



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

United Catholic Community
Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, & St. Paul
March 21 2021 5th Sunday of Lent

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ALL DAILY MASSES (private): 8:00AM , M, W, T, F
 Are available to watch on YouTube at
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PRAYER LINE Please call with your request:
 Debbie at 504-0294 (SH)
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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 22

Virginia Duska- Theresa (sister)

Tuesday, March 23- no mass

Wednesday, March 24

Carl Kalinowski- wife

Stations of the Cross at St. Paul Church- 6 PM

Thursday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

George & Mary Margaret Albertson- Mary McManus

Friday, March 26

Joan Virgilio- Laura & Frankie Fosco

Saturday, March 20 & Sunday March 21

Louis Minadeo, Jr.- Maureen Walls

Joseph Seyboldt- Family

Mass for the People

The Church Sanctuary Candle will burn this week for:

(SH) Jean Pakulski- Toni Oldach

Bread & Wine Memorial
 (SH) Albert & Elizabeth Feikl-
 son Robert



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

Evelyn Vieira

Julio Berarducci

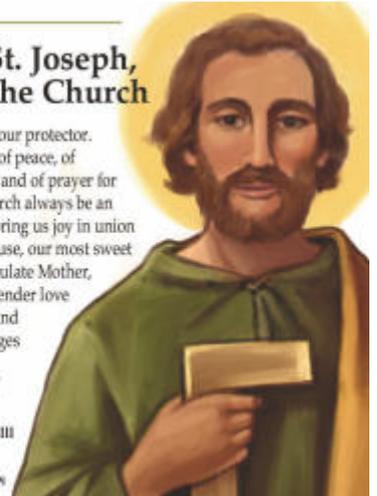
May Your light shine upon them and may they rest in
 peace. Amen



**Prayer to St. Joseph,
 Patron of the Church**

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.
 May your inner spirit of peace, of
 silence, of good work, and of prayer for
 the cause of Holy Church always be an
 inspiration to us and bring us joy in union
 with your blessed spouse, our most sweet
 and gentle and Immaculate Mother,
 and in the strong yet tender love
 of Jesus, the glorious and
 immortal King of all ages
 and peoples.
 Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



Find parish news, daily inspirations, and
 resources on our parish Facebook page. Our
 Facebook page is no longer found as "Sacred
 Heart," but is now under "United Catholic Community" and the
 weblink is [https://www.facebook.com/
 UnitedCatholicCommunity](https://www.facebook.com/UnitedCatholicCommunity).



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- 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
- MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Thursday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name." By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



I AM THE
HANDMAID
OF THE LORD

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*"Bloom
where you
are planted."*

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



Weekend of
March 27 and 28
PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY- St. Paul at 4:30 PM

SUNDAY- Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM

LECTORS: Marian Ruggiero & Diane Wisinski

St. Andrew at 11AM

LECTOR: Judy Cassano & Pat Nenno (*Voice/Passion*)
USHERS: Tom Skrzypczak, Gary Wesman, Tom Klemm,
 Philip Stark (*Palm Sunday*)
COLLECTION COUNTERS: Downing & Kohl



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).

Sacred Heart Church Cleaning Team
Saturday, March 27, 2021
TEAM 5- Jay & Earl Mittelmeier
Thanks for all your help!



FOOD PANTRY HOURS
Sacred Heart : Every Tues 9-10AM
St. Andrew: Every other Tues
 March 30: 1 to 4 PM
St. Paul : Every Tuesday
 9:30 to 10:30 in Center

Feeding the Hungry

We are still collecting cleaning supplies for St. Pat's Haven and The Neighborhood Network (NN) We are 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. 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

The Bag Mat Ministry

has been active behind the pandemic scene. We have delivered all but two of our Bag Mats to the needy at the **Erie City Mission**. And, we are significantly low in all health and beauty care items (we still have numerous toothbrushes). We are out of new socks, new underwear, new and nearly new gently used clothing and outerwear (including children sizes and XL-adult sizes). We appreciate any items you can generously share with the less fortunate. We will be collecting items in a bin at the Holy Family statue at Sacred Heart Church on **April 4th**. Thanks in advance for helping those that need our love and support!!

St. Andrew Thirty-One Club

Daily listing Sunday to Saturday:

- March 21-** Gary & Evie Wesman
- Mar 22-** Michelle & Pat Barron, **Mar 23-** Steve Snyder,
- Mar 24-** Judy Cassano, **Mar 25-** Andrew Campbell,
- Mar 26-** Sally Mink, **Mar 27-** Elaine Hirsch

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.



St. Andrew's Ladies Guild

will be meeting in Arundel Hall TODAY, MARCH 21 at 12:00 after Mass. Pam Birosca will be hostessing and guest presenter Kathy Dudenhoefer will be focusing us on SPRING.



CONGRATULATIONS TO **Gabrielle Vieira** who received 1st honors again this quarter! Gabrielle is a Senior at Collegiate Academy. We are so proud of all you do!



"SEW WHAT?!"

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 welcome to 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 their time and/or material should contact Kathy at jdoeqswa@outlook.com, phone 814-882-6641 or Mary Temple marymargret.temple@gmail.com, 814-838-1761. Pickup is available.



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.

UCC Parish Triduum schedule

Holy Thursday

7PM: Mass of Our Lord's Supper-Sacred Heart

Good Friday

2PM: Celebration of Our Lord's Passion-St. Andrew's

7PM: Tenebrae-Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday

8:30: Easter Vigil Mass-St. Paul's

Easter Sunday

9 AM: Mass-Sacred Heart

11AM: Mass-St. Andrew's



Sacrificial Giving

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

March 14, 2021	Offertory	Weekly Expenses
Sacred Heart	\$3,215.50	\$6,888.00
St. Andrew	\$3,617.00	\$6,691.00
St. Paul	\$1,290.32	\$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 3/14/2021	Pledged	Paid	GOAL	Family Participation
Sacred Heart	\$56,310	\$24,810	\$48,508	120/548 (22%)
St. Andrew	\$37,708	\$19,394	\$48,972	55/326 (17%)
St. Paul	\$16,050	\$12,545	\$14,186	39/192 (20%)

THANK YOU
for your generosity



Catholic Relief Services 'RICE BOWL':

5th SUNDAY OF LENT- Jesus Foretells His Death and Subsequent Glorification

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that judgement, repentance, and dying to sin are necessary before we can truly know the joy of God's mercy, forgiveness, and new life in Christ. Jesus put it this way: "If you love your life, you must let it go...if you want to serve me, you must follow me and do what I do..."

As we continue our CRS Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in **prayer** that human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. May our **almsgiving** assist CRS Mother and Child Health projects that provide basic health and nutrition services. Rice Bowls are still available throughout the church.

Holy Week Website & Resources

We are mindful that many of our families are not yet comfortable returning to Mass in-person. However, our homebound households are still valued members of our parish community. We look forward to celebrating Mass in-person whenever it is safe to return. In the meantime, United Catholic Community wants to support the faith lives of *all* our parishioners during this sacred time. Starting on Palm Sunday, the diocesan Office of Faith Formation will be sharing a slate of prayers, video reflections, and family activities for Holy Week at the website listed below. These activities are designed particularly with the needs of homebound families in mind, but they are open to everyone. The website will include prayer resources relevant to all ages, including people who live alone and young families. Have a blessed Holy Week. <https://www.eriecld.org/holyweekathome.html>

IF you do not use the internet but would like a packet of resources, please contact the parish office, 456-6256, and you may pick one up or we will mail you a hard copy.



Whether you observe it from home or within the church walls, our parish staff wishes you a blessed Holy Week.

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.



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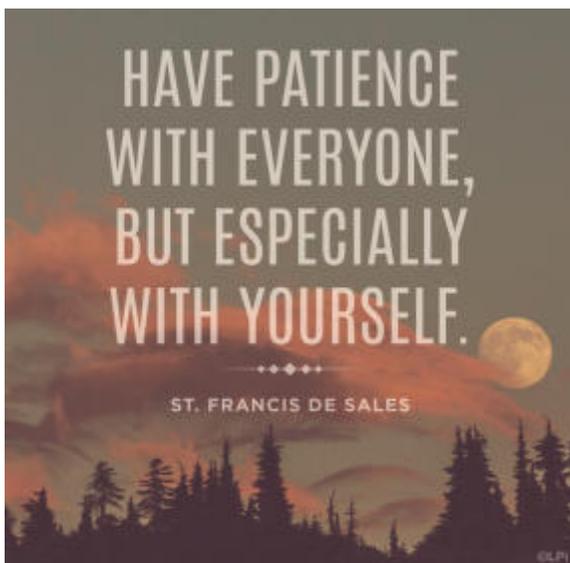
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We sponsor Light Up for Christ Night.



DEACON DABBLINGS...

Community

Last week in the Deacon Dabblings I presented this riddle:

**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?**

Since then, I have received several emails, some asking for the answer and others taking a stab at the solution to the riddle. As a result, I thought that we should have a little fun with this so I am asking that you come up with an answer and either email it to me, alleruzzo5712@gmail.com or write it on a piece of paper with your name and phone number and drop it in the collection basket. All correct answers will be placed in a box and Jean, our eminent United Catholic Community secretary will draw out a name. The winner will receive 2 all expense paid tickets to the 68th annual world famous Sacred Heart Spaghetti Dinner on May 16th hosted by the Sacred Heart Altar Society. This is a tax-exempt \$18 value. All incorrect answers will be shredded so as to prevent ridicule from the office staff. Please take the time to have some light-hearted fun as we continue moving forward, taking our individual talents and traditions and molding them into our United Catholic Community.

*Peace of Christ,
Deacon Tony*

United Catholic Community Pastoral Council Retreat



On the 27th of February, members of the Pastoral Council attended a five-hour retreat at Arundel Hall of St. Andrews. The purpose of the retreat was to allow Council to hear several presentations covering a variety of topics ranging from establishing goals to being better listeners to being open to the Holy Spirit and even how to construct better surveys. Since we consist of members from each parish who don't necessarily know each other very well, we also spent time introducing ourselves so we could better appreciate each other's backgrounds, likes and dislikes, our emotions and passions. The presentations were made by Fr. Mark and several other members of the Council.

We followed the Covid 19 protocols as masks were worn (except while enjoying the provided lunch) and we were mindful of our distancing.

The members left having a better understanding of each other and what work lies ahead of us as we begin to tackle the problems that face the three Parishes. We will keep our Community informed of the Council's work in various ways. Stay tuned as we strive to make our United Catholic Community a community of growth, strength and greater inclusivity.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Spring Donations wanted!

Great time for Spring cleaning and getting unused items out of the house. Habitat for Humanity is now **accepting building materials, cabinets, doors, vanities, toilets, tools, home décor, etc.** The first drop off of the year is **Saturday, April 3rd 9am-12pm, 4922 Pittsburgh Ave.**

St. Mark Seminary CASH RAFFLE!

The annual St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Card Party was interrupted last year due to COVID-19. To avoid another year without the needed fundraising for our seminarians, the people of the Diocese of Erie are asked to support this fundraiser. There will be a raffle of three cash prizes (one \$250 award, one \$500 award and the grand prize of \$1,000). A donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. You will receive an additional chance for every additional \$25 donated. No tickets will be issued. Your check is your entry. A live drawing will be held on the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Facebook page on April 15 at 7 p.m. Enter by mail before April 5, 2021, by mailing your donation to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508. Please include your phone number or email so we can notify you if you win!



Sr. Ricarda celebrating *National Catholic Sisters Week*. Thanks for all you do! Blessings!



Fr. Jerry celebrating a very Happy 80th Birthday!



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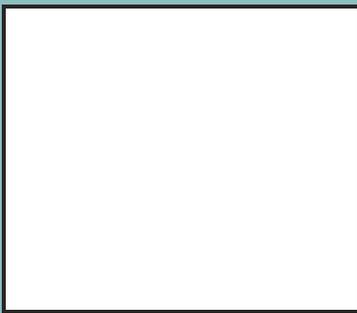
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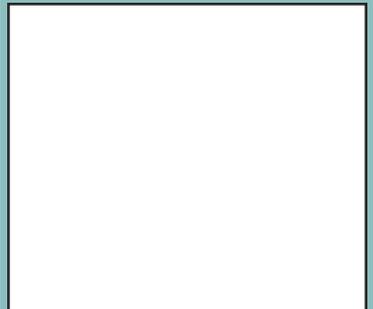
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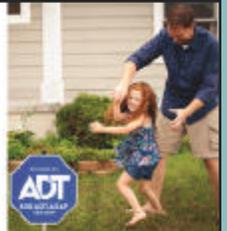
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