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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.

July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 17, 2017

6:30am Rodney Phillion, Jr.
8:00am Orazio and Santa Cifolelli

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

6:30am William ("Bill") McGarvey
8:00am William C. Thompson

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

6:30am Helen McPeak
8:00am James J. Kelly, MD

Thursday, July 20, 2017

6:30am Dennis Connor
8:00am Rev. Philip J. Rosato, S.J.

Friday, July 21, 2017

6:30am Patrick and Marguerite Murphy
and Family
8:00am William McGarvey

Saturday, July 22, 2017

8:00am Gemma M. Bowes

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: Bob Boyd, Jane Kline, Rob Savill, John Murphy, Jim McMullen, Carl Giovannini, Kay Hamilton, Alyson Turner, Laurann Elizabeth Paquier, Lawrence Scally, Pauline Brecker, Robert Cassidy, Heleece Palmer Hourican, John Weaver, Karen Bateman, Jack Quinn, Lori Lesutis, Matthew Nicholas, Bina Bonanni, Mary C. (Molly) Palucci, Joel Rivera, Francis Carolfi, Helen Schindler.

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:
Elizabeth (Betty) Taylor, Peter Tremper

HOPE Services are available this week by calling
Mary Lusch 610-259-4727

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

*"You may call God love, you may call God goodness, but the best name for God is compassion."
-Meister Eckhart*

St. John's Hospice traces its beginning back to the early 1960s and the ministry of St. John the Evangelist Parish to transient and resident men on "skid row." Recently, due to declining numbers, The Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd withdrew from St. John's Hospice. Eventually the shelter became a branch of Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. It is a home for many homeless men.

Kindly consider showing your compassion for the poor by 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, July 25 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? Please check out saintjohnshospice.org. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office at 484-461-4954. During this vacation season, let us remember those who do not have the opportunity to get away. Your devotion to the poor is much appreciated.

Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of CCD volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the Religious Education team as a Catechist, a classroom aide, or an office helper may contact Betty Spano at 610-905-1759 (please leave a message including phone number) or ecs230@live.com. We supply all necessary tools to assist you. Being a CCD classroom aide is an excellent service opportunity for high school students. Volunteers need all Safe Environment clearances and training. There will be a Catechist / Aide meeting in September.



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

As we hear in the Gospel, the seeds are sown generously and indiscriminately. The volume of fruit yielded, however, is correlated to the quality and receptivity of the seedbed. Allow me to share with you an interesting reflection entitled, *An Interview with God*, which might open our hearts to the seed of God's Word.

I had a dream that I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?" "If you have the time," I said. God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about human beings?" God answered:

- ✦ *That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again...*
- ✦ *That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health...*
- ✦ *That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future...*
- ✦ *That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived."*

God's hands took mine and we were silent for a moment and then I asked: "As a pastor what are some of life's lessons that you want me to share with your children?" God replied with a smile:

- ✦ *To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is love others no matter their response and to let themselves be loved...*
- ✦ *To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.. .*
- ✦ *To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis...*
- ✦ *To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least, at least materially; but may have even greater emotional or spiritual needs than the poorest among us . . .*
- ✦ *To learn that it only takes a few seconds for our words to open deep and hurtful wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them...*
- ✦ *To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness...*
- ✦ *To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings...*
- ✦ *To learn that money can buy everything, except happiness...*
- ✦ *To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally differently... and both can be right . . .*
- ✦ *To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them, and likes them anyway...*
- ✦ *To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."*

I sat there for awhile enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for His time and for all that He has done for me. He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."

The Lord has generously shared His Word with us and has graciously bestowed His many blessings upon us. It is time for us to open our eyes and see; to unblock our ears and listen; to unbind our hearts and understand His great love for us. May each of us till the soil of our souls in earnest to create the most receptive seedbed for God's Word. Be of good cheer, have a great week and enjoy a safe and restful vacation!!!

Msgr. Grous



ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY
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This year, the Elder Care Ministry team is planning to host informative presentations to address the needs of our parishioners over 50 as well as adults who are caring for their aging loved ones. We are looking for your input to help provide information that is relevant to your needs. Please assist us by filling out a short survey located in the back of Church this weekend.

As always, Lisa Grillo, Program Director, is available to answer any questions and can provide numerous resources to help you or your loved ones improve overall well-being. You may call the Elder Care Office at 610-284-0497

You Can Help an Older Priest

A few retired priests in St. Joseph's Villa (Darby, PA) need help with transportation now and then for visits to their doctors, etc. If you are free during the day and willing to drive priests to their appointments, please call Fr. Corley at BVM Church, 610-583-2128.

Scrip Program

Purchase scrip in the Rectory, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, or by calling Terry Sharkey at 610-623-3647.

By purchasing scrip, you can reduce your registration fee and/or tuition payments. Or, you can help a neighbor or a fellow parishioner who has school children. A percentage of the scrip purchase price will be credited towards registration fees and tuition for students attending Saint Andrew School, St. Andrew CCD, Archdiocesan high schools, and Holy Child School. Don't know a school family? The sellers have a list of families in need of help.

We all buy groceries and clothes, so gift cards make great presents, and are a great way to help the school. Participating scrip merchants include Acme, ShopRite, Giant, Kohl's, and Cocco's Pizza.

Roman Catholic High School Alumni Event

The annual "Day at the Bay" event hosted by the Roman Catholic High School Alumni Association will be held Saturday, August 5 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Keenan's Irish Pub in North Wildwood. Tickets are \$35 in advance, or \$40 day of the event. For information about tickets, please contact Roman Catholic High School Alumni Office at 215-627-5487, or visit www.romancatholichs.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The St. Andrew Conference was established in 2013 to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. Primary funding for this important ministry is from donations to the poor boxes located in the back of church. Seventy-five percent of the poor box donations support the works of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP). In addition, the annual parish building maintenance collection in February has been replaced with an annual SVDP collection. All monies are used to help members of our community pay for food, shelter and necessary utilities. SVDP members also coordinate requests for assistance with our Parish Outreach food pantry in Msgr. McGettigan Hall.

If you would like to donate to the work of St. Andrew's SVDP Conference or become a member, please contact the rectory 610-259-1169 and leave your name and telephone number.

Pilgrimage to National Fatima Shrine

August 18 - 23, 2017


Celebrate 100 years of Our Lady of Fatima with the Legion of Mary by making a pilgrimage to the National Fatima Shrine. Join us August 18 - 23. The tour leaves from Philadelphia and includes deluxe transportation, five nights' accommodations, daily hot breakfast, two dinners, daily Mass, and tours of St. Anthony's Chapel (Pittsburgh, PA), Our Lady of Victory Shrine Church (Lackawanna, PA), and the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima (Lewiston, NY). For pricing, registration, and full details, please contact Sandy at 313-565-8888 x122.

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