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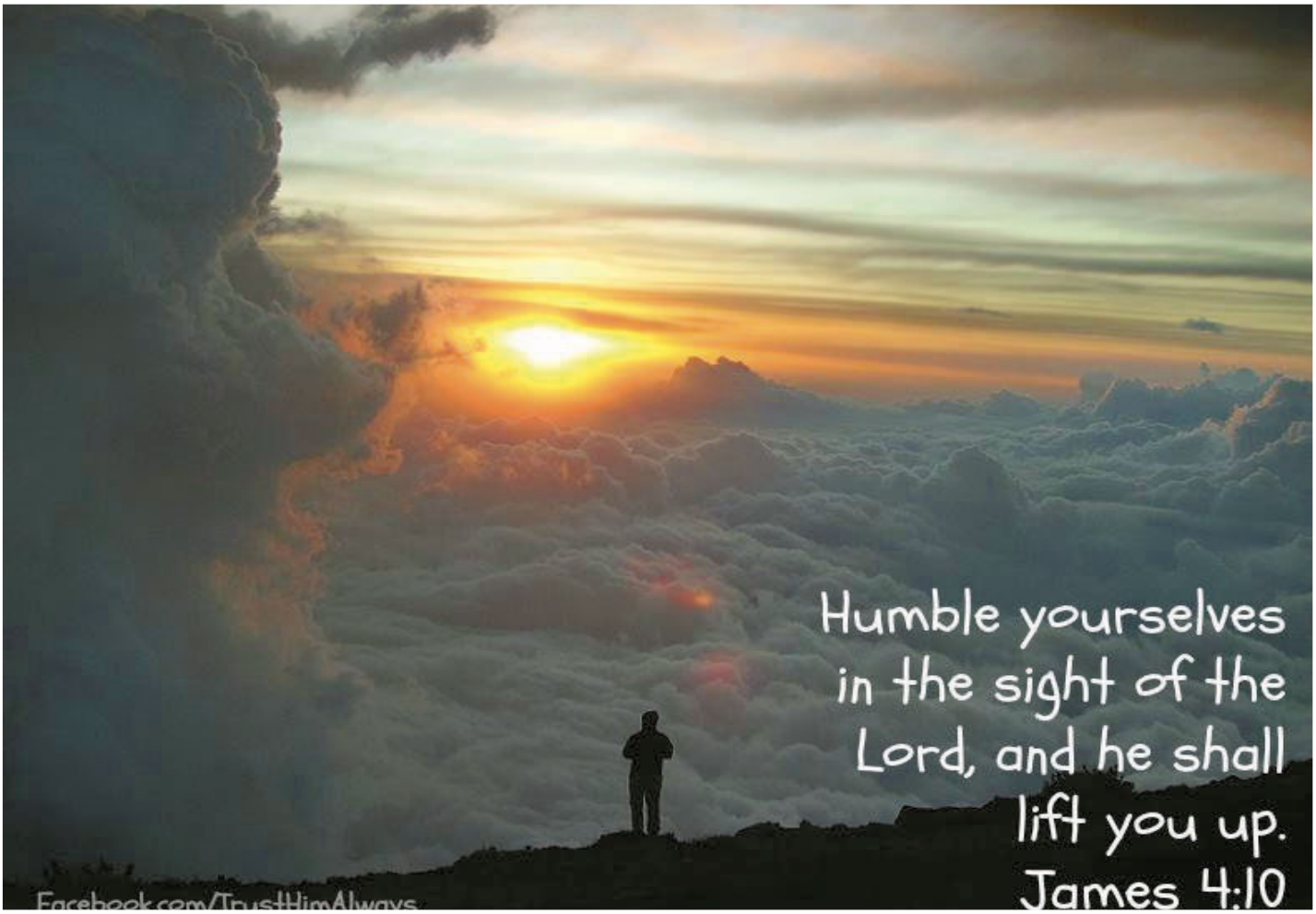

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am
Daily Mass: Monday-Friday: 8:00am
Wednesday: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8:00 am Mass
St. Andrew Mass Association: First Saturday of the month: 8:00 am Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 pm

Parish Office: 732-634-4355
Parish Fax: 732-750-5905
Religious Education Department: 732-636-4261
Parish e-mail: our.church@standrewparish.com
Parish website: www.standrewparish.com
Facebook: St. Andrew's Church Family

For online giving please go to: https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/rev244178

New parishioners are welcomed!
Please register to become a member of our parish.
If your child is 18 years old, or out of college, they should register on their own.
Registration is one of the requirements for sponsor certificates.

Weekday Masses

Mon. 8/29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptisit
8:00 AM	John Banasiak
	Gus Filippini
Tues 8/30	
8:00 AM	Walter Reiger
Wed 8/31	
8:00 AM	Dorothy Pelzman
Thurs 9/01	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
8:00AM	Joseph Trackim
Fri. 9/02	
8:00AM	Robert Gallagher
	Pamela Shear
Sat. 9/03	
8:00AM	Mass Association
4:00PM Vigil	Barbara Golden
Sun. 9/04	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM	Vincent Calabrese
10:00 AM	Dorothy Pelzman
11:30 AM	Our Parish Family

Liturgical Ministry

Saturday, September 3rd

4:00PM

Lector:	K. Gallagher
Eucharistic Ministers:	C. Filidei, P. Misura
Altar Servers:	**D. Malovetz, P. Cassidy**

Sunday, September 4th

8:00AM

Lector:	M. Banick
Eucharistic Ministers:	B. Viater, H.Werte

10:00AM

Lector:	T. Botti
Eucharistic Ministers:	J. Huerta, E. Potyrala
Altar Servers:	**A. Villaluna**

11:30AM

Lector:	J. Hugelmeyer
Eucharistic Ministers:	D. Ramos, M. Ramos
Altar Servers:	**D. Cohen, A. Cohen**

Reminder: The rectory will reopen on Fridays starting Sept. 9th

Congratulations to the Newly Married

Michael Maffei and Carly Fazio

PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST

This summer we are updating our prayer list. We also do not recommend putting the last name because of scammers who are taking the names and calling people.

Please pray for:

Dawn F., Allan L., Carol S., Kathy M., Peter J., Dan A., Michelle C., Christine M., Jake & Mary S.,

Names will be published for three months, unless otherwise requested.

CANDLES (9/03/22)

BLESSED MOTHER

Emily Almeida (Healing)
Kenneth Matulonis
Frank Matulonis, Jr. & Sr
Torra Family
Bob Conway
Lucy & Joseph Trackim
George & Dorothy Schnepf
Kenny, Eddie & Robert Sprague
Fran Vaselovic
Jim Vaselovic

SACRED HEART

Farkas & Casale Families
Quinn/Nolan
Rose & Michael Copertino

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Sara Marie Eastman, Peter and Michele Guaracci, Capt. Timothy Hansen, Major Patrick Higgins, Justin Kitchen, Patrick Muir, Lance Corporal Christopher Sadowski, Staff Sergeant Keith Zalasar

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

St. Andrew St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to help out families in need with any utilities, rent and food cards. All calls are confidential. Please call 732-770-5260

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to become a **Lector or Eucharistic Minister**, please call the rectory at 732-634-4355.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

The Ministry of Altar Servers is recruiting new members, boys and girls aged 8 to 16 years old and have already received their First Communion. Those who are interested please contact the rectory at 732-634-4355.

AN INVITATION

Are you willing to guide someone on their journey of faith? The RCIA team invites you to sponsor an adult candidate as they prepare to become a member of the Catholic Church and receive the Sacrament's of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Share and deepen your own understanding of the Good News while welcoming new members into the community of the faithful. For more information, please call the rectory 732-634-4355.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022

ST. ANDREW MASS ASSOCIATION

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NEW AND RENEWED NAMES FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

THE MASS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3RD AT 8:00AM

REQUESTED FOR:	***REQUESTED BY***:
Jasson Cwiekalo	Tom & Arlene Botti
Alex DiPace	Kevin Quinn
Wendall Ubelhoer	Dot
Jennifer Matlin	Carol Hogrebe
Raymond Hoptak	The Clark Family

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry our his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

Registration is required. Please register online at: https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org.

Registration will close on October 7, 2022.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE

Please join the diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA, Bishop of Metuchen on Saturday, September 24, 2022 to celebrate the closing event of the 40th Anniversary of the Diocese of Metuchen. Bishop Checchio will also welcome Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio, to the United States, the personal and official representative of Pope Francis, to join us on this prayerful day. For a schedule of the day, additional information, and a list of parishes running buses to the Basilica, please visit: www.diometuchen.org/pilgrimage-in-honor-of-the-40th-anniversary. For questions or concerns, please contact amarshall@diometuchen.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Teacher assistants are needed in our Religious Education for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades. Third grade meets on Monday Starting on September 12th and 1st and 2nd grades meet on Wednesday starting September 14th. Both classes are at 6:00PM Responsibilities are assisting students who may need extra help, taking attendance, checking homework, helping with projects etc. If you can help, please contact the Office of Religious Education at 732-636-4261. Adults will need to attend a Protecting God's Children session and be fingerprinted. The parish will cover the cost.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Before your child receives the sacrament of Baptism, parents are required to attend a pre-Baptism class. The class is given to refresh parents' knowledge about the Sacrament of Baptism. Godparents are encouraged to attend, but it is not required. Parents who have had children previously within 3 years of the current baby are exempt from attending. Classes will be held on Wednesday evening every other month. ***Parents are urged to call to set up a Baptism at least two months prior to the date of their choice.*** Please call the parish office for the schedule and to register for the class (732-634-4355) **The next class is scheduled for September 7, 2022 at 7:00PM.**

Backpack Collection

Backpack donations are needed for the children of the Perth Amboy Food Pantry. You may drop off the backpacks in the church hall. Thank you for helping the children start off their school year with a positive attitude and a grateful heart.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

We welcome all (including youth) who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church, or those who were Baptized and never received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Also, for those who have been Baptized in another Christian church, we welcome you into this Catholic Preparation program. Please call the rectory at 732-634-4355.

This program begins this Summer/Fall 2022. The Sacraments are celebrated in the Spring at the Easter Vigil.

Bingo Update

Thank you to the many people who are willing to volunteer at our weekly Tuesday Night Bingo. We have four core team leaders and over 25 volunteers but more are needed.

All this depends on your participation. Bingo is a nice way for people to socialize, and many miss it. We are constantly receiving calls asking when we will have Bingo. Please consider donating one night per month to help our program move forward.

LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER, METUCHEN, NJ

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

You Can Help a Mother Choose Life!

St. Andrew Church is hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessings" Campaign for **Life Choices Resource Center**, Metuchen. w**ww.LifeChoicesRC.com**

For over 37 years, **Life Choices** has been serving women and families in our local communities by offering **FREE** services and support including ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, material goods, counseling, hope and friendship for those facing crisis pregnancies. By supporting the "Baby Bottle Blessings" fundraiser and assisting our families in need, you are helping to **spread the Gospel of Life** while building a legacy of Love in our local communities here in Middlesex County. Please take home a bottle or donation form. Fill the bottle or fill out the donation form with your cash, check or credit card information and return it by September 25th or sooner. Drop the bottles in the collection bin at St. Andrew's OR drop the donation form in the collection basket. You can also mail the donation form directly to: **Life Choices Resource Center**, 503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Donations can be made on-line at www.LifeChoicesRC.com.

You are in our prayers! We ask you to keep the babies and families in your prayers as well.

Your gift will help save a baby's life! Thank you!

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International Exhibition
The Eucharistic Miracles of the World
August 22 through August 28th

Answer the USCCB's call to Eucharistic Revival by following Blessed Carlo to his "Highway to Heaven." Please check on line for the times and schedule of events. Go to St. Cecelia Church, Iselin website for further information

SACRED HEART CHURCH, SOUTH PLAINFIELD

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Sacred Heart, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7PM in the Annex Building. The next meeting is September 14th we will be both in person and online. Please email for more information emailingsacredheartigi@gmail.com. or call Fr. John at 908 756 0633 ext.125. The group is open to adults 18 and over, and their families.

MOTHER SETON GALA AND SILENT AUCTION

Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, NJ is pleased to announce the 2022 Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition. Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to attend. The festivities will include cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner. A silent auction and gift basket raffle are also planned. The event will be held on Friday evening, October 14, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Ariana's Grand, 800 Rahway Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07095. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit MSRGala.org or email Gala@motherseton.org.

SYNOD 2023
METUCHEN DEANERY
LISTENING SESSIONS

In each of the eight deaneries in the Diocese of Metuchen, a Synod Listening that we may respond to the Holy Father's call to journey together, to engage in dialogue with one another, and to listen to what the Lord is asking of us. Registration is requested for the listening sessions. To view the list of hosting parishes and to register, visit: **diometuchen.org/synod2023**

Dear Parishioners,
Humility is the only way that leads us to God.

The Mocking of Christ, by Fra Angelico, Florence

The message of the Gospels is clear: the birth of Jesus is a universal event that touches all of humanity. At the same time, it leads us to Him. Humility leads us also to the essentials of life, to its truest meaning, to the most trustworthy reason for why life is truly worth living.

Humility opens us up to the experience of truth, of authentic joy, of knowing what matters. Without humility we are 'cut off', we are cut off from understanding God and from understanding ourselves. Humility is needed to understand ourselves, all the more so to understand God. If we become "bloated" with pride, we cannot fit through "the narrow door" leading to life, as we learned in last week's Gospel.

Let's remember: the Creator of the universe was not given a place to be born! Perhaps this was in anticipation of what the evangelist John would say: "He came to his own home, and his own people received him not" *(Jn* 1:11). What Jesus Himself would say: "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head." (*Lk* 9:58)

All through Jesus' life he always seems to be descending, At the Last Supper he stoops to wash the feet of the Apostles. On Calvary, Jesus humbled himself and died on the wood of the cross. The Gospel calls this the "Kenosis", the self-emptying of Christ. Pouring out his life Jesus died on the cross giving everything to the Father for us.

Fra Angelico painted frescoes on the cell walls of his brother monks in the Chiesa di San Marco (now a museum). Above is an intense meditation on the passion, Jesus as the Suffering King. Here, Angelico did not paint the full bodies of Jesus' tormentors, but only the body parts used to maltreat the Lord. One hand is ready to slap him; the head spits upon him; the other hand is ready to pull at the beard; and one hand holds a rod ready to strike him. Another hand is ready to push him off the throne. Not pictured here, but in the foreground, is Mary seated beneath the throne, and St. Dominic is touching his cheek to show that he feels the pain that Jesus is experiencing.

To learn humility we are called to look upon Jesus and this great mystery of humble love. How can one so powerful and tender, stoop so low? His love burns always all pride and anger. Mother Teresa has given us the key to becoming humble, "We learn humility through accepting humiliations cheerfully!"

Fr. David

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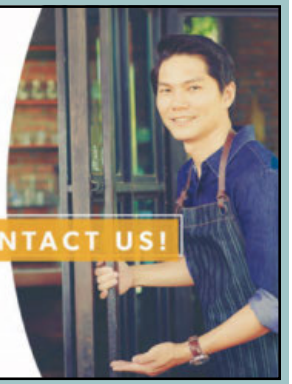

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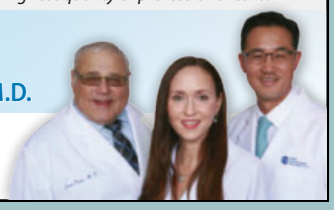

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