

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH



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

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.

MAY 9, 2021 - 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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) in Donora.

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 INTENTIONS

DAY/DATE	TIME	SITE	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY	PRIEST
Saturday, May 8, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Richard Biagini	Sister, Judy	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Pat
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Jerry
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Pat
Sunday, May 9, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Kevin
	9:00am	Charleroi	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Pat
	11:00am	Monongahela	Living & Deceased Mothers		Fr. Kevin
Monday, May 10, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Elliott Bianchi	Marlene Hixenbaugh	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, May 11, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Frank & Ida Harlack	Ricky & Karen Harlack	Fr. Kevin
Wednesday, May 12, 2021	7:00pm	Monongahela	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Marchetti	The Filipcic Family	Fr. Kevin
Thursday, May 13, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Michael & Velma Beresh	Michael & Marsha Beresh	Fr. Pat
Ascension Thursday	Noon	Charleroi	John & Helen Dominik	Family	Fr. Kevin
Friday, May 14, 2021	8:30am	Monongahela	Paul Tarabrella	Knights of Columbus Council #2600	Fr. Kevin
Saturday, May 15, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Charles & Mary Ruffing	Family	Fr. Pat
	4:00pm	Donora	Caroline & Christopher Bettinelli	Ron & Christine Janney	Fr. Kevin
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Helen Nutting	Son, Tom Nutting	Fr. Pat
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Leonard E. Dipaola, Sr.	Albert Hanna	Fr. Kevin
Sunday, May 16, 2021	8:30am	Donora	John Bedner	Wife, Anna Marie & Family	Fr. Pat
	9:00am	Charleroi	John Gaidos	Virginia & John Stefan	Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Pat

Entrance: Sing a New Song

Refrain: Sing a new song, sing a new song,
sing a new song to the God of love.
Sing a new song, sing it out strong,
sing a new song to the Lord!
Praise the name of God for ever,
tell the wonders God has done!
Shout aloud and sing in chorus,
beat your drums!

Refrain

God is justice, God is mercy,
ruling over all the world.
Sound the trumpet, blast the organ,
blow your horns!

Psalm: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Offertory: Let Us Be Bread

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.

Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.

Let us be bread...

2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.

Communion: No Greater Love

Refrain: There can be no greater love
than to lay down your life for a friend.

1. On the night on which our
Savior was betrayed,
the Lord broke bread and passed it 'round:

“This is my body giv'n for you.”

2. Then the Lord when he had
eaten with his friends,
began to wash their feet and said:

“This example I leave you.”

Closing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross as Savior
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

PARISH EVENTS

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

Saint Andrew's is looking for young people who are interested in serving at the Altar at Mass!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! ANY ONE WHO HAS MADE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IS ELIGIBLE!

Encourage your kids or grandkids to become more involved at mass, contact any of the Rectories if interested!

Donora Knights of Columbus Council #1941

The Donora Knights of Columbus #1941 is hosting a Galiffa's hoagie, pizza and flatbread fundraiser. All orders are due to the St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Donora office by Thursday, May 27th. Pick up will be on Thursday, June 3rd, from 9am until 12noon at the Donora site social hall. Order forms will be available in the back of any of the 3 churches. Thank you for your continued support of the Knight's numerous projects while enjoying some delicious food.

ATTENTION!!!

Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting will be held in Marian Hall on Saturday, May 22 after the 8:30am Mass. Please be prepared to offer names for the slate of officers including: president, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you have any questions, Please call 724-483-4048.

Litany to St. Joseph

In this "Year of St. Joseph" we have started a weekly Litany to St. Joseph, Foster Father of the Lord and Patron of the Universal Church.

Wednesdays in Monongahela **During the 6 p.m. Holy Hour**

Our Novena will be led by one of the clergy and will consist of the *Litany of St. Joseph* and a novena prayer.



Miraculous Medal Novena

Every Monday In Charleroi
following the 8:30 Am 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!

DIGNITY ROBES

The 3rd Friday of every month the ladies & gentleman will meet at the Donora Sewing Room from 9:00am till Noon. This month they will meet on May, 21st.

Bible Study

Bible Study will be held in the Parish Office of St. Andrew the Apostle, Charleroi this Tuesday, May 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

13 TUESDAY NOVENA IN HONOR OF SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

March 16-June 8

Devotion to St. Anthony of Padua is beautiful in that the humble Franciscan priest and preacher has brought people together through his miraculous intercession since his death in 1231. Today St. Anthony is known by many names, *Wonderworker, Doctor of the Church, Hammer of Heretics, Good St. Anthony*, and the saint who is there to help you find what you've lost.

We are praying the novena immediately following the daily mass on **TUESDAY MORNINGS IN DONORA.**

MAN UP

The men of Man Up will be gathering on Wednesday May 19th. Meeting will be held at Father Abbate Hall / Monongahela beginning at 7:00 pm.

PARISH EVENTS

Extra Mass Slots Available!!

Back in November the Office of the Parish opened the Mass book to take reservations for Weekday and Sunday Mass offerings. Having Masses prayed for our loved ones, living and deceased, is a time-honored tradition that gives comfort, closure, and faith to family members.

Covid-19 changed our world, such that many people are not coming to church. As a consequence, the number of scheduled Mass Intentions for the year has dwindled. As a result, there are more openings available. Because of this phenomenon, the parish is loosening the restrictions for the number of Masses prayed for a person. Before only two Masses were allowed. **We are now allowing an extra two Masses to be scheduled for weekdays.** All you need to do is fill the form out once again and give it to one of the secretaries.

Sometimes Father Jerry will pray the Mass in private. All of the priests can use a given Mass Intention that is not listed in the bulletin from an excess of mass intentions. The extra mass intention can come from a family who recently received a number of Mass requests due to the passing of a loved one. However, the reality is that we do not have a lot of extra Masses. Please keep in mind some of these Masses are not scheduled per se, but prayed on an as needed basis, usually in private, without the family being present.

Please watch for the forms the weekend of May 16th, completed forms will NOT be ACCEPTED prior to the weekend of May 22nd.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Adoration in Monongahela this Friday May 9th, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

DONORA OFFICE HOURS

The Donora office hours from May 11th until May 20th will be limited, However you may still call any of the offices for questions or help needed. The Secretary for Donora will be on Vacation from May 11th and will return to the office on May 21st.

Eagle Scout Project

My name is John Glaneman and I have been a member of the parish all my life. I also attended Madonna Catholic for twelve years. I was very happy when my former principle, Kathryn Miller reached out to me and asked me for help with a project. I also needed an eagle scout project to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. Mrs. Miller asked me to construct an outdoor classroom for the students at Madonna. She also asked me to install a fence around as well as landscape the area. Just as she needed my help for this project. It would be greatly appreciated if you give a donation to my project and help me give back to the school that gave to me for twelve years. I will be collecting at a mass at each site the weekend of may 22nd, or please place a donation in the basket in an envelope labeled Eagle Scout project. Donations can also be made directly at the CFS Bank in Monongahela.

SUPPORT SERRA CATHOLIC “BEST BUDDIES FRIENDSHIP WALK”

Sarah Glaneman, from our parish, is a student at Serra Catholic High School. She will be participating in the "Best Buddies Friendship Walk". The walk is in conjunction with the Saint Anthony Program high school students. The "Best Buddies" is a group that is for inclusion for differently abled high school kids. It is in place so that the Saint Anthony School students can "hang around" and do things with the other high school students. It is a national organization. Sarah will be doing a virtual walk on May 22nd to raise money for the Serra Catholic Best Buddies Group. If you would like to support Sarah and Serra Catholic Best Buddies, with a donation, please go to Sarah's page prior to May 22nd at

<https://www.bestbuddiesfriendshipwalk.org/pennsylvania/supporting/#p2p/2826069>

THOUGHTS BY: REV KEV

The gospel adds something striking to the law: Love your sisters and brothers as Jesus loved you! In our situation and time the command no longer lives in glorious abstraction. It is splendidly, fearfully and gloriously concrete. How do you love as Jesus loved?

Easter has been a season when Jesus invited each of the disciples to Not be Afraid to Trust in His Mercy, to Follow Him, to Listen to His Voice, to not be afraid to be pruned because we are always connected to God and the be Missionaries of the Good News even in 2021!

On this Mother's Day may we pray to the Loving God:

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, we ask that you may bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian Mothers, Grandmothers, Step Mothers and God Mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Finally, listen to the words of one who was not afraid to be a missionary, who loved all people and showed Mercy and Dignity to each person. Mother Teresa Calcutta said "If you ever feel distressed during the day, call upon Our Lady and just say this simple prayer. "Mary Mother of Jesus please be a mother to me now".

RUMINATIONS BY: FR. PAT

Today I am going to talk about the Ascension of the Lord. There are two aspects that I would like us to think about.

Firstly, remember in the past when we talked about numbers and how they are used in the Scriptures and in the Church? Well, today we are celebrating another one of those numbers. We are talking about the Ascension of the Lord, which occurred 40 days after Easter. Remember, the number 40 means completeness and fulfillment. There was 40 days and 40 nights that Noah spent in the ark. There was 40 years that Israel spent in the desert, purifying themselves of their sins.

So...what's being fulfilled or completed? The Easter Event is one that gave Salvation to the world by Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Only through Him can we be saved. The Ascension celebrates the fruits of that Easter event. Jesus, as a human, was raised on high, as a witness to what will follow for us who believe. The ancient reason for Creation will become fulfilled. God and humanity have been joined in Faith, Hope, and Love.

Secondly, why would Jesus leave so soon? There were things that the Apostles still did not understand. Why would Jesus leave them in the loop?

If one thinks about it, there would not have been anything more that Jesus could teach them that they would understand. Think about how parents teach their children. Parents can lecture their children until they are blue in the face, and, sometimes, the children still would not understand. Jesus gave us the foundation. It would be up to the Holy Spirit and the Church's living out its life that understanding would come about. Like children, in time we would understand. In fact, even after two thousand years, we are still learning and growing. Sometimes one needs experience to truly understand.

In conclusion, therefore, the Ascension tells us two things: One – through Faith in Jesus comes the Resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Jesus Rising from the dead is not just a miracle. It is a reminder of what is to come. Two – with Faith comes the missive to learn and grow in the Faith. With that missive we are to go and preach the Gospel, so that the whole world may be united with the Lord, just as it was meant from the very beginning. By living and growing in the Faith, by preaching the Gospel and converting other people, our understanding and appreciation of our relationship with God becomes more focused and understood, making that relationship that much more cherished.

Food Bank News By: Deacon Al

Food Bank needs for May:

As always, your support for Saint Andrews community food bank continues to serve the Mid Mon Valley through your generosity.

The needs for May are as follows:

Cereal, Spaghetti and sauce, something different for May, “Picnic food for Memorial day picnics”: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, and items for our food bank families to celebrate the Memorial Day Holiday celebration



Personal hygiene items, we are always in need of bar soap and facial tissue.

Thank you for your continued support, the Food Bank Committee

PARISH EVENTS

The **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ**, also called **Ascension Thursday**, commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily **Ascension of Jesus** into heaven. It is one of the **ecumenical** (i.e., universally celebrated) feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the **Passion**, of **Easter**, and **Pentecost**. Following the account of **Acts 1:3** that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of **Easter**; although some Christian denominations have moved the observance to the following Sunday.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Praying a novena to the Holy Spirit is also an important devotion in preparation for **Pentecost**. Indeed, Mary, the Apostles and the Disciples spent nine days between our Lord's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. If you want you can begin this Novena on May 14th the day after Ascension Thursday until Saturday before Pentecost.

This novena to the Holy Spirit covers many important aspects of our relationship to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

Holy Spirit, third Person of the Blessed trinity, Spirit of truth, love and holiness proceeding from the Father and Son, and equal to Them in all things, I adore You and Love You with all my heart.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in your deep personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, id it should be Your Holy Will to grant it: (*mention your request*).

Teach me, Divine Spirit to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state of life.

Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the commandments and to receive the sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 75% 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.

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 AVAILABLE 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.**

Seminarian Tom

I am a little late to the punch, but I didn't want the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker to come and go and not explain some of the beautiful history behind it. We know surprisingly little about St. Joseph from the scriptures. We know that he was a righteous man, from the line of David and that he was a carpenter. He literally never spoke a word in scripture, yet this humble carpenter was the foster father of our Lord! It is important to note that Christ was raised by a man who worked with his hands, and by the sweat of his brow to support the Blessed Mother and Christ. Joseph was a worker and craftsman, who passed his profession to his Divine Son. Jesus did not grow up surrounded by comforts, he was born to a working poor family. That is where God decided to become man, and its from that humble beginning that redemption became possible. The actual feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius IX in 1870. One of the reasons that the feast was promulgated was that it was to coincide with International Workers Day, a Marxist holiday which had started in communist circles in Europe. By 1955 The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker was on the Universal calendar of the Church. The Holy Father wanted to emphasize Christ's connection with the working people. It's easy for us to forget or gloss over the early years of Christ's life, but I think that it can also lead to some very fruitful meditation. Within our Year of St. Joseph, lets meditate on the working father of Christ.

*Whenever the bright blue nails would drop
Down on the floor of his carpenter shop,
Saint Joseph, prince of carpenter men,
Would stoop to gather them up again;
For he feared for two little sandals sweet,
And very easy to pierce they were
As they pattered over the lumber there
And rode on two little sacred feet.*

*But alas, on a hill between Earth and Heaven
One day — two nails in a cross were driven,
And fastened it firm to the sacred feet
Where once rode two little sandals sweet;
And Christ and His mother looked off in death
Afar — to the valley of Nazareth,
Where the carpenter's shop was spread with dust
And the little blue nails, all packed in rust,
Slept in a box on the window-sill;
And Joseph lay sleeping under the hill.*

-Fr. Leonard Feeney MICM

PARISH EVENTS

IT'S YOUR TURN!!

The Covid Vaccine:

- Protects you and those around you.
- Provides protection after the first dose and is more than 95% effective after the second dose.
- Is recommended for people ages 16* and over.

Help stop the pandemic so life can return to “normal.”

Schedule your shot at www.monvalleyhospital.com or call 724-258-1890.

PARISH EVENTS

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, Sanctify me. Body of Christ, Save me. Blood of Christ, fill me with love. Water from Christ, strengthen me. Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds, hide me. Never let me be parted from you. From the evil enemy, protect me. At the hour of my death, call me, and tell me to come to you, that with your Saints. I may praise you through all eternity. Amen.

Fundraising Highlights

We'd like to thank and recognize some star volunteers and leaders within our parish family of St. Andrew the Apostle as we have had some record breaking fundraising dollars brought in year to date.

Our drive through Lenten fish fry spanning over 7 weeks and 8 events had food sales totaling over **\$68,200**. Adding to that, our fundraising coordinators, Michele Vindjvich and Vera Klein, were onsite and online at every event with chances to win some pretty big prizes. These ladies were able to add to the total funds raised by **\$5,171**.

Donations have always been a staple of the fish fry as there are certainly expenses associated with operating an event like this. For this year, parishioners donated **\$5,840**. Thanks to all who made monetary donations, brought in supplies and donated time. We had 112 volunteers this year assisting in all aspects of the fish fry. The team here at St. Andrew the Apostle wants to recognize Ron Pergola and all of the volunteers that made this event possible. The results were very impressive and yielded much needed funds for the church.

Additionally, our blue lottery ticket, which was loaded with lots of prizes (cash, gift cards, etc.), brought in **\$5,500**. Thanks to all who bought, sold and supported. We appreciated Michele's coordination with the help of Vera Klein & Helena Glaneman who sold them every Friday during the Fish Fry, Badzick Printing (for donating the cost to print the tickets) and to the winner of the ticket, Kim Yavorsky for her donation back to the church.

We'd also like to recognize Germaine Sickels and Patty Forsyth for leading our first pop-up bakery event for 2021. Their homemade cinnamon rolls were delicious, and the total event brought in **\$5,175**. Germaine, Patty and their crew, Angie DeRienzo, Betty Albero, Denise Majoris, Pam Pantaleo, Anna Markovich, Nancy Cole, Sandy Craig and Vera Klein are to be commended for giving of their time and talents.

We as a parish family are blessed to have such active fundraising, generous parishioners and superb volunteers.



Thoughts of Yesteryear verses going Forward to Tomorrow

If I had to turn back the clock, Go back to that house at the end of the block- The house that was HOME when I was a kid, I know that I'd love it more now than I did.

If I could be back there at my mother's knee, And hear once again maintain all the things she told me, I'd listen as I never had before, For she knew so well just what life had in store. And all the advice my dad used to give, His voice I'll remember as long as I live; But it didn't seem really important then; What I'd give just to hear it all over again.

And what I'd give for the chance I once had, To do so much more for my mother and dad; To give them more joy and a little less pain; A little more sunshine and a little less rain. But the years roll on and we cannot go back, Whether we were born in a mansion or in a shack; But we can start right now- In the hour that's here, to do something more for the ones we hold dear.

And since time in its flight is traveling so fast; Lets not spend it regretting that which is past; But let's make tomorrow a happier day, by doing our "Best and/or good to others each day..."



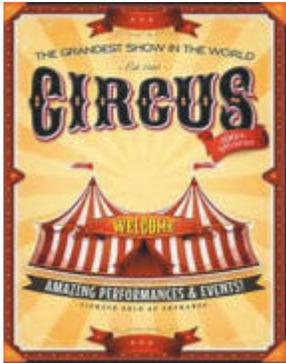


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UNDER THE BIG TOP

Annual Spring Gala

Friday, June 11, 2021 6:00 PM

St. Andrew Parish Park, Monongahela

Although it will be different, the show must go on!

- This will be an in-person event for **adults only**.
- The venue is **OUTSIDE**, so dress for comfort and the weather.
- Any and all pandemic mitigation efforts required will be in effect!
- **Tickets are \$35** per person and include a catered meal, beer, and wine.

You are welcome to BYOB.

- **NEW! Early access tickets from 5pm – 6pm** are \$15/couple or \$10/per person. There will be exclusive special treats and surprises just for you!

Do I need a lot of money to attend?

- **NO!** While there will be a wide variety of ways to spend money, the level of participation is up to you.
- The Silent Auction features items that you can win for under \$50!
- The basket auction offers chances on baskets of all sizes for one price!
- There are many other raffles and games too!

We are here for you!

Come be a part of the great beginnings that last a lifetime!

Register today at: www.madonnacatholic.com!

FAITH FORMATION/FAMILY CONNECTION/KIDS CORNER**Second Grade Retreat Day**

We are looking forward to our First Eucharist Retreat Day which is scheduled for **Saturday, May 15th**. All students in second grade who are making their First Eucharist this year should report to Marian Hall (hall under the church in Charleroi) at 10:00 a.m. The day will include preparation for the sacrament, fun activities and First Eucharist practice. Lunch will be provided for the students. Pick up will be in the Church at 2:00 p.m. If you have any question regarding the First Eucharist we will be able to address them at this time.

Parents: If you have First Communion articles that you would like to have blessed for your child, please bring them in the morning.

Confirmation Candidates

There will be a mandatory Confirmation Retreat and practice for all Confirmation Candidates on **Sunday, May 23rd from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in St. Andrew the Apostle Church in Monongahela.**

FAMILY CONNECTION

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word *generosity*. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Introduce today's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read together today's Gospel, John 15:9-17. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others. In today's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did.

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In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of our **Deceased Mothers, Grandmothers & Godmothers**. May Perpetual Light shine upon their souls. And may all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace.

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Andrew SummerFest

Saturday, July 17, 2021

12Noon—10:00PM

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WEEKLY READINGS - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN
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Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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