

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)

Parish Office 703-817-1770
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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

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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. 15	8:45 am	José Soria†
	5:30 pm	Liz Somma†
Sun. Dec. 16	7:30 am	Anne Frommelt†
	8:45 am	Dolores Ralston†
	10:30 am	People of the Parish
	12:30 pm	Kevin Flanagan†
Mon. Dec. 17	6:30 am	Joshua Green
	8:45 am	Joselito de Jesus
Tues. Dec. 18	6:30 am	Kevin Kelly
	8:45 am	Carol Brosnan†
Wed. Dec. 19	6:30 am	Rev. William Ruehl†
	8:45 am	Harry & Josie Gieske
Thurs. Dec. 20	6:30 am	Christopher Kubelick†
	8:45 am	Ana Gelpi†
	7:00 pm	Bishop Welsh†
Fri. Dec. 21	6:30 am	Maria Rosario Lopez†
	8:45 am	Virginia McCullough†
Sat. Dec. 22	8:45 am	Ana Lopez†
	5:30 pm	Thomas & Evelyn Powers†
Sun. Dec. 23	7:30 am	William A. Toth, Sr.†
	8:45 am	Thelma Scaffido†
	10:30 am	Jaime Alvarado Arias†
	12:30 pm	People of the Parish

† Rest in peace

Collections

December 2	\$25,562 Weekly
December 8	\$3,230 Immaculate Conception
December 9	\$27,620 Weekly \$1,439 Second Collection (Catholic Charities Christmas Collection)

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection this year. If you missed the opportunity to give, you may still do so by making a year-end gift in support of Catholic Charities by going online at www.cca.net.

This weekend's second collection is for the special needs of the parish, specifically the parish organ replacement fund.

Theological Questions

Last week's question: Why is the Third Sunday of Advent called "Gaudete Sunday"?

"Gaudete" is Latin for "rejoice." The title for the Third Sunday of Advent comes from the Entrance Antiphon (Introit), which is a quotation from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; I say it again, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near."

"Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete: Dominus prope est." (Philippians 4:4-5)

This passage of Philippians also serves as the Second Reading on the same day.

The season of Advent, like Lent, is a penitential season. Yet, devout Christians rejoice in the Lord, even in a time of repentance and self-denial. Advent is past the halfway point, and the anticipation of celebrating the birth of Jesus already causes the Christian to rejoice.

St. Paul repeats his admonition: "I say it again, rejoice", reminding each Christian that the Lord is near.

New Question: Is there more than one "King Herod" in the Bible?

See next week's bulletin for the answer.

December 30 Bulletin Early Submission Deadline

All requested items for the December 30 bulletin must be received by bulletin.notice@st-andrew.org no later than **this Tuesday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.**

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 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.

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 Jim Bailor, Bill Martin 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, Josh Arambulo Lopez 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.

Do you rejoice in the Lord? Is He asking you to consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or email michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.



Save the Date - "Coats & More" Drive

On the weekends of January 25 & 26 and February 1 & 2 after all Masses, the Ladies Auxiliary will be collecting new and gently used coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and blankets for all ages. We appreciate your support in helping those less fortunate stay warm this winter.

Baptism:

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.

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

**Help Decorate the Church for Christmas
December 22 & 23**

Please join us to help decorate the Lord's House for the celebration of His Birth. There are 2 decorating sessions:

Saturday, December 22 at 9:30 a.m. (teens & adults)
Sunday, December 23 at 1:30 p.m. (all ages)

Those in need of service hours are welcome to join us. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 703-817-1770.

Christmas TV Mass - December 25

A special one-hour edition of the Sunday TV Mass will be broadcast on Christmas morning, December 25, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. on WDCW Channel 50 in the Washington, DC metro area. Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA is the celebrant. The choir for the Mass features students from St. Andrew the Apostle School & St. Ambrose Children's Choirs.

The Art of Prayer: "O Come Emmanuel"

Prepare the way for the Lord this Advent by joining the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for "O Come Emmanuel," an Art of Prayer series. The program takes place on Sunday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information visit jp2shrine.org or emailevents@jp2shrine.org.

St. Timothy Bereavement Ministry

In lieu of our monthly meeting for December, the group will meet at the Bob Evans restaurant in Chantilly on Sunday, December 16 at 3 p.m. Anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one is encouraged and welcome to attend. Any questions, please email bereavement@sttimothyparish.org.

Religious Education Calendar

- 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
- Dec. 24 - Jan 1** Religious Education Office Closed



**The Feast of the Holy Family
December 29 & 30**

The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass on December 29 and at all Masses on December 30. This is an amazing opportunity for families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus. Preparing for the consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. To prepare for the consecration, it is recommended that families pray together every day of the week prior to the consecration, fast from something that they enjoy each day for a week before and including the day of the mass, and attend confession before the consecration. The Knights of Columbus are providing consecration prayer cards for all who attend Mass that weekend and they will provide a free doughnut & beverage in Monsignor Hannan Hall after the morning Masses on Sunday, December 30 (7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.).



St. Andrew The Apostle
CATHOLIC SCHOOL · CLIFTON, VIRGINIA

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.

Join the First Saturday Rosary Team

Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at the Falls Church abortion facility. The next First Saturday is on January 5, 2019. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 For inquiries, contact Amy McNerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

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 are payable to "St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School" and should be mailed to the school or parish office.

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. **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.

Monthly Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour - Beginning January 8

Local Musicians Lead Praise & Worship to Pray for Conversion and Healing. Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month starting in January at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. The holy hours will feature popular musical artists: Valerie Repetski on January 8; The Miller Daughters on February 12; and Kenny Kohlhaas on March 12. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

To learn more please contact the Office of Family, Marriage and Respect Life by calling 703-841-2550, emailing info@helpafterabortion.org or visiting www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion.



Each year, the Knights of Columbus (KofC) selects one young man and woman of the year and requests nominations for this prestigious award. The KofC will select from the nominees, and will submit their names to the KofC Virginia State Council for state recognition and distinction. Those selected by the council here at St. Andrew's and by the state council will receive monetary and other awards. To receive this honor, nominees must be either high school juniors or seniors; must be current parishioners of St.

Andrew's; have made outstanding contributions in general; have outstanding academic excellence and grade point average; participate and lead in civic, religious and or school related activities; participate in extracurricular activities; received special achievements such as awards/recognition; and finally, participated with his or her family in performing any of the aforementioned activities and achievements.

Submissions should be addressed to Grand Knight Tom Reynolds, typed in letter format with a paragraph(s) for each category describing how the nominee meets the criteria in each of the aforementioned categories and delivered to the parish office by **January 25, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Reynolds at uscpcop@msn.com or at (703) 774-8557.

Seminarians Hoops Challenge Basketball Game - January 5

Join the fun as the Arlington seminarians take on the Quo Vadis high school team and the priests "Earthen Vessels" squad. There will be a free throw contest and vocational testimonies, and a pizza party at the end. The event is Saturday, January 5, 2019, starting with Mass at 9:30 a.m. and finishing by 1:30 p.m. at Saint John Paul the Great High School in Dumfries. Families and CYO teams are welcome. There is no need to RSVP. For more information visit arlingtondiocese.org/QuoVadis.

Youth Music Festival - January 5

Bishop O'Connell High School invites all 6th - 8th grade students to participate in their 4th annual Youth Music Festival on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019. This full day of music clinics and performances is free, but registration is required. For more information and to register, visit the website at www.bishopoconnell.org/youthmusic or email music@bishopoconnell.org.

High School Youth Group



cym.standrew@gmail.com

Youth Group Fundraiser Thank You

We are so grateful to everyone that came out to Old Town Manassas for Ice Skating and Dinner in support of the Youth Ministry program! We were blessed by a wonderful night of fun and community building. St. Nick even made an appearance! Thank you Trail Life for making the celebration of St. Nicholas Day extra special!

High School Placement Test (HSPT) Registration

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, St. Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School.

Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>).

The deadline to register is January 10, 2019.

Save the Date for the Catholic Charities Ball - February 22, 2019

His Excellency Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge and the Catholic Charities Ball Committee cordially invite you to the Catholic Charities Ball Friday, February 22, 2019, at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons, VA. Come enjoy a night of delicious food, dancing and learning about the great works of Catholic Charities throughout the Diocese! Reserve tickets at www.ccca.net/ball

Mass and Healing Service with Healer, Sr. Briega McKenna - March 1, 2019

Bring to Jesus your spiritual, physical and emotional ailments at a Mass and Eucharistic healing service with Sr. Briega McKenna, OSC, who is gifted with the charism of healing. The event will take place on Friday, March 1, 2019, at All Saints Catholic Church, Manassas from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. To learn more visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healing

2019 Women's Conference

All women of the diocese are invited to register for the 2019 Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Hear "Miracles Do Happen" with gifted healer, Sr. Briega McKenna, OSC and author of the book "Miracles Do Happen"; and Fr. Donald Calloway, a priest of the Congregation of Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception and author of "No Turning Back" and other devotional books. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. The conference is held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

To register visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women.

2019 Men's Conference: "Power Within"

The theme for the 2019 Men's Conference is "Power Within: The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life." Speakers include Matt Birk, former center for the Baltimore Ravens and author, and Fr. Donald Haggerty, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York and contemporary author. Mass with Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will be included. Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 9 a.m - 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. Sponsored by the Office for Marriage, Family and Respect Life.

To register visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Inspiring Soundwaves

The Arlington Catholic Herald produces a podcast each week taking you behind the scenes of the top local Catholic headlines, and the Catholic Herald staff would like to hear from you. What do you enjoy about it, and what would you like to hear more about in the future? Subscribe and leave a review on iTunes, Google Play Music or Stitcher; or listen on the Catholic Herald website, bit.ly/heraldpodcast. You can also email feedback@catholicherald.com.

Our Parish Bereavement Committee... offers support to parishioners during their time of loss. Members assist in a way in which they are most comfortable such as visiting the funeral home to pray the rosary, attending the funeral Mass or preparing a meal for a reception or for the family. If you would like to participate, even occasionally, your kindness would be so appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office at 703-817-1770 if you are interested.

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.

Consider Adding 'Searching for More' to Your Podcast List

'Searching for More' features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese. The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More. 'Searching for More' joins the 'Walk Humbly' and 'Catholic Herald' podcasts as diocesan audio offerings.

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