

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church



PARISH OFFICE

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(Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:00 pm)

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FORMED.ORG

Access free Catholic books, programs and recordings using our parish code:

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ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL

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PASTOR

Rev. Christopher J. Mould
PAROCHIAL VICARS
Rev. Joseph D. Bergida
Rev. Robert L. Ruskamp

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: Saturday @ 5:30pm
7:30 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am (Latin),
and 12:30 pm

DAILY MASSES

Mon.- Fri. 6:30 and 8:45 am
(No 6:30 am on Federal Holidays)
Saturday 8:45 am
Thursday 7:00 pm
1st & 3rd Thurs. Traditional Latin Mass
All other Thurs. Novus Ordo Latin Mass
Preceded by Novena/Benediction at 6:30 pm
First Fridays 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Thursday 5:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Masses: Vigil Mass 7:30 pm
Holy Day 6:30 am, 8:45 am,
5:30 pm, 7:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
1st Fridays 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
To volunteer to adore email:
roseofsharon325@gmail.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registration forms are available on our website www.st-andrew.org, in the church vestibule pamphlet rack, or at the parish office.

SICK CALLS

Please notify the parish office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick and shut-ins.

MARRIAGE

Our wedding guidelines are available on our website: www.st-andrew.org. Please call the Parish Office to request a marriage application. The diocese requires that arrangements must begin at least six (6) months prior to the desired wedding date. **Parish registration is required.**

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on Sundays at 2:00 pm in the Holy Family Chapel. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORS

Information and forms are on our website: www.st-andrew.org. One Class attendance within 2 years is REQUIRED for parents and ALL those asked to be **Godparents or Confirmation Sponsors**. Classes are held on the 3rd Friday of each month in the Padre Pio Room at 7:30 pm.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit requests via email to bulletin.notice@st-andrew.org no later than 9:00 AM on the Monday prior to the next weekend's bulletin unless otherwise noted.

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Sun. Nov. 26	7:30 am	James Gordon†
	8:45 am	Sheila Rutland†
	10:30 am	The Kaza Family
	12:30 pm	People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 27	6:30 am	William A. Larson
	8:45 am	Sojan Anthony Thomas†
Tues. Nov. 28	6:30 am	Gail Shedlick†
	8:45 am	Pat Mahon†
Wed. Nov. 29	6:30 am	John Palmer†
	8:45 am	Timothy Sheehy†
Thurs. Nov. 30	6:30 am	Olivia Betancur†
	8:45 am	Emma Lavallee†
	7:00 pm	Msgr. Richard Burke†
Fri. Dec. 1	6:30 am	Jenny Consigli†
	8:45 am	Mariano San Jose†
	7:00 pm	The Pretz Family
Sat. Dec. 2	8:45 am	Jesus Babauta†
	5:30 pm	Mariano San Jose†
Sun. Dec. 3	7:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:45 am	Eileen Brown†
	10:30 am	Raphael & Roy Godwin†
	12:30 pm	Edgardo Castro†

† Rest in peace

Theological Questions

Last week's question: Why is there a sacrament of Penance for sins committed after Baptism?

The Catechism (1425-1429) says:

The apostle John also says: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." And the Lord himself taught us to pray: "Forgive us our trespasses," linking our forgiveness of one another's offenses to the forgiveness of our sins that God will grant us.

Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us "holy and without blemish," just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is "holy and without blemish."

Nevertheless, the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls **concupiscence**, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This **second conversion** is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, "clasping sinners to her bosom, is at once holy and always in need of purification, and follows constantly the path of penance and renewal." This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a "contrite heart," drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

St. Peter's conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus' look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord's resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord's call to a whole Church: "Repent!" St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, "**there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance.**"

New Question: In the sacrament of Penance, what are the three acts of the penitent?

See next week's bulletin for the Answer

Collections

November 19—\$29,397

Thank you for your contributions to the second collection last weekend for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your generous gifts will help break the cycle of poverty in our diocese and throughout the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development.

PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Parish giving tree is now in the Church vestibule. Please select a tag from the tree, purchase the gift or gift card, and return the unwrapped gift to the Monsignor Hannan Hall after Sunday Masses or to the Parish Office during the week.

All donations must be returned by December 11.

If there is a delivery deadline on your tag, gifts MUST be received by the parish on or before that date. Late donations will not be able to be delivered to the child for whom the gift was intended.

Thank you in advance and may God bless you for your generosity.

Novena Prayer to St. Andrew

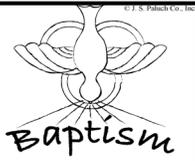
Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

Reciting this special novena prayer fifteen times each day from the Feast of Saint Andrew (November 30) until Christmas Eve is a simple yet beautiful way to celebrate the Advent season.

**Parish Mission this week:
Guest Speaker Fr. Stephen Schultz**

Fr. Stephen Schultz will be the featured speaker Monday– Wednesday this week at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Parish Mission to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle. He will speak on the themes of Mission, Redemption and Communion in Christian life with the goal of deepening our understanding of our gifts as God’s children. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details about our Parish Mission.



In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church and heirs to the Kingdom.

Please remember that a baptismal date can only be scheduled when all paperwork is complete and received in the Parish Office. Without exception, all paperwork must be received in the Parish Office at least one week prior to the intended Baptism date. The baptism booklet and form may be found on our website: www.st-andrew.org. Please call Laurel in the Parish Office at 703-817-1770 with any questions.

Please note there will be no baptisms on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.

Our next class is **Friday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m.** Please call the Parish Office at 703-817-1770 to register. All parents and ALL those asked to be Godparents or Confirmation Sponsors **are required** to attend this class.

College students—home for Christmas?? If you have been asked to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor, plan to attend the December 15th class while you are in the area.

Please Pray for...

The Holy Father’s Monthly Prayer Intentions:

For November—Christians in Asia

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Our beloved Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Viktor Heintz, Fr. Gerry Creedon, James Pretz and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Those who are Ill and their families and caregivers; especially Jimmy Bray, Carol Brosnan, Paula Ann Cerami, Rich Flaherty, Kevin Flanagan, Chad Fones, Jean Gump, Carol Hoffman, Isaiah Raphael Jordan, Kevin Kelly, Msgr. Frank Mahler, Ron and Margaret Menard, Michael Munsell, Alina Neas, Kathleen O’Hearn, Tom Remington Sr., William Rice, Avis Scholfield, and Fr. Bert Woolson.

For all those involved in our Nation’s security and our local safety.

For our Military

Please remember to pray for our parishioners serving our country, and their families. Let us pray especially for Angela Kim and David Paine.

If you have a relative serving in harm’s way and would like to have his/her name included on our prayer list, or if your loved one has returned safely, please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer of the Faithful

Anyone who would like to have a family member remembered in the Prayer of the Faithful, either sick or recently deceased, please call the Parish Office at 703-817-1770.

Novena for Miscarriages, Infertility and Infant Loss

Bishop Burbidge will be praying a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 4-12, for all who have experienced the pain and sorrow surrounding infertility, miscarriages, and infant loss. If you would like to join him in praying the novena, text "novena17" to 84576 or sign up to receive email alerts at www.arlingtondiocese.org/

Join the Parish Choir

Join the parish choir for Advent through the Midnight Mass on Christmas, participating with current choir members and guest singers. This choir sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. **Rehearsals begin Wednesday, November 29th at 7:30 p.m.**, in the music room of the school. Rehearsals will continue on the following Wednesdays through December 20. To join or if you have questions, email Bill Miller, Choir Director at Bill2400@aol.com.

PARISH EVENTS	
<i>November 27—30</i>	<i>Parish Mission for the Feast of Saint Andrew</i>
<i>November 30</i>	<i>Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle</i>
<i>December 2-3</i>	<i>After all Masses: Religious Education Bake Sale "Make Space for Santa" Consignment Sale</i>
<i>December 10/11</i>	<i>Giving Tree Donations Due Date</i>



Advent Wreath, Candle & Calendar Sale

St. Andrew School's 8th grade class will be having their annual Advent wreath candle and calendar sale after all Masses in Monsignor Hannan Hall this weekend - first Sunday of Advent December 3rd.

Religious Education :

- Nov. 27/28 RE Classes meet*
(note: classes will end at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday due to the parish mission)
- Nov. 28 Book Club—10:00 a.m. in the St. John Paul II Room
- Dec. 2/3 Bake Sale after all Masses
- Dec. 4/5 RE Classes meet
- Dec. 11/12 RE Classes meet

Christmas Cards for Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards that depict scenes from the nativity beginning Sunday, November 19th after all Masses. If you want more information or to place an order, contact Salvador Ochoa at salmirochoa@yahoo.com or Tom Reynolds at uscpcop@msn.com.



**Make Space for Santa Sale—
Donations Needed!**

The St. Andrew School PTO is collecting toys, books, DVDs, children's dress clothes, and baby items for a "Make Space for Santa Sale" which will be held after all Masses December 2-3rd. Donations may be dropped off at the school office or on the day of the sale. Questions? Contact Crystal McCliggott at crystalmac7@gmail.com.

Make it a Merry Christmas for someone special!

Are you, your company or group looking for a family or a child for whom to purchase gifts this Christmas? As we have done for many years now, we will once again be helping families in the Western part of our Diocese. We have asked for the list of families even earlier this year so that you may take advantage of pre-holiday sales. The families we help have been identified as truly needing help this Christmas. This year we have a foster child who moves from one living arrangement to another, three little girls who are being raised by a single mom—many of the situations are dire and beyond sad. In most cases the choice of paying bills or buying extras is no choice at all. Many of these families are two-parent families trying hard to survive.

Donations of **unwrapped** gifts **must be delivered to St. Andrew Church no later than December 11** in order to be delivered to the families for Christmas.

By sponsoring a family, you may purchase one gift or everything for a child or family. The decision is yours and there is no donation too small; all will brighten the life of a sweet little face! Your past generosity has overwhelmed us and also makes us confident we will be able to provide for all the families requesting our help. If you don't have time to shop, but would like to help, we are more than happy to do the shopping for you. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office at 703-817-1770 or jbahr@st-andrew.org.

Christmas Cards for Veterans

St. Andrew's Trail Life Troop is collecting Christmas cards to deliver to veterans this season. Please stop by the parish hall after all Masses this weekend through December 3rd to choose a card to write to our veterans. Parishioners are invited to join Trail Life to deliver the cards and visit the veterans at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in DC, on December 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of candy and sugar-free candy are also being accepted. For more information contact Anita McCaskey at anita.mccaskey@verizon.net or 703-862-0712. God bless our veterans!

**High School Placement Test For 8th Graders:
December 2 & January 6**

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on **Saturday, December 2** or on **Saturday, January 6, 2018**. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>), and submit to the test site by November 30 for the December test.



Director of Religious Education

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church is seeking applicants for a part-time Director of Religious Education for grades K-8. Applicants should be Catholics in good standing, experienced in Catholic education, with strong organizational, planning and communication skills. The Director will interface with the parish priests, parish and school staff, parents, and volunteers. Candidate must have a bachelor's degree and prior experience in either a religious education or Catholic school setting. The Director will need to be onsite Monday and Tuesday afternoons/evenings. Additionally, some extra evenings and weekend work will be required. To apply, send a cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and a list of references to khouser@st-andrew.org.



St. Nicholas' Day Bake Sale

After all Masses
December 2nd and 3rd

Kids Activity, Edible Manger Scene!

Please drop off baked goodies in the kitchen

For more information please contact
Mike at standrewprofile@gmail.com or Sarah at ssalmon@st-andrew.org



Ushers Needed

Our parish is in need of additional ushers for weekend Masses. Recent news events remind us of the importance of being vigilant and prepared. Men and women are invited to volunteer. If your background is in law enforcement, military, safety and security, we would especially ask you to consider volunteering your time. Ushers do not have to serve every week - personal calendars are taken into account. If you are unable to volunteer at this time, we would ask you to identify yourself to the parish office as a member of law enforcement. If interested, please contact Frank Bonsiero, Usher Coordinator, at bonsiero@aol.com.



Christmas Children's Choir

The St. Andrew's Christmas Children's Choir is forming now. **Weekly rehearsals begin this Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m.** in the school music room and continue each Sunday of December from 10:30-12 noon. An afternoon rehearsal in the church will be held on Tuesday, December 19, from 4—6 p.m. Singers and Instrumentalists grade 2 and above are welcome. RSVP to pattyiaing@verizon.net with your contact information and your child's grade level (please put "Children's Christmas Choir" in the subject line). Hall monitor volunteers are needed for rehearsals (must be compliant with the Diocesan Office of Child Protection).

Instrumentalists - please let Patty know you are coming so your music may be prepared in advance.

Blessed Christmas Wafers, a centuries' old Christmas Vigil tradition....

...will be available from the Saint Vincent de Paul Society at the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree trailer at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax **beginning Sunday, November 26**. Sales are weekdays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. and Sundays from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. A \$4 donation per wafer package is requested, proceeds to benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Contemporary Choir ... is looking for more members. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30—9 p.m. in the School music room. All are welcome, singers and guitarists are especially needed. We sing at the 8:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact pattyiaing@verizon.net. Not sure about making a permanent commitment? Join us for Advent and Christmas!



St. Andrew's Book Club

Did you know our parish has a BOOK CLUB? All are welcome to join the group on **Tuesday, November 28th** at 10:00 a.m. in the St. John Paul II Room. The book St. Athanasius by F.A. Forbes will be discussed. Even if you have not read the book, come see what this club is all about. You are sure to enjoy good books and warm friendships.

Saint Andrew the Apostle Feast Day 40 Hour Mission

Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Andrew the Apostle by participating in our 40 hour Mission November 27 – November 30.

As we prepare to celebrate the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle, we will have a guest speaker, Father Stephen J. Schultz, Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, a first Class Relic of Saint Andrew the Apostle, and more.

All events will take place in the Church.

We hope you can attend and please bring your friends!



Information about our Mission

Monday, November 27th:

6:00 PM–12:00 Midnight: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
First class relic of Saint Andrew will be on display.
7:00 PM: Guest Speaker Father Stephen J. Schultz

Tuesday, November 28th:

9:30 AM–12:00 Midnight: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
First class relic of Saint Andrew will be on display.
7:00 PM: Guest Speaker Father Stephen J. Schultz

Wednesday, November 29th

9:30 AM–12:00 Midnight: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
First class relic of Saint Andrew will be on display.
7:00 PM: Guest Speaker Father Stephen J. Schultz

Thursday, November 30th

9:30 AM–6:30 PM: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
First class relic of Saint Andrew will be on display

6:30 PM Benediction

7:00 PM Mass

After Mass, Celebration Party in the Parish Hall and Veneration of the first class relic of Saint Andrew the Apostle

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Volunteers are needed to adore the Eucharist during Adoration. Please consider giving one hour of your time to support the Parish Mission. Call Sharon Sheehy at 703-803-0308 for more information. You do not need to sign up to adore our Lord, but doing so helps very much.