

# St. Andrew Church, Avenel



**Come Home for Christmas**

## Christ-MASS Schedule

**TUESDAY: 4:00 PM, 10:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY: 10:00 AND 11:30 AM**

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday 8:00 am followed by Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday: Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8:00 am Mass

Mass Association: First Saturday of the month: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00 pm

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**New Years Bingo: Tuesday, Dec. at 7:30 PM to Midnight. Extended games!!!**

## Mass Intentions:

Mon. 12/23

8:00AM

Baby Mary DePalma  
Tommy Abburscato

Tues 12/24

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM

Robert Mencor, Jr.

10:00PM

Peter & Frances Torra

12:00AM

Frances Kosmoski

Wed. 12/25

10:00AM

Billy Poulsen

11:30AM

Fiore Family  
Janet Sacripanti

Thurs 12/26

8:00AM

Joan Gibilisco  
Mary Motta

Fri. 12/27

8:00AM

Emily & John Gornicz

Sat. 12/28

The Holy Innocents

4:00PM Vigil

Our Parish Family

Sun. 12/29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM

Robert Borden

10:00 AM

St. Andrew Knights of Columbus Corporate Mass

11:30 AM

Schnepf Family

## Liturgical Ministry

### Tuesday, December 24th

4:00PM Vigil Mass

Lector:

TBD

Eucharistic Ministers:

D. Murray, S. Minetta

Altar Servers

D. Malovetz, E. Anthony

10:00PM Vigil Mass

Lector:

L. Torra

Eucharistic Ministers:

T. Hogrebe

Altar Servers

M. Abner, B. Manabedu

### Wednesday, December 25th

10:00AM Vigil Mass

Lector:

T. Botti

Eucharistic Ministers:

B. Viater, E. Potyrala

Altar Servers

D. Hubany

11:30AM Vigil Mass

Lector:

S. Peitz

Eucharistic Ministers:

D. Ramos, M. Ramos

Altar Servers

A. Cohen, D. Cohen

### Saturday, December 28th

4:00PM Vigil Mass

Lector:

K. Matzura

Eucharistic Ministers:

P. Misura, L. Torra

Altar Servers:

D. Hubany

### Sunday, December 29th

8:00AM

Lector:

M. Banick

Eucharistic Ministers:

H. Werte, E. Potyrala

10:00AM

Lector:

T. Botti

Eucharistic Ministers:

D. Farkas, A. Botti

Altar Servers:

W. Arocho

11:30AM

Lector:

K. Gallagher

Eucharistic Ministers

A. Vanco, D. Vanco

Altar Servers:

B. Manabedu



**BINGO VOLUNTEERS –THANK YOU!**

**December 24, 2024**

**NO BINGO**

**HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

## **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

## **PARISHIONER PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray for:**

Rosalie M., Joel R., Nicole P., Michelle M., Allison S., Alice W.,  
Marie S., John B., Lynn P., Connor C., Brian M., Michael C., Joseph  
M., Joseph D., Frank L., Joe P., Mary G. Anthony & Josephine T.,  
Baby Billy M., Patty M., Lisa B., Richard & Ann G., Carol N., Thomas  
J., James L., Christina S., Mary M., Tara R., Anthony G., Donna O.,  
Jim G., C. Booth, Carol K., Casey H., Robert W., Karen P., Oliver A.,  
Carrisa, Bob K., Richie H., William S., Fitzy., Doug C., Brian C.,  
Michelle V., Wayne M., Brian B., Lisa M., Rita D., Margaret D.,  
Joseph G., Ann G., Jack M., Carol Mc., Carmela S., Kathy B., Tom B.,  
Michael M., John M., Olguitha P., Taisha., Kenisha K., Dennis R., Pat  
J., Rosemarie S., Kenny B., Marie I., Rhonda H., Marie C., John M.,  
Joe D., Pam C., Gina L., Marty S., Janice S., Lisa K.,

## **Events**

Mon. 12/23 6:00PM No Religious Education

Tues. 12/24 4:00PM Mass

10:00PM Mass

**NO BINGO**

Wed. 12/25 10:00AM Mass

11:30AM Mass

Sat. 12/28 3:00PM Confessions

4:00PM Vigil Mass

Sun. 12/29 8:00AM Mass

10:00AM Mass

11:30AM Mass

*Please remember the Rectory Office will be closed during  
the Christmas and New Year Holidays. We wish you and  
your family a Very Happy and Blessed Christmas and New  
Year!*

## **CANDLES (12/28/2024)**

### **BLESSED MOTHER**

Frank Matulonis, Jr. & Sr.  
Kenneth Matulonis  
Robert Conway  
Lucy & Joe Trackim  
George & Dorothy Schnepf  
Rose & Michael Copertino  
Billy & Ginny Higgins

### **SACRED HEART**

Quinn/Nolan families  
Farkas & Casale Families  
Torra Family  
The Joyce Family  
The Horniacek Family  
The Vitale Family

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 22, 2024

#### **RETROUVAILLE FOR COUPLES IN TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

Retrouvaille for Couples in Troubled Marriages assists couples who are presently experiencing serious problems in their marriage. It consists of a weekend experience from Friday night to Sunday afternoon and is followed by six post-weekend sessions. Both partners must express a desire to attend the weekend and a willingness to work at their marriage.

**\*\*Before registering, all couples must first speak to and be screened by Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 and/or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748\*\***

**The next Retrouvaille weekend in the Diocese of Metuchen will be February 28 - March 2, 2025.**

*Come Pray a*  
**ROSARY**  
*for* **LIFE**  
*with Bishop James F. Checchio*


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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**  
**AT 1:00 PM**  
**MAIN STREET, WOODBRIDGE, NJ**

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**IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

You are asked to park and meet in the  
St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm, 369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ  
There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend.  
For more information, please contact [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)

 **DIocese of  
METUCHEN**

#### **MAKING THE GOOD NEWS KNOWN**

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you! We invite you to share your news with us by emailing [communications@diometuchen.org](mailto:communications@diometuchen.org) and, as always, [news@catholicspirit.com](mailto:news@catholicspirit.com).

#### **ST. ANDREW ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY**

The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank all our parishioners and merchants for supporting our Christmas Bazaar.

**Thank you** to our Rosarians and all those who donated their time to help make our Bazaar a success! Thank you Fr. David for all your help and support and the beautiful painting you did and donated it to the bazaar.



**The Altar Rosary Society  
would like to thank William  
White for his generous  
donation of the Christmas  
Wreaths and all who**

**purchased them, that made our fund  
raiser a great success!!!**

#### **NEW YEARS EVE BINGO**

**7:30PM –10:00pm**

Then followed by 2 more  
hours of pull tabs, prizes  
and \$1,000 jackpot and  
\$1,000 pull tab!!!



Ending at Midnight. Come and watch the  
Ball drop in NYC on a large screen TV.

#### **ROOF RESTORATION**

We are in the final stages of examining the roof with a roofing engineering company. Thank you for your contributions.

So far the leaks are traced to deteriorated old tar paper under the tiles. Fixing this would give us at least another 60 – 75 years, and would not alter the appearance of the church. Additionally, the terracotta tiles, if properly maintained, also have more ventilation and are more durable and energy efficient than the asphalt shingles.



**Thank you for your generosity.**

## **Adult Enrichment Course** **"Eschatology Parts I and II"**

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering two Adult Enrichment Courses entitled "Eschatology Part I: Vision of Hope" and "Eschatology Part II: The Book of Revelation" at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Classes are presented by Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D.

Part I will be held on Thursdays for 6 consecutive weeks starting February 6, 2025 through March 13, 2025 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. It will explore major themes of eschatology such as the Second Coming, final judgement, and Heaven & hell. The registration fee is \$20 and covers the 6 classes of Eschatology Part I.

Part II will be held on Thursdays from March 20, 2025 through May 29, 2025 (no class April 17 for Holy Thursday). The course will be a continuation of Part I and will examine the Book of Revelation using Catholic exegesis to study apocalyptic imagery such as The Seven Seals, The Woman Clothed with the Sun, and The Heavenly Rider. The registration fee is \$20, covering the 10 classes of Eschatology Part II. Furthermore, the New American Bible will be used in class and can be included in registration for an additional \$10, if needed.

You may register online at [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation) (Part I and Part II have two separate registration links). For more information, please email: [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

## **Perpetual Adoration** **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament**

The Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, in Raritan, is looking for adorers to sit with the Blessed Sacrament Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is also being offered the third Thursday of each Month (Night Vigil) from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Anyone interested in signing up should visit <https://blessedsacramentshrine.com/>.

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## **Christmas Schedule**

### **Tuesday, Dec. 24th**

Vigil Mass for Christmas

4:00 PM

10:00 PM

Midnight Mass with guest priest,  
Fr. Peter Aquino, Main Concelebrant.  
This Mass begins at 12 midnight

### **Wednesday, Dec. 25th**

Christmas Day 10 and  
11:30 AM (*no 8:00 AM Mass*)



### **Saturday, Dec. 29th Vigil 4 PM**

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

### **Tuesday, Dec. 31st,**

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary 4:00 PM

**Wednesday, January 1, 2025** 10:00 AM

### **Saturday, January 4th, 2025**

4:00 PM Vigil Mass for Epiphany

**Sunday, January 5, 2025** Feast of the Epiphany,  
8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 AM

## **CATHOLIC MOM**

Catholic Mom (<https://www.catholicmom.com/>) is a community of women encouraging and supporting one another in the vocation of Catholic motherhood. Catholic Mom is part of Holy Cross Family Ministries (<https://www.hcfm.org/>) founded by Venerable Patrick Peyton ("The family that prays together stays together") and features more than 145 contributors from all walks of life. Today, more than ever, moms, grandmothers, teachers, and catechists need quick access to inspiring content on family, faith, and fun that they can trust. Featuring daily blog posts, Daily Gospel Reflections, a Catholic Momcast, Sunday Gospel Activities, and so much more, Catholic Mom is a great resource for everyday moms in the heart of their homes. Please consider sharing this website with your parishioners on your website or in your weekly bulletin. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication: [acarlisle@diometuchen.org](mailto:acarlisle@diometuchen.org)



Dear Brothers and sisters,

Many today are living with a heart full of worry, pessimism and fear. Christmas is the antidote for these worries because we celebrate the truth that "God is with us, Emmanuel."

Christ is the Light shining in the darkness, for the whole world. The weary world, wounded by sin, can rejoice, for the Lord's message is truth for the world, and only "truth can set us free and draw us close to Christ."



"There is no Christmas without the poor" Pope Francis

The Trust is this, "God so loved the world that he gave his only son." (John 3:16.)

In prayers, let us enter into the stable. In silence and contemplation, we look and see the baby in the manger. The Christ Child transforms the dark and cold stable and makes it a place of warmth and love. It is this reality that fills our hearts with Joy.

Many today reduce Christmas to the externals. Some measure the joy of Christmas to the amount paid on a gift. Christ instead is good news for the poor; it is a Feast that takes place in the homes and hearts. We are not AI robots but humans who can extend love, friendship and compassion. God chose to come into the world as a helpless little baby to teach us the path of humility and service. Religions exist around the world, and they all show man trying to find God. For Christians it is the opposite, "God comes to search for and to find us! Perhaps he comes for the sick, overwhelmed, confused, or feeling abandoned by God. Mother Teresa of Calcutta when she would sign her name, often added a simple phrase above her signature: God loves you. Let us remember this and write it upon our hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit.



With the Opening of the Holy Doors in St. Peter's in Rome, we begin a Jubilee Year of Joy. This Holy Year is an invitation to focus on the virtue of Hope. Optimism is just a wish, but Christian hope is a reality. Hope is like looking through a keyhole and seeing a glorious brilliant city of gold on the other side. Hope is based on truth, that the best is yet to come.

Fr. Dave

**Holy Year Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, Venice, Perugia,  
Nov 10-21, 2025**

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*Celebrate the Holy Year of Hope*

*with our parish family!*

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