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.

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.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEBSITE

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, June 12, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Elvera Barcelona	Husband, Chuck	Fr. Pat
	2:00pm	Monongahela	Wedding	Heather Kruppa & James Davis	Fr. Pat
	4:00pm	Donora	Modesto "Babe" & Mary Jane Hevia	Ricky & Karen Harlack	Fr. Kevin
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Vernon Bloom	Evelyn Bloom	Fr. Jerry
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Thomas Sivek	Wife & Daughters	Fr. Kevin
Sunday, June 13, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Kaitlyn "Moe" Rosensteel	Parents, Brother & Sister	Fr. Pat
	9:00am	Charleroi	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	Ronald Valdiserri	John & Orianne Cattaneo	Fr. Pat
Monday, June 14, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Elizabeth Oler	Nancy Oler & Cindy Scirotto	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, June 15, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Alice & Walter Grimes	Alice & Leroy Prentice	Fr. Kevin
Wednesday, June 16, 2021	7:00pm	Monongahela	Yolanda McCarthy	Mary Smith	Fr. Kevin
Thursday, June 17, 2021	8:30am	Donora	M/M Frank Haluch	Geri & Phil Pergola	Fr. Kevin
Friday, June 18, 2021	8:30am	Monongahela	Alice Bennett	Sister, Arlene Fine	Fr. Pat
Saturday, June 19, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Allan Cairns	Anthony, Shawn Kalleigh	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
Sunday, June 20, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Pat & Seminarian Tom
	11:00am	Monongahela	Living & Deceased Father's		Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al

Hymns During Mass

Entrance: Within the Reign of God

Come now, the feast is spread; in Jesus' name we break the bread. Here shall we all be fed within the reign of God. Come take this holy food; receive the body and the blood. Grace is a mighty flood within the reign of God

Stand up and do not fear for Christ is truly present here. Heaven is truly near within the reign of God. Now at the wedding feast, the greatest here shall be the least all bonds shall be released within the reign of God.

Psalm: Lord it is Good to Give Thanks to You

Offertory: In Every Age

Refrain: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge, you have been our refuge.

You return us to dust,
saying, "Return, O children, to earth."
For to you a thousand years are like yesterday passed,
or as a watch of the night.

You sweep us away in a dream.
At dawn we are like morning grass
that rises to the morning sun,
then withers and fades.

Teach us to treasure our days.
Give wisdom to our hearts.
Return, O Lord, how long must we wait?
Pity your servants.

Communion: One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man no more.
One bread…
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.
One bread…
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.
One bread...

Closing: We Walk by Faith

We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
Of him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
Yet in his promise we rejoice,
And cry 'My Lord and God!'

PARISH EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Update: The Diocese of Pittsburgh has switched to a new database software. This software is has many more features than the previous version. This new version is capable of sending automated emails to our volunteers when clearances or documents are needed. Training links are also available right in the database. Volunteers user names and passwords from the previous software are still valid. Please call Helena at 724-258-7742 if you need your user name or password.

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:

MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME
Anthony Massafra—Supervisor
724-379-6900

Thank You for your continued support to our Parish!

MAN UP MEETINGS

The men of Man Up will be gathering on Wednesday June 16. The meeting will be held at Father Abbate Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. **Save the date and bring a friend!**

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study on Tuesday, June 22nd beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office of the Charleroi site of St. Andrew the Apostle.

Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers will meet this Thursday, in Marian Hall at 1:00 p.m. The Rosary Makers would like to thank Mary LaCarte and Jeanne Tucker for their recent donation to this organization.

Ravioli Making

Anyone who would like to help in the making of Raviolis are invited to Marian Hall on Tuesday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m. and join the group.

PARISH EVENTS

SummerFest Patron Form

As a part of SummerFest, we offer a memorial/honor listing for our patrons. The memorial/honor can be for a living or deceased parishioner & friends. The donation for each memorial/honor will be $25.00. However, if you wish to donate more than $25.00 just mark the form in the amount you wish to give. The memorial/honor forms will be posted on the outside wall at the entrance to "the Café" at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Park on the day of SummerFest. Please fill out the form, **available near the doors of the church**, with the names of those you wish to memorialize or honor. Please make all checks payable to "St. Andrew the Apostle Parish". Please place the lower portion of the form and your donation in an envelope marked "SummerFest Patron" and place it in the Sunday collection basket or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office in Monongahela.

SummerFest

Saturday, July 17

St. Andrew Parish Park / Monongahela

12Noon to 4:00PM

4:00PM - Mass in the Park

5:00PM—10:00PM

SummerFest Donations

Please Help! Donations of 12 oz. cans of pop and bottled water are needed for SummerFest.

Your donations can be dropped off at any of the parish locations.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank all of the parishioners of St. Andrew for your kind words and condolences regarding my brother's death and funeral. It was very kind of you. If there was a silver lining to the circumstances of his unexpected death, it was that he died in his sleep.
Once again, thank you very much. You, also, will be in my prayers.

Fr. Pat

To Whom Ever Placed the $100 cash in a Community Bank Envelope and marked it " 1 Brick Please". Please call the Charleroi Office at 724-483-5533 and give your name and the message you want on your brick. So we may place the order. Thank You

THOUGHTS BY: REV KEV

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a PERMANENT order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are more than 13,000 deacons in the United Stated alone who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign of the functions between these so-called "transitional" and "permanent deacons."

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. However, this assignment may be changed at the request of the deacon or the initiative of the bishop.

As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs. Nut no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is that is important.

We are grateful for the Diocese of Pittsburgh to allow Deacon Al to continue his ministry within our parish community of Saint Andrew the Apostle. May God continue to bless Deacon Al within his personal life and on his Tenth Anniversary of his Deaconate Ordination, on June 11th!

RUMINATIONS BY: FR. PAT

This week I would like us to look at the church buildings that we use. I would like us to think about the significance of these buildings. They are three distinct type of architecture, but they have at least one thing in common.

When we look at a church building, let us reflect on what the Catechism says: *To enter into the house of God, we must cross a threshold, which symbolizes passing from the world wounded by sin to the world of the new Life to which all men are called. the visible church is a symbol of the Father's house toward which the People of God is journeying and where the Father "will wipe every tear from their eyes." Also for this reason, the Church is the house of all God's children, open and welcoming.*

So…this commonality is that the church is a building of God. Outside it is made of construction materials. Inside there are different ways of decorations. But the common aspect is that it is a House of God. We instinctively *know* that the place is special. It is special because God dwells within, in the tabernacle and when we celebrate His Word and Sacraments.

A church building is not just a gathering space, like a hall. It is a different dimension. *These visible churches are not simply gathering places but signify and make visible the Church living in this place, the dwelling of God with men reconciled and united in Christ* (*CCC* 1180). *That building is both the house of God on earth and a house fit for the prayers of the saints. Such a house of prayer must be expressive of the presence of God and suited for the celebration of the sacrifice of Christ, as well as reflective of the community that celebrates there* (*Built on Living Stones* §16).

We come into the Presence of God. Whether the decorations are ornate or simple, God is present. We are transported outside of earthly time and space and come into God's realm.

One of the things to keep in mind, therefore, is that we need to "put away" the things that we would normally think about outside and prepare ourselves for what is about to come. There is a place for socializing and conversations. But these events should be done outside the church building. The mundane things of this world should stay in the mundane world; the things of God should be focused in His house.

Food Bank News By: Deacon Al

Food Bank needs for June :

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

The needs for June are as follows: Spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, cereal, hamburger or tuna helper, canned vegetables, snacks for kids over the summer months

Bar soap and facial are also always needed

Thank you for your continued support, the Food Bank Committee

PARISH EVENTS

First Eucharist Celebration

Last Saturday, June 5th , St. Andrew the Apostle held two separate First Eucharist Masses for our second grade students and their families at our Charleroi site. We offer our prayers and congratulations to these students and their families.

Anthony Belluso
Benjamin Berry
Harper Caruso
Michael Clauto
Gia Cross
Sophia Decker
Logan Dellarose
Dante DiFonso
Charlotte Forsyth
Emily Massafra
Brooke Nash
Mia Oslowski
Caden Pham
Remi Rongaus
Ashley Sphar

CLASS OF 2021

Today we welcome the many high school students who have completed their education and are now moving on to start a new journey of their life.

We want to acknowledge and support your efforts in education, sports, and many activities! As you continue on to pursue your dreams, know that Education is something we have to keep pursuing day after day.

Our parish would like to acknowledge a few of our parishioners for their hard work and efforts:
Eve Rose Vogt & Rebecca Grandinette graduated from **Ringgold High School** as the **Valedictorian & the Salutatorian**.
Emily Toth Graduated from **Charleroi High School as the Salutatorian** and these following Students from **Charleroi High School all graduated as the Top Scholars of their Class**: **Aspen Virgili, Emily Sypolt, Adri Kondratowicz, Madison Vieck, Spencer Addis & Kevin Mathers.**
Belle Vernon Graduate Sophia Godzak also graduated a **Top Scholar from her class**.

A note of congratulations to **Maria Claybaugh** who was inducted into the **Saint Vincent College Lambda Pi Eta honor Society.**

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

PARISH EVENTS

Effective as of May 14th, the wearing of mask will become optional for those who have been fully vaccinated. For those wanting to remain very cautious of sitting next to someone unmasked or those not yet being fully vaccinated, we are designating sections at each site for these situations.

At our Monongahela site, the entire front left section of the church in front of the Ambo or piano area

At our Donora site the choir area behind the organist.

And at our Charleroi site the front side of the church near the Tabernacle and the Holy Family Shrine.

Again, please keep in mind these reserved sections are for those wanting to remain very cautious or those who are not yet fully vaccinated. Yet please know anyone can sit in these areas but we want to offer one area that people are comfortable to attend the Liturgy. Please be respectful of those who may still wear their masks.

Any questions please see the porters as you enter the church for direction.

Seminarian Tom

On Friday, June 11, we celebrate one of the most widely celebrated devotions in Christianity, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There have been countless saints who have promoted this devotion, such as St. Gertrude the Great, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and Blessed Mary of the Divine Heart. This devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ is really a devotion to His mercy and love for humanity. The entire month of June is consecrated to the Sacred Heart. As we celebrated Christ's love for us, demonstrated in the Sacred Heart, here are the promises to those devoted to the Sacred Heart, as promised in the visions to Margaret Mary.

1) I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

2) I will establish peace in their homes.

3) I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.

5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

6) Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.

8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

9) I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.

10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.

12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

PARISH EVENTS

This past Sunday, June 6th, St. Andrew the Apostle held our first ever outdoor Bingo Blast. This parish fundraiser raised $7,100 and a great time was had by all. The event featured 25 bingo games, a myriad of instant games and plenty of sunshine. **Peroney Bros. Wood Fire Pizza** and **Ripepi's Winery** were also onsite offering their delicious specialties. The Peroney's and the Ripepi's are parishioners, and we appreciated their support with the event.

The event couldn't have been the success it was without the help and leadership of many volunteers. We thank and recognize the following volunteers:

Chris Janney	Ron Janney	Camille Ferrara	Pete Ferrara
Anna Markovich	Kathy Lignelli	Nancy Fronzaglio	Lora O'Neil
Nancy Cole	Sandy Craig	Geri Pergola	Esther McManus
Al Galilei	Chris Babich	Phil Klein	Claudia Sawa
Sandy Mauser	Rene Brooks		

We also had several children volunteers. These kids hustled through the heat setting up, selling bingo cards and games, and waiting tables for refreshments. Thank you to our youth volunteers:

Kayla D'Andrea	Gianni Pellegrini	Dominic McKita	Tyler O'Neil	Taryn O'Neil
	Liliana Bianchi	Molly Brady-Bishop	Katie Brady-Bishop	Mackenzie Kendall
	Maria Romasco	Zack Summers	Nick Summers	Jacob Caruso

A special shout out goes to our caller, Joe Greco. Joe helped us learn how to use the equipment (lent by our sister parish at St. Angela's) and practiced with the team to ensure we ran a smooth game. We also appreciate **Fields of Heather and Mrs. Barb Harrison** for donating towards our concession. And our own **Fr. Jerry Mikonis**, who sponsored the Magic Number!

Every dollar brought in at the event was basically all profit. This was due to the generous businesses that sponsored us from around the valley. Forty local businesses (20 of which from Donora) sponsored our games. Thank you SO much to the following businesses:

Del Suppo Pools and Spas	Ron Amati Radon Services	Hobo's
Hanna's Hardware	House of Jackson	By George
Massafra Funeral Home	Donora Union Pharmacy	CFS Bank
Thomas Kostolansky Attorney at Law	Colonial Floral and Gift Shoppe	Marty's Pizza
Donora Knights of Columbus	The Station 6 Pack Shop	Marsh Tire
Monongahela Knights of Columbus	Ron Amati ITAMA	Lee Supply
Charleroi Knights of Columbus	The Boston Store	El Grande
Colgan Agency	Armand Ferrara Appraisals	Davies Ford
Early Bird Diner	Marshall Marra Funeral Home	Riverhouse
Creations by Kellie	Carl J. Spallino Funeral Home	Cox's Market
Anthony's Italiano	Dr. Randy Rodriguez DMD	Men in Black
JED Heating and Cooling	Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home	
American Croatian Citizens Club	Community Eye Care	
Frye Funeral Home	Angel's Secret Flowers	

These business donations were all solicited by **Vera Klein**. Vera started off trying to just cover the 15 regular bingos, and before we knew it, she had the whole event sponsored. Vera was also responsible for buying concession groceries, table coverings, organizing the bingo payouts, ensuring everyone had change, and the list goes on. She even partnered with **Badzick Printing** in Donora to have our sponsor signs sponsored. Vera was truly amazing through all of this, and the church is blessed to have her.

Melissa Kendall, a long time parishioner in Charleroi and bingo expert put the games together, and through a partnership with **Stockdale Firehal**l (and parishioners Sherry and TJ Wilkinson) had all of the supplies and games ready to roll and had all the workers ready for their roles. Scott Cleveland joined her, and helped us with a lot of set up, tear down, computer programming and the moving of the equipment. And he assisted our caller. A huge note of appreciation go to Scott and Missi.

Lastly - thanks to those who bought a ticket and joined us for the day. It was a definite success. Watch for news on more fun ways to support the parish this summer, including our **Summerfest in Monongahela on 7/17** and the traditional **Festival of Nations in Charleroi this August**. Also, our **Madonna Regional Catholic Schoo**l will host A Night Under the Big Top this Friday, June 11, from 6:00-11:00 at the parish park in Monongahela.

PARISH EVENTS

St Andrew the Apostle ~ Buy a Brick Campaign

The steps at our 7th Street entrance in Charleroi will be refurbished and we'll begin to utilize the entrance again. We'd like for you all to take part in the project by buying a brick in our "Buy a Brick" campaign.
For $100 your family name, or the name of a loved one, can be a permanent part of the church as we'll fill the upper landing with personalized bricks. To participate, get an order form from near the doors of the church, or the parish office, to order or pay by phone. You can also email orders to saintandreworders@gmail.com and pay by Venmo@Saint-Andrew.

POSITION WANTED: VOLUNTEER VIDEO TECHNICIANS

Through a personal donation, St. Andrew Parish has been gifted with some Audio/Visual cameras at the Charleroi Site. The purpose of the Audio/Visual Cameras is to livestream Mass for the website, homebound and anyone who would like to participate from abroad. Currently we are using a cell phone and manually uploading the video to YouTube, which is not the ideal way to do it. This gift of the cameras will vastly improve the quality of the livestreaming and will streamline the process. At the moment we only have these cameras in Charleroi, but in the future, we want to have them installed at the other two sites as well.

What we need are people who are willing to learn how to maneuver the cameras via a control panel to focus on either the aisle, the pulpit, the altar and the presider's chair. In a back room, we have a control panel with pre-programmed buttons that would automatically move them to their desired locations. We need people to maneuver the cameras via those buttons. The procedures to move the cameras are not that difficult, especially since the buttons are pre-programmed.

The masses that would be taped/livestreamed are the 5pm Charleroi Mass on Saturday or the 9am Sunday Mass in Charleroi. Our first preference would be the Saturday night mass. If you are high-school age or older, please feel free to contact Fr. Pat for a training session, and we will work up a schedule. If you are unsure and would like to see the setup before you make a decision, Fr. Pat will gladly show you.

Madonna Catholic Regional School

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.

The faculty, staff and students of Madonna Catholic Regional School would like to ***thank you*** for all of your support, prayers and commitment to helping us not only open this year, but to stay open, and keep our students in the classroom all year! As the pandemic and its restrictions continue to lessen, we look forward to planning and welcoming everyone back next year.

Have a wonderful summer!

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

We need your help!

VBS 2021

We are trying something different this year and we need your help!

Instead of the traditional Vacation Bible School, we have decided to dedicate each Tuesday evening in July (6:30pm-8:00pm) to Faith and Fun including bible stories, crafts, games and a snack!

If you would like to volunteer, please email Kathy Miller at kmiller@madonnacatholic.com.

A meeting will be scheduled to discuss details.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Church documents call the Christian family the "domestic church." This is both a compliment and a call to commitment. Because the family is a community formed in love and dedicated to the physical and spiritual growth of its members, it is a miniature version of the Kingdom of God on earth. This Sunday's Gospel Reading, Mark 4:26–34, consists of two parables that Jesus used to help us discern the mystery of the Kingdom of God. The beginning of the kingdom is compared to a tiny seed that over time matures and ripens. Many of the things we do within the family seem insignificant. They are part of our daily activity and attract little attention. Yet they show our love and concern for one another. According to the Gospel, it's these small things that yield big results, acting as significant contributions to the growth of God's kingdom on earth. The growth of the seed illustrates the nature and the results of a strong faith.

Read aloud together the Gospel of Mark 4:26–34. Consider how your family's concerns reflect the Church's concerns for those members who are poor, forgotten, hungry, ill, shunned, or lonely. Together think of a specific action that you can do to assist a person in your extended family, neighborhood, or parish. Now pray together the Lord's Prayer, pausing briefly to consider the import of the words "thy kingdom come." Each evening this week as you gather for supper, share with one another the simple acts of love you witnessed within the family that day.

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June 6th

Offertory: $ 11,076.00

Parish Share: $ 2,466.00

Vanco: $ 2,604.59

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to the Families of

Bennet Scott Leach &
Sloan S. Kevech

whose baptism was recently celebrated. May they remain close to the Lord Jesus all the days of their lives and may they be blessed with good health, much happiness, and the wisdom of the Lord.

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

Readings for the week of June 13, 2021

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/ Mt 5:38-42
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Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 [1b]/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
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Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [cf. 18b]/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [9a]/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28 -29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35 -41

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In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of **Constance "Bosco" DeZardo, Donna Berardi and Joseph "JP" "Sudsy" Lorenzo .** 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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