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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m.

Daily: 8:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

Saint Andrew Church

Erie, Pennsylvania ~ 1116 W. Seventh St.



Third Sunday of ADVENT

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OUR MISSION The parish of Saint Andrew, a welcoming, joyful and renewing Catholic community, dedicates itself to serving all of God's people with the love of Jesus Christ and His mission.

BAPTISM: Please call for arrangement. Baptismal preparation program required for all parents.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday at St. Paul's - 3:30p.m. & Saturday at Sacred Heart - 3:30p.m. St. Andrew after 11:00a.m. Mass on Sunday

MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

STAFF

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814-454-2486 ext. 230

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FOOD PANTRY - St. Andrew / St. Jude

Ken Adams
1:30PM to 4:00PM every other Tuesday
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CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

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PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please notify the rectory if a family member or parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at Noon.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: To be a member of St. Andrew Parish you must be registered. All those who are out of high school should be registered individually. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor at Baptism and Confirmation, to be married in the parish or to have a child baptized.

Overworked Advent

Once upon a time, two psychiatrists, married to each other, decided to test their five year old twin sons to determine whether nurture or nature was the greater influence in the emotional development of people. This experiment grew out of their disagreement over which influence was more powerful because the personalities of their sons were so different. You might say one son, the pessimist "saw the glass half empty" while his twin was always optimistic and went through his early life always expecting the best. For him, life was always a series of exciting possibilities.

The experiment was conducted on Christmas morning by completely emptying two rooms in their house of everything and then putting equal amounts of horse manure in each room a foot deep. When it was time for the boys to open their Christmas gifts, they were told by their parents to walk down the hall to the room that had their name on the door and their Christmas gift would be inside the room. About a minute later, the parent-psychiatrists walked quietly down the hall and opened the door of the pessimist-son's room and listened. They heard their son complaining about the mess and the smell and that whatever he would find anyway would not be what he wanted and it would probably break the first time he played with it. He was true to character.

Then the parents went to the room across the hall where their young optimist was looking for his Christmas present. When they cracked open the door and looked in, there he was throwing manure in the air and squealing in glee. The parents were stunned and could not resist asking him why he was so happy. He answered, "With all this manure around, there's got to be a horse in here somewhere!"

Even if you've heard this parable before, it's still enjoyable to read it again. It also begs an important question: how much do you really want something if its absence only makes you sad or grouchy? Disciples of Jesus are, in fact, joyful because they long to see fulfilled what has already been personally promised by Christ himself at his first coming.

It is difficult to be upbeat when you're feeling beat up. In times of exhaustion, we are tempted to give in like tired kids who are not enjoying themselves anymore and just want to have their own way. No child or adult of God is spared this experience. Nevertheless, people who have been inured to discipleship by repeated exposure to its highs and lows automatically develop a strong backbone because they've come to understand that true joy is not contingent upon one, brief taste of the good life of grace. For disciples, the Christmas disappointments or joys of the present are not the whole story. They are just a few frames from the longer movie of salvation history.

So, if at the moment you are feeling like you've been had or that you have a right to cling to your disappointment because Jesus has not met your expectations, consider the possibility that you have not met the real Jesus yet. And isn't that what we all expect at Christmas?

Advent is that time in our liturgical year when we decorate our hearts and souls for Christmas as well as our homes because a single dimmest light is still more powerful than the deepest darkness.

People of the light, happy Advent!

Fr. Dan



Thank You

A special "thank you" to those of you who loaned your treasured nativities this past weekend.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped set-up, "watch", and re-pack.

Thank you to Mark from St. Paul's who prepared the gym, stayed late and shoveled the walks.

Thank you to Larussi Laundry who loaned us the table linens.

And thank you to all who attended and donated nearly \$300.00 to Erie Dawn.

We would like to *thank*

Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. Gnacinski and their helpers for the wonderful Christmas party they held for us last Sunday. The pizza was yummy, and we had so much fun making the snowmen and coloring the angels. And the most fun was eating all the Xmas cutout cookies we had decorated with the frosting and sprinkles!

You are the best,

Ed, Chipper, Blaise, Viola, Claire, Lara Li, Carl, Joe, Sophie, Jacob, and Amelia.



Intentions for St. Andrew Church & Mass schedule with our Partnered Churches
Monday, December 17 - Late Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. ☩MARILYN CARNES - John & Betsy
Tuesday, December 18 - Late Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. ☩RICHARD GEBHARDT & FAMILY - Marilyn Gebhardt
Wednesday, December 19 - Late Advent Weekday
 8:30a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Thursday, December 20 - Late Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. LIVING & DECEASED OF THE ST. ANDREW LADIES GUILD
Friday, December 21 - Late Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. ☩BOBBIE WOOD - Roslyn Cromer
Saturday, December 22 - Saturday, Vigil Mass
 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul (MAO)
 4:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (DKA)
Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 a.m. ☩THERESA & ROBERT WOOD & BOB WOOD - Helen Klebes (MAO)
 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul (DKA)
 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (MAO)
 11:00 a.m. BRIAN MILLER - Patti Miller (DKA)

THE WEEK AHEAD
Sunday, December 16
 Confession (Church).....noon
 Catholic Daughters (AH).....noon
Monday, December 17
 Rosary (Chapel).....2:30PM
 Mass (Chapel).....3:15PM
 Novena (Chapel).....7:00PM
 Knights of Columbus (#3).....7:00PM
Tuesday, December 18
 Food Pantry.....1:00 - 4:00PM
Thursday, December 20
 Leopold Prayer Group.....9:00AM
 Family Rosary (Church)7:10PM
 Maria House Project (AH).....5 - 6:45PM
 Choir (AH).....7:00PM
Friday, December 21
 Women's Scripture (AH).....8:30 - 9:30AM
Sunday, December 23
 Confession (Church).....noon

The Sanctuary Light is burning this week
 in memory of
AL GAGNON & TIM GAGNON
 Requested by Anne Gagnon

Readings for the week of December 16, 2018
 Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
 Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
 Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-

Sunday, December 9, 2018 **Weekly** \$3,511.27
 Needed for budget \$6,646.00
 Weekly Surplus/(Deficit) (\$3,134.73)
 Envelopes sent 350 collected 71
2018 Catholic Service Appeal
 TOTAL BALANCE.....\$7,325.00
 TOTAL PAID.....\$60,010.00
 TOTAL PLEDGED.....\$67,335.00

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 January UltreyaJanuary 4, 2019
 Saint Andrew's.....7:00PM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23; Collections Counters: Ek / Quinn

TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	USHERS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	GREETERS	ALTAR LINENS
8:00 a.m.	Anne Liszka	Deacon DeCecco Ellen Pfadt David Strazisar Lisa Pilliteri HB: Lisa Pilliteri HB: Barb Kuhn	Josie Frisina	Andrew Campbell John Wood Joe Pilliteri James Strazisar	An Usher please	Ellen Pfadt Marilyn Redenius	
11:00 a.m.	Anita Rogowski	Deacon DeCecco Julie Maloney Mark Maloney Patti Miller	Jacob Clark	Chris Clark Danielle Clark Jerry Clark Heather Dana	Patti Miller	Heather Dana Steve Dana Bonnie Clark	Please pick up Linens the Weekend of Dec. 16nd Diane Tretter

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