St. Andrew Church, Avenel, NJ

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

Secretary: Rosemary Horniacek

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Religious Education Department: Bette Vitale 732-636-4261

Please be generous in supporting your parish.

For online giving please go to:
https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/rev244178 **Thank you!!!**

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mon. 09/06
8:00 AM — Joseph Capasso
Lutgarda & Francisco Martinez

Tues 09/07
8:00 AM — Neil Filidei

Wed 09/08 — The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 AM — Tony Pikul
Rose Mucilli

Thurs 09/09 — St. Peter Claver
8:00 AM — Francis & Rosemary Matzura

Fri. 09/10
8:00 AM — Betty Green Orrico
Helen Keller (Healing)

Sat. 09/11
4:00 PM — Louis Fiore

Sun. 09/12 — 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM — Robert Mencor, Jr.
10:00 AM — Our Parish Family
11:30 AM — Henry Chomicki

BAPTISM

Please call the rectory to schedule your child's Baptism. (732-634-4355) Parents are required to attend a pre-baptism session and Godparent's sponsor certificates are also required before the Baptism.

- ***Qualifications for Godparents and Confirmation Sponsors***

Must be at least 16 years of age, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Must be an active Catholic: someone who is registered in a Catholic parish, attends Mass, in a valid Catholic marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria. ***These requirements are the universal law of the Church, and are not determined by the individual parish.***

WEDDING BANNS

3rd) Agostino Di Pietro & Ashley Krupinski

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Issac Greggory Farago

Parishioner Prayer List

Daniel Piasta, Baby Eli, Baby Finn Botti, Steve Alach, John Allen, Emily Almeida, George Alusik, Mark and Anthony Beluch, Carl Booth, Donna Sumpolec Bruno, Sylvia & Michael Bourgeois, Kenneth Buettgen, Brian Burns, John Casale, Maria Castrogiavanni, Robert Caulfield, Sonia Charon, Marie Christini, Ann Ciarrico, Michelle Cole, Hector Colon, Charles Connolly, Dennis Costante, Enrique Curbel, Linda Czaplicki, Michael Cysani, George D'Addario, Gary Davila, DeLeon and Banasiak Famililes, Grace DeVivo, Vincent Di Giorgio, Pat DiMarco, Pamela Drotar, Joao Elias, Marilyn Evan, Ken Farkas, Kyle Fahurst, 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, Katharine Jonke, Helen Keller, Cheryl Kenny, Nicholas Koptko, Barbara La Coco, Richard Lagripo, Allan Leeman, Elias Legaspi, Catherine Masher, Tiffany Masters, Thomas McCafferty, Deborah Milford, Joan Modzelewski, Robert Matzura, Jeanne Michaloski, Joan Milbert, Rose Moliterni, Gene Moore, Irma Munez, Adam Nowolzinski, William O'Neill, May Oldak, Beth Pajak, Nick Petrillo, Sandra Lynn Place, Joseph Polito, Peter Reimann, Terry and Tara Risso, Joe Romanowski, Florence, Julie and Lou Salerno, Barbara Santo, Charlene Schnepf, Alice Sinatra, Trish Shuller, Julio Suarez, Betty Sullivan, Carol Szamreta, Lisa Tangman, Jane Taylor, Lauren Teague, Ryan Terebetsky, Paul Tornambe, Mike Vallillo,Jim Vaselovic, Alice Wade, Robert Wodarski, Brian Zalasar, Vincent Zalasar, Marianne Zelizi, Okaan Zenger

SHRINE CANDLES (09/11/2021)

BLESSED MOTHER
Emily Almeida (Healing)
Kenneth Matulonis
Frank Matulonis, Jr. & Sr
George & Dorothy Schnepf
Torra Family
Lucy Trackim
Bob Conway
The Baldwin Family

SACRED HEART
Rose & Michael Copertino
Quinn/Nolan Families
Pascarella & Dellamana Fam.
Farkas & Casale Families
Mary Mazzarella
Theresa Nystrom

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, PFC Christopher Sadowski, Staff Sergeant Keith Zalasar

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit ***www.peterspence.va/en.html.***

2021 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Transformed by Christ's Body and Blood –
Sent on Mission to
Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $ 34,510.75 and payments totaling $ 34,360.75 from 215 parishioners. This represents 84.2% of your $ 41,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

To learn more about the impact of your gift, view the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going to https://diometuchen.org/BAA or scan the QR code below. This year, the BAA video is being produced in a series of 4 (approximately one per month), so be sure to check it out frequently!

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver and Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: **https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration**. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donation of Gratitude may be made online at : **https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold** or calling 732-562-1543.

Religious Education

Registration is now taking place.
Please call Bette at 732-636-4261
for more information.
Monday—Grades 3, 4, 5 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday —Grade 1—6:00 pm
Grade 2—5:30 pm
Grades 7 & 8 — 6:00 pm

BACKPACK COLLECTION

Backpack donations are needed for the children of the Perth Amboy Food Pantry. You may drop off the backpacks in the church hall. Thank you for helping the children start off their school year with a positive attitude and a grateful heart.

ST. ANDREW'S
HEALING HEARTS BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Are you or someone you know in need of healing from a loss of someone you love? **St. Andrew's Healing Hearts Bereavement Group** will be starting an eight week group session on **Thursday, September 9, 2021** and will run through **October 28th**. The group will meet on Thursdays from 7:30PM –9:00PM in the Church Hall. For more information or to register please contact the rectory by September 6th. (732-634-4355) or email us at our.church@standrewparish.com

CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Catholic Charities is currently seeking volunteers for the Connections Program to help children who have suffered loss or who have special needs. Please contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org for more information.

" A TOWN REMEMBERS"

9/11~ 20TH Anniversary Memorial Service
&
Salute to the Woodbridge Township First Responders Community

Woodbridge Police Department, Township First Aid Squads, Office of Emergency Management & the Township C.E.R. T. Team

Friday September 10, 2021 at 6:00PM
The Township Stage at Woodbridge High School
1 Samuel Lupo Place, Woodbridge, NJ 07095

LIFE CHAIN-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021
2:00-3:30PM (RAIN OR SHINE)
(*CARTERET 3:00-4:30PM)

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for and end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

LOCATIONS

CARTERET
St. Joseph & Divine Mercy Parishes
Carteret Ave. (between Locust & High Sts)
Contact: Fr. Gordon
732-541-8946

PERTH AMBOY
703 Amboy Avenue
(in front of Alpine cemetery)
Contact: Parish Office
732-442-0512

SAYREVILLE
855 Washington Road
(At High School)
Contact: Rosanda Grau
732-619-4093

SOMERVILLE
Somerset Street &
Mountain Avenue
Contact: Kevin Dugan
908-788-7736

For more information contact the Office of Human Life and Dignity, Diocese of Metuchen. amarshall@diometuchen.org Or www.diometuchen.org

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Reception of Holy Communion.

Please be careful receiving communion, remove mask before taking the host. Consume the Host in front of the Eucharistic minister. *Please do not walk away with the host in hand.*

Please keep in mind that if you are receiving communion on the tongue to come up last for communion.

Masks are optional at this time, but strongly encouraged for the unvaccinated and even the vaccinated because we are still going through the pandemic and should be cautious especially in large gatherings.

BLUE MASS – SAVE THE DATE!

At 10:30 AM on September 29th – the Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels – Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 19th Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. We will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths, who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen. All are welcome to attend. More information will be available in the coming weeks on the diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org.

AN INVITATION

Are you willing to guide someone on their journey of faith? The RCIA team invites you to sponsor an adult candidate as they prepare to become a member of the Catholic Church and receive the Sacrament s of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Share and deepen your own understanding of the Good News while welcoming new members into the community of the faithful. For more information, please call the rectory 732-634-4355.

2021 SENIOR OLYMPICS

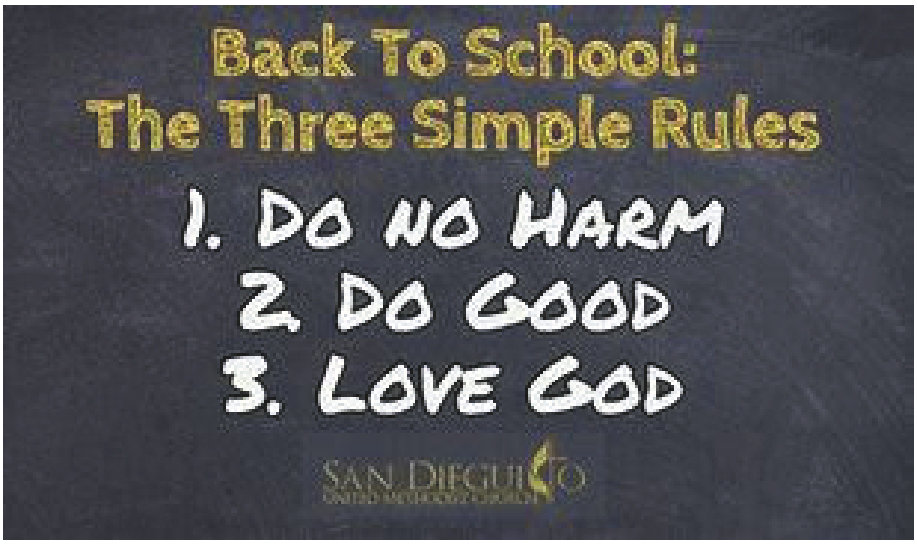
Woodbridge Township will serve as host to the NJ Senior Olympic games on September 10, 11 & 12, 2021. This is the 14th year that Woodbridge Township will welcome the statewide Senior Olympic competition. Please visit the following website for the Event schedule and registration https://www.njseniorolympics.com/page/EventSchedule-x-419-57-466.html

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord says, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy burdened. For many, the burdens are not easy nor do they feel light. We carry the burdens of the after-effects of wars, storms and scandals. We easily become weary because of the complexities of life, bodily and spiritual suffering, emotional heart-breaks and all the consequences of sin.

And you will find rest for your souls. We are in a time when our souls are being tested. Thus, more than ever, we must turn to the Lord for he hears and has an answer to every question, concern, need or fear that comes our way. He tells us to take his yoke upon our shoulders. He takes away our yoke of sin to replace it with the yoke of trust!

In the picture above Jesus is asleep in the boat. Even in a storm Jesus can sleep because he always abandons himself to his Father's care. As we celebrate Labor day, let us believe, abide and follow Jesus with trust.



Also, may God protect and bless our young people returning to school. We are always proud of the way our students face all the challenges this year may hold.

Fr. David

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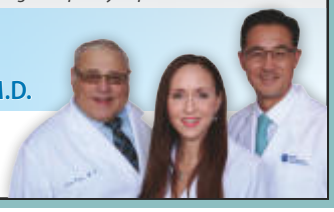

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