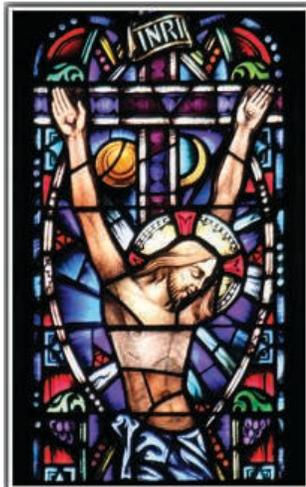


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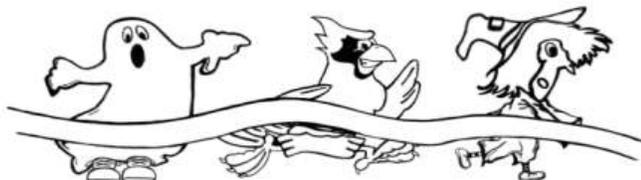
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St. Andrew Spirit Run



Saturday, October 26

8:30 AM One Mile Fun Run

9:00 AM 5K Race

Volunteers are needed for all phases of this event! To join our planning committee, please contact Owen Quigley (ojquigley@msn.com).

Race registration is now open! Visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/DrexelHill/StAndrew5kSpiritRunandWalk>.

Today is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



Pope Francis established in 2021 the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, observed on July 26.

"Do not cast me off in my old age." cf. Psalm 71:9

this week's MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 29, 2024

6:30am Maria Hopkins

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

6:30am Arthur F. Conley, Jr.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

6:30am Patty Cooke and Jeanine
MacWilliams (L)

Thursday, August 1, 2024

6:30am Dermont Brian O'Riordan

Friday, August 2, 2024

6:30am Bruce Meade Taylor

Saturday, August 3, 2024

8:00am Redemptoris Mater Prayer Guild

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:
Robert Maguire

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: Joseph Carver, Felicia Clapper, Deacon Daniel DeLucca, Maureen Glackin, Kaitlyn Gregory, John Huver, Sr. Mary Luchia, Matthew McGurk, Marie Muldoon, Paul Murphy, Ann O'Casey, Rev. Francis J. Pileggi, O.S.F.S, James Reger, Ken Shaffer.

Please note that the Sacrament of Baptism will not be administered on Sunday, August 11.

Nocturnal Adoration Society



The Nocturnal Adoration Society does not meet during the summer months. Our evening Adoration will resume **on September 5, 2024**. For more information about this devotion, please contact Tina Angelo (610-513-8731).

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: With little, he feeds many. Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist numerous families, providing food and assisting with rent, utilities and other bills. God bless you!

Scrip Gift Card Program



Purchase scrip gift cards in the Rectory, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 5:00PM, and Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Gift cards from ACME, Giant, ShopRite, and Kohl's are available in denominations of \$25, \$50, and \$100, payable by cash or check only. Use scrip gift cards the same as cash - to buy groceries, to purchase gas at Giant, or for purchases at Kohl's.

Scrip purchases benefit you and benefit St. Andrew parish. With each purchase, you earn 2 or 3% back in fee and tuition credits, and St. Andrew Parish earns 2% in fundraising revenue. ***If you spend just \$100 each week on groceries, you can earn over \$150 a year in scrip credit!***

Scrip credit may be used for students attending Saint Andrew School, St. Andrew PREP, Catholic high school, or Holy Child Academy. Credit may be applied to fees for your own children, relatives, a neighbor, or you can be a "Good Samaritan" and donate your credits to a parish family in need.





Shepherd's P.I.E.

... Pastoral Insights Expressed



Dear Friends,

In the wake of the Eucharistic Renewal called for by the American bishops throughout the United States and the recent close of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, we are gifted with hearing and pondering the Sixth Chapter of St. John's Gospel over the next few weeks. This chapter of the Fourth Gospel is renowned for what we call the "Bread of Life" discourses. These beautiful and challenging lessons from Jesus Himself about the mysterious reality of the Most Holy Eucharist expose unapologetically the hard Truth of His sacramental Presence.

The Gospel today presents us with three protagonists who personally interact with Jesus as this well-known story of the multiplication of loaves and fishes unfolds. While we are familiar with the details of the historical account; do we ever make the effort to plunge in beyond the surface and allow God's gracious and Living Word to bathe us in the splendor of its Truth as it relates to our own lives in the present moment? I propose that these three characters in the Gospel provide a cogent insight into our own discernment and choices of engaging the intimacy to which Jesus is inviting us. We might be tempted to identify simply with one or another of the characters; but I challenge you to acknowledge that within ourselves, in various seasons of our lives, all three are present. Depending on how intimate of a response we are willing to make to our Lord, will determine whether we respond like Philip, the Pragmatist; Andrew, the Believer; or the Generous and Anonymous Child. As we hear the story, Jesus went up the mountain and sat with His disciples. When He saw the vast crowd coming toward Him, He poses to the disciples a question that is quite interesting: "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" What I find interesting is that Jesus who knows "what" He can do and knows that He is going to perform the miracle, does not simply perform the miracle. The objective Truth of the loving Design of the Creator requires the "free choice" of the creature for a miracle to happen. No one of us deserves anything ... the gift has to be paid for [not

only financially] by someone. The verb translated as "to buy" in Greek more accurately means "to be in the market place." If we hear the question then as: "In which market place can we get enough for them to be satisfied?" We might get a better understanding of the very different responses given by Philip, Andrew and the young lad. Moreover, the Evangelist states that Jesus asked the question as a test ... thus, can the deepest desire of the human heart be satisfied simply through commerce in any market place or is He already beckoning for the something more to be drawn out of His disciples.

Philip takes the question literally; and seemingly already overwhelmed by the vastness of the coming crowd, his concern, while practical, is too limited by his lack of faith that Jesus has this under control. His response implies either that he believes that satisfaction can only be wrought in the worldly market place or has yet to plumb the profundity of the aspirations of his own heart or the real question that Jesus poses. Andrew understands somewhat, by realizing that nothing of this world alone can satiate the vast crowd. In his idealism, he believes, on one hand, that Jesus can accomplish this task and on the other, that Jesus is eliciting the cooperation of his disciples. Andrew, not yet ready to personally commit to the endeavor, suggests that someone else (the young lad) has a few things that may be helpful, but ... The anonymous and generous child, who had no social standing whatsoever and probably was on the way home from the marketplace with his family's dinner when he curiously stopped to see what was drawing so many people, is so moved by what he has seen and heard understands something Good, Beautiful, True and Holy on some primordial level. He (willing to face his irate mother coming home without the fish and bread ... and probably late) gives everything he has at that moment. He doesn't fret over calculating how ridiculously meager his offering is. It doesn't seem to occur to him that he is giving away his family's dinner or that no one else was giving what they had (even Philip and Andrew). He encounters Jesus and the intimacy to which He is inviting him. In that moment, the boy becomes a man acknowledging and experiencing the great Self-Gift of Jesus' Love and realizes his own responsibility to share that very gift that can neither be calculated or planned; thus, he gives the Gift of self with what he has at that particular moment. Jesus then takes this humble and total "offering of self" and multiplies it exponentially for the good of the many. Moreover, He imparts it as a presage and example of the Eucharistic Self-Giving that His sacrificial love will achieve for us and our salvation. Jesus gives Himself completely to us in love pleading to us for a like response of love. Be of good cheer and have a blessed week!

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Parish Registration



If you are new to the Drexel Hill area, or if you attend Mass at St. Andrew but have never registered, please call the Parish Office and make an appointment to register as a parishioner. Knowing our members helps us determine how to best serve the needs of our parish community. It is necessary to be a registered parishioner in order for you and your child(ren) to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Matrimony. You should be a registered parishioner for at least six months before requesting a Letter of Eligibility to be a godparent for Baptism or a Sacramental Sponsor for Confirmation.

Adult children who turn 26 or complete higher education and continue to reside within our parish boundaries must register individually in order to be considered active parishioners.

Sponsors and Expectations for Sacramental Godparents

Godparent and Sponsor are more than honorary titles. We remind our parishioners that a Letter of Eligibility to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent certifies that the person is someone who:

- is at least 16 years of age;
- has received the Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Church;
- attends Mass weekly on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation;
- receives the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation often;
- lives in conformity with the teachings of our Catholic faith; and
- if married, has been married according to the rite of the Roman Catholic Church.

If you know that you do not meet these criteria, please reconsider accepting a request to be a sacramental sponsor or godparent. Also consider how to renew your own faith and recommit yourself to its practice in order to assume responsibility for the growth of another's faith. If you have questions or concerns about eligibility that you would like to discuss with the pastor, please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.



PREP Registration

Registration for 2024-2025 PREP is now open. Classes meet Monday evening from 6:30 PM until 7:50 PM for Levels 1-7, from September through May. Children with cognitive, sensory, physical, and/or social disabilities are welcome to attend.

Registration Fees

1 Child:	\$140
2 Children:	\$200
3 or more children:	\$250

Registration forms can be found on our parish website (StAndrewDH.org) or in the church. Registration forms and fees may be submitted at the Parish Office. Please make checks payable to St. Charles Borromeo Church. If there is a financial need, please contact the PREP office. Registration fees may be paid through our parish Scrip program. Contact Sr. Theresa Marie Moore, pvmi with any questions (215-983-9462 or dre@scbdh.org).

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. Occasional social gatherings for coffee or lunch are an extension of our fellowship and friendship. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Marguerite Cechvala (484-680-1608).



ST. ANDREW ELDER CARE MINISTRY

Medicare Counseling Services

Starting next month, Senator Kearney's office in Media will offer in-person Medicare counseling services on the first Monday of the month, from 10AM to 2PM. Appointments are required; contact Donna Elms to schedule at (610) 544-6120 or donna.elms@pasenate.com.

Townhall Meeting

Delaware County residents are invited to join the meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13 from 4:30 to 6:30PM at 100 N Providence Rd. in Wallingford. The committee wants to hear from you and what you think people in your community need to be healthy and safe. This information will help local hospitals with the planning. This is for the 2025 Regional Community Health Needs Assessment. Contact rCHNA2025@gmail.com with any questions.

Time Off

I will be on vacation on Friday, August 2 and Monday, August 5. Check my voice mail message to learn of shifts in my office schedule.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Vouchers are back! If you are at least 60 years (or will be by 12/31/24), have an annual income for one of no more than \$27,861 (no more than \$37,814 for household of two), and are a resident of Delaware County, you can pick up farmers' market vouchers at senior centers throughout the county. I have the list of locations and times of distribution, applications, and where the vouchers can be redeemed. Contact me for assistance.

Jennifer Rose Elder Care Program Manager
610-284-0497
jrose@chs-adphila.org



RESPECT LIFE NEWS



The Pro-Life Union is thrilled to announce our summer **Double Down for Life** campaign. Thanks to a generous Matching Gift Challenge from Visiting Angels, all donations received during the months of July and August will be DOUBLED!

Larry Meigs, the founder of Visiting Angels, is a faithful supporter of the Pro-Life Union's mission. He shares our Commitment and Passion for Life.

Today, we ask you to make a special donation that will be matched by Visiting Angels. **Larry has pledged up to \$50,000 to match the donations that we receive through August 31.** Your support is crucial in the fight for the right to life.

We are in a historic moment that has a great many lives of the unborn and masses of young people being swept away in the riptides of this dark culture. We cannot continue this mission without the dedication and support of individuals like you.

Together, we can Double Down our efforts and with your help, we will continue to save lives and restore the rights of the unborn.

Here are three ways you can give right now, and have your gift DOUBLED!!

- 1) Venmo@prolifephilly
- 2) Call the Pro-Life Union (215-885-8150)
- 3) Mail your donation to:
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Annual Catholic Women's Conference

Registration is now open for the 2024 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 19. The event will be held again at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. This year's theme is "The Joys of Womanhood: Sacred, Beloved, and Beautiful." For a full list of speakers, talk topics, and to register, visit www.catholicwomensconference.org.

Bonner and Prendie Class of 1984 Reunion

Alumni from the Class of 1984 are invited to celebrate our 40th reunion on Friday, November 22, 7:00-11:00 PM at Casey's Restaurant in Drexel Hill. Tickets are \$40 per person. Join us for a night of food, drink, and reminiscing! Purchase your ticket today!

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Roman and Hallahan Alumni "Day at the Bay"

Seaport Pier, North Wildwood, N.J.
Saturday, August 10, 2024
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

\$30 per person in advance / \$40 at door

The ticket price includes beer specials, food, and music. For more information, please visit www.romancatholichs.com/dayatthebay.

Eileen George Prayer Group

Join us for a Prayer Group in the spirit of Eileen George and her Meet the Father Ministry. We will meet on Sunday, August 11 at 2:00 PM at Annunciation BVM Church (Havertown). Our group meets monthly to pray for specific intentions through Eileen's intercession, to study and reflect on her teachings, and to pray for her beatification and canonization. There will be Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction with a social to follow. All are welcome! Contact Jeanmarie Lorello (610-547-7308 phone/text) with questions. To learn more about Eileen George and Meet the Father Ministry, please visit EileenGeorge.org.

Mass and Healing Service

On Friday, August 2 there will be a Mass and Healing Service at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa (Doylestown, PA). Following Mass, there will be Praise and Worship, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and Healing Prayer Service. This is an opportunity to encounter Jesus and invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, mental, physical, relational, or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. All are welcome! For more information call 215-345-0600.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.; Friday 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00p.m. Vigil; Sunday 7:30a.m., 10:00a.m., 12:30p.m.

Daily Mass

Weekdays: 6:30a.m., Saturday: 8:00a.m.

Holy Days

5:15p.m. Vigil, 6:30a.m., 12:00p.m., 5:15p.m.

Daily Visitation: The Church is open for visitation weekdays from the first Mass until 5:00p.m.; Saturdays until after the 5:00p.m. Vigil Mass and Sundays until 1:45p.m.. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance for Adoration every Tuesday (September through June) until 7:00p.m. when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in reparation for the sins of sexual abuse and concludes with Benediction.

Sacrament of Baptism: Call the Parish Office to register for Pre-Jordan class prior to Baptism. Baptisms are administered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Please refer to the Parish website regarding guidelines for Sacramental Sponsors / Godparents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 – 4:30p.m., Sunday after 7:30a.m. Mass, or by appointment with a priest.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Parish Office to request an appointment with the pastor prior to setting a date. Six months notification to prepare for marriage is expected; a full year is recommended.

Sacrament of Anointing and Sick Calls: Gather at the Altar of Our Lady following the 10:00a.m. Sunday Mass for this Sacrament. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing or a Eucharistic visit for those who are unable to come to Church. Sick calls in an emergency will receive prompt attention.

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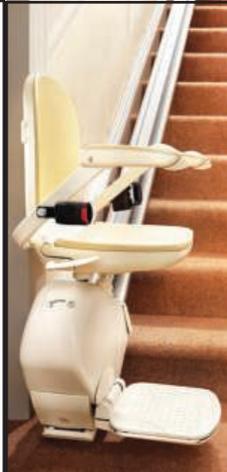
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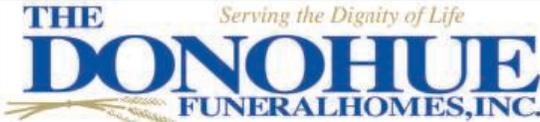
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