



4th Sunday
OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

United Catholic Community
Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, & St. Paul
March 14, 2021 4th Sunday of Lent

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ALL DAILY MASSES (private): 8:00AM, M, W, T, F
Are available to watch on YouTube at
[Parish Partnership Information](#)

PRAYER LINE Please call with your request:

Debbie at 504-0294 (SH)
Jeannie at 866-3235 (SH)
Dody at 459-6428 (SA)

Weekend Mass and Confession Times

Saturday Confessions at 3:30PM at St. Paul
Saturday Mass at 4:30PM at St. Paul
SUNDAY: 9:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart
And 11:00AM Mass at St. Andrew

Rosary led by Ladies Guild before this Mass
beginning at 10:40. All are welcome to join!

Confessions are available after the 9 & 11AM Masses by request. OR
call Fr. Mark at the rectory to make an appointment.



Monday, March 15

(SA) Ann Strazisar- Family

Tuesday, March 16- no mass

Wednesday, March 17-Happy St. Patrick's Day

(SA) Josephine Strazisar- Family

Friday, March 19-Feast of St. Joseph

(SA) Richard Gebhardt- Marilyn Gebhardt

Saturday, March 20 & Sunday March 21

Chuck Faytak- Pat, Dave, Joy, and Herb Slubowski
Edith Witt- Carolyn Hammer
Mass for the People

The Church Sanctuary Candles will burn this week for:

(SP) Gerald Francis Cerami- Aunt Gerri
(SH) Patrick J. DiPaolo- Mom, Dad, & Family
(SA) Elizabeth "Betty" Farrell- Charlie Farrell



Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends
of ...

Thomasina Chervenka

May Your light shine upon her and may she rest in
peace. Amen



Live as children of light,
for light produces
every kind of goodness and
righteousness and truth.
-Ephesians 5:9

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

SUN 3/14	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
MON 3/15	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
TUE 3/16	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
WED 3/17	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
THR 3/18	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
FRI 3/19	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
SAT 3/20	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
SUN 3/21	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

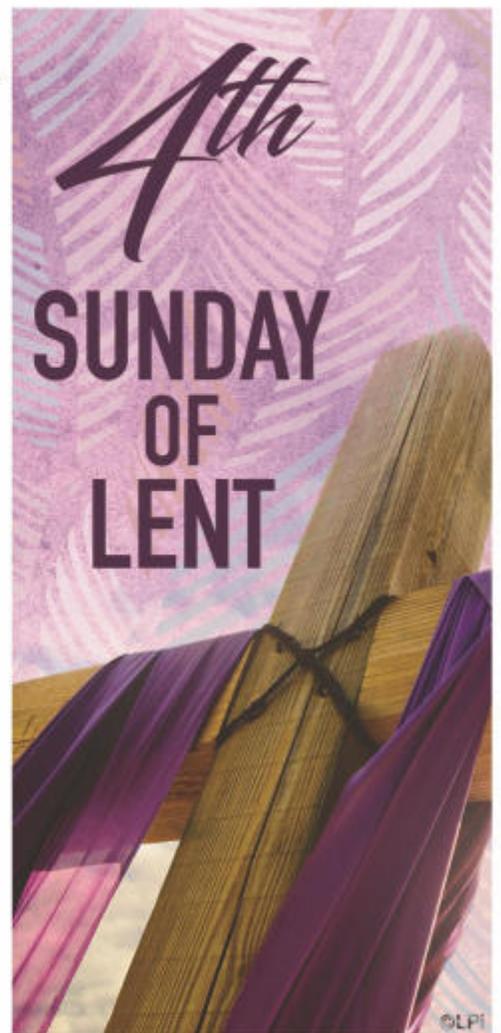
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday:	St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Thursday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday:	5 th Sunday of Lent

Au contraire mon ami!

The whole point of consecrating Eucharist is for it to be consumed by the faithful and thus transform them into the Body of Christ. The 'real presence' we profess in the Blessed Sacrament is then in the individuals who receive it. This is why at Mass, after the distribution of Communion, but before I return to the presider's chair, I bow in the direction of the altar AND the congregation and NOT the tabernacle. This may seem disrespectful to some old schoolers who believe they were taught to focus full reverential attention on the tabernacle; but the living temple of the faithful is the intended home for Christ's real presence. It is often easier to reverence the Blessed Sacrament, the Tabernacle, the Sanctuary, and the church than the people of God; but that is why respecting the 'real presence' of Christ in one another is an act of faith. Some traditionalists might think I'm turning my back on God, but it's quite the opposite.

Fa. Mark



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



Weekend of
March 20 & 21

SATURDAY- St. Paul at 4:30 PM

SUNDAY- Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM
LECTOR: Sr. Nancy Fischer

St. Andrew at 11AM

LECTOR: Dominic Sansone

USHERS: Chris Clark, Charles Farrell, Paul Gnacinski
COLLECTION COUNTERS: Terry & Wingerter

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning Team
Friday, March 19, 2021
TEAM 4- Barb Selker & Maria Stevens
Thanks for all your help!

FOOD PANTRY HOURS

Sacred Heart : Every Tues 9-10AM

St. Andrew: Every other Tues
March 16 and 30: 1 to 4 PM

St. Paul : Every Tuesday
9:30 to 10:30 in Center



We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

HELP NEEDED to plan a celebration
for the 150th Anniversary of
Saint Andrew Church in
July. Contact Carol (455-5853).

If you are cleaning out your closets or spare rooms and find any unwanted **cotton, flannel or fleece material**, please consider donating it to "Sew What". This group constructs pillowcases, blankets, quilts, and stuffed animals for the less fortunate, veterans and refugees. The group is also looking for assistance. Those with the ability to sew and/or knit are sought their time or material should contact Kathy at idoegswa@outlook.com, phone 8to work in their homes until social gathering is again permitted. The group also needs donations of yarn to make hats and scarves. Anyone willing to donate 14-882-6641 or Mary Temple marymargret.temple@gmail.com, phone 814-838-1761. Pickup is available.



St. Andrew Thirty-One Club

Daily listing Sunday to Saturday:

March 14- Dorothy Kaliszewski,

Mar 15- Lisa Gleason, **Mar 16-** Kathy Baldwin,

Mar 17- Penny Decker, **Mar 18-** Tom Hoffman,

Mar 19- Pat Whitehill, **Mar 20-** Sara Lichtenwalter

Special thanks to the members of the 31 Club who agree to go to Mass and/or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. Pray for vocations.

Feeding the Hungry

Kindness requires action. Our parish community has demonstrated action over the past year as we, as a faith community, have sought to heed God's call to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, warm those who are cold, and address the many other community needs brought our attention. The parish outreach ministry thanks all those who have contributed to our outreach efforts in any way and seeks your support in this coming year.

During the weeks of 3/14 and 3/21 we will undertake a collection of cleaning supplies. This collection is an *identified* need for two agencies. St. Pat's Haven, the overnight shelter for men, and The Neighborhood Network (NN) is in need of cleaning supplies. Families who have food insecurity, when faced with the choice between purchasing food or cleaning supplies, will choose to feed their family first. We will seek to address this need by collecting cleaning supplies such as Windex, sponges, Lysol products, pine-sol, any "ajax" type cleanser, dish detergent, laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, and paper towels for both groups. The cleaning supplies will be handed out on an as needed basis to families at upcoming weekly Monday meals. A single delivery will be provided to the Haven. For St. Andrew's the drop off will be located in the gathering space, for Sacred Heart the drop off will be a box under the Holy Family statue, and for St. Paul's there will be a marked box in the rear of the church. If you are currently not attending mass, you may drop off your items at the parish office at Sacred Heart Mon - Fri during the 3 weeks of the drive. Thank you! *United Catholic Community Outreach Ministry Tom Hudson 864-1615*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS
Sacred Heart Council #11818

Calling all Catholic Gentlemen, live your Catholic Faith. Become a Brother Knight and put your faith into action! Councils provide charitable service supporting **FAITH/ FAMILY/ COMMUNITY/ LIFE**

Apply on-line to receive all the benefits of membership
Visit KofC.org/Join. Or call 814-450-6288 for membership information. Monthly Meetings are temporarily postponed due to COVID-19, but as you can see we are still an active group!
We raise funds for Parish needs.

An Irish Blessing:

*May your day be touched
by a bit of Irish luck,
brightened by a song in your heart,
and warmed by the smiles
of the people you love.*

Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

**GOD OPENS
NEW POSSIBILITIES**

Happy Birthday!

A Special Happy Birthday Fr. Jerry!

Fr. Jerome Simmons, who lives at Sacred Heart Rectory, celebrated his 80th birthday on March 7, 2021. Join us in wishing him every blessing in the year to come!



The Knights of Columbus, St. Andrew Council,

is looking for men of the parish to join our Council. We are in need of men to assist with parish activities, and especially the 150th Anniversary of St. Andrew's Parish, this coming summer. If you are willing to participate please call our Grand Knight – Tom Klemm – 814-323-5222; Pat Nenno – 814-812-4238; Tim Sexauer – 720-775-9986; or any Knight you are aware of.

MARCH MEETING

The Knights of Columbus, St. Andrew Council, are meeting on Wednesday, 3/17/2021, at 7:00 pm, in the Knight's Room.

SUB SANDWICH FUND RAISER!

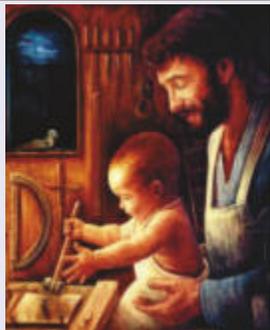
There are still sub sandwich coupons available from Teresa's Deli. Don't miss out! Only \$5 per coupon. Redeem at Teresa's on Greengarden or E 38th. Call John S for more information at 459-9896 or Jean at 456-6256

St. Andrew's Ladies Guild will be meeting in Arundel Hall on SUNDAY, MARCH 21 at 12:00 after Mass. Pam Biroscak will be hostessing and guest presenter Kathy Dudenhoefer will be focusing us on SPRING. A light, individually packaged meal will be provided. The room will be arranged to accommodate social distancing; please wear your favorite mask, of course. Hope to see many of you there.



Joseph, Guardian of the Pure in Heart

Gentle Joseph, God is captivated by the quality of your heart. Your entire being is focused on doing his will. With Mary and Jesus, you answer the Holy Spirit's call to build a better world.



PRAY FAST GIVE

Catholic Relief Services 'RICE BOWL': *FOURTH WEEK OF LENT- Nicodemus and Jesus*

In today's Gospel, the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus reminds us during Lent that as we seek to put our spiritual lives in order, we cannot accomplish this task on our own. God has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We are reminded that we have been made to be able to see the kingdom of God; we have been given the gift of eternal life through the waters of Baptism. As we continue our journey with *CRS Rice Bowl*, let us remember that through our participation in *Rice Bowl*, we are putting our faith in action and helping those around the world.



Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays

at St. Paul Church- 3/17, 3/24 at 6 PM

Praying the Stations with Mary, the Blessed Mother. This devotion will be a version of the stations prayed from Mary's point of view. Wear a mask and respect social distancing rules. Please join us.

Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your generous support of our Tri-Parish Community!

March 7, 2021	Offertory	Weekly Expenses
Sacred Heart	\$6,834.50	\$6,888.00
St. Andrew	\$3,347.00	\$6,691.00
St. Paul	\$1,513.00	\$3,281.00

Catholic Services Appeal UPDATE

HOW TO GIVE:

Please pledge your support through your parish. Call or visit your parish office for more information. Thank you for prayerfully and joyfully supporting this work.



As on 3/7/2021	Pledged	Paid	GOAL	Family Participation
Sacred Heart	\$41,870	\$18,340	\$48,508	86/548
St. Andrew	\$31,108	\$16,423	\$48,972	45/326
St. Paul	\$15,200	\$11,845	\$14,186	37/192

Thank you to all so far who have supported the 2021 CSA Collection. Remember, once a Parish Goal is reached, all funds over that are put back into the parish. This year, Fr. Mark has suggested that the 3 parishes combine to raise an additional \$10,000. (i.e. \$3,333 each) This \$10,000 will be used as a Community Events Fund reserved for community building efforts within the parish. Also, we pray that as many families as possible participate in the CSA effort. So, no matter how large or small, your donation is appreciated.

DEACON DABBLINGS...

Pop Quiz



When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors. What is greater than God, more evil than the devil, the poor have it, the rich need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?

We are all hostages in a society that tries to convince us that we need certain things to live, to be happy and to feel good about ourselves, and all too often we buy into that philosophy. Television commercials and printed ads exploit our human nature, particularly our insecurities, and try to convince us that without their product or service we will not feel happiness. If we continue to believe this hype we end up overloaded with stuff that we hardly ever or never use. Take clothes for example! It is said that we wear only 20% of the clothes that are hanging in our closet 80% of the time. Do we really need to buy that 35th pair of pants or 25th pair of shoes?

The late comedian, George Carlin, did a whole skit about having too much stuff. "My house is just a place for my stuff, ya know? That's all; a little place for my stuff. That's all I want, that's all you need in life, is a little place for your stuff, ya know? ... Everybody's got a little place for their stuff. This is my stuff, that's your stuff, that'll be his stuff over there. That's all you need in life, a little place for your stuff. That's all your house is - a place to keep your stuff. A house is just a place to keep your stuff while you go out and get more stuff."

Perhaps we would benefit by taking a good look at our surroundings and decide what it is that brings us true happiness. If we were to do this, we would find that material possessions only bring temporary happiness. We need to accept the fact that there are things that we will never have and focus our attention on the blessings we have received. There are a lot of clever quotes about true happiness such as, "It is said that the happiest people don't have everything; they just make the best of everything." While cute quotes such as this one may be fun, there is truth to them. But perhaps the most important quote regarding possessions comes from the Book of Job 1:21,

"Naked I came from my mother's womb,
and naked I shall return there."

Did you figure out the answer to the riddle?

Peace of Christ,

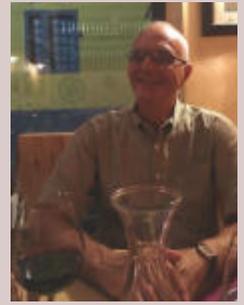
Deacon Tony

May 16, 2021-Save the Date

The 68th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Sacred Heart will take place a little differently this year. For just this year we are moving the date to May 16, 2021 and it will be a drive thru. You should have received a letter from the Sacred Heart Altar Society with some details. If you did not get this mailing, please let us know. If you do not want the tickets that were mailed, please return them back to the church. If you want more tickets to sell, call the church rectory. Either drop off at the Sacred Heart rectory or in the collection basket. We are so thankful for your support throughout the years. Please know that we are committed to keeping the tradition of our Spaghetti Dinner and hope to be back to a sit-down dinner in 2022.

WHO'S WHO ON THE NEW PASTORAL COUNCIL

Philip Temple is retired but still working hard. He volunteers in many church and community ministries. He works on the funeral ministry, pastoral council, and is a Board member for SSJ Neighborhood Network. Phil enjoys a good game of golf and making golf clubs, cycling, reading, and traveling. In the photo, Phil is on a trip to Florence in 2019.



Kate Fatter a proud wife, mom, & oma. Kate is involved in many ministries including outreach, prayer shawl ministry, children's liturgy, small sharing group, and a eucharistic minister. Kate loves gardening, baking, walking, weaving (see photo), calligraphy, and stone painting.

1:38 Women, a Catholic Women's Conference is coming soon-Register now!

The conference is coming this Saturday, March 20, 9-Noon. This event is free with donations accepted. You may attend as follows:

1. Live in-person at Our Lady of Peace
2. Virtually at satellite parishes
3. Virtually via Zoom at your own home.

For more information or to register visit www.1:38women.com or call (814) 455-7364. All you need to have is an open heart!

SAVE THE DATE-SUNDAY, MARCH 21 for St Benedict BINGO!

At the Polish Falcons 431 East 3rd St.
Doors open at noon. Bingo at 1 pm. Full kitchen.
RESERVATIONS ONLY !!! (Sorry-no walk-ins!)
Call Valerie at 566-3624,
ALL COVID precautions in effect.

Mercyhurst Preparatory School Open House Sunday, March 21, 2021 2:00-4:00 p.m.

538 East Grandview Blvd., Erie
Customized tours will include visits to classrooms, DREAM Lab, and Performing Arts Center. Students will meet with teachers and coaches and learn how Mercyhurst Prep strives for excellence in academic and cocurricular programs.
Register by Mar 18 at mpslakers.com to attend the Open House.
Join us on March 21 and see what being a Laker is all about.

Grocery Cards for SALE at Rectory

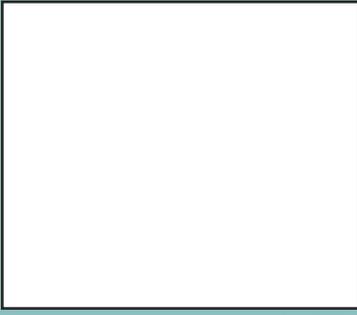
Tops and Giant Eagle grocery cards are available for sale through the parish rectory. Stop in OR send a note, your payment, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the rectory and we will send them out to you. Giant Eagle cards are for \$25, \$50, and \$100. Tops are for \$10, \$20, and \$50.



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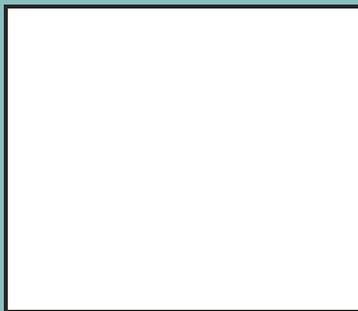
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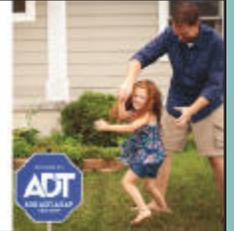
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