MASSES: Saturday: 5:00 PM Vigil
Sunday: 7:30 & 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM
Holy Days: 5:15 PM Vigil; 6:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 5:15 PM
Weekdays: 6:30 AM
Saturdays: 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. All necessary forms and guidelines for Godparents will be given at the Pre-Jordan Class, held the third Sunday of the month at 9:00 AM in the St. Katharine Drexel Room in Msgr. McGettigan Hall. The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:30 PM in Church. Please refer to the 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

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 10:00 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 (except in July and August) 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.

CCD / PREP: 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 Fr. Joseph McShain Building. Further information may be obtained by calling the rectory (610-259-1169).

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 Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. 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.
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, September 7, 2020**
9:00am  Chris Tadeo

**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**
6:30am  Bob Conway

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**
6:30am  Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**
6:30am  Michael and Marie Daniels

**Friday, September 11, 2020**
6:30am  Mary and John Mullen

**Saturday, September 12, 2020**
8:00am  John R. Walsh

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.

**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: Anna Brislin, Dolly Frattura, Mark Hinkle, Lori Lesutis, Dawn Marley, Thomas Melvin, Bill Miller, Sarah Paquette, James Weaver.

**Tuesday Adoration**

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament resumes this Tuesday, September 8 beginning at 7:30 AM. Adoration closes at 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction.

**Pre-Jordan Baptismal Instruction**

Pre-Jordan Baptismal instruction is required for parents who wish to have their child baptized in the Catholic faith. The next session will be held on **Sunday, September 20 at 9:00 AM.** *Please note that class time has changed.* To register, please call the Rectory office (610-259-1169).

**Labor Day**

In observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 7, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM only. Afterwards, the Church will be closed until 6:00 AM on Tuesday. The Rectory office is closed on Labor Day. Have a safe holiday, and pray for those who are unemployed.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “…where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Is there a family you know who needs assistance? If so, please call the Rectory and leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Together, we can help them to know that indeed “God is in the midst of them.”

**Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)**

St. Andrew the Apostle PREP (formerly known as CCD) is excited to participate in the virtual program offered through the Archdiocese entitled Family Catechesis. This faith enriched program is offered to students in first through eighth grade and allows the family to grow in faith together. Parents will meet virtually with the instructor five times throughout the educational year to review lessons, address any questions, and ensure confidence in sharing the lessons with their children. Parents will then present and share the lessons with their children together, and after working through the lesson, the children will take an assessment to be sure they are prepared to move onto the next lesson. Each child will have a physical textbook as well as a digital link for the presentations. Please contact PREP Coordinator Susan Angelo (Susan.Angelo12@gmail.com) with questions or to register. Registration forms and payment may also be dropped off at the Rectory office.
Dear Friends,

There is very little to like about Edmund in the early pages of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." He laughs at Professor Kirke’s eccentric looks, snaps at his older sister Susan when she says it’s time for bed, and whines about a rainy day. He teases Lucy mercilessly about her “imaginary” world inside the wardrobe, not in fun but out of sheer spite. When Edmund gets into Narnia himself, he is easy prey for the blandishments of the White Witch. Her flattery appeals to his pride and her magical Turkish Delight to his gluttony. And her promise to make him a king appeals to his rebellious instinct to rule his older brother Peter, the natural leader of the family. … Lewis’s concept of the central self, affected one way or the other by every moral choice, implies a kind of moral momentum. Every good choice strengthens one’s inner resolve to make another good choice next time, while every bad choice leaves one inclined to further bad choices down the road. At first, Edmund is only selfish and ill-tempered. But when he deliberately lies, refusing to confirm Lucy’s story and admit there really is a magic world inside the wardrobe, he does great harm to his own soul. Here is falsehood, pride, and spite all bound up together … Lewis wrote that "rebellion of the will" usually leads to "fogging of the intelligence," and Edmund’s lie will lead to a whole series of wrong-headed and wrong-hearted choices.(my emphases) [http://www.beliefnet.com/entertainment/movies/narnia/edmund-s-moral-descent.aspx?p=1]

The Gospel today confronts the madness and diabolical nature of the current “Cancel Culture.” In it, Our Lord challenges each of us to seek unity not division; to pursue eternal truths not passing fancies; to remain authentic rather than popular … to let go of the false “Self” that we have created or have allowed others to form and yield to the true “Self” created from all eternity in the image and likeness of the God of Love. In other words, the more that we practice Mercy, even in the face of injustice; the more we act in accord with the Divine Nature that has been conjoined with our broken nature through the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. “Jesus said to His disciples: ‘If your brother sins against you; go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.” The interesting point of this last sentence is not what we first conclude. In the broader context of the Gospel; how does Jesus instruct us to treat the Gentile or the tax collector? Recall the parables of the Good Samaritan or the Prodigal Son or the story of the Samaritan Woman at the well or the woman found in adultery. These among others provide the hermeneutical key to greater understanding of the gravity of Jesus’ call to discipleship. In today’s Epistle, St. Paul expresses this mysterious reality with eloquence and clarity to the early Church of Rome, as we hear in the second reading: “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.” Love is neither a feeling nor an emotion; it is an act of the will of the Lover. As such, love has nothing to do with the response of the Beloved. Genuine love is pure gift … it gives without receiving and while, at the same time, elicits a response of love does not depend upon one. This is the very nature of God. Thus, love that forgives is not merely the absence of a reprimand or penance; rather, it is the Presence of God Himself. We can begin to know and practice such love only after understanding ourselves as forgiven and loved by God. This experience of being both “Beloved” and “Forgiven” by the Creator God provides the prism through which we understand God’s perspective that everyone else is also “Beloved” and “Forgiven” by God Himself in whom we all have communion. Shakespeare expresses it powerfully in The Merchant of Venice: The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest: It blesseth him that gives and him that takes. … It is an attribute to God Himself; and earthly power doth then show likest God’s when mercy seasons justice.” (IV, 1)

And returning to where we began … Edmund experiences redemption by acknowledging his betrayal, being sincerely contrite and receiving the loving forgiveness of Aslan. At the same time, the veil that distorts his view of the White Witch is lifted and he sees her, as she is, evil itself … self-centered, motivated by fear, and enslaving to maintain power. Aslan, on the other hand, representing Jesus, sacrifices his own life on the Stone Table to spare Edmund’s life. Early the next day, however, the Stone Table is broken and Aslan is resurrected conquering death and vanquishing the White Witch and her power. When Aslan is resurrected from death, the Stone Table is shattered, bringing an end of the former age regulated by the Law and the birth of a new era based on grace, forgiveness, and love. [http://www1.cbn.com/spirituallife/narnia-a-life-changing-journey] Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

Msgr. Grous
Parish Rosary Group

A group of parishioners gathers to pray the Rosary every Wednesday at 10:00 AM in Church. We pray for our country, our priests, our families, and for an end to abortion. We pray for our personal intentions and in thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Marguerite Cechvala (484-680-1608).

Safe Environment Clearances for Volunteers

Current and past Saint Andrew School and Parish volunteers may have received a notice from Safe Environment Coordinator Terry Conway that your clearances have expired or are about to expire. Please take a few moments to update your clearances online, then mail or drop off the certification at the Rectory. It is important to keep your records up-to-date!

If you no longer volunteer at Saint Andrew School, please let Terry know so that she may remove your name from the list of active volunteers.

If you need assistance or have questions about volunteer requirements, call Terry (610-259-1169) Monday through Thursday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM, or email info@StAndrewDH.org.

Spirit Run 2020 - Save the Dates!

The popular Spirit Run (5K & 1 Mile Fun Run) will still take place this year! This year’s race will be held "virtually" during the week of October 24 – 31, 2020. You and your family can create your own 5K / 1 mile course and run anytime during the week of October 24 - so no scheduling conflict excuses this year! All proceeds benefit Saint Andrew School. More information about race registration to come.

Help Wanted – CARES

Saint Andrew School’s CARES program is looking for after school help this school year. Hours and days vary; pay is $12.00 per hour. Please contact CARES Director Michele Conway, (MConway@SaintAndrewSchool.com) for more information.

Permanent Diaconate Information Night

Lay men of the Archdiocese (over the age of 29) are invited to an online information session on Wednesday, September 30 at 7:00 PM to learn about the vocation of the Permanent Deacon in the Church, and the process of discernment and formation for the Permanent Diaconate. No commitment is required. Please register for this webinar at ArchPhila.org/deacon.

Amnion Pregnancy Center Fundraiser

Plan to join the friends of Amnion Pregnancy Center on Monday, October 19 at 6:00 PM at The Drexelbrook for Amnion’s 37th annual fundraising banquet. Despite the chaos, confusion, and fear our world is facing, Amnion continues to serve our community with the hope of the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ. Each day Amnion works to encourage women, men, and families during uncertain times, bringing hope to life. An additional virtual component to this year’s banquet event is planned to accommodate all comfort levels and health concerns. For more information, please visit FriendsOfAmnion.org.

To learn more about St. Andrew’s Respect Life Ministry, please contact Raphael Vantine (610-613-7481). Join us as we stand for the sanctity of all human life from conception until natural death.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

Join us online, by phone, or in spirit as we continue to pray the Rosary Monday through Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM. We ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus. For details about how to join us, please visit PhillyEvang.org/rosary.

A Senior Activity

The 2020-2021 season of the Wynnewood Senior Citizens Bowling League begins on Monday, September 14 at Wynnewood Lanes. New members are always welcome. Sociability is more important than bowling prowess! Anyone interested should call Regina (610-461-7870).
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