

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 25, 2025

Whoever loves me will keep my word. John 14:23

#### SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAY 24	SATURE	DAY OF THE FITH WEEK OF EASTER	CELEBRANT				
8:30 am	СНА	Louisa Zadecky by Judy Cioccio	Fr. Tom				
4:00 pm	DON	Caroline & Christopher Bettinelli by Christine & Ronald Janney	Fr. Pierre				
5:00 pm	CHA	Peg Chacko by Marsha & Dan Chacko	Fr. Levi				
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pierre				
MAY 25	SIXTH S	UNDAY OF EASTER	CELEBRANT				
8:30 am	DON	Nancy Sabol Jespersen by the Jespersen Family	Fr. Tom				
9:00 am	CHA	Alex & Jennie Adam by The Adam Family	Fr. Pierre				
11:00 am	MON	Armeda & Francis Brady by Francine, Katie & Molly	Fr. Tom				
12:30 pm (Haitian)	СНА	Unity in the Body of Christ	Fr. Pierre				
<b>MAY 26</b>	MEMOR	IAL OF SAINT PHILIP NERI, PRIEST					
8:30 am	СНА	Edmond T Weckoski by Mom, Dad & Joe					
MAY 27	TUESDA	TUESDAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER					
8:30 am	DON	Gene Patterson by Wife, Patty Patterson					
MAY 28	VIGIL O	F THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION					
7:00 pm	MON	Dorothy Petrus by Bob & Dorothy Nako					
MAY 29	SOLEM	NITY OF THE ASCENSION					
8:30 am	DON	People of the Parish					
12:00 pm	СНА	James "Mouse" Chacko by Marsha & Dan Chacko					
7:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish					
7:30 pm (Haitian)	СНА	People of the Parish					
MAY 30	FRIDAY	OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER					
8:30 am	MON	Rita Sambol by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beresteky					
MAY 31	SATURE	DAY OF THE SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER	CELEBRANT				
8:30 am	СНА	Gjek Nuculaj by Justin & Valentina Tomko	Fr. Tom				
4:00 pm	DON	Bill Fritch By Dave & Sarah Natali	Fr. Levi				
5:00 pm	CHA	James Yelanich, Sr. by Ruth Yelanich	Fr. Jerry				
6:00 pm	MON	Irene Dzimiera by John & Linda Dugan	Fr. Levi				
JUNE 1	SEVENT	H SUNDAY OF EASTER	CELEBRANT				
8:30 am	DON	Pinchalk Maytan Family by Martha & Larry Diess	Fr. Pierre				
9:00 am	СНА	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi				
11:00 am	MON	Charles Krisfalusy by Kathy O'Rourke Krisfalusy	Fr. Tom				
12:30 pm (Haitian)	СНА	Unity in the Body of Christ	Fr. Pierre				



# -SACRAMENTS-



### MASS SCHEDULE/ ORE MAS

#### Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora 5:00pm - Charleroi

6:00pm - Monongahela

#### Sunday/Dimanch

8:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:00am - Monongahela

12:30pm - Charleroi

#### Weekday Mass Times/ Tan Mas jou lasèman

Monday/Lendi

Charleroi 8:30am

Tuesday/Madi

Donora 8:30am

Wednesday/Mèkredi

Monongahela 7:00pm

Thursday/Jedi

Donora 8:30am

Friday/Vandredi

Monongahela 8:30am

Saturday/Samdi

Charleroi 8:30am

This schedule does not reflect holidays or Holy Days.
Orè sa a pa reflete jou ferye oswa jou apa pou Bondye.

#### **DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Peter's Pence** 

June 29, 2025

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, May 18th Offertory:

\$14,112



#### **RAPTISM**

For arrangements and to schedule a class please call 724-258-7794



#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

In danger of death please call the parish office at any time. If in the hospital or a skilled nursing facility, please ask the nursing staff to contact the priest on call.



#### **MARRIAGE**

Please contact the parish office to set a meeting with a member of the clergy no less than <u>six months</u> before the proposed wedding date.



#### **PENANCE**

Mondays, Charleroi 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, Monongahela 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays, Donora 3:00 p.m.to 3:45 p.m.

First Fridays, Donora 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

By appointment, please call the parish office.



"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE."

JOHN 8:12



THE SANCTUARY
CANDLE BURNS THIS
WEEK IN

#### CHARLEROI FOR

MARY CALCEK
By: Joe & Donna Caruso

#### **DONORA FOR**

DECEASED MEMBER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

#### MONONGAHELA FOR

WILLIAM NICCOLAI

By: Family

## **CLERGY**

## A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace, love, and joy to you in Christ Jesus our Lord! We are just two weeks away from Pentecost and that means we are just two weeks away from a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth! This outpouring is not an abstract thing or something that is for everyone but you. No, it is for you! The outpouring of the Holy Spirit is for every child of God and the Scripture says that God does not ration the Spirit! Therefore, if we are open to receiving the Spirit, we can be sure that He will fill us! In the Gospel this weekend we here that if we keep the commandments of God, the Father and Son will come and make their dwelling within each of us, and they do that through the working of the Spirit!

How can we experience the presence and power of God in our lives? The answer to this question is both simple and complicated! The simple answer to this question is love God and love your neighbor. The complicated answer is how exactly each of us do that. Loving God means having a loving relationship with Him, listening to Him, being obedient to Him, and sharing our lives and struggles, and joys with him. The reason that most people do not experience the presence and power of God in their daily lives is that they are not open nor do they paying attention to work of God.

During the Life in the Spirit Seminar, we have had some really powerful experiences of the Holy Spirit and I am sure that those who have been attending the Seminar are going to have an amazing Pentecost! One of the great graces that came during the Life in the Spirit Seminar teachings was the wisdom to see the working of the Holy Spirit in the Sacraments. Think about it, Christ is present in all of the sacraments, but who makes Him present? It the Spirit that comes down upon the gifts at Mass and transforms ordinary bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ! It is the Spirit that is poured out in confession for the forgiveness of sins! It is the Spirit who gives the gift of Holy Orders to men ordained to the priesthood! All of our Sacraments function through the power and the working of the Holy Spirit! Without the Holy Spirit there are no Sacraments. Without the Holy Spirit there is no way to know God. The Holy Spirit is the one who enlightens our minds and enables us to know Jesus and the Father!

This week we celebrate Ascension Thursday, which is a big deal because when Jesus ascended into heaven, he brought his humanity with him! That means that through the person of Jesus Christ humanity is able to dwell in the Divine! Jesus's ascension is also a big deal because He told his disciples that it would be better for Him to go so that He could send down the Holy Spirit!

Ascension Thursday to Pentecost is the original novena of the Church! It is the nine days that Jesus asked His apostles to wait until the Promise of the Father, which is the Holy Spirit! Now it is our turn to anticipate with great joy the coming of Holy Spirit! Let us prepare our hearts by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost and by attending our parish retreat on June 7<sup>th</sup>! I am so looking forward to this time of renewal with all of you!



Reverend Levi Hartle
Pastor

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him we humbly
pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly

host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

## PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious Saint Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God. With your friend Saint John, you remained with Jesus for that day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity. As you led your brother Saint Peter to Christ and many others after Him, draw us also to Him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for Him and dedication in His service. Help us to learn the lesson of the cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus. Amen.

## LITURGY PREPARATION

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

There is a term for Christians on earth who are awaiting the joy of heaven; we are called the Church Militant because we're still in the battle to get to heaven. Those that are being purified in purgatory are known as the Church Suffering, because they are enduring the purifying flames to be made perfect. And lastly, those in heaven are called the Church Triumphant because they have persevered and been made worthy of entering heaven. In last week's reading from Revelation, we heard about John's vision of the "new Jerusalem," or the Church Triumphant, and the ones who "have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb." (Rev. 7:14) We also read about a broad, sweeping description of the beauty and perfection of the coming time when there will be no more suffering, and all will be made new.

In today's portion of Revelation it transitions from that broad picture and

zooms in to focus on the city of Jerusalem specifically. John's vision from the second reading today depicts the city of Jerusalem descending from heaven. If you recall from last week, the city of Jerusalem is representative of the Church as a whole, and it is "new" because its members have been purified and are perfect in heaven. As Jerusalem descends, John first notices its beauty. The city is described as gleaming "with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal." (Rev. 21:11) Next is the perfect symmetry of the city with twelve gates and twelve layers of foundation. The twelve gates are representative of the twelve tribes of Israel, and the twelve layers of the foundation are representative of the twelve apostles, who form the foundation of the Church, with Jesus Christ being the cornerstone. The twelve tribes are from the Old Testament and the Old Covenant, while the apostles are from the New Testament and the New Covenant. Both the Old Testament and Old Covenant are fulfilled in the New, which links everyone in the fullness of eternal life.

Inside the city, it's noted that there is no temple. This would have stuck out to a first-century Jew because Jerusalem was known as having the temple that housed the Holy of Holies, which was God's presence in the temple. In Revelation, it's made known that God himself is the temple, as well as the source of light for the city. "I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." (Rev. 21:22-23)

Throughout the ages, the earthly city of Jerusalem and its temple went through destruction and pillaging on more than one occasion. Eventually, the city would get rebuilt after each hostile invasion, but the contrast here is that the new Jerusalem is completely indestructible and will never face threats again. We too, share in the hope of one day being transformed into our most complete selves, never to face sin or death again!



Amanda Nicholson Music & Liturgy

# Liturgical Overview

Season: Easter

Length: 8 weeks

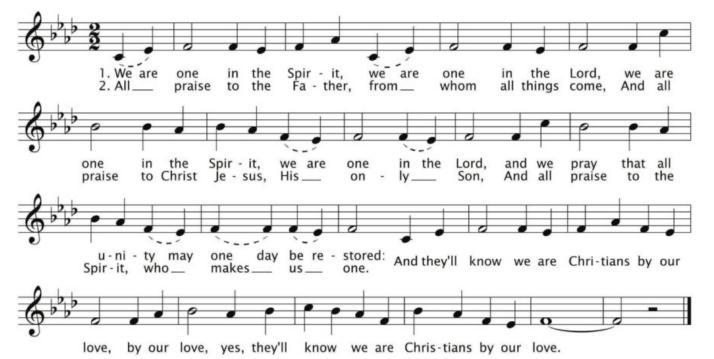
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Symbolism: purity, joy, glory, and light

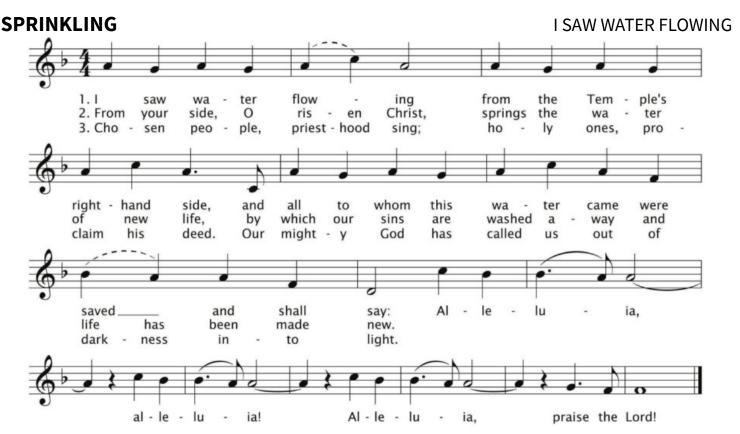
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#### **OPENING HYMN**

#### THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS



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#### **GLORIA** MASS OF RENEWAL



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

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We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *R*.

#### FIRST READING

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:

"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin:

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8



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- O God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
   So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. R.
- Let the nations be glad and shout for joy; with uprightness you rule the peoples;
- you guide the nations, the nations on earth, you guide the nations on earth. *R.*
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
   May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. R.

#### SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west.

The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

### GOSPEL JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



#### PROFESSION OF FAITH

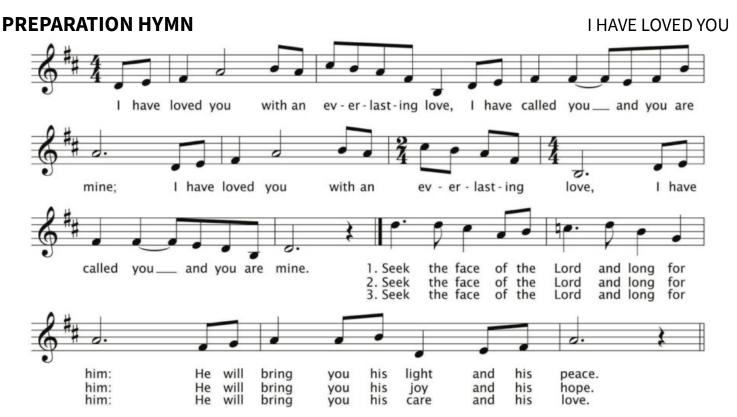
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the

Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

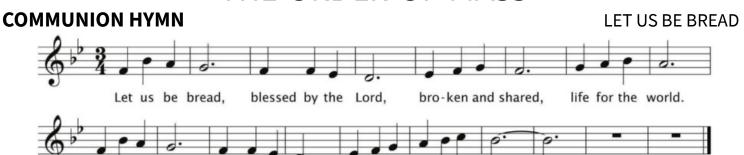
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



Text: Jeremiah 31:3, Psalm 24:3; Michael Joncas, Tune: Michael Joncas, © 1979, OCP





Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

Text: Thomas J. Porter, b.1958, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

- 1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.
- 2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.
- 3. See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.
- 4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.



Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929 Tune: MATERNA, CMD; Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903.

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## **GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST**

## It is a Decision of the Holy Spirit and of Us

#### **REST IN PEACE**

In the charity of your prayers we kindly ask that you please pray for the repose of the soul of

#### Michael Enright

May perpetual light shine upon his soul and may all the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Very early on the church leadership, the apostles and elders were faced with some very momentous pastoral challenges in their care and direction of the Church. The "hot button" issue of their day was the question of the Jews relationship to the Gentiles and what would be required of them for full inclusion into the Body.

It's helpful to observe that there were disputes among the leadership as to what was the right thing to do. What is so comforting, however was their decision to "take council together." Representatives were present, together with Paul and Barnabas and the apostles and elders to discuss the matter. The decision was made after the active testimony of Paul and Barnabas and Peter.



Paco Gavrilides Formation

In the letter sent to the Gentile believers through the agency of Judas and Silas there is the clear declaration that "it is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us" that was the determinative moment in deciding what to do.

Why is this so significant? What we have is a living model for how to make important decisions as mature Christians. We are to actively discuss together the issue before us without fear or worry. We come to the discussion open to receiving more light and understanding through the dialogue. We then listen to one another very carefully to hear the truth and reasonableness of the other's point of view. We weigh the evidence presented and allow it to impact our thinking and judgement. After the full discussion we weigh the facts together and proceed to make the best decision based on the truth and the facts and circumstances before us.

The underlying assumptions are that we truly want to do the will of God and not our own. We want what is best for the common good and not just our individual good. We want to please God and give him glory. Everyone should accept the general consensus and actively support it without grumbling and complaining. Active cooperation in living out the decision makes for the greatest peace and allows the Spirit to move among us.

As faith filled Christians, we call upon the Holy Spirit before the meeting begins. We listen to the conversations with an attentiveness to the inner witness of the Holy Spirit to what is being said. The interior witness helps us to freely move towards a final decision. When we hear the truth being spoken, even if it comes through the mouth of another we should clearly accept it, because acceptance of what is true opens us to greater receptivity to other truthful and wise statements. The crowning factor in discerning the rightness of our decision is the "peace" that Christ gives through the Spirit. All of us can allow the Spirit to help make wise decisions in the peace of Christ.

#### **REPORTING ABUSE**

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: 412-456-3093 Hot Line: 1-888-808-1235 PA Child Line: 1-800-932-0313

## PARISH NEWS



The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish has crowned Mrs. Marlene Calcek of Charleroi as its 2025 Mother of the Year. Congratulations, Marlene!

# ParishStag

As the new system is being launched in June, please be advised that a data collection period will begin for updated contact information. This aims to better serve our parishioners by increasing our communication efforts, and we cannot do that without accurate information. We thank you in advance for your help; more details will be in the coming weeks.



Please be advised that due to the 1-Day Pentecost Retreat, the Saturday evening mass in Charleroi is being moved up an hour to 4pm.





#### Holy Day Mass Times:

Wednesday, May 28th
7 pm - Monongahela - Vigil Mass
Thursday, May 29th
8:30 am - Donora
12 pm - Charleroi
7 pm - Monongahela
7:30 pm - Charleroi (Haitian)

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus' Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus' Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. So we celebrate a "right now" and "not yet" in the foreshadowing of the fullness of time!



# WOMEN () of GRACE



One Day Pentecost Event

Saturday, June 7, 2025

# Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of Your Faithfull

Presented by Women of Grace and Praise Nation Hosted by St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Men's Track, Women's Track, Haitian Creole Track!

Be inspired and uplifted with presentations from:

Johnnette Benkovic Williams, Mike Aquilina, Fr. Levi Hartle, and Joseph Jacobs

Evening of Praise and Adoration with Praise Nation!



### Registration:



To register, scan the QR Code or visit: www.womenofgrace.com/events \$50 registration includes lunch & dinner For more info: call 1-800-558-5452 or email, info@womenofgrace.com

Limited financial assistance is available. Please call for more information.

#### Schedule:

8:30am Parish Daily Mass

9:00am Registration in Marian Hall

9:45am Welcome and Introductions

10:00am Opening Prayer and Praise

10:30am Presentation 1

11:20am Break

11:35am Presentation 2

12:25pm Lunch Break

1:25pm Presentation 3

2:15pm Break

2:30pm Presentation 4

3:30pm Break

4:00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass

6:00pm Dinner Break

7:00pm Praise & Adoration

with Praise Nation

#### Location:

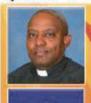


St. Andrew the Apostle Parish 624 Washington Avenue Charleroi, PA 15022

Event Day Registration will be at 9am downstairs in Marian Hall.

## See Event Parking Map on back -----

#### Haitian Creole Track:



This special track will be led by Fr. Pierre France for our Haitian Creole community! The day will include lunch and dinner and follow the same event schedule.

To register for the Haitian Creole Track, contact St. Andrew Parish directly:

communications@saintandrewmidmon.org

## **PARISH EVENTS**

# SIGN UP TODAY!



TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SIGN UP BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICES AT 724-258-7794 TO RSVP.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO EMAIL VALENTINA AT VTOMKO@SAINTANDREWMIDMON.ORG.



## **Bocce Ball**

Exciting News: Our Summer Bocce League is Back! If you'd like to join in on the fun, please reach out to Renee Kinder at (724) 469-0689 or Peter Ferrara at (724) 379-7878. The season kicks off on June 2 and will conclude with playoffs and a banquet on August 31.



The League meets at 6:30pm on the Bocce Courts behind the Donora Church staring June 2nd and the every week we pick the next play date together.





## WORKS OF MERCY

#### **HONORARIUMS**

We are thankful for the gifts given to the food bank in memory of:

#### MARJORIE CLEMENT

By Mary Kay Clement

#### **ANITA GAZI**

By Evelyn Bloom

#### JOHN MULLEN

By John & Wanda Pierec

#### JOAN MARIE FALAPPI

By Charles & Pamela Degasperi

#### JOAN MARIE FALAPPI By Alfred & Nancy Filippelli

JAMES D. HARRISON By Wife, Barb

#### **IRENE DZIMIERA**

By Ray & Jane Hazen

#### JON "MOON" MULLEN

By Bob & Barb Cardinale

#### **NANCY BAKER**

By Bob & Barb Cardinale



#### **DIGNITY ROBE GROUP**



Meets the 3rd Friday of every month in St. Andrew's sewing room in Donora from 9:00 a.m. untill noon. We are in need of more people to join us for this wonderful project to sew, cut, iron, etc... Come join us!

#### **FOOD BANK NEWS**

**Food Bank Needs**: condiments, granola bars, crackers, cereal, nuts, Ramen Noodles, and Hamburger Helper

**Personal Care Needs**: toilet tissue, dish soap, paper towels, tissues, bar soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, napkins

Donations can be accepted at all 3 church offices!

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Beginning in July, we will be distributing food two days a month! The 2nd Tuesday of every month is in Charleroi only. This is in collaboration with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank from 10am until noon.



The 2nd Wednesday of every month, will be our regular church food distribution at all 3 church locations. This is also from 10am until noon.

Please consider volunteering for either of these days as we need help and we cannot do this good work alone.

## PARISH EVENTS



# BEREAVEMENT

Don't grieve alone! Please join our support group to help you move through the grief process and cope with your emotions. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. Please contact Diane for more information.

dkooser@saintandrewmidmon.org



This ministry is intended to bring men together in the spirit of fellowship and spiritual growth. MAN UP is a vehicle for men to discuss, learn and deal with issues, concerns, and topics that all men struggle with and to bring the Holy Spirit into that setting to guide and strengthen them. MAN UP meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 3rd at 7pm in Marian Hall. All are welcome.

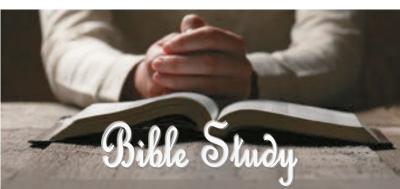


#### Women of Wonder (W.O.W.) MEETING

At the heart of our mission is a profound belief that wonder—a compassionate curiosity and awe—is an essential aspect of our faith journey, inspired by Jesus' own relationships and interactions. So together we accompany other women in their journeys toward spiritual wholeness through sacred curiosity, care, and contemplative prayer. WOW meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month studying together The Gospel of John. The next WOW meeting is Tuesday, May 27th at 7pm in Marian Hall.

#### The Rosary Makers

We'd like to thank JoAnn
Mocilan for making a \$20
donation in memory of her
husband, Frank. Those wanting
to join may contact Jean at the
Charleroi Parish Office. Our next
meeting will be in June in Marian Hall,
Charleroi. An evening training session
will be scheduled for anyone interested in
joining. There are no yearly dues and you can
make rosaries according to your time
availability.



Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charleroi at 6PM. Right now, we're discussing the Parables.

The next meeting is Wednesday June 4th.

All are welcome to join us!

## **FAITH FORMATION**

As parents, you're constantly helping your children get ready for something—whether it's the first day of school, an important test, a family trip, or even more serious moments like a surgery or a funeral. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is doing something similar. He is lovingly preparing his disciples for what's ahead: his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. He promises them the gift of the Holy Spirit, offers them his peace, and encourages them not to be afraid.

As a family, take some time to talk about moments when you've prepared for something important together. These could include big events like moving, going on vacation, welcoming a new sibling, or saying goodbye to a loved one. Why was it important to prepare? How did that preparation help you feel more ready or at peace?



Kathy Miller Director of Faith Formation

Then, read together this Sunday's Gospel: **John 14:23-29**. Reflect on how Jesus gently prepared his disciples for the difficult times ahead, and how his words helped them stay strong in their faith.

Finally, talk about how your family can prepare for **Pentecost**, which is just two weeks away. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Helper. What can you do together over the next two weeks to welcome the Holy Spirit more fully into your hearts and home?



The disciples knew that the Holy Spirit would help them because that was the promise Jesus made.



## ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



## Pentecost is in a couple of weeks! Are you on Fire for Christ?

While praying one day I asked, "Who are you, God?" He answered, "I Am." "But who is, 'I Am?'" I asked. He replied, "I am Love, I am Peace, I am Grace, I am Joy, I am Strength, I am Safety, I am Shelter, I am Power, I am the Creator, I am the Comforter, I am the Beginning and the End, I am the Way, the Truth and the Light." With tears in my eyes I looked toward Heaven and said, 'Now I understand, but Who am I?" God tenderly wiped the tears for my eyes and whispered, "You are Mine."

You are mine! That's what God tells us every day. Are you willing to accept God and follow His ways? In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples about His imminent departure, assuring them they will not be left alone and that the Father will be with those who love Him. He offers a different kind of peace, not the worldly peace that many seek, but a peace that comes from knowing God's presence and love. This peace is a promise that, despite the world's turmoil, God's presence and power are always with them and us, even when Jesus isn't physically present.

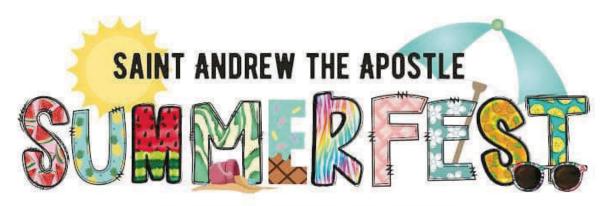


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Jesus promises, that together with the Father, they will come and make their home with those who love Him showing a deep, intimate, and radical love relationship with God. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, who will guide and teach them about all things, including His teachings. Jesus' words encourage the disciples to shift their focus from the world to God and His kingdom. He encourages us to do likewise. This involves a strong faith-based decision to prioritize God's love and values over worldly concerns. Jesus offers a peace that transcends worldly understanding. It's a peace that comes from knowing God's love and presence, even in difficult times. Jesus gently prepares his disciples for his departure, recognizing their uncertainty. He assures them that they will not be left alone, but that God's presence will continue to guide and comfort them. Jesus assures us the very same way. When we have a relationship with and Know Jesus, we fell Him present in our lives.

John's Gospel message is a message to all of us. It encourages all to seek God's peace in their lives, trusting in his presence and guidance. We are called to embrace God's love and live in a way that reflects His presence in their lives. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." We are reminded to trust that God's presence will continue to guide and comfort us, even in times of change or uncertainty. Also, we are encouraged to share the peace that we have found in Christ with others, inviting them to experience God's love and presence.

We are urged to be mindful of our words and actions, ensuring they reflect the love of Christ. We are called to be attentive to those around us, showing compassion, kindness, and service. We are reminded that true discipleship is about the humble, everyday acts of love that transform our lives and the lives of others. We are encouraged to persevere in faith, even when we face hardship, knowing that God is with us. Walk with Christ and he will lead you where you need to go! Be on fire for Christ!



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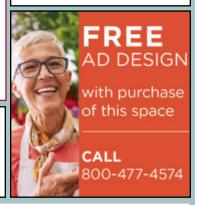
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