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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.

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 19, 2018

6:30am Raymond Saputelli, Sr.
8:00am Kathryn M. Bowes

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

6:30am John and Jessie Passero
8:00am Rodney Phillion

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

6:30am Joseph Hinkle
8:00am Anna D'Angelo

Thursday, March 22, 2018

6:30am Jean Hofman
8:00am Robert Carr

Friday, March 23, 2018

6:30am Rose Ardolino
8:00am Jeanne Leroy

Saturday, March 24, 2018

8:00am Harry L. Golden

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: Karen Bateman, Pauline Brecker, Robert Cassidy, Mary Cavanagh, Patricia Daley, Mary Driver, Andrea DiNunzio, Nicholas DiNunzio, Carl Giovannini, Marie D. Harper, Helece Palmer Hourican, Jane Kline, Dolores Kucza, Thomas Melvin, John Murphy, Jack Quinn, Helen Schindler, Gail Selner, Jane Spangler Weiss.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

“Could you not keep watch for one hour?”

The question Our Lord asks St. Peter is one that each of us on Holy Thursday evening has an opportunity to answer during three special hours dedicated to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament We invite all to participate individually or as a family. Please join us in our “yes” to Jesus. Suggested hours:

9 PM - 10 PM - Formal prayer recitation at St.

Joseph's Altar, Families with last names A-K

10 PM - 11 PM – Families with last names L-Z

11 PM - Midnight – Silent prayer and meditation

Parish Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM and Fridays at 2:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

Please Note

Baptisms will not be scheduled on March 25 (Palm Sunday), or April 8 (Divine Mercy Sunday).

Holy Week Schedule

March 25th Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

Saint Andrew School Passion Play - 7:00 PM

March 26th Monday of Holy Week

Confessions 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Saint Andrew School Passion Play - 1:00 PM

March 27th Tuesday of Holy Week

Confessions 3:00 – 4:00 PM

March 28th Wednesday of Holy Week

Confessions – 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross– 7:30 PM

March 29th Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession to the Altar of Repose – 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – 9:00 - 12:00 Midnight

March 30th Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

The Passion of Christ, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion - 3:00 PM

Prayer Service–Divine Mercy Novena – 7:00 PM

March 31st Holy Saturday

Vigil of Easter – 7:30 PM

April 1st Easter Sunday–The Resurrection of the Lord

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

No Mass in Hall

April 8th Divine Mercy Sunday

Normal Sunday Mass Schedule

Confessions & Holy Hour – 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Mass - 3:00 PM



Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

This week the Church celebrates the Solemnity of **ST. JOSEPH**, the guardian of the Redeemer, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the patron of the Universal Church. His role in the gospels, while not predominant and often eclipsed by others, is nonetheless an essential one for each of us as we seek to participate in the eternally unfolding drama of the coming of Christ into our world and our lives. His exemplary and simple life teaches us how to accept God's loving design with gratitude and how to discover the fullness of life and love as it is made manifest to us in the challenges of our daily lives. Allow me to share with you a personal reflection in which I converse with one of my holy friends.

Blessed Joseph of Nazareth, how excited and pleased must you have been to have won the hand of Mary, the daughter of Joachim and Anne, in marriage. From all accounts you are defined as a just man—honorable, principled, a gentleman of impeccable integrity; so why did you seek to divorce Mary quietly upon hearing the news of her pregnancy? According to the Law, there were consequences; a just man would reason that to cover up such a betrayal would have been an even greater sin against the will of God; you would not have done that. Pardon my bold curiosity, but why were you afraid? You were justified by the Law of Moses, you were an honorable and righteous man; why were you afraid? ... Or, did you genuinely believe; knowing her honor and trusting Mary's word? Am I correct to conclude that you were not afraid or angry because you thought that you had been betrayed by Mary; but your fear was rooted in not believing that you were capable of fulfilling the task her vocation laid upon

your shoulders—to care for the Mother and Son of God? Was the quiet divorce your way of getting out of the marriage contract so to allow someone more worthy ... more qualified to assume the responsibility? Did you question: "How could a lowly carpenter do this?" Did you wonder: "I'm Joseph, just Joseph ... this must be a mistake, or worse, a joke?" Were you disappointed, did your heart ache, when you thought that you had to give up your life with Mary, your beloved?

But, the Angel of the Lord came to you and affirmed that you were Joseph, Just Joseph and that YOU were called to life to fulfill this role in the unfolding drama of God's Love and Mercy in fulfillment of all of Israel's prophecies! Were you amazed when the angel assured you that God had chosen you, you alone? Did you question the angel's words, "Do not be afraid?" You must have struggled to let go of your own ideas and plans for "your" marriage, family and future. How did you muster the strength and courage to accept and say, "Yes?" It would have been easier to have let it go and let someone else worry about it ... but you, Joseph, Just Joseph, you accepted this awesome task of love, abandoning yourself into the loving hands of God.

Blessed Joseph of Nazareth, the gentle and righteous man, the faith-filled and prayerful son of Israel, the carpenter, the husband and father, pray for us that we, like you, may have deep faith in God and trust Him with all our hearts, minds and wills. Teach us to accept the sweet and rewarding responsibility of guarding the Mystery of Faith entrusted to our care by God, Himself. Pray for us, together with Mary, that we be given the strength to move beyond our self-doubt, worldly concerns, fear of danger and struggles with faith itself that tempt us to run away and that we be granted the courage to graciously accept the Divine invitation to faithfully embrace the awesome adventure of encountering JESUS.

Be of good cheer, have a great week and a fruitful Lent! **St. Joseph, pray for us!**

Msgr. Grous

Happy Feast Day
to our Sisters of St. Joseph!



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Come to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish for a great morning of listening, learning, scripture, and prayer. This is an opportunity to learn and grow as a person of faith who strives to love in all their relationships. Even if you cannot attend, consider sponsoring someone to attend that might not be able to afford it otherwise. Tickets are only \$25 per person. Purchase tickets in the Rectory, or from Dynamic Catholic (859-980-7900, or visit <http://dynamiccatholic.com/DrexelHill>).

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday on April 8. Exposition of The Most Blessed Sacrament follows the 12:30 PM Mass. Confessions and Holy Hour are from 2:00 PM-3:00 PM. Prayers will be offered for conversion, for the unemployed, for families, and for the sick and the dying. Mass is celebrated at 3:00 PM.

Altar Society

The St. Andrew Altar Society needs your help! On Holy Thursday morning, March 29 at 9:00 AM we will do the Easter cleaning. We are very short of help, and any women or men who have time are asked to come to church and lend a hand. Please call Mary Walsh 610-626-0949.

Saint Andrew School Passion Play

The return of spring marks the return of the annual 8th Grade Passion Play at Saint Andrew School. We invite you to join us in church as we celebrate the mystery of our faith on Sunday, March 25 at 7:00 PM and Monday, March 26, at 1:00 PM. The play will run approximately one hour.

High School Honors

St. Joseph's Preparatory School congratulates the following students from St. Andrew Parish who earned academic honors for the first semester:

First Honors: James H. Brenner, Scott V. Hibbs, Eoghan C. Kennedy, Sean P. McFadden

Parish Outreach Easter Food Drive

Can you help us provide Easter dinner for our neighbors in need? Please bring your donation to the Foss Avenue door of McGettigan Hall between 10:00 - 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 24th. To make other arrangements, kindly call the Outreach Office (484-461-4954). Please do not leave donations in the church or at the rectory. Gift cards to local supermarkets are most appreciated. Junior volunteers are needed to pack the deliveries on Palm Sunday, March 25 in McGettigan Hall (Foss Avenue entrance) from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Students in fifth grade and up are welcome.

Current Needs: frozen meat; refrigerated hams; pasta and sauce; fresh fruit, canned pineapple; fresh or frozen vegetables; beverages; cereal, pancake mix, maple syrup; crackers and snacks; peanut butter and jelly; personal care items; paper products; laundry soap.

St. John's Hospice Casserole Program

You don't need to drive to Race Street to help the homeless; you can make a casserole in your home. Help us help the poor. 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, March 27 from 3:00-4:00 PM.

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 visit saintjohnshospice.org. For further information, please contact the Outreach Office at 484-461-4954. Let us remember the suffering in our prayers.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Clothing Drive

St. Andrew Parish will host a clothing drive to benefit The Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, April 7 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Look for the GreenDrop truck across from church, on Mason Avenue next to the Fr. Hughes Building where an attendant will be on hand to assist you. For a full list of acceptable items, please visit www.gogreendrop.com. Thank you for your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society!

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