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MASSES: Saturday: 5 PM Vigil
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11 AM & 12:30 PM
Holy Days: 5:15 PM; 6:30, 8:00 AM, 12 Noon & 5:15 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 and 8:00 AM (Saturday 8:00 AM)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Parents must register for the Pre-Jordan Class before having their baby baptized by calling the Rectory 610-259-1169, Mon. to Fri., 9am to 5pm. All necessary forms and guidelines for Godparents will be given at the Pre-Jordan Class, held the third Sunday of the month at 10:00am in the St. Katharine Drexel Room in Msgr. McGettigan Hall.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered as follows:
2nd and 4th Sunday at 1:30 PM in Church
Please check parish website for guidelines for Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:30 to 4:30 PM
Sundays: After 7:30 AM Mass, or by appointment with a priest
Thursday before the First Friday of the month, 7:00-7:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples should contact one of the parish priests who will meet with them. Available dates for weddings will not be discussed before the couple meets with the priest. Six months notification to prepare for marriage is expected; a full year is recommended.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: Please gather at the altar of Our Lady each Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass for this Sacrament. Sick persons will be anointed before surgery, elderly people because of weakened condition, and all whose illness shows a need for strengthening through the power of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of the Church, including sick children who have sufficient reason to be strengthened by this Sacrament.

THE ELECTED PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE:

Kelsey Bierling	610-259-5685	Marianne Grace	610-623-3069
Rosemarie Dooling	610-259-4077	David Magee	610-284-0210
Joseph Gallagher	610-622-5951	Robert Montoro	610-259-2774

DAILY VISITATION: The Church is open for visitation on weekdays from the first Mass until 5:30 PM; on Saturday until after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass and on Sunday until 1:45 PM. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the monstrance for Adoration every Tuesday following the 8:00 AM Mass until 7:00 PM when the Divine Mercy prayers for the sick and dying will be prayed together with Benediction.
Coordinator: Stephanie Ennis 610-622-8169.

C.C.D. PROGRAM: Religious instructions for public school children, grades 1 through 8, are given each Monday evening during the scholastic year, from 6:45 to 7:45 PM, in the lower school. Further information may be obtained by calling Miss Betty Spano (734-1369). On Monday evening call (259-5145) between 6:00 and 8:30 PM.

SICK CALLS: Emergency sick calls to the rectory always receive prompt attention. Parishioners unable to attend church should call the rectory so that a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion may bring Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital please see the heading Sacrament of Anointing.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: The Rectory Office is open Monday through Friday 9am to 8pm; Sunday 10am to 12 noon. All requests for sacramental arrangements or certificates, registration, etc., are to be conducted during these hours, or arranged by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER/MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA DEVOTION:

The Rosary is recited before last Mass each day. Morning Prayer is recited after the last Mass (Monday through Saturday). Every Wednesday, the Miraculous Medal Novena recited after the last Mass.

September 24, 2017
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 25, 2017

6:30am Columbina Bonanni
8:00am Bill Johnson

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6:30am John Lynch
8:00am Rodney E. Pillion, Jr.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

6:30am Agnes E. Reiley
8:00am The People We Serve at St. Andrew
Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 28, 2017

6:30am Mary Palucci
8:00am Debra DePompeo

Friday, September 29, 2017

6:30am Patrick Hilferty
8:00am Virginia Bochanski
7:00pm Blue Mass - Feast of Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00am Deceased Members of the
Nocturnal Adoration Society

In your charity, please remember in your prayers
those who have died, and join the whole Church in
commending them to the Mercy of God:
Sr. Elizabeth Ledger, SSJ

Pray for the Sick of our Parish

In our prayer for those in need of healing, each of us in the Church serves Christ Himself in the suffering members of His Mystical Body. Please pray for: John Murphy, Pauline Brecker, Robert Cassidy, Jack Quinn, Francis Carolfi, Helen Schindler, Jane Kline, Carl Giovannini, Chris Petitpren, Heleece Palmer Hourican, Anne Marshall.

St. Andrew 8th Annual Spirit Run

October 28, 2017

8:30 AM One Mile Fun Run / 9:00 AM 5K Race
Questions?

Contact Owen Quigley at ojquigley@msn.com

St. Andrew Annual Blue Mass

Friday, September 29th is the feast day of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. At the 7:00 PM Mass, local police, firefighters, first responders and the military will be remembered. The liturgy that day will include prayers of protection for those who keep us safe. Those who serve in the military or work as police officers, fire fighters or EMTs, along with their family, friends, and loved ones are invited to join us. An invitation is also extended to all Upper Darby police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and anyone serving in the armed forces. Join us in prayer by attending the 7:00 PM Mass. Following Mass, light refreshments will be served in Msgr. McGettigan Hall in the Fr. Hughes Building.

Family Rosary Night

Family Rosary Night will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month, beginning October 10th, from 7:00 - 7:30 PM, in the Katharine Drexel Room, Fr. Hughes Building. Family members of all ages are welcome, including noisy children, as well as families and couples without children. Adults and older children will pray the Rosary together, and coloring sheets and crayons will be available for younger children to participate in their own special way. This is an informal opportunity for families in the parish to connect, introduce children to the peace of the Rosary, and support one another in prayer. If you have any questions, please contact Brian Murray at bmurr86@gmail.com.

Bible Study on The Letter to the Ephesians

St. Paul's pastoral letter describes the many aspects of the Church as the body and the bride of Christ and its gifts to us as adopted members of God's family. This 8-week video series led by Jeff Cavins will expand your knowledge of scripture, enrich your faith, and help you to live it. We meet Wednesday evenings beginning September 27, 7:30-9:00 PM in the Katharine Drexel Room, Fr. Hughes Building. Please call Leslie Fitzpatrick at 610-853-6304 to request more information or to register and order a study workbook (\$20).



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Archangel Gabriel - Archangel Michael—Archangel Raphael

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of the abundantly generous landowner and how the workers, hired at various points of the day, react to his generosity. As difficult as it may be for us to reconcile the seeming "unfairness" of what the generous landowner does; it is incumbent for each one of us to seriously reflect on this central mystery of our faith. From the landowner's perspective, the wage was not nor never was the focus; the landowner understood that a person achieves a true sense of identity and dignity in whom one is; rather than what one does. The laborers, however, were focused on the pay and missed the reality that comes from work. In the same way, God is concerned about our salvation ... when we come to realize the mystery of His love and our dignity of our status as "beloved" is not His focus.

Last week I read the "Meditation of the Day" for Tuesday, 19 September 2017, in the monthly publication, *Magnificat*. It is taken from the writing of an anonymous Carthusian monk who wrote in the 1940's from France. What he writes beautifully expresses what I am trying to say:

"Every great grief conceals a great grace. God does for us exactly what we ourselves would do, if need be, for our own children. He inflicts pain in order to cure. Or, more correctly, He does not cause, He permits the pain (which He does not want), in order to ensure the cure, which is His sole will"

We can never be urged too strongly to meditate upon the definition that God has given of Himself: *Deus est Caritas, God is Love*. There we shall the answer to all our troubles.

We know only too well the selfishness that is paramount in the world. The number of those who know how to give themselves (and want to do so) is not legion. This is because our "being" is so limited and consequently we have so little to give. And amongst those who seem to give themselves, many are simply giving themselves to themselves: in other words, they are not giving at all. They are only seeking something in others to complete themselves; not that they may complete others.

It is in this respect that God is so infinitely superior to us, for He is Love—the gift of self. He is overflowing plentitude, yearning to pour Himself out into nothingness, in order that He may fill it with His infinite being. To give Himself, therefore, is "being" to Him, as well as His life and joy. The weaker and emptier we are, and the more helpless and imperfect, the greater is the capacity He finds in us to receive Him. Love, then, for us consists above all in accepting this outpouring of life; for Him, love consists in bestowing it."

This is a beautiful reflection on the mysterious reality of God's love in our lives and the completely contradictory manner in which we approach love and relationships. Love is never about "possession" because love is liberating; subsequently, that is the term used in describing the diabolical. God is present to us eternally and loves us unconditionally giving Himself so that we may be complete.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael in which God reveals in another way how He is present to and loves us. He is always protecting us; revealing the Good News of Redemption; and always ready to heal us as He is our constant companion on our journey through life. Join us on Friday evening at 7:00 for the Blue Mass! Be of good cheer and have a great week!

Msgr. Grous

Nocturnal Adoration Society

The Nocturnal Adoration Society invites all parishioners to join us on Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 AM for a Mass offered in memory of the deceased members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Good Shepherd Room in the Rectory.

Hospitality Sunday

Hospitality Sunday will be held the first Sunday of every month, beginning October 1, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Please join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in Msgr. McGettigan Hall. All are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help with Hospitality Sunday, please contact Brian Murray at bmurr86@gmail.com.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Matthew 18:20

Three Priests Walk into a Bar...

Monday, September 25 6:00 – 8:00 PM

J.D. McGillicuddy's in Havertown

Fr. McKee * Fr. Mike Speziale * Fr. John Masson invite you to join them for casual "Church" conversation and a question-and-answer session. Feel free to bring friends – Catholic or not – religious or not – "church-goer" or away from the Church. It will be a fun night! The first round is on us; after that you are on your own! Have a question you would like us to discuss? Email it to 3priestsatar@gmail.com, or come and ask us in person. Everyone is welcome. We hope you will join us!

Respect Life Ministry

Respect Life Sunday is next Sunday, October 1; this year's theme is "Be Not Afraid!" St. Andrew Respect Life Ministry will be at tables located near the front doors of the Church offering literature, prayer cards and small gifts to parishioners to help you witness your love and respect for God's precious gift of Life. Please stop by after Mass to chat and help yourself. Our items are free of charge, but your donation is always welcome and appreciated! Thank you for standing with us for every human life from conception to natural death!



ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY
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Rent/Property Tax Rebate

The deadline to apply for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate has been extended to the end of the year. If you are a senior or disabled adult, and would like to be screened to see if you qualify for this financial benefit, contact Lisa Grillo. You may be eligible to receive up to \$650.00.

Elder Care Office: 610-284-0497

Lisa Grillo, Program Director

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

There is a new statue in front of St. John's Hospice on Race Street in Philadelphia, entitled "Homeless Jesus." A life-size bronze sculpture created by Canadian artist Timothy P. Schmalz, it depicts Jesus shrouded in a blanket with his face covered, lying on a park bench. Jesus is identified only by the nail wounds on his feet. Archbishop Charles Chaput blessed the statue on July 31 and said that the sculpture challenges passers-by to reconsider the worth of the homeless person. Installed in cities around the world this "Homeless Jesus" is the only one in Pennsylvania.

How can you make an impact on the homeless situation? Please consider cooking a meal for our casserole program. Fully cooked, frozen main dish casseroles for St. John's Hospice can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on Tuesday, September 26 between 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Our scheduled collection day is the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please use the aluminum pans and lids found in the entrance to the church. Kindly mark the lid of the casserole with the main ingredients or the name of your dish and the date prepared. Looking for suggestions for your meal? Visit saintjohnshospice.org.

For further information please contact the Outreach Office at 484-461-4954. May God bless you for your charity to those in need!

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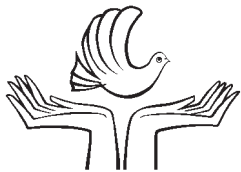


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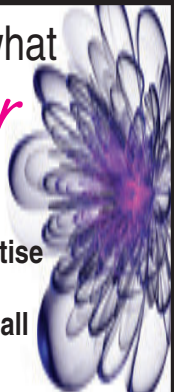
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