

SAINT ANDREW

THE APOSTLE PARISH



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.

**“UNITY IS THE TRUE
PRESENCE OF CHRIST,
FOUND AT
ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH
IN THE
MID-MON VALLEY.”**

JANUARY 31, 2021 - 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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Have a look!! 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. 30, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Mary Geary	Family	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Agnes Vukich	Martha & Larry Diess	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Gloria Zeli	Raymond & Karen DalFonso	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Dave Papak Family	Dave & Kate	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Fr. Ed Litavec	Agnes Braunegg	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Nell Mong	Family	Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	11:00am	Monongahela	Joe & Norma Reale	Janice, Eric & Family	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
Monday, Feb. 1, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Special Intentions	Roth Family	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Janet Nary	Kathleen, Jordan & Dalton	Fr. Kevin
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021	7:00pm	Monongahela	Rose Venanzi	Bill Ryan Family	Fr. Kevin
Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Jean D'Emidio	Mr. Jerry Serrino	Fr. Pat
Friday, Feb. 5, 2021	8:30am	Monongahela	Bertha Walak	Barbara Russo	Fr. Kevin
Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Herman Pennline	Bob & Tina Rossi	Fr. Pat
	4:00pm	Donora	Joe Pinchalk	Martha & Larry Diess	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Ernestine Lackner	Helen Veschio	Fr. Pat & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Philomena A. Demeter	Husband & Daughter	Fr. Kevin & Seminarian Tom
Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Anthony "Tony" Trona	Vera Trona	Fr. Pat & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Fran Frye	Friend	Fr. Kevin & Seminarian Tom
	11:00am	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Pat & Deacon Al

Entrance: Gather Your People

REFRAIN: Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

REFRAIN

Psalm: If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts

Offertory: Instrumental

Communion: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

REFRAIN: Be not afraid. I go before you always.
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Closing: City of God

Awake from your slumber! Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning for all those who weep.
The people in darkness have seen a great light.
The Lord of our longing has conquered the night.
Let us build the city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MONTHLY RAFFLE TICKET

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish has a monthly raffle ticket available for sale every 4 weeks. The tickets are \$2 and the winner receives \$1400.00. If you would like to purchase one, or if you are available to sell any of them, please contact one of the parish offices.

**St. Blaise Day - Blessing of Throats
February 3**

9:00 a.m. – Donora (Service Only)

12:00 p.m. – Charleroi (Service Only)

7:00 – Monongahela (During Mass)

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!

**COLLECTION OF OLD PALMS**

As we approach Lent, we will need to have ashes to begin our Lenten Journey. Please bring in your old palms to be burnt for ashes. You may drop them off at any of the three churches.

Pampered Chef Fundraiser

For our February fundraiser, parishioner Antonia Pellegrini will host a Pampered Chef fundraising event, where a percentage of the sales will benefit St. Andrew the Apostle Parish.

Sales totaling 0-\$649 will bring in a 10% donation and sales over \$650 will be worth 15%.

Bonuses:

There will be an additional donation to the church for every party booked under this event.

And for those supporting the fundraiser, Toni will be donating a Pampered Chef Air Fryer and Skewer Set (\$300 value) to be raffled off.

*For every order placed, the guest will receive 2 raffle tickets free

*For every party booked, the guest will receive 4 raffle tickets free

*Additional tickets can be purchased on church fundraising site \$5 each

Please visit our Website or Facebook Fundraising Page (St. Andrew the Apostle Games and Fundraising) for shopping link and Facebook party details. If you prefer, physical catalogs can be picked up in any parish office

Shopping link :

www.pamperedchef.com/party/standrew0205

Thanks very much to Toni Pellegrini for hosting the event and helping us to raise money ahead of the Lenten season.

**Patron Saints of Intersession's**

St. Lidwina was drawn towards the [Mother of God](#) and [prayed](#) a great deal before the [miraculous](#) image of Our Lady. During the winter of the year of 1395, Lidwina went skating with her friends, one of whom caused her to fall upon some ice with such [violence](#) that she broke a rib in her right side. This was the beginning of her [martyrdom](#). No medical skill availed to cure her. Gangrene appeared in the wound caused by the fall and spread over her entire body. For years she lay in pain which seemed to increase constantly. [God](#) rewarded her with a wonderful gift of [prayer](#) and also with visions. Numerous [miracles](#) took place at her bed-side.

Prayer through Saint Lidwina's Intercession (Patron Saint of those suffering chronic pain)

St. Lidwina, in your sufferings you knew the weight of the cross. Please pray for all who are burdened in life. Teach us by your example to never waste one drop of pain, but to lovingly and courageously "offer it up" to our Lord, who patiently suffered for us. Amen.

PARISH EVENTS

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.

VOLUNTEER



As a newer parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, our ministry needs continue to grow at an excellent rate... For the time being we need to adhere to quite a few restrictions due to the pandemic, but the needs of those who are homebound, low on food or in some cases in danger of losing their utilities and/or even homes still exist.

I've written in past articles concerning the 175 families we serve each month with the food bank, and the need continues to grow. Besides the foodbank, I'm currently working with a local firm to help our Senior Citizens with transportation needs, especially getting those to Holy Mass who wish to come. I'm looking at bereavement and caregivers support groups for the future and how to do that safely through the Covid19 pandemic, and also planning a spring and fall Pre-Cana class for those seeking marriage this year or sometime in the future. But the need for volunteers is a constant and WE NEED YOU.

Support through your donations has been overwhelming, there just aren't enough words of gratitude in the English language to express our thanks for your support. But the turnover for volunteers is consistently high, and that's where we need you. It's not a 24/7 job, but the needs truly are. The food bank, has grown so large that each month I fear I'll miss something or someone in the many tasks that go on behind the scenes. In-between the 3rd Wednesdays of every month, there are many times we get calls for food. This past month we only had 6 packers to take care of 150 bags that needed prepared for pick-up. They did it and did a darn good job, but the exhaustion I could see in them as well as myself, well it was just overwhelming and again, the appreciation I have for the packers, there just aren't enough words to express how I feel for and towards them. PLEASE think about, pray, consider, becoming a part of this valuable ministry as the needs are many but the laborers few.

Please know of my continued prayers for you, our supporters, those we are blessed to serve and those volunteers who make this huge ministry possible, May our Lord's Blessings continue to shine upon St Andrews and may our Patron St Andrew continue to intercede for us as we grow, for our safety and protection from the virus and that the call for ministry is answered by your prayers and or your presence.

Thoughts by: REV KEV

Throughout the past year as we have all had to face the unknown of this COVID-19 our faith has invited us to find Peace, Hope and Strength. As we have also been given many opportunities to reflect and see the blessings that we all have with family and friends who are in our lives, perhaps it has been those cards sent/received, a phone call, text message or ZOOM/Facetime, somehow we have not been totally alone. We also have Faith that we can lean on the CROSS and have God send us the people we need in our lives and those who can help guide, teach and keep us focused.

Overall, the question is do we see these gifts, do we listen to those who are speaking to us and do we have the Faith and Trust in the Creator and Loving Father?

Saint Paul's short text from First Corinthians seems like an attention grabber when he says:

"I should like you to be free of anxieties." Yes, we would like to be free of anxieties! But how can we be free of these anxieties? Pray, Trust and let God be a part of your daily life. Saint Paul further says, "I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction." What are our priorities? Do we ever focus on God without any distractions? Or do we move through our days giving God only the leftovers of our time, our energy, or our Love? Our God is not an either—or—proposition. When we focus on God single-mindedly for even part of our day everything falls in place. May we appreciate those who God sends into our lives and continue to listen, learn and see how God is there for us.

Within 17 days we will begin Lent. I hope we can all look eagerly to that time to refocus our opportunities to pray, listen, love and serve.

Ruminations by: Fr. Pat

Have you ever attended Mass at a Byzantine Liturgy? Here in the Valley, there are some attending this week's Mass that may have grown up going to the Byzantine Liturgy. If you have attended an Eastern Rite Liturgy, you will have noticed that it is more involved than the Western Liturgy. There is a great deal of chanting, using a great deal of incense. The Roman Liturgy may use incense on Holy days or the like, but we do not use as much.

When I was in seminary, I was taught a simple and fundamental difference between the two. Neither difference makes either any better or worse. It is just how one looks at things. The "smells and bells" of the Eastern Liturgy, or the quiet Gregorian chants that is heard in the Vatican – both give an aura that God is present.

Remember last week when I was talking about the bubble? God brings the events of 2000+ years ago to the present? Well, there are perceptions that people have about God's being present in our midst. The first perception, along the lines of the Eastern Rites, is that God brings us up into the Heavenly Court. God transports us to the heavenly realm, where the angels constantly give worship and praise to God. We are drawn up into the holiness and supremacy of God. We are surrounded by the Divine. We participate with the choirs of angels in the heavenly worship of the Almighty.

In contrast the Western Liturgy is quite simple. Instead of us being transported to the heavenly realm, God deigns to come to ours. Ours is not the heavenly realm, full of glory and grandeur; it is one of simplicity, full of God's creations. It is here in the earthly realm that we encounter the earthly Jesus, Who is one of us. It is here that the Divine surrounds Himself with His creation and gives praise and glory to the Father through the human realm.

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 50% 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.**

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. Following the guidelines from the Diocese our offices are kept closed for the safety of our essential employees. We will offer assistance to anyone who comes; however, we are not allowed to congregate in the buildings.

PLEASE !!!!

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

Food Bank News By: Deacon Al

Recipes for the Food Bank: Each month we try to give seven dinner meals, along with baking mix and cereal for breakfast meals involving non-perishables such as: Mac and cheese, baked beans, pasta and sauce, green beans, corn, instant potatoes and rice...

What we're hoping to do is come up with recipes to give the recipients of the food bank and share with the parish some quick and easy meals to use what you may have in your house or cupboard along with helping those we serve.

If you're interested in helping by providing recipes, please submit your favorites or traditional ideas by dropping off or mailing to one of the parish offices.

Here's the first one:

Crock-Pot Chicken & Stuffing By: Heidi Cramer

Ingredients:

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

1.5 tablespoons Italian seasoning

Salt/Pepper

10.5 oz. cream of chicken soup

8oz. Sour cream

6oz box of stuffing mix

3/4 low sodium chicken broth

2 cups of canned green beans

Optional stuffing additions:

1/2 cup onions

1/2 cup celery

2tsp dry rosemary

1. Season Chicken with Italian seasoning, salt, pepper. Place on the bottom of a lightly greased crockpot.
2. In a large bowl mix together the soup, sour cream, stuffing and *half* of the chicken broth.
3. Add the stuffing and green beans to the Crock Pot. (You can place them all side by side or layer the stuffing on top of the chicken, followed by the green beans.)
4. Cook on high for 4 hours or on low for 6-7.
5. Serve with mashed potatoes, gravy and buttermilk biscuits if desired.
6. If you'd prefer additional moisture, add the rest of the chicken broth, stir and heat for an additional 10 minutes.
7. For firmer stuffing, leave the lid off crockpot for the last 30-40 minutes of cooking. Use foil to cover the chicken to keep it moist. You can also put it in the oven at 400 for 10-15 minutes to brown the top.

4th Sunday In Ordinary Time by: Seminarian Tom

*Sing, my tongue, the Savior's glory,
Of His Flesh, the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our Immortal King,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble Womb to spring.*

*Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His Life of woe.*

On January 28, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas was a Dominican friar born in Aquino in 1225 who lived a life completely dedicated to the Lord and the study of theology. He was from a very powerful and wealthy family and to their dismay he entered the newly founded Order of Preachers (Dominicans). His family tried desperately to keep him from doing this, even going as far as kidnapping him.

To many in his lifetime he was known as the “dumb ox” because he was an incredibly large yet very quiet man. Today he is known by many as the “Angelic Doctor” because of his theological works. It can be said that no single person had as great of an impact on systematic theology as St. Thomas Aquinas. His works of the *Summa Theologica* and many others are still studied by theologians and seminarians today. Though his work is incredibly dense and difficult for some, it really blossomed forth from Thomas’ own prayer life. He wrote many hymns dedicated to the Eucharist and is the one who gave the Church the terminology of “transubstantiation”. On the Feast of Corpus Christi we still sing the sequence that Thomas penned. Throughout his life Thomas wrote voluminously about the Lord, and right before he died he was given the gift of the beatific vision. Thomas was able to get a glimpse of God’s grandeur and exclaimed to all around him that everything that he had spent his life writing was “all straw” compared to the Glory of God. St. Thomas Aquinas is the patron saint of students, teachers, theologians, and Catholic schools.

*On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal Victim eating,
First fulfils the Law's command;
Then as Food to all his brethren
Gives Himself with His own Hand.*

*Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature
By His Word to Flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes:
What though sense no change discerns.
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns*

PARISH EVENTS

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

**The seminarians and staff from St. Paul Seminary will
be visiting St. Andrews on
SUNDAY February 14, 2021!**

Fr. Tom Sparacino (Rector), Fr. Steve Neff (Spiritual Director) and Fr. Ken Marlovits (Vocations Director) will be covering all of the Sunday Masses that day.

Due to COVID we will not be able to have a social gathering, but if you'd like to meet the seminarians come to any of the Sunday Masses.

PARISH EVENTS

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.



Miraculous Medal Novena

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, as a way of deepening our relationship with our Blessed Mother, is joining in the perpetual novena of the Miraculous Medal Starting Monday, February 1, 2021 after the morning mass, and every Monday after.

The Miraculous Medal, symbol of devotion and faith, of the endless grace the Virgin Mary donates to her children. A sign of hope and love.

The Miraculous Medal is a symbol of devotion and love of our Blessed Mother who appeared to St. Catherine Laboure and recognized by the Catholic Church.

It is a support for those looking for a grace, for those facing a hard time in their lives, or for those who just want to remember every day that they are not alone, and have an endlessly good and loving Mother supporting and sustaining them. Please join us in asking Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal to Pray for Us!!!

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.



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Family Connection

The people who heard Jesus teach and saw him heal in today’s Gospel were said to have been astonished and amazed by the authority of his teaching. So compelling were Jesus’ words and actions that the news about him could not be contained; it spread quickly throughout all of Galilee. Two thousand years later, the news about Jesus continues to spread. We are called to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others in our words and in our deeds.

Gather as a family and try to name some amazing things, events, or people. In today’s Gospel we hear that the people were astonished and amazed by their experience of Jesus. Read today’s Gospel, Mark 1:21–28. What did the people who saw and heard Jesus find so amazing? (In Jesus, the people heard and saw the power and authority of God at work.) People should see in our lives the power and authority of God at work. Can you name any modern examples of people in whom you have seen the power and authority of God at work? Conclude in prayer together that we will experience wonder at the work of God in our world today

Pretzels for Lent

As we are preparing our hearts for the season of Lent, we invite you to join us as we learn about the *Legend of the Pretzel*. A pretzel reminds us of arms crossed in prayer and is a special treat for all to share. Please look for the link to our video “Pretzels for Lent” on Sunday, January 31.

In order to fully participate and join us in making the pretzels, you will need the following:

- 1 package yeast
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups flour
- 1 egg
- extra salt for the tops- large salt works best!



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

Readings for the week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

REST IN PEACE



In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anne Varela, Carol A.**

Marra, Mila Lucero and Armand "Cack"

Costantino May Perpetual Light shine upon their souls. And may all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

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