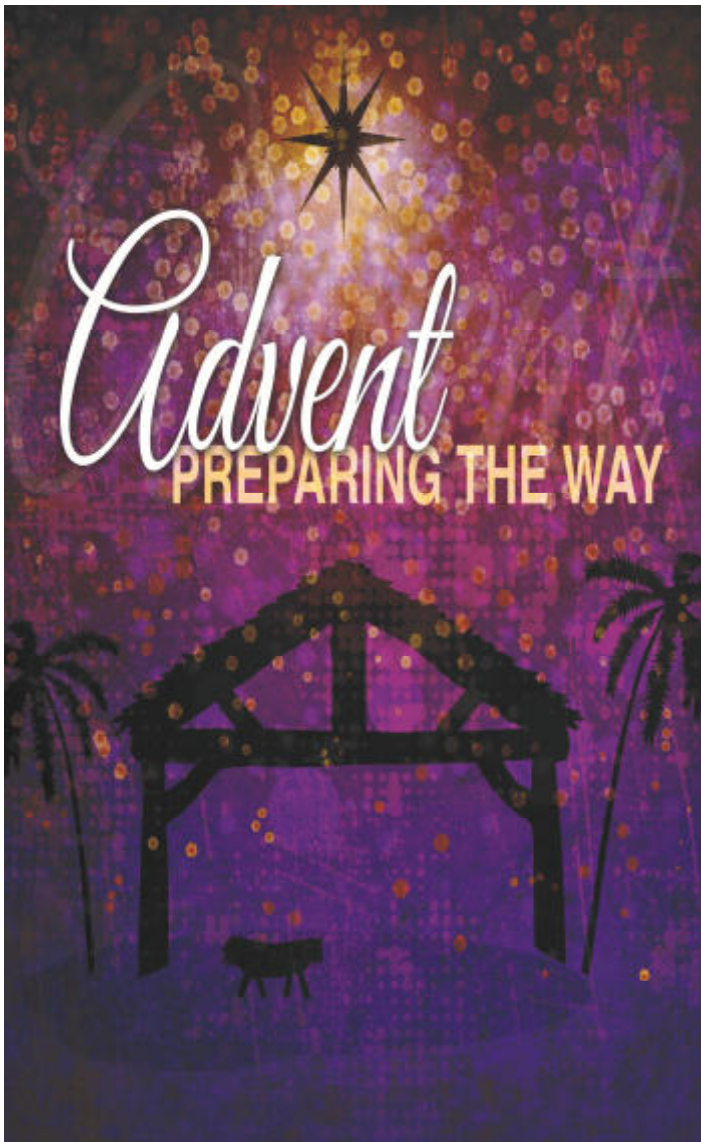


SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH



**“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.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares
of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of
souls.
Amen.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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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, Nov. 27, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Hughes Family	Granddaughter, Donna Simmens & Family	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Penny Wright	Pat & Henry Drnach	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
	5:00pm	Charleroi	William O'Brien, Jr.	Tom Shaughnessy	Fr. Kevin
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Mike & Florence Minjock	Family	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Joseph Rodriguez	Barb Harrison	Fr. Kevin
	9:00am	Charleroi	Lee Ann Flament	Family	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
	11:00am	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
Monday, Nov. 29, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Madysen Child	Judith Child	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Stephen Barkey	Veronica Salat	Fr. Joe
	7:00pm	Charleroi	People of the parish		Bishop William Waltersheid
Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021	7:00pm	Monongahela	Karen Rice	Frank, Amanda & Ryan	Fr. Kevin
Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Barbara Haller	Grandchildren	Fr. Joe
Friday, Dec. 3, 2021	8:30am	Monongahela	Dolores Posi	Jo Chang	Fr. Kevin
Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021	8:30am	Charleroi	Ken Fusina	Family	Fr. Joe
	4:00pm	Donora	Patsy Fronzaglio Sr.	Bruno & Wally Fronzaglio	Fr. Kevin
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Patricia Mullen	Moon & Family	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Jean Pansino	Alvera Zolock & Brian Zolock	Fr. Kevin
Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021	8:30am	Donora	Frank Rodriguez Jr.	Judy Marlack & Family	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	Jean Bartolotta	Martha & Dan Ghilani	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

HYMNS DURING MASS

GATHERING HYMN: O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: REFRAIN FROM: CHRIST, CIRCLE ROUND US

Christ, circle round us. Christ, may your light surround us.
Shine in our living. Fill our hearts with great thanksgiving.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS

Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits, truly my hope is in you.

1. O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in
all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. *Refrain*

2. O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning
for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *Refrain*

COMMUNION: BREAD OF LIFE

1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace.
Transform our lives anew. Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another.
Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

2. Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us,
that called the world to be. And when we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble, give us the
courage to forgive that we may live in peace.

3. Living Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way that we may live in harmony,
and from you never stray. Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people.
Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

SENDING FORTH: COME, O LONG EXPECTED JESUS

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Free us from captivity.
Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Come, and save us by your birth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of JeremiahJer 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice." **The word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians**1 Thes 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. **The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Gospel according to LukeLk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

THOUGHTS BY: REV KEV

Prophecy

A foretelling of what is to **Come!** May this season of Advent be one that each of us can listen to the prophets, the stories, and the songs as we look and open ourselves to what we can look forward to receive!

Lord God, we are looking forward to Christmas! Light our way to see your plans for us. Light our way as we share your love. Let us prepare our hearts and homes for the blessing to come as light of the World.

We sing about what the prophets invited us to look forward to His Birth and anticipate this precious gift. Like many Catholics we grew up on the song “O Come O Come Emmanuel” may we be reminded of these words and look forward to this gift of Emmanuel - God is with us as we journey and accomplish our many tasks in these days of preparation.

May we look forward to having Jesus walk with us and listen to how he invites us to follow him!

But as little children ask yourself what would you want Jesus to offer you this Christmas. Come and see how God is with us!

Greetings from: Fr. Joe

In the Season of Advent, we are invited to slow down and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord into the world. This season of preparation marks the beginning of our liturgical year. It is bookended by two great solemnities of our Lord, Christ the King and the Nativity of our Lord. These two feasts set the tone for what we are to be prepared for. In Christmas, we prepare for Christ’s Incarnation, His great coming into the world as one of us. In Christ the King, we prepare for his second great coming into the world, that time of the *Parousia*. We are reminded that God is the *Alpha and Omega*, the beginning, and the end. We will hear in the Sacred Scriptures chosen for this season about God’s Word entering the world and how we ought to be prepared for that reality.

As we begin this new liturgical year, reflect on the ways you might be able to prepare for the Lord’s coming. Amid all the usual holiday craziness, ask the Lord to give you the openness of heart to receive Him more completely each day. It is always a good time to start to pray with the Scriptures or to pick up a devotional or the Holy Rosary. Even better, to avail yourself of Eucharistic adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord invites each of us into a lasting relationship with Him. May this Advent season be a time of peace, joy, and great anticipation for the Lord’s coming yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

Blessings,
Fr. Joe

ST. ANDREW THE APSOTLE PARISH 2021 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th

2:00pm - Live nativity Prayer Service (Donora)

4:00pm - Donora

4:00pm Charleroi

4:00pm Monongahela

Midnight - Monongahela

Saturday, December 25th

8:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:00am - Monongahela

**NO Saturday Evening
Mass!!**



Seminarian Thoughts

One must see the face of God in everyone!
-St. Catherine Laboure

November 28, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Catherine Laboure. St. Catherine is best known for her Marian devotion and the apparitions that led to the creation of the Miraculous Medal. Born as the 9th of 11 children to a poor farming family in France. Her baptismal name was Zoe and when she was 9 years old her mother died. She was said to have picked up a statue of the Blessed Mother and said "you will be my mother now". This devotion to Our Lady persisted through her entire life and eventually led her to pursue a vocation as a Vincentian nun. It was while she was a nun that she received her first heavenly apparition. The relics of St. Vincent de Paul were being translated to the Vincentian church and convent where she lived. As she was praying in front of the relics of her saintly founder she saw an apparition of St. Vincent's heart glowing above the altar. Saint Catherine said that on July 19, 1830, the eve of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, she woke up after hearing the voice of a child calling her to the chapel, where she heard the Virgin Mary say to her, "God wishes to charge you with a mission. You will be contradicted, but do not fear; you will have the grace to do what is necessary. Tell your spiritual director all that passes within you. Times are evil in France and in the world". She then received a vision of the Miraculous Medal. After discerning the apparitions for 2 years, her spiritual director and superiors went to the archbishop without revealing her identity and the bishop approved. The medal was immediately popular and many graces were promised to those who wear it. For the next 40 years St. Catherine spent her life caring for the poor and elderly. Devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal continues on today, in fact we celebrate the novena every Monday after the morning mass.

PARISH EVENTS

The Light Is On For You!

Wednesday, December 15th, 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The doors of every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be open for those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent Season. There will be a priest at all three of our Churches.



Christian Mothers Christmas Party

Christian Mothers covered dish Christmas Party this **Thursday, December 2nd at 5:00pm**. In Marian hall, Charleroi.
 Doors will open at 4:30pm.

OPLATKI "CHRISTMAS WAFERS"

The Christmas Wafers are available at each of the parish offices. The requested donation for Oplatki is \$3.00 per package.



Christmas Flower Memorials - 2021

Envelopes for the Christmas Flower Memorial donations are in your November ~ December packet. Please complete and return your Christmas Flower envelope by Friday, December 20th. This will insure that your donation and memorial will be placed in the Flower Memorial Publication which will be published the weekend of January 1-2, 2022
 The Epiphany of the Lord.

PARISH EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE FOR A
CHRISTMAS
Paint & Sip
CHOOSE YOUR PROJECT

ORNAMENT: \$20 PAINTING \$40

Proceeds benefit our Advent Giving Program.
The project price also includes wine, drinks & appetizers.
Limited spaces available. Call 724.379.4777 to reserve
or reply on Facebook.

THURSDAY, 12/9 AT 6:00PM
COME ENJOY CHRISTMAS CHEER, GREAT DRINKS,
CELEBRATING THE SEASON THROUGH ART & MORE!
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The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

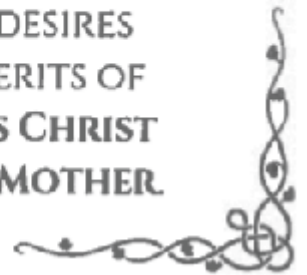
(The Christmas Anticipation Prayer)

Prayed 15 times a day from November 30 through December 24

HAIL AND BLESSED BE
THE HOUR AND MOMENT
IN WHICH THE SON OF GOD WAS BORN
OF THE MOST PURE VIRGIN MARY,
AT MIDNIGHT, IN BETHLEHEM,
IN PIERCING COLD.

IN THAT HOUR VOUCHSAFE,
I BESEECH THEE, O MY GOD,
TO HEAR MY PRAYERS
AND GRANT MY DESIRES
THROUGH THE MERITS OF
OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
AND HIS BLESSED MOTHER.

Amen.



Winter Discernment Retreat: You, Child, Will Be Called Prophet of the Most High

The world offers you mediocrity. Christ offers you heroism and sainthood. If you are a man between the ages of 18 & 35, you are invited to come to the Winter Discernment Retreat to grow in your baptismal call and to discern your vocation. The retreat takes place from 7:00pm on Friday, December 10 to 12:00pm on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Camp and Retreat Center in Volant, PA. Vocations Director Fr. Ken Marlovits will lead the retreat, assisted by diocesan seminarians.

You will have the opportunity to hear insights and reflections to aid you in your discernment and empower you to become the Man God is calling you to be. There will be daily Mass with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession available. Come to enjoy good food, good times, and solid fraternity. For more information and to register, visit: pghpriest.com.



Feast Day of our Patron, Saint Andrew the Apostle

Our parish of Saint Andrew's will celebrate the Feast day of our Patron, Saint Andrew the Apostle, celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid at our Charleroi site with **Holy Mass on November 30th beginning at 7pm.** The entire Parish of Saint Andrews is invited to attend this Blessed event.

PARISH EVENTS



Food Bank News for December 2021:



As we get through yet another stage of the Corona Virus along with many peoples unemployment benefits running out, our ministry needs to increase. We are now focusing on the cold weather that will settle in soon, and looking into the future to prepare for the Holidays that will be quickly upon us.

Please note some different items that we're asking for help with as these months quickly come upon us. Continued prayers remain for our parish and all who continue to help this ministry operate in the Mid Mon Valley.

November food bank needs:

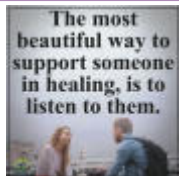
Instant oatmeal or mothers oats, canned soup, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, instant potatoes & stuffing, **canned food** – green beans, corn & sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, spaghetti sauce & pasta and always peanut butter and jelly for those after school snacks. **Personal essentials:** Bar soap (any kind), paper towels and tissues.

Attention Food Bank Packers: We will be packing food on Monday, December, 6th.



Caregivers Ministry Support Group

After much prayer and discernment, similar to our newly formed bereavement group, Saint Andrew's will be hosting a "Caregivers support group" beginning on December 1st 2021 at Marian Hall (Charleroi site) from 7-8pm. All future gatherings held on the last Wednesday of each month at Charleroi. This group is being offered for those taking care of critical and/or terminal patients or those with loved ones in personal or long term care facilities. The focus of this group is to offer a confidential setting for those caretakers to come together to share ideas, vent frustrations and offer support knowing that you're not alone in this journey. For more info, Please contact Deacon Al at 724-258-7742 ext 105



Bereavement support group next meeting will be December 15th at our Marian Hall

Saint Andrew's support group will meet Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7pm in the Marian Hall. Deacon Al has been working on grief counseling, and will host the ongoing class to be held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month beginning at 7pm. To ensure enough space, please register with any parish secretary. Also, in November, the Parish will begin to host a Care Giver support group for those taking care of loved ones in the home as well as in a skilled facility. More info to follow on the beginning of this new ministry at Saint Andrews.



THANKSGIVING ~ THANK YOU

Our Sincerest thanks are extended to Deacon Al and his team of helpers who gave their time, talent and treasure in providing a Thanksgiving Meal for those in need and those who are homebound and those who would spend the Holiday alone. We also thank all who brought in food on Thanksgiving or made a monetary donation to purchase gift cards and vouchers for perishable foods. Through your caring and kindness for others many families had a very "**Happy Thanksgiving**". May God Bless each and every one of you for your outreach to those in need of food and fellowship!

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.



Miraculous Medal Novena

Every Monday In Charleroi following the 8:30 Am Mass

Litany to St. Joseph

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

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!

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

“Meals-On-Wheels“

It is that time of the year again. St. Andrew the Apostle is in need of both drivers and runners to deliver Meals-On-Wheels on weekdays in Charleroi area during the months of November & December. Volunteering for this project will mean giving up approximately 2 hours one day a week for each week in the month or months during which you are willing to help. To volunteer or for additional information please call, text or email Stephanie Martinet at 412-596-0470 or gcm481@comcast.net

MAN UP MEETING

The next Man Up meeting will be held this Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00pm in Marion Hall / Charleroi. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.



The Sacrament of Baptism at Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish

For those couples seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their first born child, it is a requirement of the parish that these couples attend a baptism class. Classes are held on a pre-registration basis only. To register for the class, please call any of the Parish rectories.

PARISH EVENTS



ST. ANDREW HOMEMADE DONUTS ~ PRE-ORDER FORM



To pre-order donuts for the sale on Saturday, December 4th, please complete the form and return it in the offering or to any of the parish offices. Donuts can be paid for at pick-up at the Parish Park/Monongahela. Sale hours 8am-3pm.

Donuts are sold at \$10 a dozen, \$5 a half dozen or \$1 each.

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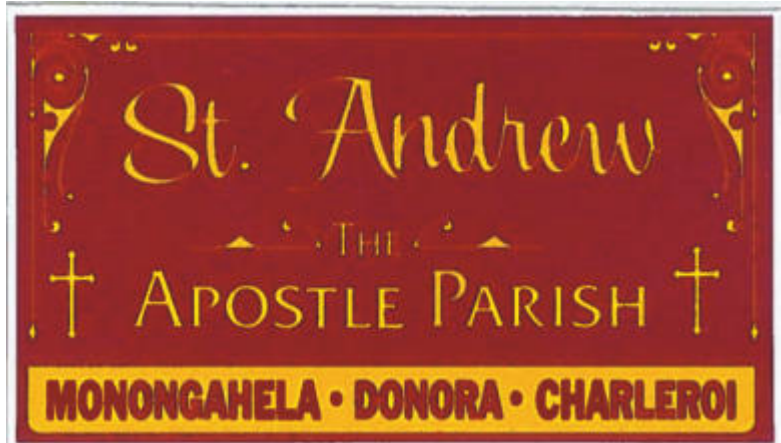
Pick up time _____

TYPES OF DONUTS	QTY.	TYPES OF DONUTS	QTY.
Plain		Vanilla iced	
Powdered sugar		Chocolate iced	
Cinnamon		Coconut on vanilla iced	
Cream filled		w/Sprinkles	
Strawberry iced		w/Nuts	
Lemon iced		MIXED DOZENS	
Pumpkin iced			
Maple iced			
		*Note that nuts are handled in the area	

Evangelizing our Catholic Faith

Evangelization, is defined as a gentle caring approach in sharing our Catholic faith through - **Kind works, education, forgiveness, personal witness and positive action.**

As Saint of Assisi teaches: “Preach the Gospel at all times and when in need use words.” As the Parish of Saint Andrew’s we have reflected on a way to share our faith by welcoming all to one of our parish sites. The car magnets will help our Mon valley Communities know we exist and get the word out that “All are welcome.” Each rectory has been given a supply of magnets with the cost being \$5 per magnet. If we run out we can have them made within one day.



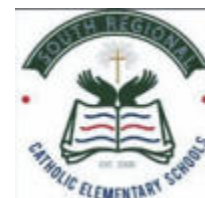
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Madonna Catholic Regional School

www.madonnacatholic.com

731 Chess Street
Monongahela, PA 15063
724-258-3199



This advent season, as we wait for Jesus, may the light of his presence bring Joy to our hearts!

Our 2022 Lottery Calendar tickets are now available! Get your 3-digit number good for prizes every day throughout the year for a \$25 donation. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500. Please call the school at 724-258-3199 if you are interested. We can get the tickets to the church rectories for you!

Family Connection

What can I give Him? Family Advent Activities

The countdown to Christmas has begun.

Now that Thanksgiving has passed, yuletide fever has kicked into high gear. As Christmas approaches, it is easy to let the business and events of the season steal away our family togetherness. This Sunday, November 28 begins the season of Advent. Sit down with your calendar today and schedule family time. Let the festivities of the season bring you and your family closer!

Family Prayer:

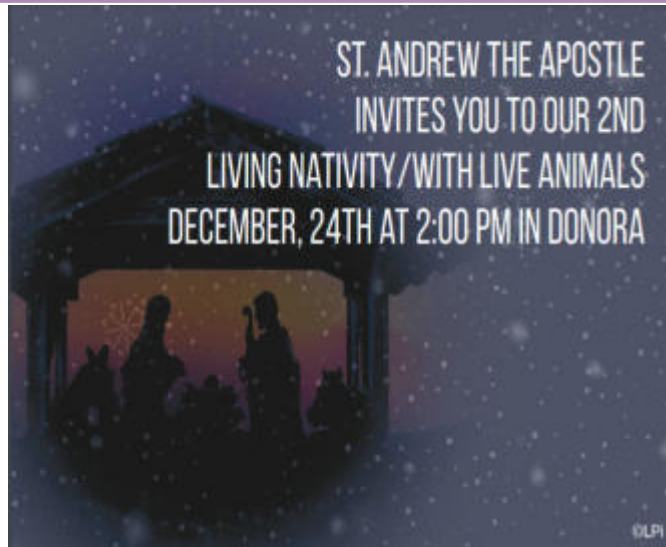
God made us a family...
We need one another,
We love one another
We forgive one another
We play together
We worship together.
Together we hear God's Word...
Together we grow in Christ,
Together we love everyone,
Together we serve our God,
Together we hope for heaven.
These are our hopes and ideals this Advent

Week 1-Advent is a time to STAY AWAKE

In the darkness of winter we wait for the light to come-the LIGHT of the world, Jesus Christ. We keep our eyes open to that which has already been given to us and anticipate the one to come: Emmanuel. Stop by church as a family when there is no service. Explain the symbols, talk about the upcoming holiday and its significance and think about those who need our prayers during this season of Advent.

Look for upcoming activities in the following weeks!

PARISH EVENTS



We encourage all kids who would like to participate to call any of the Parish Offices to sign up.

We will also be looking for beautiful voices to sing.

Our Kids will be depicting events in the life of Mary & Joseph that will lead to the manger where we will have live animals.

Christmas Wishes

If you wish to send Fr. Patrick Barkey and Seminarian Tom Kadlick a Christmas Card their addresses are:

Fr. Patrick Barkey - 201 Church Rd. Wexford, PA 15090

Seminarian Tom Kadlick - 300 Fraser Purchase Rd. Latrobe, PA 15650

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study on Tuesday, December 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall (bottom floor of the school building). All are welcome.

Advent Giving Trees to go up the first weekend in December...

Sunday, November 28, 2021 begins the first day of the Advent Season in the Church. **In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas.** The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time. This year our Advent trees will be supporting all school age children and of course our Parish food bank. More details to come.

Saint Vincent DePaul Society Monessen Pa.

Saint Vincent DePaul thrift store has been very instrumental in helping those in our local communities and assisting with ministry at Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish. They've been working closely with Deacon Al in his Pastoral ministry and are in need of a driver for their box truck to assist in getting furniture to their local store. Those interested should have a clean driving record and be able to help lift with furniture donations. They are also accepting gently used furniture, kitchen items and clothing. Until a driver is found, your donations must be dropped off at their Monessen site. To volunteer for the driver position, please call Kathy Steffy at 724-684-5147.

OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 21ST

OFFERTORY

Due to the early submission of the bulletin due to the holidays the offertory for the week of November 21st will be published in the December 5th bulletin.



WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE
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Readings for the week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt
4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-
31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

REST IN PEACE



In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of **Joseph Major, Bernadette Dougert, Georgia M. Willey and George J. Schoener Jr.** 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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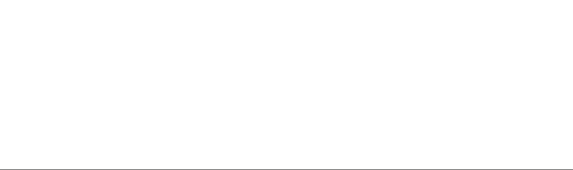
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