

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church



PARISH OFFICE

6720 Union Mill Road
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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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Mass Schedule 703-817-1776
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

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

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. 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†
Mon. Dec. 25	7:30 am	Lucille Grace Myhr†
	8:45 am	Michael Munsell
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
Tues. Dec. 26	6:30 am	The Brandt Family
	8:45 am	Kevin Craddock†
Wed. Dec. 27	6:30 am	Joayn & Steve Bahr
	8:45 am	Young Joo Min & Gue Dong Woo†
Thurs. Dec. 28	6:30 am	Stephen M. Bahr II Family
	8:45 am	Charles Armstrong†
	7:00 pm	Francis Ann Gouge†
Fri. Dec. 29	6:30 am	Deceased Members of the SGHS Class of 1967
	8:45 am	Trisha de Jesus
Sat. Dec. 30	8:45 am	Francis Hudak
	5:30 pm	Sam Burks†
Sun. Dec. 31	7:30 am	People of the Parish
	8:45 am	Fr. Michael C. Kelly†
	10:30 am	Raphael & Roy Godwin†
	12:30 pm	Colin & Amy Jackson & Family
	7:00 pm	Catherine Mould†

† Rest in peace

Theological Questions

Last week's question:

What are the requirements for confessing our sins in the sacrament of Penance?

The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All **mortal sins** of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."

According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins **at least once a year**." Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession. Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.

Without being strictly necessary, **confession of everyday faults (venial sins)** is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed, the regular confession of our venial sins helps us to form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving **more frequently** through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful. (Catechism, 1455-1458)

New Question: What is meant by "making satisfaction" or "doing penance" for our sins?

See next week's bulletin for the answer.

Collections

December 17—\$28,682

The collections for December 24 and December 31 will be reported in the January 7 bulletin.

Thank you for your support of our parish.

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 a sacramental emergency, contact the parish at 703-817-1777.

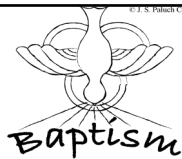


Merry Christmas A Gift from the Parish

Each parish family is invited to take home one copy of The Magnificat Rosary Companion booklets located at the church entrances as a gift from the parish this Christmas.

May God bless you & your families, friends and loved ones as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Parish families also have access to a variety of Catholic resources for all ages via FORMED.org. Take a look at all the wonderful content for the Christmas season and throughout the year by logging in and creating an account (it's free using our parish code **DKTJ8B**).



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:

Vincent Matthias Romano

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, 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.

“The Word became flesh and lived among us.” Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. Is this the day He has called you? Call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

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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 Carol Brosnan, Timothy Martin, Thomas Murphy, Mike Savino, and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Those who are Ill and their families and caregivers; especially Fred Baetz, Jimmy Bray, Paula Ann Cerami, Adam Deer, Angelo DeRaffele, Rich Flaherty, Kevin Flanagan, Chad Fones, John Hauser, Carol Hoffman, Isaiah Raphael Jordan, Kevin Kelly, Brian Lackey, 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.

2017 Year End Contributions

Under the IRS rules, deductible contributions are considered to be made on the date of delivery to the charity. Therefore, any contributions a parishioner/family makes by Sunday, December 31, 2017 will be listed on their 2017 parish contribution statement. Any contribution received on or after Monday, January 1, 2018, will be listed on the parishioner/family's 2018 contribution statement. Please plan accordingly and consult with your tax advisor for more information.

PARISH EVENTS

Mass Schedule:

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

While the Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, please consider starting the new year by attending Mass to honor our Blessed Mother.

January 20 **Candle Making Class - Monsignor Hannan Hall—9:30 a.m.**



Inclement Weather Policy

The Parish follows the decision of Fairfax County Public Schools for closings and delayed openings. The parish office will follow the same schedule for delayed openings, early closings and cancellations. Any scheduled Masses will take place regardless of weather.

Religious Education :

Dec. 25/26	No RE Classes - Merry Christmas!
Jan. 1/2	No RE Classes—Happy New Year!
Jan. 8/9	RE Classes meet - Mid-term Review
Jan. 15/16	RE Classes meet - Mid-term Exams
Jan. 20	Candle Making Class @ 9:30 am



Coats and More Drive in January

Fr. Julius J. Cilinski Council's Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a "Coats and More Drive" to help local homeless shelters needing winter apparel (new or gently used) for adults and children. Coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, boots, etc., as well as bedding (blankets, sleeping bags, etc.) are needed.

Please bring in your donations to Monsignor Hannan Hall on the weekends of **January 20/21 and 27/28**.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Youth Ministry

For Unto You
Is **BORN** This Day
In The
CITY OF DAVID
A
SAVIOR
Who Is
CHRIST
THE LORD
Luke 2:11

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Cym.standrew@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

PREPARE FOR THE FEAST OF THE PRESEN-
TATION (CANDLEMAS) BY MAKING YOUR
OWN CANDLE!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
9:30-11:30 AM

IN MSGR. HANNAN HALL

RSVP TO SARAH AT ssalmon@st-andrew.org

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

Around the Arlington Diocese

Eucharistic Holy Hour

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on **Sunday, December 24 from 3 - 4 p.m.** in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary's Way, Woodbridge. Join with us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.



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. There is no need to RSVP for the event.

High School Application Deadline

The application deadline for Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Arlington is **January 12, 2018**. Register by January 4 to take the High School Placement Test. Please visit the website for the high school you wish to attend to learn more about their application process and to register for the placement test.



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 Hilary Mildrew at the Office of Catholic Schools (703-841-2519) or email h.mildrew@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 receive 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.

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 please contact Sr. Annie at 703-548-4227 ext. 101.

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 or contact Angela Smith at daystarretreat@gmail.com or 703-266-6756. **Register by January 15.** Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.