



BASILICA OF SAINT ANDREW

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DECEMBER 21, 2025 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am,
and 11:30 am

Daily Mass

Monday–Friday
12:00 Noon

Church Hours

Monday–Friday
9:00–4:00 pm

Thursday until 7:00 pm

Saturday
10:00–4:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday–Friday
9:00–4:00pm

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Confessions

Monday 12:45 pm–2:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm–6:45 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm–5:00 pm

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Adoration

Thursday 12:45 pm–7:00 pm

Rosary & Divine Mercy Group

Saturday 9:00–9:45 am

PASTORAL STAFF

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	(12:00 pm)	Mary Jane Wheby Bowling †
Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	Alice Falkenstein †
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		
Wednesday	(4:00 pm-SH)	Kevin Stokes †
	**(4:00 pm-CH)	Charles Matherly †
	**(6:30 pm-CH)	Amie Sheridan †
	**(12:00 am-CH)	The people of St. Andrew
Thursday	(10:00 am)	Isidor Kuehn †
	(3:00 pm)	The Vietnamese Community
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	Brenda Johnson †
Sunday	(7:30 am)	Amie Sheridan †
	(9:00 am)	Mary Heffron
	(11:30 am)	The people of St. Andrew

† Indicates the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed

**denotes Mass with incense

Please note: Incense is used after the Thursday Mass during Adoration



Online Contribution: Please consider making an online contribution supporting the Basilica of St. Andrew.

Visitor to the Parish? Please consider giving to the Basilica of St. Andrew. Open the QR code to make a secure online donation.



Drawing Closer to God - Christmas

Children learn to draw Scripture scenes and see connections between God's story and their place in it. Coloring pages included! (15-25 min videos)



www.basilicaofstandrew.org



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Free account at Formed.org (Click "individuals", enter your email address, then select St. Andrew by Zip code (24016) to access your free account!)



Instagram@basilicaofstandrewroanoke



Scan QR code to go directly to our website

Sacrificial Giving

Collection Report	Dec 7	Dec YTD
Sunday & Holy Days	\$37,689	\$732,564
Maintenance Fund	<u>15,004</u>	<u>78,667</u>
Total received	52,693	811,231
Total income budgeted	<u>41,125</u>	<u>810,725</u>
Better (Worse)	11,568	506

Thank you for your continued support!

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Prayer Requests

Edith Bova, Lillian Karpinsky, Trudy Black, Paul Carlozzi, Darlene Damron, Jennifer Schiavoni, Shirlee Schiavoni, Jim Hopkins, Mary Blachowski, Jane Holt, Billy Rhodes, Renee Wright, Jean Anne Haranzo, David Rodgers, Beth Schultz, Steven Atwell, Janet Sloan, Greg Beliveau, Ray Sweeney, Steve Shepard, Ashley Clemons, Sal Barranco, Clare Shores, Matt Cissel, Kristy White, Pat Magee, Cindy Scott, The Clifford Family, Mary Sheridan, Danielle Alexander, Dolores Fetter, Mary Beth Boyd, Callum Portner, Bill Hughes, Shawn Grace, Catherine D'Ovidio, Julianna Frick, Barbara Harmon, Susan Carter, Teresa Altieri, John Pollard, Teresa Jones, Karen March, Robert Zublionis, Geneva Phillips, Mason McDaniel, Georgia Eck, Abraham Gherman, Lilli Winstead, Tony Winstead, Rick McCoy, Sr., Zoe Grace, Natalia Notorio, McKenzie Anderson, Lucian Metayer, Ed Mayer, Kevin Guardado, Dara Hawkins, Robin Roth, Stuart Hakanson, Mark Pyrak, John Howard, Mary Ann Crock, Ellie Kaufman, Christine Smith, Virginia Warnack, Andy Clark, Cathy Flynn, Kohlton Griffith, Teri Burks, and Raine Walters.



Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity! "Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellagante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years. Learn more at retiredreligious.org.

Seasons of Hope Grief Support Program – St. Andrew will offer the Seasons of Hope Grief Support program from January 22 – February 26, 2026. Seasons of Hope is a Christ-centered spiritual healing and faith-sharing grief support program that runs for six weeks. The next session will meet every Thursday from 1:00-2:30pm in the classrooms on the lower level of the parish center. Space is limited so you must register by calling Kathy the Parish Office or email kmcdaniel@bofsa.org.

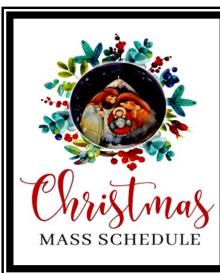


Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Second collection for Commonwealth Catholic Charities on Christmas! Your donation to CCC helps children and families in the Roanoke Valley. They welcome and resettle refugees, help place children in loving foster care homes and assist the homeless to find long-term shelter and permanent housing. *Thank you for remembering CCC again this Christmas!*

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26. We will not have Daily Mass on Friday, December 26.

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday, December 29 at 9:00am.



Wednesday, December 24

4:00pm, 6:30pm and Midnight
Lessons and Carols at 11:00pm

Thursday, December 25

10:00am

Remember in your prayers these parishioners and family members who are actively serving our country in the military: Noah Pires, John Sinclair, Mackenzie Rodgers, Brenna Rodgers, Jacob Kiltz, Cole Hartman, Maximilian Ochalek, James Cooper Fennell, Timothy Dayton, Katherine Dayton, Jonathan Dayton, Alex Boyer, Joe Nuñez, Stephen Kavanaugh, Patrick Bennett, Samuel Edward, Joseph Kelly, James Kelly, Jake Vogel, Mason Alexander, Reeve Alexander, Giovanni Allen, Molly Wharton, Lee Hansen, Elton Darren Lewis, Joel Brian, Matthew Allen Crofton, Joseph Lavinder, Chris Bennett, Gilman Fortin, Brendan Carroll, James Dilling, Reuben Flores, David Jacobs, Robert Clifford, Michael Joslin, Dillon Sims, Kyle Norris, Jarred Shockley, Mark Buchy, Frank Jacob Dowie, Joshua Davis, Marcus Ollie, Steven Jeremy Ayers, Jacob Brookshier, Ches Mitchell, Tommy Nichols, Allen Palumbo, Michael Nghia-Nguyen, Joseph Amos, Timothy Brady, Brian Conlan, Michael Dale Davis, John Downs, William Farmer, Josh Ford, Jamie Guiliams, John Hinkel, Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff, Jarrod Huff, Herbert Jones, Michael Keller, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Matthew McCorkel, Colin McGuire, Pamela T. Schmecht, Joe Spegele and Dustin Stewart.



SAMs (St. Andrew's Moms) News: SAMs is the umbrella group for different activities for Catholic Mothers (no matter your stage in motherhood: young mom, grandma, spiritual mom, mom to be) here at St. Andrew in Roanoke.

Our Mission this year: To provide studies, events, support and resources for moms, grandmas, and spiritual moms in developing our charisms. We hope to teach what charisms are, how/why God grants them, how we can discover our charisms and how to use them for the glory of God in expanding His kingdom in our homes and in the world.



SAMs Playgroup now meets at 3:00pm on **Tuesdays** during the school year.

Join us for our **Nursery Meetup** on **Thursday mornings** from 10:00-11:45am.

For more information on Playgroup and Nursery meetup, please contact Maria at mtrmacbain@icloud.com.

You can find out more about SAMs events and ideas for building your Domestic Church throughout the Liturgical Year on our Facebook Page at: **SAMs ~ St. Andrew's Moms**.

Please email Kris Levy at kalevy63@gmail.com for SAMs details.

Balm for the Body and Soul

A SAMs Evening Event

Friday, Jan. 9th, 2025 6:30 - 8:30pm
In the Basilica Social Hall

Rescheduled due to snow!

Join Frances Grinde and Maria MacBain for a hands on evening of making natural soap and tallow balm while discussing the beautiful union of body and soul and the role of gifts and charisms in nourishing the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us. We will share fellowship, demonstrations, practical product advice, refreshments, and more!

Catholic ladies of all ages are welcome! Moms feel free to bring daughters and friends.

Please bring a favorite holiday appetizer or dessert to share if you are able. \$10 suggested donation to help cover cost of materials.

Please RSVP by Jan. 2nd to Frances Grinde at frances.jammin@gmail.com

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.
~*Proverbs 27:17*

Our Wednesday morning Men's Rosary group is on break.
Our meetings will resume on January 21, 2026.



Our That Man Is You group is on Christmas break. Our spring session starts on **January 21, 2026**.

When not on break, we meet Wednesday mornings, 6:30 - 8:00, in the social hall for faith, fellowship, and breakfast. No registration is required. Contact Jordan Miller at miller.jordanm@icloud.com for more information.

The **Men of St. Andrew's (MenSA)** is taking a Christmas break and will not meet at the end of December. We will resume our usual last Tuesday of the month meetings in January.



All men are welcome! Please contact Erik Moledor at emoledor@bfsa.org with questions or to get added to our email list.

Want to learn more about Catholicism? Interested in joining the Church? Want to get Confirmed? Go to:

basilicaofstandrew.org/becoming-catholic-rcia and submit the contact information form or email Erik at emoledor@bfsa.org.



Are you a Catholic young adult seeking community and faith-centered fun?

LOYAL is for you! We come together to grow in faith and build friendships while keeping Christ at the center. From small groups to hikes, sports, and dinners; there's something for everyone. Ready to connect and live your faith with purpose?

Visit basilicaofstandrew.org/loyal and fill out the form.

Catholicism for Catholics

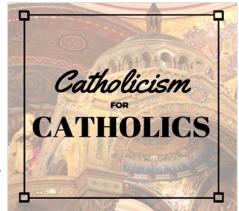
Join us for a refresher on the basics of our Faith!

January 8, 7:15 – 8:15pm

Presenter: Fr. Kevin

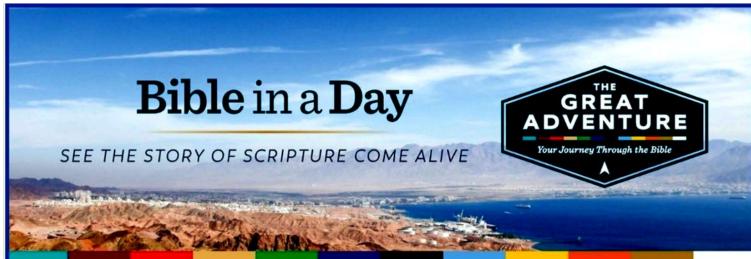
Topic: Confirmation: Consecrated for Mission

Location: Chapel (enter double doors by restrooms)



These are the same presentations given to our Inquiry and Initiation (OCIA) group and will be offered weekly through May 2026. More info is available at:

basilicaofstandrew.org/catholicism-for-catholics



How do all the pieces of the Bible fit together?

In this one-day seminar hosted by Ascension Press and featuring Catholic author and speaker Colin MacIver, you'll discover how the Bible tells one unified story of God's love for his people. Using the same approach behind *The Bible in a Year* (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)® featuring Jeff Cavins – Colin will reveal how the key people, places, and events of Scripture connect from Genesis all the way to the Church today.

From the Diocesan Office of Christian Formation & the Basilica of St. Andrew



Saturday, January 17, 2026

Roanoke Catholic School Gymnasium

9:00 - 9:45 am - Optional Basilica Tour

10:15 am - 4:15 pm - Bible in a Day

Register by December 19!

Limited spaces available!

Cost is \$25 - Lunch included

Register at this site or use the QR code:
basilicaofstandrew.org/bible-studies

All 8th -12th grade teens from across the Diocese are invited to the **Diocesan Youth Conference (DYC)** on February 20-22. DYC is an annual weekend event that gathers hundreds of Catholic teens together in downtown Richmond. From sacraments to free time activities, DYC is an opportunity for teens to experience the joy that comes from living the Catholic faith and to take courage in all things because the Lord is with them – don't miss out! Registration is now open and available by opening the QR code **until January 6**.

- Youth Participants: \$225 (based on 4 youth per room) \$275 (based on 3 youth per room) \$325 (based on 2 youth per room)
- Adult Participants: \$250 (based on 2 adults per room) \$420 (based on 1 adult per room)



Make this the Year of Your Legacy

What better goal for this year than to create your own personal legacy to continue beyond your own lifetime?

The need is real: the poor, the sick and the disenfranchised in our world, Christian ministry and faith formation. Long after our lifetimes there will be people serving others and teaching others about Jesus Christ.

Create your legacy now to support these ministries now and beyond your lifetime.

To learn more, reach out to the parish office and begin a conversation about Legacy Giving.

[\(540\)344-9814 ext 137](http://www.basilicaofstandrew.org/Legacy-Giving)



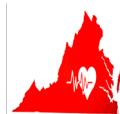
Walk with the Holy Family starting in Advent! To benefit Catholic Relief Services, the **Virginia CRS Chapter** is hosting a state-wide virtual walk-a-thon fundraiser, "**Walking with the Holy Family**", now until **January 4**. Through Advent and the Christmas Season, walk on your own time in solidarity with families who must leave their homelands due to food insecurity, violence, or instability and raise funds to support CRS programs throughout the world. **For more information or to register, visit:** bit.ly/VACRS or scan the QR code.



Save the date on January 15 for Virginia Pro-Life Day! Join us for a day of advocacy in Richmond as you meet directly with your legislators to advocate on a wide variety of pro-life issues. The Basilica of St Andrew will have a bus for people to attend the event. You can sign up for the bus on our website under VA Pro-Life Day at <https://basilicaofstandrew.org/respect-life-ministry>



St. Francis House Food Pantry: Supporting this ministry is as easy as picking up a non-perishable food item on your next trip to the grocery store. **The pantry is also in need of personal hygiene items.** Food collected is also distributed at St. Joseph's Furniture Closet as the need arises. **Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!**



Saint Francis – Manchester

Please join us at the 4th Annual Community Briefing!
A discussion of issues concerning Richmond's seniors

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Virginia War Memorial

7:30 AM – 8:15AM

Breakfast provided

Businesses, churches, and civic groups can make an impact!
Please RSVP to dcrutchfield@saintfrancisrva.org

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday	(10:00 am)	HS Christian Formation
	(10:20 am)	OCIA class
	(10:25 am)	K-8 Christian Formation
Tuesday	(3:00 pm)	Playgroup
Saturday	(9:00 am)	Rosary

JOB OPENING

Job opening: St. Gerard Catholic Church seeks a full-time (30 hrs/week) **Administrative Assistant/Secretary**. This position is responsible for various administrative duties at the parish office, particularly secretarial and receptionist duties in addition to records keeping. Qualifications: High school diploma, bilingual (English and Spanish), proficiency in use of Office 365 and computer skills, some experience required, driver's license. Candidates should submit a resume and Diocesan application to ireyes@richmonddiocese.org. The application can be found at: <https://extranet.richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/CDR-Application-For-Employment-11-17-16.docx>

You are never alone - Women and men who are alone, aged 62 and over, are invited to join this newly formed group. For more information, please call Carol at (540) 355-6862.

Roanoke Catholic School is looking for a **part time varsity baseball coach** for the spring season of 2025-2026 and beyond. Interested candidates should direct questions and/or send a resume, cover letter and diocesan application to Shawn Good, Athletic Director, at: sgood@roanokecatholic.com

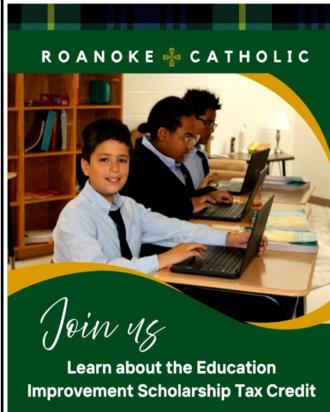
GIVE WITH FAITH. CREATE A LASTING LEGACY.

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give directly from your IRA to the **Basilica of Saint Andrew** without the gift being counted as taxable income. (Age requirements apply.)

In 2025, individuals may give up to **\$108,000** through QCDs; married couples may give up to **\$216,000**.

Your QCD strengthens our ministries, supports our parish family, and helps ensure the Basilica's mission endures for generations. Please prayerfully consider a QCD gift to the Basilica of Saint Andrew in 2025. (Consult your tax advisor.)

Call the office at 540-344-9814 or email Larry at llevy@bofsa.org



A Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts we can offer a child. Seventy-six children from the Basilica of St. Andrew Parish attend Roanoke Catholic School. These families sacrifice deeply because they believe in forming their children into faith, virtue, and academic excellence. But many cannot afford this gift without tuition assistance. One third of these students receive financial assistance from the **Educational Improvement Scholarship Tax Credits Program (EISTC)**.

Today, we want to share a way that you can directly help students and Roanoke Catholic School: When you make a gift through the EISTC program, you will receive 65% of your donation back as a Virginia state tax credit. And if you itemize, you may also claim the remaining amount as a state and federal tax deduction. This means you can make a gift that will change a student's life here in our parish with little impact on your bottom line.

The school disburses scholarships to low- and middle-income students, most of whom would not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.

For those who have appreciated stock, this can be an exceptionally beneficial way to give — not only do you receive the tax credit, but you also avoid the state and federal capital gains tax. With the stock market performing so well recently, this can be an excellent option to lower your tax bill this year.

There is time to donate before the end of the year and claim your 2025 tax credit. Your generosity truly changes the lives of our students and families. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*



Festive Open House at Madonna House: Thursday, January 1, 2026 from 12 noon— 4:00pm, come to Madonna House to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Bring the family to see our Christmas decorations and enjoy a festive buffet lunch. Leave your prayer intentions with the Infant Jesus in our chapel. We will close at 4:00pm with Evening Prayer for this Solemnity honoring Mary, our Mother.

Our next Mass followed by brunch will be on Saturday, January 3, 2026 at 8:30am at 828 Campbell Ave. SW. On that Saturday we will be doing our three traditional Epiphany customs. Call (540) 343-8464 if you have any questions. *Join us!*