

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

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Epiphany of the Lord January 7-8, 2012

*Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.*

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435-1585

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783-0550

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OUR MISSION IS...

To live in God's peace by embracing the mind and heart of Jesus, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

Centered in the Eucharist and living the Gospel as Disciples of Christ, we seek fulfillment through prayer, worship, education and Christian fellowship. As stewards of God's love, sharing our gifts and talents, we serve others both in and outside of our parish.

OUR VISION IS...

To be the model of a vibrant, loving and diverse faith community, welcoming all in the Catholic tradition.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST & SACRAMENTS

DAILY: 7:00 AM - Monday thru Friday

8:30 AM - Monday thru Saturday

WEEKEND: Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM
& 6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-4:30 PM (Chapel) or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated at the 11:30 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month, or immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass on the third Sunday of the month, except during Advent and Lent, due to the solemnity of these seasons in anticipation of Christmas and Easter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays 2:00 PM. We ask at least one year preparation time.

FROM THE PASTOR...I clipped an article from a



newspaper in 1996 that fascinated me and I enjoy reviewing it each year during the Christmas season. It was written by J. Patrick Bradley, who was the chief economist at the Provident National Bank in Philadelphia at the time. In 1996, Mr. Bradley calculated the cost that one's "True Love would give to thee for the Twelve Days of Christmas." One partridge in a pear tree was \$27.48. The partridge was \$15.00. The pear tree was \$12.48. Two turtle doves, \$50.00. Three French hens, \$15.00. Four Calling Birds, \$280.00. Five golden earrings, \$600.00. Six geese a-laying, about \$150.00. Seven swans a-swimming, \$7000.00. Eight maids a-milking, \$2686.56 (not sure how he calculated that one). Nine ladies dancing, \$2417.90. Ten lords a-leaping \$2686.56. Eleven pipers piping, \$947.70. Twelve drummers drumming, \$1,026.68. If you wanted to give all these to your True Love for the Twelve Days of Christmas in 1996, your grand total would have been \$15,231.72. I can't begin to imagine the cost today.

Of course, that was the economist's point of view. He looked at the old song in terms of dollars and cents. We look at it as a pleasant holiday nonsense ditty. But in the past, others looked at it more profoundly because this seemingly harmless tune held a deep Christian secret. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in the sixteenth century. Moreover, it was written by a couple of wily Jesuits who were playing a dangerous game. During sixteenth-century England, anything Catholic was prohibited, and if found out, was punishable by imprisonment and death. The Catholic faith, as a result, was forced underground. Still, there was, as you can imagine, a desperate need to encourage the faith and, and above all, to instill it into the next generation. So, these Jesuits came up with a way to teach the outline of faith—but in code. The code was the song.

It sounds harmless enough to us today, but take a look at it more closely. The Twelve Days of Christmas, as everyone knew, was the time between the Nativity celebration from Christmas Day to Epiphany. "My true love gave to me" is God speaking to the anonymous Catholic. "Twelve drummers drumming" are not, as you might guess, the twelve Apostles, but rather the twelve beliefs outlined in the Apostles Creed. The "eleven pipers piping" are the eleven apostles—Judas having left—who pipe the faith in an unbroken tradition. The "Ten lords a-leaping" are the Ten Commandments. The "nine ladies dancing" are the nine choirs of angels. The "eight maids a-milking" are the eight beatitudes. The "seven swans a-swimming are, of course, the seven sacraments; the six" geese a-laying" are the six precepts of the church; the "five golden rings" are the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible; the "four calling birds" are the four gospels that sing the Good News; the "three French hens" are the

three gifts that the Magi brought to the Christ child; the "two turtle doves" are the Old and the New Testaments" and, finally, of course, the "partridge in a pear tree" is the resplendent Christ reigning from the cross.

People have always used imaginative ways to pass on the faith and to restate the basic gospel message and, in particular, the message of Christmas. Matthew and Luke certainly did that with their stories of the Magi and shepherds and choirs of angels. Others have added to the tradition, as evidenced in the Russian legend of Babushka.

It seems that old grandmother Babushka, a good woman, was about to retire for the evening when, out of the fierce winter night, came a knock on her door. It was the Wise men and they told her excitedly about the King born in Bethlehem and urged her to come and honor him. She peeked out the door. It was an awful night, cold and blustery. Babushka looked back at her warm bed, hesitated, and said, "I will see the Christ Child tomorrow." She returned to her bed, and lo, another knock at the door. This time it was the shepherds urging her to come and, if not, at least to give them a basket of goodies to bring to the Christ Child. Again, she looked at the weather, her warm bed, hesitated, and finally replied, "I'll bring them myself— tomorrow." Well, tomorrow came and Babushka was as good as her word. She packed some food and off she went to Bethlehem. But the stable was empty when she got there. She was crestfallen, but determined. She kept looking. In fact, she looked for the Child for the rest of her life, joining all the wanderers who have ever lived. In her endless journey she found children everywhere, many a manger, many a cradle, many a mother nursing a baby. She left gifts at each place hoping that it was the Christ Child. Now very old and near death, the Christ Child appeared to her wearing the face of every child she ever touched and offered gifts to. She died happily knowing that, in spite of her first hesitancy, she did indeed find the Child, not in the manger where she expected him, but in the poor and needy where she never expected him.

These two stories of hiddenness (The Twelve days of Christmas and the story of Babushka) are codes behind which the image of God is apparent if we but know the key to get at it. The message of Christmas is that *love is the key*. Today we celebrate Epiphany, tomorrow we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. After the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season ends, but the spirit of Christmas lives on. I hope that you discovered love this Christmas...I certainly did. And to all who worked so hard to make Christmas at St. Andrew special...thank you for loving your parish, your church, and the Christ Child.

With a loving and grateful heart,
Msgr. Marucci

For Whom Shall We Pray...

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 AM † Sandy Klein r/o family
5:00 PM † Pasquale Talarico r/o his wife

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 AM † John Butera r/o William Waples
10:00 AM † Molly Kelly r/o Kuchler family
11:30 AM † Kneafsey family r/o Kathy Rodgers
6:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 AM † Mathew Thomas r/o Sue Shivy & Barb Ballantyne
8:30 AM † William F. Trainor r/o Kate, Religious Education
10:30 AM Mass at Voorhees Care & Rehab Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 AM † Toni Valdez r/o Stagliano family
8:30 AM Good Health of Thomas Kolin r/o family
10:15 AM Mass at Brendenwood
10:30 AM Mass at Emeritus at Voorhees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 AM † O.J. Donati r/o Anne Belonia
8:30 AM † Phillip Kimmel r/o Bill Wagner, Spirit Penn Football
10:30 AM Mass at Kressonview

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 AM † Michael Foster r/o Stagliano family
8:30 AM † Josephine Griffio r/o Franco Boffice
10:30 AM Mass at Voorhees Senior Living

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 AM † Nelson Ricard Pardo r/o Di Napoli family
8:30 AM † In Remembrance of John Paskevich r/o Phoebe
10:30 AM Mass at Genesis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 AM † Joseph Casano r/o Theresa & Joe Lovallo
5:00 PM † Ernest Leone r/o family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM † Zane & Johnston families r/o family
10:00 AM † Thomas Love Jr. r/o Alma Ardire
11:30 AM People of the Parish
6:00 PM † Richard E. Schwing r/o Nason family

HEARING PROBLEMS?

If you are having problems hearing the church services and desire to use one of the church's assistive listening devices, please see an usher before Mass to obtain a receiver and earphones. The devices enables you to hear the church service comfortably, without any background noise.

*TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON
AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE
UNDER HEAVEN . . .*

“A Time To Be Born...”

*Christopher Joseph Witts
child of Christopher and Katie*

“A Time To Be Healed...”

*Joanne Cassidy, Rose Inzinna, Lauren
Kuchler, Mary Bauman Soards, Jim
Southwick, Gail Steliga, Suzanne Steliga....
and all parishioners who are in nursing homes.*

“A Time To Die . . .”

**Fred Maurer
Nellie Butera**
grandmother of Chris Parry

“And a Time for Peace. . .”

(especially for those in the military)

**Jon Beale
SS John M. Ciaccio, USMC
CPT. Bryan Dougherty
PVT. Andrew Francesconi
Brian Frett
SSG John D. Vozzelli**

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

**We Pray For Those Bearing New Life
And Expecting Adoption ...**

**Susan Blossom, Nicole Buckley,
Noelle Charbonneau, Kathryn Fink,
Jen Parker Francesconi, Debbie Schaefer,
Cindy Smith**

Sanctuary Candle...



The Sanctuary Candle this week burns

**In Memory of Alfred Castagnola
requested by family**

**The Pastor is Online
Msgmarucci@comcast.net**

News and Notes . . .

A Stewardship Prayer for the New Year

Gracious and Loving God, the old year has passed and a new year has begun.

We praise you and thank you for Your active presence in our lives, for the opportunities you provide us and for the many blessings you bestow.

As we embrace this New Year, we ask that you renew our spirits with fresh resolve and purpose.

We pray that you will grant us the grace to be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to us and that we may always serve You with generous, compassionate and loving hearts.

Bless all of our days ahead.

Give us the courage always to be faithful stewards of your creation, and teach us to how to proclaim the Good News of Your Son, Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen.

ACTIVE ADULTS

Pot Luck Supper

&

White Elephant Exchange

January 12, 2012

6:00 PM in the Church Hall

For your Pot Luck assignment bring a dish to share and a wrapped gift worth at least \$10.00 (new, not used) one per couple or one per person to exchange. This is a BYOB event but water, coffee and tea will be provided. Our theme this year is "Mardi Gras." In keeping with our theme, please wear something pertaining to the theme (beads, anything green, purple or gold, fancy masks... etc.). RSVP to Carole Aspinall [856-783-1684](tel:856-783-1684) for your Pot Luck assignment. Active Adults welcomes all parishioners 50 years and older. Come out for an evening of good food and lots of friendly fellowship.

Thank You To St. Andrew the Apostle From Our Soldiers In Afghanistan



My New Year's Resolution to the Lord

You are invited to participate in a special challenge for the New Year. Consider giving a New Year's gift to the Lord by attending "One More Mass" than you would normally attend. A wrist band will be available to all after each Mass this weekend. We ask that you prayerfully consider giving the Lord your commitment to attend "One More Mass" than you would normally attend. Pick up a bracelet after Mass this weekend and do the following:

1. Wear the bracelet on your right wrist at the beginning of the month.
2. When you fulfill your commitment to the Lord and attend one more Mass, then transfer the bracelet onto your left arm, for the rest of the month.

For the following month, you might want to consider adding another way for you to grow closer to the Lord in 2012. Perhaps you might want to challenge yourself to go to confession or say grace at each meal. However you or your family choose to grow in relationship to the Lord this year, using the wristbands, know that the Lord takes great delight in your efforts!

Please Note:

There are larger print editions of Monsignor's bulletin story on the rack in the atrium of Church.

News and Notes . . .

Happy New Year! May 2012 be a wonderful year for all. For those of you wondering about the 'different' look of our calendars, let us explain. Bradley Funeral Home generously donates the calendars each year. They selected, in consultation with Monsignor, a religious scripturally themed calendar. The vendor exhausted his supply of that calendar before printing any of the calendars Mr. Bradley ordered (he also provides calendars to two Marlton parishes). Unbeknownst to Bradley's the Scenic America calendar was substituted and delivered to all three parishes. Attempts to have them reprinted and redelivered were in vain, and so we are offering you what we have. This will be rectified next year through the use of a different vendor. We appreciate Bradley Funeral Home's willingness to reprint the supply and everything they did to provide the agreed upon calendar. It just could not be corrected. Thank you for your understanding.

And once again, we would like to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas celebration so memorable. Whether you wrapped a plant, vacuumed the carpet after our Wassail Party, ran errands, played at our Special Afghanistan Mass, or simply donated to the Christmas Flower collection, thank you for making Christmas 2011 so special. When our parish community comes together to share in the preparation and the celebration, we truly are church. Thank you and God Bless!

Anne Marie

MSGR'S HUMOR BOX. . .

Three sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. They discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother. The first said: "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said: "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said: "You remember how our mother enjoys reading the Bible. Now she can't see very well. So I sent her a remarkable parrot that recites the entire Bible. It took elders in the church 12 years to teach him. Mama just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot recites it." Soon thereafter, their mother sent out her letters of thanks.

"Milton," she said, "the house you built is so huge. I live only in one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

"Gerald," she said, "I am too old to travel. I stay most of the time at home so I rarely use the Mercedes. And that driver is so rude! He's a pain!"

"But Donald," she said, "the little chicken you sent was delicious!"

WHAT'S HAPPENING . . .

(excludes Religious Ed, RCIA, & Little Angels Pre-School)

Monday, January 9

9:00 AM Legion of Mary, Nursery

7:00 PM Spiritual Life Meeting, Lounge

7:30 PM Baptism Prep Class, Church

7:30 PM House of Charity Meeting, Classroom 1

7:30 PM SLA Meeting, Nursery

Tuesday, January 10

10:00 AM Labyrinth, Chapel

5:00 PM Children's Choir, Church

6:00 PM Faith Dimensions, Lounge

6:30 PM Cantor Workshop, Church

7:15 PM Technology Infrastructure, Classroom 7

7:30 PM Compassionate Outreach Board, Classroom 2

7:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble, Church

7:30 PM Tuesday Reflections on Faith, Lounge

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel

8:30 PM NA Meeting, Classroom 2

Thursday, January 12

10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry, Nursery

6:00 PM Active Adults Pot Luck, Hall

7:00 PM Art & Environment, Rectory Dining Room

7:00 PM Cantor Workshop, Church

7:00 PM Divorce Care, Lounge

7:30 PM Knights of Columbus, Classroom 1

Friday, January 13

7:00 PM Marriage Prep Inquiry, Parish Center

7:30 PM Family of God Prayer Group, Chapel

Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM New Lector Training, Church

9:30 AM Women of Joy Meeting, Hall

Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship Prayer

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." (Matthew 2:11b)

Notice the distinct order of events in the Magi's visit. First they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, as Stewards must take time to pray before we presume to present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what gifts God might be asking us to share. But when we kneel before Him in prayer we will find the answer.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Contact Regan Peiffer, Pastoral Associate for Worship & Music, Office, for additional information.
(856-784-3878 ext: 18 or ReganP@standrewsrc.com)

Liturgical Stewards for January 14-15

Lectors

- 5:00 Bill Thorpe, Bob Merkert
8:30 Kathy Emrich, Ronnie Frantz
10:00 Helen Fabello, Harry Frett
11:30 Tom Fanelli, Kristina Gines
6:00 Denise Dougherty, Juliana Okoro

Altar Servers

- 5:00 Catherine Stagliano, Megan Borie, Ryan Corkery
8:30 Jerry Joyce, Lauren Joyce, Chris Scutti
10:00 Gabe Covone, Noah Covone, Henry Laigaie
11:30 Majella Di Leonardo, Angelica Alday, Olivia Arculeo
6:00 Bryan Gillespie, Erin Gillespie, Kasso Peaks

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 Fran Mann, Anthony Martini, Ray & Bernice Messiah, Pat Pilla
8:30 Sherry & Dan McGravey, Sharon Hulbert Jan Hornberger, Joe Pane, Barbara Vadenais,
10:00 Terry Knoebel, Janice Lowry, Mary Maiatico, Mary Mitsos, Maggie Moy, Emmillio Mulenga
11:30 Doris Mangaser, Dunia Minnium, Cecelia Mojica, Audrey Tanner
6:00 Lance Beden, Marilyn Ilustre, Rose Saunders, Josie Tizon

Greeters

- 5:00 Barbara Curtis, Margie Hannigan
8:30 Dawn Romano, Chris Benz
10:00 John Yezzi
11:30 Tony & Dorothy Peseller
6:00 Regina Disco

Ushers

- 5:00 Pat Milanese, Mike Nolan, Barry Eisele, David Knasiak, Don Worstall
8:30 Charlie Maschi, Neil Rowe, Harry Kraus, Robert Campbell, Frank Appello
10:00 Steve Wolfe, Joe Leonard, Bob Craft, Mary Mitsos
11:30 Ed Smith, Steve Mawn, Joan Dacanay
6:00 Jeremiah O'Connell, Mike Cruz

Sacristan

- 5:00 Catherine Knasiak
8:30 Stacey Roche
10:00 Ronnie Frantz
11:30 Dave Miller
6:00 Juliana Okoro

Presider Schedule January 14-15

Saturday, January 14

5:00 PM Fr. Howard

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Fr. Allen
10:00 AM Fr. Allen
11:30 AM Fr. Howard ***
6:00 PM Fr. Howard

***Deacon Bill Preaching

Cantors Schedule

5:00 PM Anne Harrison-Evans
8:30 AM Bill & Maureen Walton
10:00 AM Adult Choir
11:30 AM Bill & Maureen Walton
6:00 PM Liz Horvitz

Greetings!

As we begin the New Year, there are some wonderful and exciting things on the horizon for the music ministry here at St. Andrews. Beginning in January, we will be offering cantor clinics for current cantors, former cantors interested in rejoining the ministry, as well as folks who would like to explore the possibility of joining our leaders of song. The sessions will be held twice a month, beginning on January 10th and will be a requirement for all those who wish to cantor. For more information, please contact me at the Parish Office. I look forward to hearing from you!

Bill Walton



The St. Andrew's Adult Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the church and sings at the 10 AM mass on Sundays. We welcome all who wish to participate in this joyous ministry. Please contact Bill or Maureen Walton for more information.

Life Long Faith Formation...

Contact Kate Vukicevich, Pastoral Associate for Lifelong Faith Formation, for additional information.
(856-783-0550 or KateV@standrewsrc.com)

A WORD FROM THE HOLY FATHER FOR OUR CHILDREN

VATICAN CITY, December 19, 2011:

Pope Benedict XVI invited children from Italian Catholic Action to tell their friends that they have found a great friend in Jesus.

He also asked them to assure the child in the crib that they "will listen to Him always".

The Holy Father further used the story of the invitation made to Bartimaeus in the Bible: "Arise, He is calling."

This call, the Pontiff explained, "has already been repeated often in your lives, and it is repeated again today. The first call was in the gift of life. Always be attentive to this great gift, appreciate it and be grateful to the Lord. Ask Him to give a joyful life to all the boys and girls of the world, that they may all be respected and none may lack what they need to live."

"Another important call was baptism," the Pope continued. "At that moment you became brothers and sisters of Jesus Who loves you more than anyone else and wants to help you to grow. Another call was First Communion. On that day your friendship with Jesus became closer and more intimate. ... Respond generously to the Lord Who calls you to be friends with Him. He will never let you down."

"Dear friends," the Holy Father concluded, "I would like to ask you for one thing. Take this beautiful invitation -- 'Arise, He is calling' -- to your own friends and tell them: Look, I have responded to Jesus' call and I am happy because I have found a great Friend in Him, a Friend I meet in prayer, Who I see among my friends, to Whom I listen in the Gospel. My Christmas wish for you is that, when you make your nativity scenes, you imagine you are saying to Jesus: come into my life and I will listen to you always."

RCIA Topic 1/11/12

"The Mystery of suffering"

Presenter: Jim Hemschoot

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A FOURTH GRADER?

Our fourth graders in "The Way" have recently "aced" this info.:

- The first part of the Bible is called the ? and contains ? books.
- In the Old Testament we learn about God and His relationship with the ?
- The name of the first book of the Old Testament is ?
- We studied 12 Periods of Old Testament history and the important individuals in each period, who are part of the ?
- We began the study of the bloodline of Jesus with a man named ?
- God told ? he would be the father of a great nation.
- Jacob was the grandson of Abraham. Jacob had ? sons who became the tribes of ? ? was the favorite son of Jacob. Jacob had a special ? of many colors made just for Joseph.
- The twelve tribes of Israel were taken into slavery by the ?
- God sent ? to tell the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free.
- The Israelites were set free and they still celebrate that freedom on their feast of the ?
- God had Moses lead His people through the Sinai Desert to the land He had promised them called ?
- It was Joshua who actually brought them into this special land.
- After Joshua the Israelites were ruled by people called ? They settled disputes and lead the Israelites in many battles. Over the years there were a total of 12 judges.
- Out of the 12 judges only one was a ?
- After the Judges the Israelites were ruled by kings. The names of the first three kings were ?, ?, ? After this the Israelite tribes split. Ten went ? and two went ? The bloodline of Jesus continued through the kings of the tribes in the south.

Answers: Old Testament, 46, Israelite People, Genesis, Bloodline of Jesus, Adam, Abraham, 12, Israel, Joseph, Coat, Egyptians, Moses, Passover, Canaan, Judges, Woman, Saul, David, Solomon, North, South.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Feast January 4, tells us:

"We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives - that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication with Him."

"We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty."

Spiritual Life Formation...

Contact Sr. Alma Gallagher, Pastoral Associate for Spiritual Life, for additional information.
(856-784-8501 SrAlma@standrewsrc.com)

Women of Joy Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 14th, 2012

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Parish Hall

Speaker: Jane Kopas, Ph.D

Topic: Women in the Life of Jesus:
Lessons from Our Spiritual Sisters

Registration is appreciated!

Please call:

Betty – 856-782-4946 or Luisa – 856-346-1704

“Finding God in Music” An Evening Concert with Tom Kendzia

Tom Kendzia is well known as a composer, arranger, producer, teacher, author and performer. He has been a professional liturgical musician for more than 30 years. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this special evening and concert!

Thursday, January 19th, 2012

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

For tickets call:

Janice Lowry 856-767-7675

Youth & Young Adults...

Contact Phoebe Darlington, Interim Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry,
for additional information (609-238-5438 or Phoebe.Darlington@comcast.com)



Thanks Galaxy members for spreading cheer at local nursing homes during the Christmas holiday.

Youth

Second Saturdays

January 14th Meet in parking lot

8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Galaxy Meeting January 15th

Junior

4:15–5:45 PM

Senior

7:15–8:45 PM

Young Adults

(18-40)

Young Adults Meeting

January 8th 7:00–8:30 PM

Compassionate Outreach

Chris Parry, Pastoral Coordinator for Compassionate Outreach, for additional information contact (856-906-5127 or or e-mail her at spcp1@comcast.net.)

Human Concerns Mission Statement:

“Called By Our Baptism, we the followers of Christ at St. Andrew’s Parish, invite all to share their time, talent and treasure, as we seek justice and charity for those in need.”

Christian Cupboard:

When you do your weekly food shopping, please consider purchasing one or two items for our pantry shelves. This week we continue to ask for hot or cold cereals, complete pancake mixes and syrups, jams or jellies, peanut butter and canned meats or vegetables. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

*‘Our God is for ever and always. It is he who leads us.’
Psalm 48:2*

Thank You:

We want to take this time to thank all the students from the Gibbsboro Schools, Voorhees Middle School and Eastern High School for their generous donations of food they collected at their ‘food drives’. Their donations helped put our Holiday Food Drive over the top. The Gibbsboro Schools and Eastern High School had their food drives before Thanksgiving and the Voorhees Middle School before Christmas. This kind gesture of our future leaders give all of us the hope and confidence we yearn for--- that will keep our faith strong and ever present.

Second Saturdays:



Our next trip into Camden City will be Saturday, January 14th, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. In this program, volunteers gut vacant buildings, clear vacant lots, and plant trees to revitalize the neighborhood near Ferry Avenue and Broadway in Camden. Parishioners of all ages may participate in this rewarding program. We will meet in the Church parking lot at St. Andrews and leave at 8:15 AM. Please e-mail Sam Parry at spcp1@comcast.net if you are interested or have any questions.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

New Year’s Party at New Visions:

It was a festive luncheon at the New Visions Shelter in Camden on New Year’s Eve. Our volunteers were hosts to the party goers. There was delicious food and gifts for giving. A big thank you to all of you who donated towards this heart warming event.

Our Ongoing Gift to You From Helping Hands:

If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to and from Church, or to other errands of importance, please let our Compassionate Outreach Ministry know. *It is our ongoing gift to you---we do this with open hearts; your appreciation is our thanks.*

Prison Ministry:

Our volunteers visit the Camden City Jail every week to sit with only those incarcerated who want to visit. Our volunteers during this faith based visit offer hope to the inmates. Men and women volunteers are needed as both groups meet separately. If you think this Ministry is something that would fit into your life, give Chris a call.

Local Outreach Items Needed This Week:

Infant Boy’s Clothes - size 0-6 months
High Chair
Baby Accessories
Gas Stove
Small Kitchen Table and Chairs
Piano
Hi-boy Dresser
Living Room Set

Also: 54 year old woman is looking for a room to rent or an inexpensive apartment.

Job Development:

We welcome as Ministry Leader and Coordinator for Job Development, within our Compassionate Outreach Ministry, Mary Beth Rathje. Mary Beth is no stranger to Job Development. She has actively participated in placing individuals in jobs and helping those of you who seek employees. If you know of a job opening or are in need of a job, Mary Beth will assist you in your quest. You can contact Mary Beth at mbr214@comcast.net

- Family in Delran looking for a part-time, energetic, warm-hearted nanny for 3 fun-loving children - 4 yrs, 2 yrs, and 5 months old. Responsibilities include constructive play with children (suggestions are welcome), warming prepared meals, and light housework (e.g., vacuuming, children's laundry, etc.). Part-time schedule is 2 days a week, likely either Tues/Thurs or Thurs/Fri (7:30am-5:30pm).

Position Wanted: Woman with 16 yrs experience looking to take care of elderly or handicapped. Can do cooking, take to doctor, etc.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School

Contact Anthony Paolini, Director of Development, for additional information,
(856-767-1751 or www.olmc-school.org)



In anticipation of Catholic Schools Week, OLMC students will be participating in the 5 PM, 10 and 11:30 AM Masses during the weekend of January 21st and 22nd here at St. Andrew's Parish! The students will be greeters, lectors, cantors and will bring up the gifts. Our school choir will perform at the 11:30 AM Mass. The students were excited to participate last year at St. Andrew's and eagerly anticipate this year's Masses. Come and see our talented students!

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." OLMC will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, an Open House and special activities for students, families and parishioners.



The theme focuses on three priorities Catholic schools promote which makes them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. OLMC proudly embodies these priorities in our mission to educate our exemplary students.

Little Angels Academy...

Contact Kathy Emrich, Interim Director of St. Andrew Pre-School, for additional information.
(856-435-1585 or KathyEmrich@standrewsrc.com)



St. Andrews Preschool - Little Angels Academy provides an excellent and affordable preschool education experience for children from ages 2 ½ through 4 years. Our educational programs are designed to aid in the development of each child's math and language readiness, literacy, listening skills and physical, social and emotional development all within a caring and nurturing Christian environment.

Open Enrollment is underway! Register early... Space is limited!

To register, please call Kathy Emrich, Interim Director,

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