

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.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022—THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, Feb. 26, 2022	8:30am	Charleroi	The Florence Hughes Family	Granddaughter, Donna Simmen & Family	Fr. Kevin
	4:00pm	Donora	Margie Tabish	Ditty & Sons, Barry & Tab	Fr. Joe
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Thomas C. Wilkinson	Elaine & Bruno Pappasergi	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	People of the Parish		Fr. Joe
Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022	8:30am	Donora	James & Angela Bowker	David & Christine Bowker	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	Lillian Fowkes	Fowkes Family	Fr. Joe
	11:00am	Monongahela	Joseph & Gladys Sholtis	Aaron & Tracy Benney	Fr. Kevin & Deacon Al
Monday, Feb. 28, 2022	8:30am	Charleroi	Danny Barcelona	Dad	Fr. Kevin
Tuesday, Mar. 1, 2022	8:30am	Donora	Connie Amicucci	Ermundo Amicucci	Fr. Joe
Wednesday, Mar. 2, 2022	8:30am	Donora	James F. Lanzo	Linda Ianetti	Fr. Kevin
	12Noon	Charleroi	Dave Calcek	Ed & Cheryl Zippay	Fr. Jerry
	7:00pm	Monongahela	Jenny Kornosky	Nancy & Jim Bell	Fr. Joe
Thursday, Mar. 3, 2022	8:30am	Donora	John Szymczyk	Irene Pandrock & Family	Fr. Joe
Friday, Mar. 4, 2022	8:30am	Monongahela	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus		Fr. Kevin
	6:00pm	Charleroi	Michael Kondratik	Joyce & Michael Hollick	Fr. Jerry
Saturday, Mar. 5, 2022	8:30am	Charleroi	Maria Lisa Brun	Nancy Coldren	Fr. Joe
	4:00pm	Donora	Alex Sanchez	Teresa Sanchez	Fr. Kevin
	5:00pm	Charleroi	Pat & Jackie Sims	Family	Fr. Jerry & Deacon Al
	6:00pm	Monongahela	Rod Babich	Wife, Chris & Family	Fr. Kevin
Sunday, Mar. 6, 2022	8:30am	Donora	Fr. Albert C. Koser	John & Marjorie Kerekes	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al
	9:00am	Charleroi	People of the Parish		Fr. Kevin
	11:00am	Monongahela	Paula Bagay	Husband, Daughter & Family	Fr. Joe & Deacon Al

ORDER OF MASS

OPENING HYMN

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE

NETTLETON

1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, As we lis - ten to your
 2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness In the sac - ra - ment of
 3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon Oth - er guests to share that

1. Word, Help us know, O God, your pres - ence: Let our
 2. life; Send us forth to love and serve you, Bring - ing
 3. feast Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come Those who

1. hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
 2. peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
 3. had been last and least. There no more will en - vy

1. sto - ry Till we claim it as our own; Teach us
 2. pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave; May we
 3. blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy, As we

1. through this ho - ly ban - quet How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 2. still be - hold your im - age In the world you died to save.
 3. join with saints and an - gels To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly king, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING I

SIR 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. _____

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1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.
2. The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
3. They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, declaring how just is the Lord, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

READING II

1 COR 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LK 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

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

PREPARATION HYMN

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow; To take
each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. |
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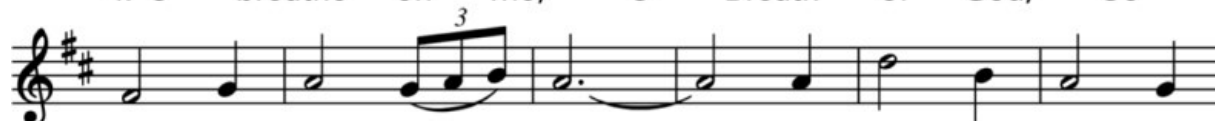
COMMUNION HYMN

O BREATHE ON ME, O BREATH OF GOD

ST. COLUMBA



1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill
 2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un -
 3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My
 4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So



1. me with life a - new, That I may love the
 2. til my heart is pure; Un - til my will is
 3. will to yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
 4. I shall nev - er die, But live with you the



1. things you love, And do what you would do.
 2. one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
 3. part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
 4. per - fect life For all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: CM; Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt. Music: trad. Irish.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission




1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your serv - ice: "In my



sick and preach the word." Lest the Church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may



glect its mis - sion, And the Gos - pel go un - heard,
 trust your prom - ise, Life a - bun - dant meant for each,



Help us wit - ness to your pur - pose With re -
Give us all new fer - vor, draw us Clos - er

newed in - teg - ri - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -
in com - mun - i - ty;

power us For the work of min - is - try.

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PARISH NEWS

St. Andrew is looking for instrumentalists willing to play for Mass. If you play a musical instrument and are interested in using your talent to enhance the Liturgy, we would love to hear you. Please contact Amanda Nicholson for more information at anicholson902@gmail.com.



Celebrate St Patrick and St. Joseph!

St. Andrew's is going to celebrate two great saints with prayer, reflection, and celebration!

Sunday, March 20, 2022
1:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Charleroi

Come together to pray, listen to reflections and celebrate two great saints! St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland's feast day is March 17. St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus is celebrated on March 19. With two amazing saints back-to-back we decided to celebrate them both!

Check future announcements for more information.



Bereavement & Grief Support Group

Bereavement Group to begin again at Saint Andrews:

With our Bishops permission, we will reconvene our bereavement group beginning March 9th in Marion Hall beginning at 6:30pm. The sessions are held the second Wednesday of each month and typically last one hour, but more time may be given if needed for those in attendance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Deacon Al

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THOUGHTS BY REV KEV

Sunday before Lent

The Lenten Season of praying and journey of our personal conversion begins with the outward signing of the cross of ashes on Wednesday. We are each invited to “Turn away from Sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” We will hear the prophet Joel writing for each of us to “Rend our Hearts” by opening our hearts and eyes to those in need, becoming aware of our energy to be compassionate. Through the grace of God may we find the infinite love of our Merciful Father as we listen to His only Son Jesus as he clearly invites us to embrace the discipline for Lent - Prayer, Almsgiving and Fasting.

The ashes used on our forehead began as the palms that helped us welcome the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem where he would make the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. As symbols of triumph on that Palm Sunday have now become reminders of death, let these ashes inspire us to repent for our sins. Secondly, let these ashes remind us that death is not an end as we find the hope in God’s promise of new life through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Greetings from: Fr. Joe

Are you ready yet? This week we begin the holy season of Lent. The season is marked by a special penitential character to help us “await the sacred paschal feasts with the joy of minds made pure.” Our liturgy too takes on a special character that make us “more eagerly intent on prayer and on the works of charity.” For it is by “participating in the mysteries by which [we] have been reborn, [we] may be led to the fullness of grace that [God] bestows on [his] sons and daughters.” (Quotes from the first Preface of Lent, *Roman Missal*)

As explained in the article from our parish Music Ministry Team in this week’s bulletin, there will be some noticeable changes to our communal celebration of Holy Mass. I would like to bring your attention to some physical changes that will take place at our Donora site. Beginning Ash Wednesday, the Presider’s and Deacons’ chairs will be moved to the opposite side of the sanctuary. Currently on the side of both the ambo and Tabernacle, this change is being made for the following reasons:

The Eucharist, first and foremost. Given the Tabernacle is a prominent feature in the sanctuary, this change gives the clergy and the congregation a fuller view of the altar, ambo and Tabernacle, all signs of Christ’s presence in the liturgy.

Consistency for our liturgical ministers. We would like to hold a consistent form for our altar servers, Extraordinary ministers, and lectors. This switch allows for our ministers to serve consistently throughout the three sanctuaries in our parish.

Liturgical form. In more solemn celebration where a procession for the Gospel could take place, with the use of incense and candles, this change allows for more fluid movement from the Presider’s chair to the ambo.

As we continue to grow and form our identity as one, unite parish under St. Andrew our patron, your clergy team hopes these small changes will foster a visible sign of where God’s Holy Spirit is leading us as the Body of Christ.

With the Season of Lent upon us, St. Andrew’s Parish wants to enter this time with the Lord in a spirit of prayerful reflection and reverence. During Lent, St. Andrew’s Music Ministry will help us mark the special character of this season during the celebration of Mass. Beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, you may notice there are small shifts made to the music settings that support our worship. These seasonal changes are meant to bring about an introspective and penitent atmosphere. Here are some ways you may experience these shifts:

- The Kyrie (Lord, have mercy) will be chanted by the Celebrant or cantor and the congregation responds in kind with chant.
- The Gloria is omitted during the days in Lent but will return on Holy Thursday and during the Easter Season
- The Mass parts (Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, Lamb of God) will change to a simple chant Mass. The Mass parts will continue to be accompanied by the organist to support congregational singing.
- However, the Great Amen is not accompanied; the Celebrant will chant the Doxology (Through him, with him, and in him…) and the congregation will respond with a simple “Amen” led by the cantor.
- Lastly, once the closing hymn is finished, the organist will not play a postlude (instrumental music after the closing hymn) to foster a quiet and reflective atmosphere for prayer and meditation following Mass.

We hope these simple changes will help lead everyone to experience Lent with a renewed intentionality and a focus on returning to the Lord with one’s whole heart. God Bless! St. Andrew’s Music Ministry team

PARISH NEWS



As parishioners of Saint Andrew the Apostle we are part of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and you are stakeholders in the parish community and the diocese. Your many years of participation, work, and dedication to the needs of our community has helped our parish to stay strong!

As we begin this annual Parish Share Campaign, I invite you to pray and be aware that we all can make a difference to the success of this campaign as you have done so in the past. Henri Nouwen once wrote: "We are inviting you to invest yourself through the resources that God has given you – your energy, your prayers and your money – in this work to which God has called each of us."

The Annual Parish Share Program begins today. Have you received a letter and a brochure this past week? If you have not received a brochure and letter describing this annual program, please let the parish office know. Your participation within this program is very important to help accomplish the assessment that we have to pay. Please remember that you can donate a onetime donation or pledge an amount that can be paid over the next ten months. As always, we will have our monthly envelopes in your packet that you receive. Finally, do not forget you can also use your on-line donation and complete your donation to the Parish Share Program.

This weekend is the Diocesan-wide special Commitment weekend as the new year for this program to begin.

Our goal that we have been assessed is \$130,883.00.

- You can Pledge over the next ten months
- Offer a One time gift
- You can use online donation like that of your regular offertory
- And finally you can use the monthly envelopes

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

There is still openings for Sanctuary Lights at all three churches, if you would like a candle lit for a loved one, please call any of the three offices to schedule a light.

The COLOR'S of Lent

This year, as has been out tradition at Saint Andrews, beginning on Ash Wednesday we'll have available the pocket crosses. There will be the different color crosses along with plain wood. The color of the cross you select may help you reflect on certain areas in your life, or opportunities that God brings you to focus on during your Lenten Journey. The meaning of the colors are as follows:

Red – The Blood Jesus shed for our sins, offering Salvation to all: 1 John 1:7-9

Orange – Represents Fire, for our God is an all-consuming God: Hebrews 12:29

Yellow – Represents the Light of God, in Him there is no Darkness: 1 John 1:5-7

Green – Represents eternal life in Jesus: John 3:16

Blue – Represents the Living Water: John 4:14

Purple – Represents the Royalty of the King of Kings and the Crown of Life: James 1:12

Wooden – Represents the Weight of the Cross, the weight of our sins: Romans 3:23

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Seminarian Thoughts

Saint Walburga

Feast Day: February 25

Patronage: Eichstatt, Germany, Benedictine Nuns, Sick

Born in England as the daughter of St. Richard the Pilgrim and St. Wuna of Wessex, niece of St. Boniface, St. Walburga had two older brothers Winibald and Willibald who were also saints! Her father was a saxon underking. When she was 11, her father and brothers set out on a pilgrimage to Rome. Before leaving St. Richard entrusted her to the Benedictine abbess of Wimborne Abbey where she would be cared for and educated. After being there about a year, Walburga received word that her father had died. Her brothers completed the pilgrimage but both became incredibly ill. After recovering Winibald stayed in Rome for further studies while Willibald went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Eventually Willibald returned to Rome where he became a monk of Monte Cassino (the 1st Benedictine monastery, established by Benedict himself) and Winibald joined him. All the while Walburga is being taught and formed by the Benedictine nuns, and eventually took vows. In 737 her uncle St. Boniface went to Rome to recruit his nephews to assist him in evangelizing Germany which was still pagan. With the help of St. Boniface, her brothers founded a double monastery (both men and women). Walburga traveled to see her brothers and joined the monastic foundation there. When her brother died in 760 Walburga was named his successor becoming abbess. Walburga died in 777 after being abbess of the double monastery for 17 years. In 870 her remains were moved to Eichstatt, Bavaria where she rests today. Many miracles have been attributed to St. Walburga. Since her death a mysterious oil has dripped from her tomb, and it is known for its healing power. Because of this she is often depicted as an abbess with a vial of oil. At St. Emma's monastery there is a beautiful stained glass shrine dedicated to this saint. The nuns at St. Emma's came to St. Vincent in 1931 from Eichstatt on February 25, St. Walburga's day and have a deep devotion to the saint who many, many years ago would have been their abbess.

Parish Events

Ash Wednesday 2022



Mass Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Holy Mass—Donora

12:00 p.m. Holy Mass—Charleroi

7:00 p.m. Holy Mass (with Adoration and Confessions at 6 p.m.) - Monongahela

During the remainder of the month of February, we are collecting prior-year palm branches to prepare ashes for **Ash Wednesday on March 2**. Please bring any dried palm branches you may have and place them in the basket located near the door of any of the Churches. Thank you!

4:00 p.m. - Prayer Service with Ashes in Monongahela



Now that Lent is approaching, we would like to offer the entire parish of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the opportunity to come together in prayer throughout the Lenten Season as follows:

11:30AM on Fridays - Stations of the Cross will be offered at our Donora site. Please be mindful of heavy traffic from the Fish Fry.

2pm on Fridays – Stations of the Cross at our Monongahela site

Beginning at 6pm - Our Charleroi site will offer Holy Mass beginning at 6pm followed by **Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6:30pm.**

Christian Mothers Meeting

The first meeting of 2022 for the Christian Mothers will be on Thursday, March 3rd, in Marian Hall, at the Charleroi site of St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Come join us as we start a new year and hear our exciting new plans.

PARISH EVENTS



ST. ANDREW HOMEMADE DONUTS ~ ORDER FORM



To pre-order donuts for the sale on **Saturday, March 5th**, 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-2pm.**

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

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

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		St. Patrick's Donuts	
Strawberry iced		w/Sprinkles	
Lemon iced		w/Nuts	
Maple iced		MIXED DOZENS	
		*Note that nuts are handled in the area	

SYNOD 21-23

Communion - Participation - Mission

Pope Francis invites you to participate

Everyone who cares about the Church is encouraged to participate in the Synod. Pope Francis wants to hear from those who feel marginalized or hurt by their Catholic experience, as well as from those who have found joy and mercy in the Church. During synodal sessions in early 2022 we will listen to each other and invite the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to feel their love, joy and pain of those whose experience is different from our own. Catholics throughout the world will be discerning the same questions. For more information text "Synod2022" to 84576 and got to www.diopitt.org/journeyingtogether to download your participant guide.

In OUR PARISH, a Synodal session will be held on Sunday, March 27th in Charleroi at 12:30 pm in the Church. We will be able to livestream this gathering.

CALLING FOR ALTAR SERVERS

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish would like to welcome back our Altar Servers to assist during our Sunday liturgies.

If you have been an altar server or would like to become one, **please contact Fr. Joe via the parish office or directly by email at juzar@diopitt.org**

Children who are currently in the 4th grade or older are eligible to become servers.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

As we continue to find our way through the challenges and the frustrations of the COVID-19 pandemic. I write today to make you aware of updates to our diocesan policy that are to be implemented in our parishes and our schools.

The number of new cases of COVID has been steadily dropping in our area, and positive cases have declined in diocesan parishes and schools. Waiting until the end of February to implement these changes allows time for cases to decline further, for hospital staffing levels to improve, and for more people to receive vaccinations.

As the dynamics continue to change given new information about the virus, we are now in a position to take preliminary steps to ease COVID restrictions in parishes and schools while remaining committed to protecting everyone's health and safety. I know that some of you will be pleased with this news, and others will be concerned about how to talk with parishioners or school families who continue to push for increased mandates. The Holy Spirit can and will fill us with the words and the wisdom needed to offer peace, calm, and support for the faithful.

Please note the following update on COVID protocols for our parishes and schools will be effective on Saturday, February 26.

- Priests, deacons and liturgical ministers in the sanctuary as well as ushers and greeters will no longer be obligated to wear masks at Mass.
- Parishioners will again be invited to share the Sign of Peace.
- Laity can present the gifts of bread and wine used for consecration.
- The distribution of Precious Blood from the cup remains suspended at this time.
- All parish events outside of Mass may be held in-person. Livestream options for Mass and activities will continue for those who are unable to attend in person.

This update applies to all clergy and parishioners during Mass and other parish activities, to all students and staff in diocesan elementary schools and high schools, and to everyone involved in diocesan faith formation programs.

As always, if the number of positive cases surges in a specific county—or within a specific parish or school—mitigation measures, including mandatory masking, may be reinstated.

I continue to urge everyone who is eligible to get COVID vaccines and booster shots as an act of love for all people, especially the most vulnerable.

Grateful for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ, Most Reverend David A. Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh

PARISH EVENTS



The Living Stations are back! Monday, April 11, 2022 at 8:00 P.M.

The youth of our parish are invited once again to participate in *The Living Stations* the Monday of Holy Week, April 11th. Under the direction of Mrs. Patty Baker, the Passion will be portrayed through word, role play, and song. Sign-ups for **students of grades 4 and up** are requested by **Wednesday, February 23rd**, via a text message to (724)344-5091 OR email to the following address: bakerpatricia17@gmail.com

The rehearsal schedule follows. If registering your child to participate, PLEASE keep it handy as good attendance at rehearsals is essential in preparing for this solemn event. If you have questions or concerns about the program before making this commitment, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Baker at the number above.

In your registration email or text message, please include the following:

***Student's name**

***Name of parent or guardian**

***Grade/ age of student**

***School** *Student's interest in participation: costumed character role or singer? *phone number of parent/ guardian

Rehearsal schedule:

*Thursday, 2/ 24: singers only - 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

*Monday, 2/28: singers only - 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

*Monday, 3/ 7: singers only - 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

*Wednesday, 3/16: singers only - 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.

*Thursday, 3/24: actors only - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

*Monday, 3/28: actors only - 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

*Thursday, 3/31: ALL - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

*Tuesday, 4/5: ALL - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

*Thursday, 4/7: ALL - 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

*Sunday, 4/10: DRESS REHEARSAL – ALL 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

*Monday, 4/11: Performance 8:00 P.M.

All rehearsals and the performance will take place at the Charleroi site of St. Andrew's Parish.

PARISH EVENTS



St Andrew the Apostle Food Bank for "February 2022"



Recently, when placing our food bank order, we were made aware of the shortages the grocery stores are now facing. Supplies of canned goods, pasta and toiletries are in low supply but the need in the Mid Mon Valley continues to grow. When donating food for the month of February "2022", if together our Church family focuses on donations of:

Cereal, soup, hamburger helper, spaghetti, stove top stuffing, canned chicken, tissues, soap & paper towels. As Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, we know that together we can make things happen, as we've proven before...

"None of us are as strong as all of us".

Continue prayers and blessings throughout the year,
Deacon Al and the Food Bank committee

Lector Training—TODAY

If you are actively serving as Lector, you would like to return to this ministry, or you are interested in becoming a Lector, St. Andrew's will be holding a training session this **Sunday, February 27th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Donora**. We will meet in the church for a time of prayer with our Lord in Blessed Sacrament and then cover the updated procedures for this ministry. We will also present everyone with an up-to-date record of clearances and provide material for those who need to complete the Safe Environment requirements.

We hope to see you there!



LEAVE THE LIGHT ON FOR YOU!

An evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in each of our three Churches on Wednesday, March 30, 2022
from 6:00pm through 9:00pm.

THREE DAY MISSION

The **Three Day Mission** will be offered in our parish,
in person and via Live Stream.

"Encounter Christ"

Monday, March 21st - Tuesday, March 22nd - Wednesday March 23rd

Each evening will begin at 7:00pm in Charleroi.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**



Sarah Glaneman a student at Serra Catholic High Schools is participating in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. The Best Buddies Group at Serra Catholic and throughout the nation works for inclusion of People with intellectual and physical disabilities. If you would like to help her reach her fundraising goal, go to <http://engdr.co/1-3067597> or send your gift into any of the parish offices.

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.



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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. The next class will be on **Monday, March 7th, 6:00pm.**



1. Eat a healthy diet
2. Exercise regularly
3. Complete or update my volunteer folder

As the new year begins, please call your safe environment coordinator, Helena Glaneman at 724-258-7742 opt 9 or email at stdamienmolokai@gmail.com. All volunteers with contact with the public and other parishioners are required to have a volunteer file in the Virtus online database and several clearances. Volunteers are also asked to participate in Protecting God's Children Workshops. If you are unsure of your status or how to begin if you are a new volunteer, please call or email Helena.

Thank you for spreading the love of Jesus Christ through your volunteer services.

Faith Formation

St. Andrew the Apostle Faith Formation will start back with in person classes beginning next Sunday, March 6th, for first grade through eighth grade in our Faith Formation building and Confirmation class will meet in Marian Hall. Classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. and dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. Face masks will not be mandatory, but if you are more comfortable with your child wearing one please have them do so.

Man Up - March Schedule

The men of Man Up will return to their regular schedule beginning in March. We will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 3/1 and 3/15. The meeting will be in Marian Hall / Charleroi and will begin at 7:00.

Let's get our momentum BACK!

PARISH EVENTS

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE DRIVE THRU FISH FRY



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First Friday Adoration, this Friday March, 4th from 9:00am till Midnight. Confessions at 11:00am St. Andrew the Apostle, Donora. During Lent we will also offer Stations of Cross at 11:30

PARISH EVENTS

Saint Andrew the Apostle Fish Fry Sponsorship Form

Saint Andrew the Apostle “Lenten Monster Fish Fry” is seeking families to help sponsor this event and help defray the food cost for the fry. Due to shortages, most of the food and items we use have increased 25-50%! Listed below are the larger cost items that are needed to prepare our delicious menu! If your family can help in sponsoring an item or consider teaming up with another family to sponsor an item, this will help our event be even more successful and profitable!

If you are unable to sponsor a particular item, any donation to help defray our cost will be appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support of our growing parish!

I am willing to help our parish this year to help with the food cost for our Parish Fish Fry with the following:

Misc. Items \$150.00 • Sliced Cheese & Cheese Sauce _____
• Heavy Duty Foil _____
• Fish Batter _____
• Paper Products/Foam Containers _____
• Butter _____

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At this time I am unable to sponsor an item, please accept my donation toward this year’s “Monster Fish Fry” \$ _____

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Save the date! Our "Casino Extravaganza" annual spring gala will be held on Saturday, April 30th. Watch here for more information!

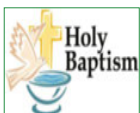
Family Connection

Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. *What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others?* Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:39–45. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behavior. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologize.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and then pray the Lord's Prayer.

OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 20, 2022

February 20th

Offertory: \$ 9,657.50



Baptism Congratulations
Congratulations to the Family of

McKenzie Grace Flaugh

whose baptism was recently celebrated. May she remain close to the Lord Jesus all the days of her life and may she 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 February 27, 2022

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

REST IN PEACE



In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the souls of **Larry Walsh and Dominick A. Pesognelli**. 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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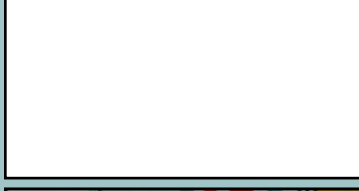
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