

# SAINT ANDREW

## THE APOSTLE PARISH



### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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### *Prayer to Saint Andrew the Apostle*

*O Glorious Saint Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend Saint John, you remained with Jesus for that day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. As you led your brother Saint Peter to Christ and many others after Him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.*

*Amen.*

**JANUARY 10, 2021 - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

# ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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## ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEBSITE

Have a look!! [Saintandrewmidmon.org](http://Saintandrewmidmon.org).



### Reconciliation

**Monday Evenings** in Charleroi, during the Holy hour (6-7pm).  
**Wednesdays** in Monongahela, during the Holy Hour (6-7pm).  
**Saturdays** before the 4pm Evening Mass (3-3:45pm).  
**First Friday of the Month** in Donora (11am-12pm).

## Reporting Child Abuse

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
412-456-3093 (Office)

**Hot Line** 1-888-808-1235 **PA Child Line** 1-800-932-0313

**Call 911 immediately if a child is in imminent danger.**

## AFTER OFFICE HOURS EMERGENCY

Please call one of the Parish offices and listen for the Emergency Prompt

## MASS SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME	SITE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY	PRIEST
Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Carol Claybaugh	Steve & Claudia Hornack	Fr. Pat
	4:00pm	Donora	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Ken Fusina	Faculty & Staff of Madonna Catholic	Fr. Jerry
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Frank & Julia Conti	Lillian Conti	Fr. Kevin
Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Ralph & Cecelia Koskoski	Cheryl & Donna Koskoski	Fr. Pat
	9:00am	Charleroi	Liz McGinley	Mark & Patty McGinley	Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	Donald Pietroboni	Betty Bailey	Fr. Pat
Monday, Jan. 11, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Helen Fugich Dixon	Nancy Ann Dixon, Suzanne Dixon Faragher	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Joseph & Georgiann Boone	Family	Fr. Pat
Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021	7:00pm	Monongahela	Albert Doty	Sandy Craig	Fr. Pat
Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Steve & Bertha Preczynski	Family	Fr. Pat
Friday, Jan. 15, 2021	8:30am	Monongahela	Paul, Frances & Paula Hazen	Family	Fr. Kevin
Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Stephen & Louis Lendway	M/M Frank Grande	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Doris Hughes	Teresa Sanchez	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Frank Mocilan	JoAnn Mocilan & Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021	8:30am	Donora	John & Helen Dominik	Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Arch & Madonna MacDonald	Sean MacDonald Family	Fr. Jerry & Seminarian Tom
	11:00am	Monongahela	David J. Benney	Aaron & Tracy Benney	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al

**Entrance: Rain Down**

*Refrain*

*Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.*

*Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.*

*Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.*

**Psalm: The Lord will bless His people**

**Offertory: Instrumental**

**Communion: Come to the Water**

*O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?*

**Closing: Baptized in Water**

*Baptized in water,  
Sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
Heirs of salvation,  
Trusting his promise,  
Faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

## PARISH EVENTS

A book entitled "David's Echo-Uplifting the Human Spirit" was recently written by Ellen (Kriss) Walkowiak and Reverend Aaron J Kriss, siblings of Reverend David J Kriss in his memory and as a tribute to him. Father Kriss (1953-2004) was the Pastor of Our Lady of Valley, From 1997 -2004. This keepsake is based on a interview he gave and contains a poem dedicated to him, photographs and excerpts from several private sources. It reveals how he found inspiration, shows how interacting with Community from a Spiritual and humanistic perspective made a difference in their lives and his, and explores how essential human connections are. To learn more or to obtain this book email

Father Aaron Kriss at [akriss@diopitt.org](mailto:akriss@diopitt.org) or contact him at Guardian Angels Parish at 724-226-4900 ext 20

**Donora Knights of Columbus Council #1941**

The Donora Knights of Columbus is hosting a Galiffa's hoagie, Pizza and flatbread (new item) fundraiser. All orders are due to the St. Andrew the Apostle Donora parish office by Thursday, January 28th. Pick up will be Thursday, February 4th from 9:00am till 12:00noon at the Donora Social Hall. Order forms will be available in the back of any of the 3 churches.

Let us all say a special Prayer for Fr. Bud Falkenhan, who recently fell and had to have surgery. If you would like to send him well wishes his address is 3609 Washington Ave. Finleyville, PA 15332.

*May the Healing Power of God's Love be with Fr. Bud while he is Recovering!!*



St. Andrew the Apostle would like to extend a very big thank you to this weeks bulletin ad sponsor. We have chosen:

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*Thank You for your continued support to our Parish!*

Check out Mass from St. Andrew online. We are filming one of the Saturday Vigil masses each week from one of our three churches, for those who do not yet feel comfortable coming back to mass.

Go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "**Grouping 326**" or go to our parish website and follow the link on our home page!

*The Link will be up each Sunday!*



Each year, Instruction is held for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or begin their Journey to becoming Catholic. Currently at our Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, instruction began in October 2020 with three candidates who are now continuing their studies through Zoom (Online classes) with Fr Kevin and Deacon Al. Those interested in sitting in on the classes at home with use of your computer to further your knowledge of our Faith are welcome to join. We are currently studying the Sacraments. Any questions please see Fr Kevin or Deacon Al.

**Thoughts by: REV KEV**

One of the most established historical facts of the life of Jesus was that he was baptized by John the Baptist. As we listen to the evangelist Mark recounting this event, he tells us that Jesus was baptized in the Jordan by John. Yet Mark is determined to convey that this was no ordinary baptism nor was Jesus one of John's usual recipients. In fact, think about this, Jesus did not need to be baptized. He is the creator with His Father and guidance of the Holy Spirit who created the waters and every living creature. As Jesus came up out of the water he sees the heavens being torn open. At the river the Father's voice comes from heaven and the Son comes up out of the waters and the Spirit like a dove comes down upon him.

Think about this action, we are like Jesus himself in this scene in the Gospels. He comes to the Jordan to tell us again that deep down we are good, we are fundamentally good, made in the image and likeness of God. May we find ourselves being able to see clearly the true presence of The Christ Child in our daily lives.

**Ruminations by: Fr. Pat**

This week we pick up on our reflection on what Mass is. Remember what we talked about earlier, before the Christmas Season began. Mass is *Adoration, Thanksgiving, Propitiation for sin*. It is also *Petition*, which is this week's reflection. These four ends of Mass can be seen as the most basic aspects of communication with one another. They can be summarized in four simple phrases which we all know: "I love you," "Thank you," "I'm sorry," and "Please." At the Mass, this is how we participate. These simple phrases are taken up in prayer and united to the offering of the Son of God on the Cross, in an act of worship of infinite value.

St. John Damascene wrote that prayer is "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." The Catechism tells us that "Christian prayer is a covenant relationship between God and man in Christ. It is the action of God and of man, springing forth from both the Holy Spirit and ourselves, wholly directed to the Father, in union with the human will of the Son of God made man. ...By prayer of petition we express awareness of our relationship with God. We are creatures who are not our own beginning, not the masters of adversity, not our own last end. We are sinners who as Christians know that we have turned away from our Father. Our petition is already a turning back to him."

Mass as prayer, when we ask things of God, is a time of strengthening that relationship with God. God does know all of our needs, so in asking there is a discovery of one's self and a revelation that we are not the most important thing in the world – we need assistance. In order to have the most intimate relationship with God that is possible, we need to know ourselves. And when we know ourselves, we are capable of an ever-deeper relationship with the Lord.

One thing to keep in mind when we make petitions to the Lord, in our private prayers and at Mass. Prayers of Petition should not be made into what can be described as "Holy Magic." When we think that, if we pray this certain prayer, so many times, and for so many days, God will answer our request, we are actually in danger of breaking the First Commandment. Instead of trying to build our relationship with God, with *us* depending on *Him*, we reverse things, *Him* depending on *us*. Prayers of petitions should never be us trying to control God; rather, it should be an avenue to become one with God.

## PARISH EVENTS

*Year of Saint Joseph*

*Pope Francis has called this year to be the Year of St. Joseph—To you, O blessed Joseph (ad te, beate Ioseph) - Pope Leo XIII wrote in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam Pluris.*

*The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial Indulgence. To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)*

*To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ; O most loving Father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, we are supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.*

2021 Sanctuary Candle Dates

All three worship sites are reserving Sanctuary Candle dates for 2021. Just call the Parish Office of the Church where you want the candle to burn.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Angela DeRienzo and her pasta team for their tremendous efforts and contributions in 2020. Extending over multiple rounds of raviolis and sauce - profits from these sales totaled \$5,500! Angie, Linda Tonarelli, Stephanie Martinet and a host of friends and family members gave of their time and donated many of the supplies.

What a delicious way to share culinary talents and bring in much needed money for the parish. Thank you, Mrs. DeRienzo and team for helping the church!

The weekend of **January 16-17** has been designated for the special collection to benefit **St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech**.

St. Anthony's and DePaul both fill a necessary role for special education within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. St. Anthony School Programs offers an inclusive education to children ages 5-21 years with special needs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children, birth to 14 years, who are deaf or hard of hearing to listen, speak, and learn. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities.

Any help you can give is deeply appreciated and makes a tremendous impact on the students we serve, as well as their families. Our fundraising efforts have been greatly impacted by the pandemic, so again, any support you are able to give means so much.

**Every dollar donated through this collection is credited toward your Parish Share.**

PARISH EVENTS

As we continue to face the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, please take a moment to review the steps taken by St. Andrew the Apostle Parish.

These are the protocols mandated by the CDC, Commonwealth of PA, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

All individuals who enter the Church for any reason (such as private prayer, the Celebrations of Mass or Confession), **MUST WEAR A MASK, covering their nose and mouth**. Masks are available at all entrances.

All are asked to **PLEASE USE HAND SANITIZER** upon entering the church building.

All are asked to be attentive to the seating restrictions, sitting at least 6 feet from anyone else in the pew, the exception being that you can sit in closer proximity to the people you came with (i.e. spouses, family members, etc.). **We are allowed to seat 25% of our seating capacity**. Be attentive to those pews taped off.

Additional steps we are facilitating here at St. Andrew the Apostle:

We have instituted Pandemic Porters, who help the parish ensure Safety Compliance and Accountability.

All clergy have been wearing masks to distribute Communion.

While you may exit the church by any door, you will find that each church will only have ONE set of doors opened:

Charleroi - please use the main doors with the handicap ramp.

Monongahela - please use the side door with the handicap ramp.

Donora - please use the front door of the Church.

To assist in the safety of everyone in the congregation, if you choose to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, please wait until everyone in the Congregation has received Communion. Afterward, you may come to the priest or deacon so that he may sanitize properly. **PLEASE WHEN LEAVING USE ALL DOORS, AND DO NOT CONGREGATE!!**

Finally, we are still providing an Online Mass for the Weekend, as noted in the bulletin. Check the parish website at <https://saintandrewmidmon.org>.

**All Doors to the offices will be locked during business hours, you must either ring the door bells at the Monongahela and Charleroi sites or call the office in Donora and someone will answer the door. The offices are closed to the Public.**

**PLEASE !!!!**

**IF YOU FEEL SICK,  
WE ASK THAT YOU STAY AT  
HOME.**

## REFLECTIONS BY DEACON AL

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

This week we hear Mark's Gospel account of the Baptism of Jesus. The above statement is from John's Gospel account of Jesus' words. While Jesus didn't need to be baptized, his willingness represents his total allegiance to the Kingdom.

John states "I baptize with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit". John was preparing for others to see Jesus as the Savior/Messiah, but as for Jesus, when he came out of the water it was at this moment in his life he's assured that everything he does from then on is a reality true to the Fathers sending him ...

What would it take for us to make our own baptism a reality in creating an awareness that it was the same gift given to our Lord and Savior by the Father and through the Spirit? Something we need to take seriously, die to sin and rise to new life in Christ as priest, prophet and king. Let that sink in and take seriously the mission the Father has created and sent you to accomplish... God Bless

## Saint Andrews Community Food Bank/Charleroi, Donora &amp; Monongahela sites...



It's been a strong year for our parish food bank, and the needs of families are being met because of You!

Way back when "over 50 years ago" when the food bank was first established through the St Vincent DePaul Society, Monongahela chapter, the food bank was run out of a parishioners home and served roughly 20-25 homes each month.

Today, since the merger of the parishes from Charleroi, Donora and Monongahela making up Saint Andrew the Apostle parish, we now serve over 175 families each month. This is due in part to increasing unemployment numbers and strains caused by the Covid -19 virus.

Those who work the food bank from the person who picks up the food donated each week at all three sites, to the people who pick up the food in bulk from local grocers, the teams of people who pack, and those on the front line who see face to face, those in need when they pick up their food and express their gratitude with a look of relief on their faces.

This is truly an outward sign of faith of the three communities coming together as one to fulfill the needs of the Mid Mon Valley and we sincerely are grateful for your giving! Please take note of the needs for the next pickup date 1/20/2021 and know of our thankfulness in advance!

Food Bank Needs: Pasta & Sauce, Canned Pasta (rav's, spaghetti and meatballs, a quick afterschool snack) Peanut butter and Jelly, Mac and Cheese (***our suppliers have been unable to get mac and cheese for us over the last few months and our supplies are about exhausted***) canned soup.

Hygiene essentials: Paper towels, bar soap and facial tissues.

Please know of our continued prayers for you our supporters, those we are blessed to serve and those volunteers who make this huge ministry possible... May our Lord Blessings continue to shine upon you!

## The Baptism of the Lord by: Seminarian Tom

*“If you think on the name Jesus continually and hold it stably, it purges your sin and kindles your heart.”  
-Richard Rolle O.S.C.O.*

A beautiful part of being Catholic is our wide variety of devotions that we have. There is even a devotion for every month. This month is traditionally dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Devotion to the Holy Name goes back to the earliest days of Christianity (see Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31; Philippians 2:10; Isaiah 7:14). The Christogram (IHS) has been found on early Christian altars and archeologists have found the same with the Greek IHΣΟΥΣ. The devotion to the Holy Name is really a devotion to the Incarnation of God. In the Old Testament, God did not reveal His name, and the Jews have always had a great reverence for the tetragrammaton (YHWH or Yahweh). Moses, the intermediary of the Jewish people, was not able to see God face to face, yet in that little infant all were told to come and behold Him. The angel who came to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph specifically said to name this child Jesus, it is when God came to Earth and that divide has been repaired. This devotion gained a huge popularity in the 13<sup>th</sup> century through its propagation by prolific Franciscan preachers of the day such as St. Bernadino of Siena or St. John Capistrano. The most ancient prayer centered around the Holy Name is known as the “Jesus Prayer”. It is meant to go along with your breathing, saying as you breath in “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God” and as you breath out “have mercy on me a sinner”. By praying this prayer we are able to “pray without ceasing” as even our breath begins to honor the name of our Savior.

## PARISH EVENTS

### What does the Church say about the COVID-19 Vaccine?

In all of the uncertainty and anxiety surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine, especially regarding the morality of the vaccine, it is important to look at what the Church teaches and is telling us. If given the opportunity, it is our Christian duty to receive the vaccine. The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's) Chairmen of the Pro-life committee and Doctrine, along with Rome are in agreement. “Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good”. If you would like to read more about the moral implications of the vaccine, Fr. Harrison Ayre wrote a great article for *Our Sunday Visitor* (go to OSV.com and search for “Fr. Harrison Ayre”).

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Any parishioner who would like a 2020 contribution statement are asked to call the parish office to request one.

Donora	724-379-4777
Charleroi	724-483-5533
Monongahela	724-258-7742

## Candlemas Blessing of Candles and Holy Hour

Monday February 1, 2021

6:00 p.m., Charleroi

During the typically scheduled Holy Hour on Monday, 2.1.21, we as a parish will celebrate Candlemas, also known as “The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord”.

There will be a blessing of candles (with candles to take home) and a solemn Vespers service.

Candlemas, or The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, or the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, are all titles for the same ancient Christian feast. It is a special feast commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. It is based upon the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke 2:22–40. In accordance with Leviticus 12: a woman was to be purified by presenting a lamb as a burnt offering, and either a young pigeon or dove as sin offering, 33 days after a boy's circumcision. It falls on February 2, which is traditionally the 40th day of and the conclusion of the Christmas–Epiphany season. On Candlemas, many Orthodox and Roman Catholics bring their candles to their local church, where they are blessed and then used for the rest of the year. These blessed candles serve as a symbol of Jesus Christ, who referred to Himself as the “Light of the World”

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK During the COVID –19 PANDEMIC

Since the Pandemic started last Spring, society has seen not only an uptake in physical sickness but an increase in emotional uncertainties. There are many people who are afraid, for the welfare of others and for themselves. There are some who may also be affected spiritually.

In these troublesome times, there are a couple of things that remain constant - the love and the mercy of God. He is the calming agent that is the foundation of our fears and anxieties. Uncertain of the trials of life, people find peace through prayer and through the reception of the Holy Communion. The Sacraments have been, and will continue to be, the foundations of our life in Christ. They bring us healing and strength.

Because of the serenity that the Sacraments bring, we, the clergy team at St. Andrew, have decided to offer to anyone who desires the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The reception of the Sacrament unites us to the Cross of Christ. Through Christ we suffer, die and rise again. We are made one with the Divine Healer, who forgives us of our sins.

The Sacrament is intended for anyone who is in need of healing - physical, emotional and spiritual. Remember, the Sacrament is a life - giving Sacrament for those in need of Solace and is referred to the Healing Sacrament meant for the living, to bring Christ into their lives.

**Therefore, at each of the Parish Sites, we will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after the daily Mass for those who are in need. Young or old, physically sick or emotionally/spiritually in need, the Sacrament is there for you, Christ is there for you. If the Sacrament helps relieve any anxieties that the pandemic brings, let it. Christ is there for us all. Within time we will offer this once a week in the new year.**

*Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up.*



## Madonna Catholic Regional School

[www.madonnacatholic.com](http://www.madonnacatholic.com)

731 Chess Street

Monongahela, PA 15063

It is the mission of Madonna Catholic Regional School to provide a Christ-centered community focused on Gospel values, service, and academic excellence to foster a lifelong relationship with God and the Church and to develop leaders that carry their success with kindness, respect, responsibility and compassion.

### **CHEPLIC \$5 MEAT & CASH TICKET**

*Thank you to all who participated and supported this fundraiser! The winning number drawn at 7:00 pm on 12/31/20 was 7168 and the winner has been contacted.*



### **LAST CALL!**

This is your last opportunity to purchase a 2021 Enjoy Coupon Book before we return them to the company. The cost is \$30 and you can preview & purchase the books online at <http://www.supportourgroups.com/GN/215153> or stop by the school to pick one up! Thank you to everyone who purchased a book this year!

### **Thank You!**

A special thank you to all who participated in our 2021 Lottery Calendar Ticket fundraiser which was once again a sell out! If you have not yet returned your stubs to the school, please do so as soon as possible!

**FAITH FORMATION/FAMILY CONNECTION/KIDS CORNER**

**Family Connection**

Gather as a family and discuss your feelings about the ending of the Christmas season. How does it feel to take down the Christmas decorations? Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:7-11. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship?

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**OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF  
December 25th, 27th & January 3rd**

**December 25th & 27th, January 3rd Offertory**

**CHRISTMAS: \$ 13,148.00**

**CHRISTMAS CHARITITES: \$ 2,937.00**

**OFFERTORY/DECEMBER 27TH: \$ 15,924.00**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY: \$ 1,759.00**

**OFFERTORY/JANUARY 3RD: \$ 11,512.00**

**PARISH SHARE: \$ 2,742.00**

**VANCO: Christmas: \$517.40**

**December 27th: \$1,937.34**

**January 3rd: \$3,030.06**

**It's not too late to sign up for our ON LINE GIVING with VANCO. You can find the directions on our website. We encourage you to use this very efficient tool for your giving.**



**WEEKLY READINGS - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN  
DAILY MASS AND PRAYER**

**Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/

Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is

12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf.

7c]/Mk 1:14-20

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[8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk

1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf.

7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn

6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,

10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

Jn 1:35-42

**REST IN PEACE**



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