

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church



PARISH OFFICE

6720 Union Mill Road
Clifton, VA 20124-1115

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed. 9:00 am - 2:00 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

Principal Mrs. Mary Baldwin
School Office 703-817-1774
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YOUTH MINISTRY

Director Mrs. Bethany Rogers
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PASTOR

Rev. Christopher J. Mould

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Joseph D. Bergida

SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30 pm
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: As announced

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 8:00 - 9:00 pm
Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
1st Fridays 9:30 am - 7:00 pm
Email: roseofsharon325@gmail.com

MUSIC

Bill Miller, Organist Bill2400@aol.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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

SICK CALLS

Please notify the parish office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick and homebound.

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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Sat. Dec. 1	8:45 am 5:30 pm	Miriam B. Loos† Mariano San José†
Sun. Dec. 2	7:30 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm	People of the Parish Elsie Dietz Saul Elizondo† Rev. Christopher Mould & Rev. Joseph Bergida
Mon. Dec. 3	6:30 am 8:45 am	Edgardo Castro† Miriam B. Loos†
Tues. Dec. 4	6:30 am 8:45 am	Teresa Peters Fleming† Lydia M. Barot†
Wed. Dec. 5	6:30 am 8:45 am	Inesita Moreno† Liliana Carvajal
Thurs. Dec. 6	6:30 am 8:45 am 7:00 pm	Jinny Maria Kim Ryan M. Donahue Emma Lavallee†
Fri. Dec. 7	6:30 am 8:45 am 7:30 pm	Delores Ross† Virginia McCullough† James McKain†
Sat. Dec. 8	7:30 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 5:30 pm	Victims of Clergy Abuse Pennetti Family Helenita Manning† Connie Soria†
Sun. Dec. 9	7:30 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm	Joy Palmer† People of the Parish Romeo G. Callueng, Sr. † Lucas Sodergren†

† Rest in peace

Collections

November 18: \$25,273 Weekly Offertory
\$949 Second Collection
(Catholic Campaign for Human Development)

November 25: \$22,834 Weekly Offertory

The second collection next weekend (Dec. 8-9) is for the Catholic Charities Christmas Collection. Catholic Charities serves tens of thousands annually across 100 direct and affiliated service locations within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Please use the special contribution envelope (available at the church entrances) or go online to www.cdda.net to share your blessings.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7:
Vigil Mass 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 8:
7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., & 10:30 a.m.

Theological Questions

Last week's question: What does Emmanuel mean?

The Gospel of St. Matthew says that the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means 'God is with us' (Matthew 1:20-23).

This prophecy is found in the words of the prophet Isaiah to King Ahaz in Isaiah 7:14. Jesus fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah because he is true God and true man. St. John's Gospel says, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

Again, at the end of the gospel of St. Matthew, Jesus assures his disciples of his continued presence, "...I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

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.

First Sunday Devotions - December 2

Please join us next Sunday, December 2, in the church, for First Sunday Devotions. We will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by time for quiet reflection and the Rosary, ending at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.

Please Pray for....

The Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intentions:

**For December...In the Service of the
Transmission of Faith**

That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find in their dialog with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Our beloved Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Paul McCaskey and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Those who are Ill and their families and caregivers; especially Andrew Bianco, Jimmy Bray, Patricia Bruce, Ninoy Bucktaw, Bishop Michael Burbidge, Sandy Burns, Paula Ann Cerami, Eleanor Comperatore, Adam Deer, Chad Fones, Joan Green, Fred Grupe, John Hauser, Sean Hill, Jim Hynes, Carol Hoffman, Riley Jadick, Isaiah Raphael Jordan, Tom Lackey, Monica Moore Judge, Kevin Kelly, Francisco Kim, Priscilla S. Lucido, Msgr. Frank Mahler, Joe Mancuso, Ron and Margaret Menard, Michael Munsell, Erin Cooney Nardone, Alina Neas, Kathleen O'Hearn, Doris Reynolds, William Rice, Harry Robinson, Janice Rodriguez, James Scholfield, Payton Wilcox, Tom Yuditsky, Kathy Zimmerman and Timothy Zivnuska.

**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 Matthew Delaney, Nick DiGrado 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.

**December 23 Bulletin
Early Submission Deadline**

All requested items for the December 23 bulletin must be received by bulletin.notice@st-andrew.org no later than **Wednesday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m.**

Parish Annual Statement

Our parish's Annual Statement of Income and Expenses for the year ending June 30, 2018 is available. Copies have been placed in the pamphlet racks in the church vestibules. You may also call the parish office to request a copy.



In Baptism we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church and heirs to the Kingdom. **Please welcome the newest members of our parish family:**

*Isabelle June Myhr
Ella Grace Oh
Juliette Aurora Lilou Stein*

A baptismal date may 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 are found on our website www.st-andrew.org. Please call Laurel in the Parish Office at 703-817-1770 with any questions.

Sponsor Class:

All parents and ALL those asked to be Godparents or Confirmation Sponsors are **required** to attend a preparation class. 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.

Know a college student home for Christmas break? Our next class is **Friday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Padre Pio Room.** Please call the Parish Office at 703-817-1770 to register.

Parish Giving Tree

Our Parish giving tree is now displayed 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.

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 intended recipient.

**All donations must be returned by
Sunday, December 9.**

We are helping the following charities this year: Our Neighbor's Child, Catholic Charities, Missionaries of Charity, as well as families in our parish community.

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

Church Organ Fund - Update

\$197,219 (pledges and donations as of 11/19/18)

Thanks to everyone who has contributed or pledged a donation so far. Please prayerfully consider making a one-time donation or a pledge to help us secure funds to replace our organ.

Save the Date - Parish Penance Service

Priests from the Diocese will be available for confession during our Parish Penance Service on Thursday, December 13 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Religious Education Calendar

- Dec. 3/4 Religious Education Classes
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
- Dec. 8/9 Pro-Life and RE Bake Sale After all Masses
- Dec. 10/11 Religious Education Classes
Seeds of Faith Classes
- Dec. 13 Parish Penance Service 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 MSOT Luncheon Talk 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17/18 Religious Education Classes
- Dec. 18 Book Club - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Seeds of Faith are classes for Adults who want to learn more about their faith. Classes meet in the Padre Pio Room during Religious Education class times. This year the classes discuss the Catholic truths about the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday classes begin at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday classes begin at 6 p.m. All are welcome. For more information contact plaing@st-andrew.org or 703-817-1773. Our next classes are December 10 & 11.

**Advent Wreath, Candle & Calendar Sale
Final Weekend**

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. Please stop by and begin your preparation for the holy season of Advent. Proceeds from the sale will help offset graduation and class trip expenses. Thank you!

**Lessons and Carols: An Evening of Advent
Music, Scripture Readings, and Prayer
December 9**

Meet in the church at St. Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield at 7:00 p.m. for a program of beautiful Advent music and Scripture readings, called "Lessons and Carols." Weaving together prophetic readings from the Old Testament and pre-nativity readings from the Gospels, the readers lay out God's breathtaking plan for the birth of Our Savior. The choir adds to the atmosphere of joyful expectation by leading all in popular hymns and a few more complicated choral pieces. Afterwards, everyone will gather downstairs for seasonal refreshments and Christian fellowship. All are invited to attend. (The snow date is Sunday, December 16). For more information visit www.straymonds.org/lessonsandcarols2018 or call St. Raymond Parish Office at 703-440-0535.

Bakers Needed!

The Pro-Life Committee and the Religious Education Office are hosting the 9th annual St. Nicholas Day Bake Sale next weekend (December 8-9) after all Masses. Please consider baking your favorite treats to be sold and plan on browsing the selection to take some goodies home to family and friends! There will also be kids activity where they will make an edible manger scene.



Christmas Children's Choir

Rehearsals are held in the school music room each Sunday through December 23 from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. There will also be a rehearsal in the church on Tuesday, December 18 from 4:15-5:45 p.m. Singers and instrumentalists in grade 2 and above are welcome. The choir sings at the 5 p.m. Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. To sign up or for more information contact Patty Laing at plaing@st-andrew.org

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
Celebration - December 12**

Our parish will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Wednesday, December 12. Mass will be celebrated in honor of Our Lady at 8:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Traditional refreshments will be served after both Masses in the Parish Hall. All parish, homeschool and parish school families are welcome! Children are encouraged to dress as Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego or in any traditional Latin American outfit. We hope to see many of you there! If you would like to help with this event, please contact Barbara Ruiz at barbara.e.martinez@gmail.com, Narcisa Zhicay at narcisa1121@hotmail.com or Claudia Lopez at lopezweb@mac.com.

**Lunch with St. Nicholas Children's Party
December 15**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Lunch with St. Nicholas Party on Saturday, December 15 from 11:30 - 2:00 p.m. in Monsignor Hannan Hall for all children of the parish. Children should be seated by 12:45 p.m., awaiting St. Nicholas' arrival at 1:00 p.m. St. Nicholas (or one of his helpers) will read the story of the first Christmas and parents will have an opportunity to take pictures with St. Nicholas and their children. There will be activities and crafts. Pizza, soda and water are planned for lunch. Contact Freddie Paras at fparas@gmail.com or at 703-888-8760.

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who donated and/or volunteered for the Thanksgiving food drive. Over 250 meals and other food items were collected. The Knights would also like to thank the volunteers who cooked turkeys, donated pies, and helped with the seniors' Thanksgiving dinner at St. Timothy's. Events like this are only possible with the generosity of our parishioners and volunteers.



St. Andrew The Apostle

CATHOLIC SCHOOL · CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School Open House - December 4

Join us for an Open House this Wednesday, December 4th. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. and include opportunities to meet our preschool and elementary school faculty. Registration for new students for 2019-2020 is now open.

Shop for a Cause

St. Andrew's School invites you to support our school with our Shop to Give fundraiser. When you buy beautiful Boon Supply products, 50% of every purchase goes to benefit St. Andrew the Apostle School students, faculty and curriculum needs. Boon Supply offers beautiful quality home, kitchen and on-the-go products so you can buy what you want and give gifts they want. Please check out our Shop to Give fundraiser and do some beneficial buying online at www.boonsupply.com/standrewschool. Shop until Christmas and get free shipping on orders over \$75. Thank you for your continued support of our parish school.

Guardian Angel Tuition Assistance Program

Thank you to all the parishioners who have already donated to this vital school program! Your generosity allows the school to offer tuition assistance to families in need. Donations for the 2019-2020 school term are being accepted. Every little bit helps us provide a great Catholic School experience to grateful children. Donations should be made out to "St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School" and mailed to either the school or parish office.

Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Community Update Reception - December 4

Catholic Charities' Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic in Manassas, has defied expectations in its first year of operation. Thanks to great community support, Catholic Charities and Mother of Mercy Clinic (which is housed in what was once an abortion clinic), are now expanding services, including offering prenatal care. Join us as we thank community members and invite others to join this effort to serve the poor in our community as Christ calls us to do. Come to the reception on Tuesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas. RSVP to freeclinic@ccda.net.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment

Fund (SEEF): Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund that provides funding for 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.

Blessed Christmas Wafers Sale

This centuries' old Christmas vigil tradition enjoyed by the East Europeans, will be available from St. Leo's Social Ministry at the Knights of Columbus Christmas tree trailer located at Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Weekdays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Please call for availability after December 15. Donation is \$4.00 per wafer package. For information call (703) 764-0243. All proceeds benefit St. Leo's Social Ministry.

Inviting all Mothers of Special Needs

Children! Please join the Special Blessings Moms Group on Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. as they welcome Nancy Emmanuel, Coordinator of Special Needs Ministries for the Diocese of Arlington. Meet in the St John Vianney Room of the Parish Activity Center in All Saints Church. Please join us! For questions or to RSVP, please email Betty at Sampler80@verizon.net, or call Sally at 703-789-1922.

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 women on Sunday, December 16, and a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 22. Both retreats run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older.

Religious sisters will be present for the women, and seminarians, priests and men religious will be at the men's retreat.

For more information and to register, contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. **Deadline to sign up is December 7.**

Novena for Couples Struggling with Infertility and Infant Loss December 4 - 12

You are invited to join in prayer with Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility or suffering after miscarriage or early infant death. The novena starts Tuesday, December 4 and ends Wednesday, December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A concluding Mass will be offered by Fr. Rich Dyer at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on the same day.

In this nine-day novena, you can pray along with Bishop Burbidge and get the prayers sent to you daily. Subscribe by texting "novena18" to 84576 to get the prayers in English. For Spanish prayers, text "guadalupe18" to 84576. For more information and to sign up via email, go to arlingtondiocese.org/novena18.

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER!

All are welcome! Bring a friend!



"St. Nicholas Day"
OUTDOOR ICE SKATING
AND DINNER FUNDRAISER
Thursday, December 6

Harris Pavilion, Old Town Manassas

DINING FOR DOLLARS

It's a great way to raise more money and have fun doing it!

Foster's Grille will donate 20% of all proceeds from sales generated by your event back to your school or organization.



Skating Fundraiser: 6:00-8:30pm
Admission/Skate Rental: \$12.00
Foster's Grille Fundraiser: 4:00-9:00pm

(Mention "St. Andrew the Apostle Youth Group")

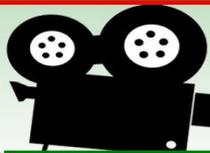
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High School Youth Group



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION! Sit together in the choir loft (5:30pm) before Youth Group!



Annual Christmas Movie Night

Saturday, December 8

6:30pm-8:45pm

Padre Pio Room

Bring a wrapped gift (under \$10) to exchange!

Bring new/used winter hats or gloves for the homeless!

Dinner, hot cocoa and popcorn will be provided!

