni
Castrogiovanni & Lillo Families	Maria Castrogiovanni
Miguel Alin	The Crawford Family
Amira Elkamissy	Rita Outerbridge
Hank Werte (Birthday)	Our parishioners!
Norma Tsirikos	Lynn Torra
Dolores Nolan	Richard Yanak
Joyce & Horniacek Families	Rosemary Horniacek
Narciso Javier	Libunao Family

Why refrain from meat on Fridays?

People often ask, "And why do we give up meat on Fridays during Lent?" There are multiple reasons for this. The main explanation seems to be that in the ancient world, meat was eaten at festive occasions. For example, in the parable of the prodigal son, when the prodigal son finally comes home, his father throws a banquet to celebrate, and he kills "the fatted calf" for the feast (Luke 15:23).

The early Christians didn't think it was right to eat festive foods on the day Jesus died, so abstaining from meat on Fridays became a common practice. This also explains why seafood is permitted. When people would eat meat at these celebrations, the meat was that of land animals, not sea creatures, so the Church abstained from the meat of land animals but not from seafood. It reminds us too that Jesus sacrificed his flesh for our sins, so we refrain from eating the flesh of animals to reminds us of this. Eating a simple meal also places us in solidarity with the poor and hungry in the world, and teaches us to share our food with others. Giving up fatty foods and alcohol may be a sacrifice, but really it is a way of caring for our health so that we can be strong in caring for others.

FRIDAY NIGHT CURBSIDE DINNERS TO GO

ST. ANDREW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & COLUMBIAN CLUB OF AVENEL

The St. Andrew Knights of Columbus and Columbian Club are having Friday Night Dinners to go at their hall at 109 Morrissey Avenue, Avenel. You may pick up your meal between 4:30-7:00PM. Please call ahead starting at 3:30PM for faster service *732-636-9696*. The cost is $10 or Family Meal (6 Meals) for $55 Cash or Credit Card.

Next dinner: February 26, 2021:
Shrimp Scampi over Linguine with Garlic Bread
Clam Chowder($3 for 12oz. Serving)

A NEW BEGINNING

Lent can often be a new beginning. Have you or someone you know been coming to Mass even though you are not part of the Catholic family. Do you feel the Spirit urging you to consider being a member of this family? Now might be the time to Come and See. Join us for an Inquiry Session. The RCIA Inquiry Sessions are opportunities to gather, ask, learn, pray, ponder and discern. We invite all who are unbaptized, baptized into another Christian denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received BOTH Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information call the rectory at 732-634-4355.

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Call Project Rachel's local toll-free helpline number: 877-877-4300. or visit HopeAfterAbortion.org. Spanish-speakers may visit EsperanzaPosaborto.org or call Sisters of Life at 866-575-0075 or email: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SOUTH PLAINFIELD

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is March 10 and will be on Zoom. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr John at 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com**.**

WORLD APOSOLATE OF FATIMA BLUE ARMY SHRINE

First Saturday, March 6, 2021. ***"You, at least try to console me."*** The World Apostolate of Fatima USA, 674 Mountain View Rd. E. Asbury, NJ 08802, has dedicated 2021 as "Year of St. Joseph" under the title, "The greatest consoler of the Immaculate Heart." Our virtual speaker, ***Dr. Mark Miravalle, will present The Nature and Need for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart*** at 11:00am in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Blue Army Shrine and online at www.bluearmy.com/shrine-webcam. 10:00 am Confessions, 11:00 am Live stream First Saturday virtual speaker, 11:30 am Holy Rosary with 15-minute silent meditation, 12:15 pm Holy Mass. Day concludes with Divine Mercy Chaplet & Brown Scapular Enrollment. Invite your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "***And have spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"*** The Blue Army Staff is following all directions per NJ state health officials. 908-689-1700 x 210. service@bluearmy.com

MEDITATING TOGETHER IN LENT

Join Allan Caballero, Director of Evangelization, and Megan Vanslot, Director of Youth Evangelization, in a virtual Lenten meditation group beginning on Tuesday, February 23. The group will meet on Zoom each Tuesday of Lent at 7:00 p.m. using "The Tears of Christ," a book from the Augustine Institute. Register and receive a free book. Space is limited. For more information, email acaballero@diometuchen.org. Register by visiting www.diometuchen.org/evangelization.

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

In Africa, we continue to witness the most dramatic growth of the universal Catholic Church that features abundant vocations to the priesthood and religious life as well as immense energy and enthusiasm among its youth. This vibrant and joyful church displays great promise. Yet obstacles to evangelization, such as poverty, threats to religious liberty and an aggressive proselytism by Islam and sects, present constant challenges. Sadly, in many African countries the Church lacks the resources to meet basic pastoral needs in areas like the formation of leaders, youth ministry, catechesis, and support for seminaries. As the Church in Africa confronts the growing health and economic needs brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the pastoral needs supported by the Solidarity Fund become even more urgent and cannot be forgotten. With your support, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa can make a real difference in the faith lives of Catholics across the African continent. To make an online donation, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/churchinafrica

2020 Giving Statement

If you wish to receive a letter of your parish contributions for 2020 please fill in the information below and return it to the rectory or put it in a envelope and put it in the basket on Sunday.

Name_____

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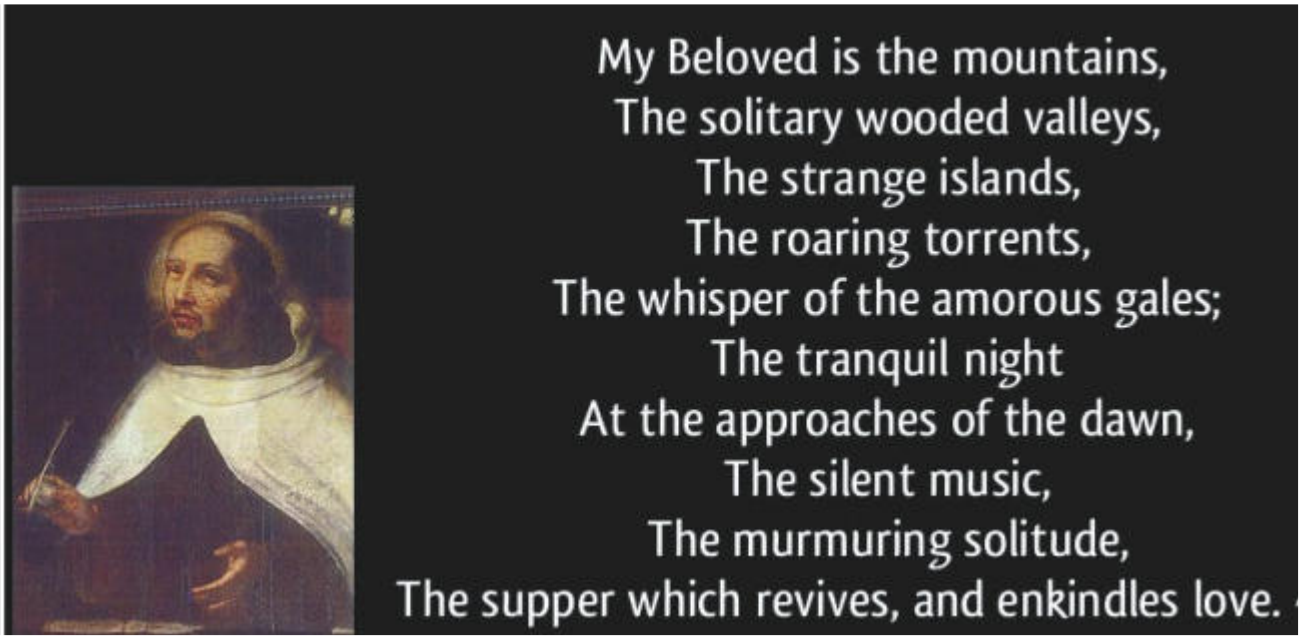
Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel for this Sunday can be seen as the second stage in our Lenten journey: Last Sunday was the first stage: The Temptations in the desert, the second, Mount Tabor. Jesus "took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart" (Mt 17:1).

The mountain represents a place of silence, prayer and contemplation. Jesus becomes luminescent, so beautiful to the eyes of our spirit. When we discover how wonderful God is, how is it that we can stop thinking about him. Prayer is the training of our mind and heart to see and understand God's word with the eyes of our mind. In these tense times prayer is a restorative way to relieve stress and anxiety. After prayer we "descend the mountain" and return to the plain where we meet many brothers weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, and life filled with problems and complexities. To these brothers in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.

During this awful time of Pandemic, let us continue to pray for one another, that we may have the courage and strength to continue the journey with perseverance. Our lives are filled with desert and mountain experiences so let them lead to greater devotion and beautiful acts of charity. Let us pray to Mary, learning a little more how to "ascend" with prayer and listen to Jesus and to "descend" with brotherly love, loving Jesus in our brothers and sisters, always.



St. John of the Cross, The Ascent of Mount Carmel, 14,15.

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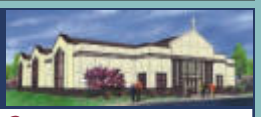

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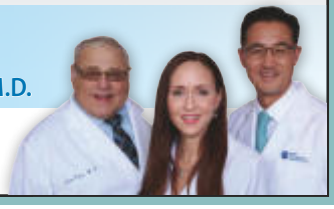

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