

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church



PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: Mon.—Fri. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
(Closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:00 pm)

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Parish Website: www.st-andrew.org
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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

PRE-SCHOOL— 8TH GRADE

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PASTOR

Rev. Christopher J. Mould
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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. Dec. 10	7:30 am	Lois Adams†
	8:45 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Grace Brosnan†
	12:30 pm	Bill Hummel
Mon. Dec. 11	6:30 am	Anthony Catalano
	8:45 am	Julianna Jun†
Tues. Dec. 12	6:30 am	Maria Esmeralda Sullon†
	8:45 am	Fr. William Kaifer†
Wed. Dec. 13	6:30 am	Kevin Kelly
	8:45 am	Julianna Jun†
Thurs. Dec. 14	6:30 am	Fr. DeMartino
	8:45 am	Cory Molina
	7:00 pm	No Mass - Parish Penance Service
Fri. Dec. 15	6:30 am	John Bahr†
	8:45 am	Connie & Jose Soria†
Sat. Dec. 16	8:45 am	Gail Shedlick†
	5:30 pm	Marie Millis
Sun. Dec. 17	7:30 am	Lauren Stone†
	8:45 am	John D. Bruen†
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:30 pm	Joselito de Jesus

† Rest in peace

Collections

December 3—\$29,611

The second collection this weekend will benefit the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Parish Giving Tree

All donations for tags taken from the Parish Giving Tree must be returned by Monday, December 11.

Thank you!!!!

Theological Questions

Last week's question:

What is meant by contrition for our sins?

Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "**sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again.**" When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "**perfect**" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

The contrition called "**imperfect**" (or "attrition") is also a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.

The reception of this sacrament ought to be prepared for by **an examination of conscience** made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in the Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels and the apostolic Letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount and the apostolic teachings. (Catechism 1451-1454)

New Question: How do you say the Act of Contrition? See next week's bulletin for the answer.

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.



In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church and heirs to the Kingdom. We welcome the newest members to our Parish Family:

*Julian Nathaniel Cruz Dimapilis
Harper Anne Reynolds*

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.

Children's Offertory Envelopes

The Parish has ordered a small supply of offering envelopes for children. They are undated, so you may use them if you like and as you like. Children may color the envelopes before coming to Mass. It has a two-fold purpose of teaching children about tithing and allowing parents to have their children participate in donations. Boxes of envelopes are available through the Parish School, RE, or Parish Office. The envelopes are free.

Altar Servers

Please sign up to serve for the Christmas Masses on the scheduling sheet located in the altar server's sacristy.

Parish Penance Service

Plan to attend the Parish Penance Service this **Thursday, December 14th at 7:30 p.m.** Priests from the Diocese will be here that evening for confessions. There is no better way to prepare for the coming of our Lord at Christmas.

Thank you....

To all who attended the Parish Mission. A special note of thanks to Fr. Stephen Schultz, our guest speaker for the Mission, and to Elaine Burks for the lovely celebration to conclude the mission in celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Andrew.

Please Pray for....

The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions:

For December—The Elderly

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Our beloved Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Gump, Jerome Jareb, Mariet Gammad, Mary Sue Laing, Jason Wesley 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, Adam Deer, Rich Flaherty, Kevin Flanagan, Chad Fones, John Hauser, 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.



Blessing of Baby Jesus Crèche Figures

We invite all our parish families to bring their crèche figure of the baby Jesus to the Mass they attend next weekend for the Third Sunday of Advent (**December 17/18**) for a special Blessing.

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 16 and a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 17. Both run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by calling 703-841-2514 or emailing vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd."

Allow our Lord to enrich your life through service to Him.
Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write:
j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

PARISH EVENTS*

December 10/11	Giving Tree Donations Due
December 14	Parish Penance Service 7:30 p.m.
December 17/18	Blessing of Baby Jesus Creché Figures at all Masses
December 17	MSOT in the Parish Hall with Fr. Ruskamp at 1:30 p.m.
December 19	Book Club 10—12 Noon
December 23	Church Decorating 9:30 a.m.

**Please see the Advent/Christmas calendar for a schedule of daily Masses, confessions, etc.*

Christmas Cards for Sale

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



Help Decorate the Church for Christmas: December 23

Please join us to help decorate the Lord's House for the celebration of His Birth.

We will decorate the church on **Saturday, December 23rd immediately following the 8:45 a.m. Mass and Rosary**. Those in need of service hours are welcome to join us. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 703-817-1770.



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.

Religious Education :

Dec. 11/12	RE Classes meet
Dec. 14	Parish Penance Service
Dec. 17	MSOT with Fr. Ruskamp on "Envy" 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 18/19	RE Classes Meet
Dec. 19	Book Club 10-12
Dec. 25/26	No RE Classes - Merry Christmas!
Jan. 1/2	No RE Classes—Happy New Year!

Thank you...to everyone who baked, bought and volunteered at the St. Nicholas Bake Sale! We raised \$1551.07 for the Pro-life and RE departments! Proceeds will go towards bus reservations for the March for Life and the education of the children in the Faith. God bless you all!

Guardian Angel Tuition Assistance Fund

In December 2015, St. Andrew School announced the inauguration of the Guardian Angel Tuition Assistance Fund. This fund assists families in need or current school families with an unexpected crisis to afford Catholic Education.

Please consider making a donation this year! Donations may be made via check or online via the school website www.standrew-clifton.org and click on the PayPal button. All donations are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated.

Ushers Needed

Our parish is in need of 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.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF): Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011 that provides funding for annual expenses such as tuition, room and board and total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA – SEEF." and mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Saint Andrew Catholic School
Barnes & Noble
Bookfair



Tuesday, December 12th, 4-8pm

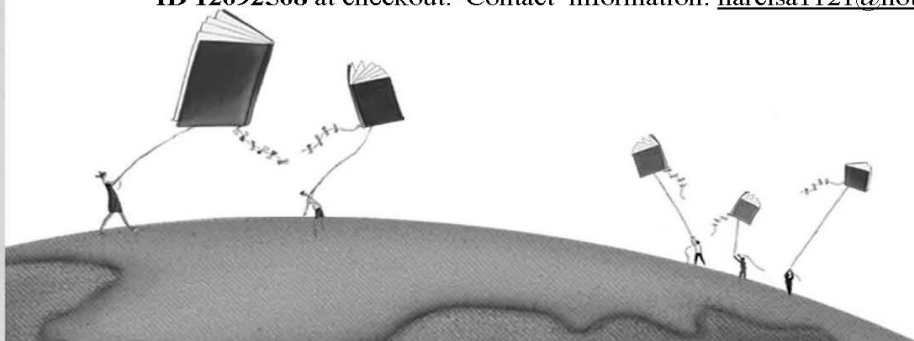
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Fairfax, VA 22033

- See our school band and choir perform
- Enjoy story time with our teachers
- Meet the author Mrs. Sue Fliess
- Gift wrapping available
- Grab dinner and snack in the café
- Craft Table
- Scavenger hunt and prizes

***Make sure to mention that you are with Saint Andrew School at the register so a percentage of all your purchases will benefit our school!**

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit **bn.com/bookfairs** from December 12th to December 17th by entering Bookfair
ID **12092508** at checkout. Contact information: narcisa1121@hotmail.com



High School Youth Group

NO YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, December 16

Saturday, December 23

Saturday, December 30

"This Advent we look to the Wise Men to teach us where to focus our attention. We set our sights on things above, where God is. We draw closer to Jesus... When our Advent journey ends, and we reach the place where Jesus resides in Bethlehem, may we, like the Wise Men, fall on our knees and adore him as our true and only King."

Mark Zimmermann in Our Advent Journey

cym.standrew@gmail.com

Advent Lessons and Carols

All Saints Catholic Church: December 16

The All Saints Parish Choir, All Saints Handbell Choir: Resounding Joy, and the Saint Veronica Adult Choir present Advent Lessons and Carols, an evening of Scripture lessons and beloved Advent carols, hymns, and motets to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The service **begins at 7:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

Blessed Christmas Wafers for Sale

Christmas wafers 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. 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 will benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Youth Music Festival at Bishop O'Connell High School: December 30

All 6th—8th grade students are invited to be a part of the 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, Dec. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day includes music clinics, performance and much more. This event is free, but a reservation is necessary. For more information and to register visit www.bishopoconnell.org/festival.

**Mother-Daughter Retreat: February 10
Registration is Open**

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat, "On the Road to Joy- the True Meaning of Friendship" (for girls in grades 7-9) on February 10th. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Raphael--chosen by God to accompany young women on their journey through life and to bring them safely to their destination and to the companions God has prepared for them.

Catechist Classes

Have you ever wished you had a better understanding of our beautiful Catholic Faith? Will you be making a New Year's resolution to learn more about your faith in the coming year? Well this is for you! Adult classes for 2018 will be available for you on Saturday mornings at St. Paul Chung Catholic Church in Fairfax, Virginia. Once you have completed this series of training, you will also a certificate as a certified catechist for the Diocese of Arlington.

For a registration form with dates contact Delores Nelson bakhita3@me.com or bakhita3@icloud.com.

The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$50 fee includes materials, breakfast and lunch for both mother and daughter. For more details go to womensapostolatetoyouth.blogspot.com or contact Angela Smith at daystarretreat@gmail.com or 703-266-6756. **Register by January 15.** Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.