

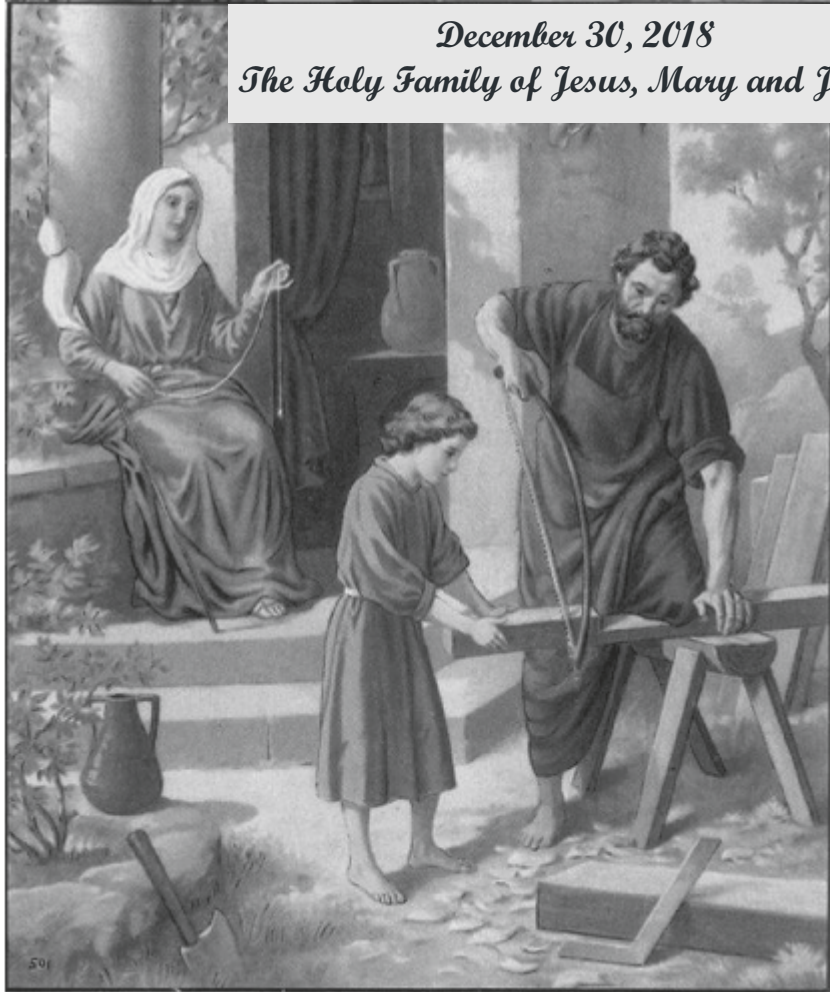


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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
**Holy Days:** 7:00 a.m.  
**Daily:** 8:00 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

# Saint Andrew Church

Eric, Pennsylvania ~ 1116 W. Seventh St.

*December 30, 2018*  
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**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.

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**FOOD PANTRY - St. Andrew / St. Jude**

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 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.

## Presence in the Presents

An after-the-fact Christmas wish—may my presence be evident in the presents I gave away! There is no doubt about it, the great unwrapping event of Christmas morning can look like a ticker-tape parade in the middle of the living room. The level of glee manifests the relief that the purgatory of Advent has in fact given way to the heavenly grace of Christmas. Emmanuel! God must be with us somewhere under all the gift wrap.

Christmas is the annual revelation of the great hope that the God of love is here, palpable, mediated in the gifts being shared. The gifts are the medium that demonstrate a relationship. I give you a gift, not to earn your love or to satisfy the obligation of reciprocity (you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours), but rather to unfold and deepen what is already in existence, a relationship. The relationship is everything, and when it is a loving relationship, it's sacred. Without it, there is no language, no culture, and no generation of life. Indeed, our relationships are everything. They are the presence that transforms a pack or tribe into a holy family. The Christmas faith is that you, to whom I have given a gift, will be faithful within the relationship.

You can begin to understand from this why our Church celebrates the Christmas mystery as it does. Jesus is the Father's gift to us, the Father's response to all human longing. Because God is love, the relationship is sacred. Breaking or tampering in a harmful way with the relationship is damaging (code word for "sinful"). The Father's presence is the present. So, how could Jesus do what he did in the gospel for today? (Lk. 2: 41-52) He did not exactly run away from his parents, but he sure put them to the test. Mary, his mother, asked "Son, why have you done this

Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." His response to his mother and father is the evidence that Jesus, like all kids, have it in their genes to make saints out of their parents. However, his father is the first person of the Blessed Trinity. The genes of his Father led him to do things like we hear in the gospels that tested his parents. If you are a parent, as you read this, what is your reaction to your son's explanation for staying behind? "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" What parent would not be hurt and confused, even Mary and Joseph? What did he mean, or as Mary was inclined to ask Gabriel when she heard of God's plan for Mary to be the mother of his son, "How can this be?"

Faithless or domineering parents would let their son know with painful clarity that they are the parents. For them, blood is thicker than water and Jesus is of their blood. Jesus was stretching his parents' faith and humility by saying in effect that blood may be thicker than water, but faith is thicker than blood. That was the basis of his relationship with everyone he ministered to including Joseph and Mary. They allowed their son to reverse the roles of parent and child. The child Jesus was teaching his parents that the presence of the Father was in the present of his son to Mary and Joseph. [You might consider slowly rereading the previous sentence.]

Fidelity within our relationships keeps them sacred. That is what makes a family holy.

**Fr. Dan**

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*Today; the Feast Day of the Holy Family Saint Andrew Church will be gifting you a "Red Plate".*

The Red Plate is the perfect way to acknowledge a family member's special triumph...To celebrate a birthday, or praise a job well done or a goal achieved or simply to say you are special today. When the Red Plate is used, any meal becomes a celebration, honoring a special person, event, or deed. It is a visible reminder of love and esteem.

The Red Plate...make it a tradition in your family, symbolizing the good and happy times. It will speak volumes of love when words just aren't enough. May God bless your family with many, many celebrations!

**Intentions for St. Andrew Church & Mass schedule with our Partnered Churches**

**Monday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**  
 4:30p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

**Tuesday, January 1 - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God**  
 9:30 a.m. Mass at Saint Paul Church  
 11:00 a.m. †ROBERT SCHNEIDER - Family

**Wednesday, January 2 - Sts. Basil & Gregory**  
 8:30a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church

**Thursday, January 3 - The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
 8:00 a.m. †JOSEPH COSTA - Family

**Friday, January 4 - first Friday; St. Elizabeth Ann**  
 8:00 a.m. †LUCY BAIDIME - The Adoration Ministry

**Saturday, January 5 – First Saturday/Vigil Mass**  
 8:00 a.m. †AUDREY CASANE - Friends & Family  
 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul (MAO)  
 4:30 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (DKA)

**Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany**  
 8:00 a.m. †MARILYN CARNES- Downing Family( MAO)  
 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Paul (DKA)  
 10:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (MAO)  
 11:00 a.m. †DON SMITH - Carol & Tom Hoffman(DKA)

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, December 30**  
 Confession (Church).....noon

**Monday, December 31**  
 Solemnity of Mary  
 Mass at Sacred Heart..... 4:30PM

**Tuesday, January 1**  
 Solemnity of Mary  
 Mass at St. Paul Church.....9:30AM  
 Mass at St. Andrew Church.....11:00AM

**Thursday, January 3**  
 Leopold Prayer Group.....9:00AM  
 Family Rosary (Church) .....7:10PM  
 Maria House Project (AH).....5 - 6:45PM  
 Choir (AH).....7:00PM

**Friday, January 4**  
 First Friday Adoration .....starts after the 8AM mass

**Saturday, January 5**  
 Mass in the Annunciation Chapel.....8:00AM

**Sunday, January 6**  
 Confession (Church).....noon

**New Year's Resolution**

*Is 2019 the year to try a NEW resolution?*  
 Perhaps nourishing our souls with an hour spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is the answer. Consider joining the Adoration ministry; a one hour commitment on the first Friday of the month. Just twelve hours for the whole year. It will be the most peaceful twelve hours you will have all year, and it might be the best new year's resolution made in your lifetime!



*All 24 hours are available – 8:00 a.m. on Friday thru 8:00 on Saturday morning. But we especially need the midnight hour filled. We'd love to have you. Please call Barb 455-2934 to schedule any hour you want. Happy New Year!*

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TIME	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS	USHERS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	GREETERS	ALTAR LINENS
8:00 a.m.	David Strazisar	Deacon DeCecco Jean Downing Jackie Johnson Craig Frisina BF: Jackie Johnson BF: Todd Liszka	T.J. Ek	John Tretter Daine Tretter Margo Keefer John Wood	Family	Diane Tretter John Tretter	
11:00 a.m.	Brian Stark	Deacon DeCecco Barb Kozen MaryBeth Nawrocki Kate Stark	Phil Stark Addie Stark	Mark Maloney Dusty Presogna Dominic Sansone Andrew Stark	Family	Linda Lauria Kathryn Rivera Judy Cassano	Please pick up Linens the Weekend of <b>Jan. 6th</b> <b>Diane Tretter</b>



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