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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.

January 14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15, 2018

6:30am Thomas Milnamow

8:00am Joan F. McNichol

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

6:30am Frank Wellock

8:00am Mary Claire Johnson

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

6:30am Anne Whalen

8:00am Joan McNichol

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:30am Thomas A. McGinty

8:00am Rodney Phillion

Friday, January 19, 2018

6:30am Salvatore DiNubile

8:00am Joan McNichol

Saturday, January 20, 2018

8:00am Verna Mosca

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, Jane Kline, Carl Giovannini, Chris Petitpren, Heleece Palmer Hourican, Helen Schindler, Thomas Melvin, Joseph Dougherty, Rosemary Harvey, Peter D'Alleva, Marie D. Harper, Mary Cavanagh, Dolores Kucza, Karen Bateman, Jane Spangler Weiss.

QUIZZO!

Test your trivia knowledge and enjoy a fun night out with friends! Saturday, February 3rd at 7:00 PM in Msgr. McGettigan Hall. The cost is \$20/ticket (\$15 for seniors) or \$150/table (8 seats). Additional discount available if registered online by January 20. Ticket price includes beer, wine, and soda. **Proceeds benefit St. Andrew CYO programs.**

Visit www.standrewdhcyo.org or call 610-284-9975 for ticket and event information.

**Saint Andrew School
Open House and Tours**



For families interested in Saint Andrew School for the 2018-2019 school year, please plan to visit us during our open house and tours on Thursday, January 18 and Wednesday, January 24 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

Our school consists of 3- and 4-year pre-school through grade 8. We offer full-day kindergarten, along with morning and after school C.A.R.E.S. (for children in grades kindergarten to grade 8). Be sure to visit our modern computer and science labs.

Saint Andrew School is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. For a full description of our accredited school, go to www.msa-cess.org. Under "Search Our Schools," enter "Saint Andrew School."

If you have any questions, please call our school office (610-259-5145).

Be Our Guest!



The Saint Andrew School Class of 2018 invites you to join us in celebrating *Catholic Schools Week* with an evening of good food and fellowship at the **Annual 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner** on Wednesday, January 31, in Monsignor McGettigan Hall (Foss Avenue entrance). Seating will begin at 5:00 PM and end at 6:30 PM.

Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (under 3 eat for free!). To purchase tickets, send payment (cash, or make checks payable to *Saint Andrew School*) and ticket requests (# of adults and # of children) to Mrs. Conners in 8A by Friday, January 26. Dinner tickets ordered via the parish bulletin will be held at the "WILL CALL" reception table in the Foss Avenue vestibule of Monsignor McGettigan Hall. Tickets ordered through school will come home with the school children. Thank you for your support!



Shepherd's P.I.E.
... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, we hear our august patron, Saint Andrew the Fisherman announce the Good News of the Apostles: "We have found Messiah, the Christ!" Amidst circumstances that were extraordinarily ordinary, Andrew, a genuine Seeker, finds the deepest desire of his heart ... that for which He pursued his entire life and in the process begins and interior quest to discover who he truly is. He is not primarily the Son of Jonah, the brother of Simon Peter, a Fisherman or an Apostle. Of course, he is all these things, but what gives them all meaning is the fact that he is a child of God ... he is chosen ... he is Beloved! Recently, I came across a rather challenging reflection (below) from Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, who relates a story from a retreat he was on some thirty years ago. It is challenging, because it compels me to address my own comfort zones from which it is very difficult to disengage. And just like the Christmas season rather unceremoniously slips into the liturgical season called Ordinary Time ... we cannot allow ourselves to lose the power and significance of the Good News of Bethlehem—God-is-with-us! Here and now, God is with us ... God is within us!

When I was on retreat at Thomas Merton's hermitage at Gethsemani Abbey in 1985, I had a chance encounter that has stayed with me all these years. I was walking down a little trail when I recognized a recluse, what you might call a hermit's hermit, coming toward me. Not wanting to intrude on his deep silence, I bowed my head and moved to the side of the path, intending to walk past him. But as we neared each other, he

said, "Richard!" That surprised me. He was supposed to be silent. How did he know who I was? "Richard, you get chances to preach and I don't. Tell the people one thing." Pointing to the sky, he said, "God is not 'out there'!" Then he said, "God bless you," and abruptly continued down the path.

The belief that God is "out there" is the basic dualism that is tearing us all apart. Our view of God as separate and distant has harmed our relationships with sexuality, food, possessions, money, animals, nature, politics, and our own incarnate selves. This loss explains why we live such distraught and divided lives. Jesus came to put it all together for us and in us. He was saying, in effect, "To be human is good! The material and the physical can be trusted and enjoyed. This physical world is the hiding place of God and the revelation place of God!" Far too much of religion has been about defining where God is and where God isn't, picking and choosing who and what has God's image and who and what doesn't. In reality, it's not up to us. We have no choice in the matter. All are beloved.... Jesus says we have to love and recognize the divine image even in our enemies. Either we see the divine image in all created things, or we don't see it at all. Once we see God's image in one place, the circle keeps widening. It doesn't stop with human beings and enemies and the least of our brothers and sisters. ... Everything becomes enchanting with true sight. We cannot not live in the presence of God. We are totally surrounded and infused by God. All we can do is allow, trust, and finally rest in it, which is indeed why we are "saved" by faith—faith that this could be true.

In today's first reading, Samuel recounts the mysterious events surrounding God's revelation of Himself to him as a young boy. Eli, his mentor, not jealous of the youth's being singled out by God, encourages him to engage the Divine mystery. "Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, 'Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply: Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" We, too, should heed Eli's sage counsel ... Be still! Breathe! Stop the ceaseless chatter! Fear not! Listen to the silence and BE in the presence of the Lord. Be of good cheer and have a great week!

Msgr. Grous

2018 Mass Book

The 2018 Mass Book is open, and many dates are still available. The donation requested for an announced Mass is only \$10. To remember a loved one with a Mass Intention, or to have Mass offered for your own special intention, please visit the Rectory office Monday–Friday, 9:00AM–5:00PM.

Respect Life Ministry

In seeking to protect every life, we list the following contact information for Delaware County services:

Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 610-626-4006

A Baby's Breath

www.ababysbreath.org

121 N. Wayne Avenue, Suite 102, Wayne, PA 19087
484-580-6436, 24-Hour Hotline 484-571-5540

Delaware County Pregnancy Center

www.dpcchester.org

2508 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, PA 19013
610 872-2229

Mothers' Home

www.mothershome.org

51 N. MacDade Boulevard, Darby, PA 19023
610-583-HOME

Rachel's Vineyard (post-abortion counseling)

www.rachelsvineyard.org

808 N. Henderson Road. 2nd floor,
King of Prussia, PA 19406
877-HOPE-4-ME

Pro-Life Union of Delaware County

www.prolifedelco.org

720 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA 19083
610-789-LIFE

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Service

All are invited to an interfaith prayer service on Monday, January 15 at St. John Chrysostom Parish (Wallingford, PA). The theme is "Building the Beloved Community within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia." The evening begins with prelude music and reflections on Dr. King's legacy at 5:30 PM, followed by the prayer service from 6:00 PM until 7:15 PM. The presider and homilist will be Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M, Cap.



ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY
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Assessment of Needs and Services

If you are a parishioner of St. Andrew who is over 60, you are eligible to receive services from the Elder Care Program. Lisa Grillo, Program Manager, can meet with you in your home to assess your needs, provide information about services available to you, screen for potential benefits, and help coordinate services if needed. Assistance can be for present needs or future planning. Contact Lisa Grillo to schedule your appointment. Services are free and confidential.

Elder Care Office: 610-284-0497

Lisa Grillo, Program Director

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

Last summer the Homeless Jesus statue was dedicated in front of St. John's Hospice. In attendance were many of the men who had arrived at St. John's for the noonday meal. One Hospice resident made the following comment about the statue: "When people are homeless they feel sad and depressed. To see Jesus, the Creator of the universe, as a homeless person, it lets you know that no matter what happens, He is always with you - that you're never alone."

Please help alleviate the sadness and depression of the homeless men of Philadelphia by cooking a meal for our casserole program. Fully cooked frozen main dish casseroles for SJH can be dropped off at the Mason Avenue door to the food pantry on Tuesday, January 23rd, between 3:00 - 4:00 PM. Our normal drop off 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, please check out saintjohnshospice.org. For further information please contact the Outreach Office at 484-461-4954. May the glory of the Lord be yours!

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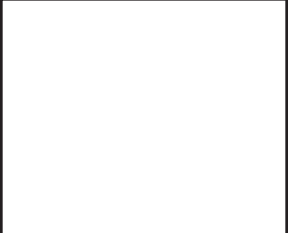
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