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## Mass Schedule:

**Sundays:** 5pm (Sat), 7:30am, 9am, 11:15am  
**Weekdays:** Mon-Sat 8am  
**Holy Days:** As announced

**Rectory:** Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm  
**Novena:** Mondays, 7pm  
**Confessions:** Saturdays, 3pm-4pm



*Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

## Ministries, Programs & Services:

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Mary O'Neill

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Frances C. Kosnik

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 Eleanor M. Weisbrod

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 Betty Scott

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 Angelina Hulko

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 Peter Rosolen

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Saturday: Bernadette & David Smith,  
Lois Handzus, Elvira Peranio,  
Salvatore Tosto, Peter Tosto,  
Maria Teresa Quiun de Da Cruz

7:30am Bernadette Smith, Mary O'Neill

9:00am Ellie Porlares – Special Intention,  
Danielle Lembo

11:15 Paul Callinan

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Masses

4:00pm People of the Parish & their Families

10:00pm People of the Parish & their Families

Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Evening Schedule



6:15pm Rosary  
6:15pm - 6:45pm Confession  
7pm Mass followed by Adoration  
Benediction and individual prayer



**Please pray for the sick of the parish & their families:**

- Maryann Ciallella
- Louis Caprio
- Joy Klimek
- Gerardina DiVito
- Donna Meglio
- Curtis Marsh
- Doreen Fiebel
- Mary & Ronald Moore
- Rose Chavez
- June Verhulst
- Emily To
- John Hussar
- Deena Sabella
- Lola Cheski
- Caden Zane
- Vincenzo Verdeax
- Flora Bayle
- Kathy Seasock
- Allison DePinto
- Sr. Thomasine
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- Mary Tuites
- Patricia Trinkle
- Stephen Faller
- Anthony Cavallo
- Jill Zane
- Barbara Jacone
- Elizabeth Zakopcsan
- Mariella Scarpa
- Louise Foran
- Kinsey Nigro
- Louis Gallo
- Lenore & Ken D'Agosta
- Nancy Brown McGrath
- Cyrilla Dier
- Irene Kaiser

To place/remove a name on this list, please call 973-779-6873.



Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - \$4,996.51  
Retired Religious - \$1,893.00  
Christmas Concert - \$319.00

Our weekly collections continue to be very important. Thanks to all who are generous and faithful in parish support!

## We Pray for the Recently Deceased

Please keep in your prayers *Rose Chiara & Joseph Archer* who recently died. May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## Gaudete Sunday



This Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. How great is that? It's a reminder that our preparation, though it includes repentance & efforts to bear fruit, is a joyful endeavor. Our Lord is coming! On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent we were encouraged to live so that our hearts are not weighed down with the worries of this world. Today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading from Zephaniah reminds us to celebrate. God brings goodness & salvation! By the pink candle that we light this week during our Advent meditation, we see that the time is near. The light is returning to the world. What happiness we can enjoy as we make straight the paths! We can be full of joy knowing that when the Messiah comes, we will celebrate with Him!

## Retired Fund for Religious

### Religious give thanks.

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

## Simbang Gabi

A Filipino tradition of a nine-day novena of Masses during Advent (December 15 – 23, 2017) in preparation for the Nativity of our Savior, Jesus.

You are cordially invited to join our Diocesan & parish-sponsored Simbang Gabi celebration at St. Andrew's on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Eucharistic Celebration at 7pm, Rev. Richard Kilcomons, Main Celebrant. This 9-day novena is coordinated by the Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries of the Diocese of Paterson. Refreshments immediately follow Mass. For more information, call Alene Baetiong at 973-685-9934.

## A Special Thank You

Last Sunday our parish was treated to an outstanding Christmas Concert! Our thanks go out to the adult, teen & children's choirs. Their many hours of rehearsals showed in their performance. We thank too the guest musicians, our organist, Carol Dziuba & *a very special thank you to Michelle Petrusek*, choir director, for her enthusiasm & dedication to the choirs. Great job everyone!

## Christmas Tree Sale

As Christmas approaches, it is time to ask for your generosity in promoting our Christmas tree plantation, which has been tended by the Benedictine monks since 1930. Each year we continue to plant & cultivate trees that mature into full-grown Christmas trees. St. Paul's Abbey on Rt. 206 one mile south of Newton has thousands of Christmas trees ready to choose 'n' cut 7 days a week from now until December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am-4pm. We also have the Abbey Gift Shop with many items that make ideal Christmas gifts.



## Thank you for Refreshments

We extend a special thank you to Pamela Green & Martha McGowan & their committee for the refreshments they had after the Christmas Concert on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the time & effort that was put into setting up the event!

## Christmas Office Schedule

Friday, December 22 – Office Open – Regular Hours  
Monday, December 25 – Office Closed  
Tuesday, December 26 – Office Closed  
Wednesday, December 27 – Office open until noon  
Thursday, December 28 – Office open until noon  
Friday, December 29 – Office open until noon  
Monday, January 1 – Office Closed  
Tuesday, January 2 – Regular Hours resume



This weekend's event for the entire family! This Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall after 11:15am  
Mass. \$5 per

person & \$3 for children 4 & under. Delicious breakfast, small presents for children. Come take your picture with Santa! If you are interested in attending, contact Mrs. Fantry ASAP (973-981-6000, [jenniferfantry@verizon.net](mailto:jenniferfantry@verizon.net).) Looking forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!

### Youth Group Amazon Wish List

 Now that St. Andrew's Youth Group has tripled in size, our goal in 2018 is to cook more together & settle into our space more comfortably in the Parish Center. In order to get started we could really use some help, especially in the kitchen. Rather than lugging supplies from our homes to cook, we have created an Amazon Wish List for Christmas requesting some items we could really use. If anyone would be willing to buy our Youth Group some items they wish for this Christmas, please see our Amazon registry at [www.StAndrewsClifton.org/youth-group](http://www.StAndrewsClifton.org/youth-group). We will continue to update it regularly as we think of items we need. Thank you so much for your generosity!

### 2017 Christmas Schedule

#### Confessions

Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
3:00pm – 4:00pm

Lunch Time Confessions every Monday during Advent  
December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

12 noon – 1pm

#### Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 at 5:00pm

#### Christmas Masses

Sunday, Christmas Eve at 4:00pm and 10:00pm

Monday, Christmas Day

7:30am, 9:00am and 11:15am

#### New Year's Schedule

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm

Monday, January 1 at 9:00am

### Advent Prayer

Loving God, help us to wait with patience and anticipation, to not be caught up in the rush of the season, but resting in your ever-present love. Amen

### SAS Thank You

St. Andrew's Class of 2018 would like to thank everyone that supported our Giants' Ticket Fundraiser! Congratulations to the winner Jovani Tabares!

### Symbols of the Season



Advent is rich with sacred symbols. The Scriptures are filled with images of light and darkness, cacophony & silence, waiting & fulfillment. The season's color is deep purple, reflecting the penitential & preparatory nature of the season. Watch for these symbols.

- **Candlelight:** Christ is the light of the world.
- **Evergreen:** In Jesus we are given the gift of eternal life.
- **Water:** We recall our baptism & are born anew in Jesus.
- **Chant:** We await the birth of the babe in a manger.
- **Angels:** Witnesses to the Good News.
- **Star:** The cosmic sign the King of Kings had been born.

### Caregiver Needed

Caregiver needed part-time to start only 2 afternoons per week from 2-5pm. Looking for someone reliable to care for an elderly woman including companionship, light housekeeping, some weekends and short-term respite care approximately 1-2 weeks per year. Call Lou at 973-650-7604.

### Food Pantry

Any food donations are greatly appreciated. Containers are placed at both parking lot entrances & front entrance. The need for food donations continues to be great.



### Remember:

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