

# ***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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## **FORMED.ORG**

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

**DKTJ8B**

## **ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL**

**PRE-SCHOOL— 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Principal Mrs. Mary Baldwin  
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## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

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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](mailto:roseofsharon325@gmail.com)

## **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Registration forms are available on our website [www.st-andrew.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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. 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
Mon. Dec. 18	6:30 am	Dorothy Vandemuelebroeke†
	8:45 am	Julianna Jun†
Tues. Dec. 19	6:30 am	Fr. William Ruehl†
	8:45 am	Patricia Long†
Wed. Dec. 20	6:30 am	Mary Jean Hoover†
	8:45 am	Frances Tomaszewski†
Thurs. Dec. 21	6:30 am	Joayn Bahr
	8:45 am	Ana Lopez†
	7:00 pm	Ana Gelpi†
Fri. Dec. 22	6:30 am	Steve Bahr
	8:45 am	Catherine Ponterio†
Sat. Dec. 23	8:45 am	Ann Brien†
	5:30 pm	Thomas & Evelyn Powers†
Sun. Dec. 24	7:30 am	Gabe Hernandez†
	8:45 am	Helen Paquette†
	10:30 am	John Brady
	12:30 pm	People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Jillian Goff†
	7:30 pm	Joseph & Mary Rogowitz†
	Midnight	Mary Lou Potenza†

† Rest in peace

## Collections

December 10—\$29,379

Thank you for your support of last weekend's second collection for the benefit of the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection.

## Theological Questions

Last week's question:  
How do you say the Act of Contrition?

There are many ways to express our contrition, or sorrow for our sins, and so there are variations in the exact wording of this prayer. One version is as follows:

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of Hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to avoid the near occasions of sin.  
Amen.

**New Question:**  
**What are the requirements for confessing our sins in the sacrament of Penance?**  
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.*

*"The One who calls you is faithful."*

*Will you be faithful to His call? Listen; God may be inviting you to be a priest, deacon or consecrated religious.*

*Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841- 2514, or write:  
j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.*

Please consider online giving by enrolling in *Faith Direct*. Online giving provides our parish with consistent financial support and simplifies your giving.

Sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our parish code: **VA310**. Let the Parish Office know once you've enrolled and we'll discontinue mailing of your monthly offertory envelopes.

We are thankful for all forms of parish support, be it through Faith Direct or with weekly envelopes. Your generosity is a blessing.



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

*Mariana Lynne Newby*

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](http://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, January 19, 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 a preparation class.

**College students—home for Christmas??**  
If you have been asked to be a godparent or Confirmation sponsor, **plan to attend a class here or at another parish while you are in the area.** If you attend a class at another parish, be sure to request a class attendance letter. You will need to present that letter when you request your sponsor eligibility letter from St. Andrews.

### 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.

### Bulletin Submission Deadline

Items for the December 31st bulletin should be submitted to [bulletin.notice@st-andrew.org](mailto:bulletin.notice@st-andrew.org) no later than Thursday, December 21st.

### 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, Thomas Murphy, Mike Savino, 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, Maureen O'Leary, Tom Remington Sr., Doris Reynolds, William Rice, Graciella Schneider, 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.

### Parish Office Closed December 25—January 1st

Please note the parish office will be closed for Christmas beginning Monday, December 25th - Monday, January 1st.

The office will reopen on January 2nd.

In the event of an sacramental emergency, contact the parish at 703-817-1777.

**PARISH EVENTS**

*December 19 Book Club 10:00 a.m. —12 Noon*  
*December 23 Church Decorating 9:30 a.m.*

**Mass Schedules:** **Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation**  
*Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. (Children’s Mass), 7:30 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight*  
*Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

***Solemnity of Mary: 7:00 p.m. on December 31***  
***8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on January 1***

**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](mailto:salmirochoa@yahoo.com) or Tom Reynolds at [uscpcop@msn.com](mailto: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](mailto:khouser@st-andrew.org).

**Religious Education :**

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!

**Save the Date: January 20**

Candle Making Class at 9:30 a.m.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819 with questions.

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](mailto:cym.standrew@gmail.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:bakhita3@me.com) or [bakhita3@icloud.com](mailto:bakhita3@icloud.com).

**Catholic Singles of Greater Washington**

This is an organization for single Catholics, ages 21 to 65+, to enjoy each other's company in a variety of social, religious, and cultural settings. Find out more at <http://CatholicSinglesOfGreaterWashington.org> or call Tricia at 301-460-9195.

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

All 6th—8th grade students are invited to be a part of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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](http://womensapostolatetoyouth.blogspot.com) or contact Angela Smith at [daystarretreat@gmail.com](mailto:daystarretreat@gmail.com) or 703-266-6756. **Register by January 15.** Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

## Around the Arlington Diocese

### **Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Game**

Come watch as the high school men from the Quo Vadis discernment group take on the Arlington seminarians, with guest referees Bishop Burbidge and Fr. Christopher Vaccaro. There will be vocational testimonies at halftime, a spirit squad competition, and a pizza party at the end. The event is Sunday, January 7, 2018, from 2-5:30 p.m. at the St. John Paul the Great High School gym. Families are welcome. High school boys interested in playing on the Quo Vadis team should contact the Office of Vocations, (703) 841-2514 or [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). There is no need to RSVP for the event.

### **Simbang Gabi 2017**

All are welcome to join the Filipino Catholic Community for the 2017 Simbang Gabi Novena celebration. Beginning December 15, and ending December 24, Masses will be said throughout the Diocese of Arlington. Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the main celebrant and homilist on Saturday, December 23 at St. Timothy Catholic Church. To find out more about Simbang Gabi and up-to-date Mass dates and locations, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/SimbangGabi](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/SimbangGabi). Most celebrations will be followed by a "Salu-Salo" reception.

### **Diocesan Science Fair Judges Needed**

The Diocesan Science Fair needs individuals with a science background to help judge seventh and eighth grade students' research projects for the 2018 Diocesan Science Fair. These projects encompass such categories as botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. If your calendar allows you to spend the morning (8:00 a.m. - noon) on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Paul VI High School to judge projects, please call Hiliary Mildrew at the Office of Catholic Schools (703-841-2519) or email [h.mildrew@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:h.mildrew@arlingtondiocese.org).

### **Mobile Response Center Donations**

Mobile Van Donations: Advent is a time to celebrate the abundance of God's many blessings in our lives. It is also a time to recognize those among us who struggle with poverty and may not have a home to share God's love. Catholic Charities asks you to come together with your loved ones to assemble meaningful Care Bags right in your own home. Your Care Bags will be distributed to those in need throughout the Diocese through the "Mobile Response Center Vehicle," a 26-foot truck that CCDA will use to deliver supplies such as water, hygiene products, grocery gift cards, snack packages, and these Care Bags directly to those who so often go without. For more information, contact Sally O'Dwyer at [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net).

### **Christ House in Need of Volunteers**

Volunteers are needed for 2-4 hours a week at Christ House in Alexandria for the Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Emergency Assistance Front Desk. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the positions below, please contact Sr. Annie at 703-548-4227 ext. 101.

Thrift Store – Receive and sort donations, then mark and display the sorted items. Provide support to all shoppers and clients.

Food Pantry - Receive, unload, and weigh incoming food donations. Organize and stock shelves in the food pantry. Prepare food bags and assist in the food distribution.

Emergency Assistance Front Desk – Manage phone calls from those seeking financial assistance.