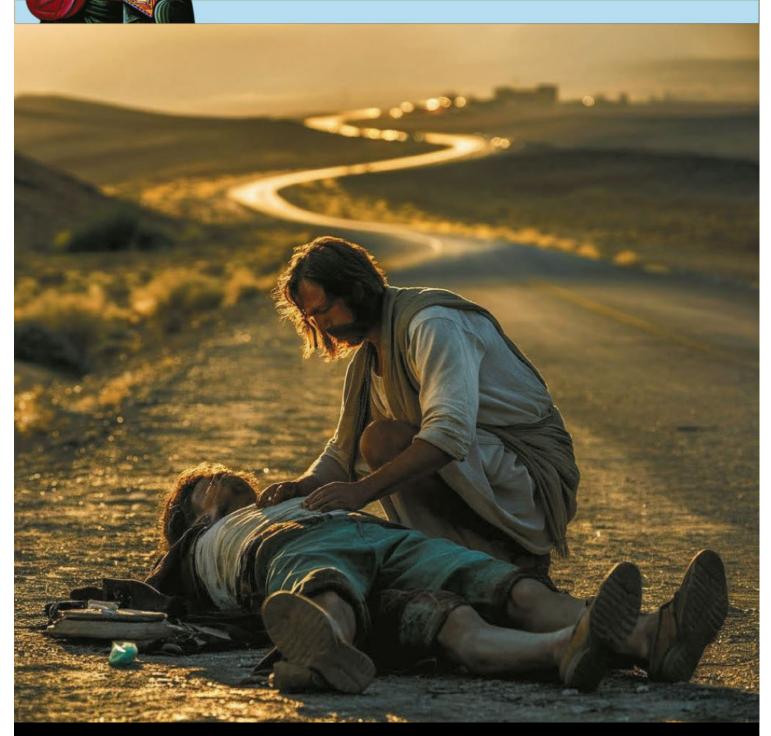
# SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 13, 2025



### SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

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## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

JULY 12	FOURTE	ENTH SATURDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT		
8:30 am	CHA	Ed & Theresa Mong by Family	Fr. Pierre		
4:00 pm	DON	The Bavuso Family by Joyce Wilson	Fr. Pierre		
4:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi		
5:00 pm	CHA	Michael Sapko by Wife, Judith & Family	Fr. Jim Orr		
JULY 13	FIFTEEN	ITH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT		
8:30 am	DON	Margaret McKita by Veronica Salat	Fr. Levi		
9:00 am	CHA	Vernon Bloom by Wife, Evelyn	Fr. Pierre		
11:00 am	MON	Donald "Bo" Sento by Vicki Sento	Fr. Levi		
12:30 pm (Haitian)	СНА	Unity in the Body of Christ	Fr. Pierre		
JULY 14	MEMOR	IAL OF SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN			
8:30 am	CHA	Ken Fusina by Family			
JULY 15	MEMORI	AL OF ST BONAVENTURE, BISHOP & DOCTOR O	F THE CHURCH		
8:30 am	DON	Connie Amicucci by Ermundo Amicucci			
JULY 16	MEMOR	IAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL			
7:00 pm	MON	Best Friends, Dominic, Charlie & Larry by BFF Mike Fu	ISCO		
JULY 17	FIFTEEN	ITH THURSDAY OF ORDINARTY TIME			
8:30 am DON Duncan R Russell by Mary Ann					
JULY 18	FIFTEET	N FRIDAY OF ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 am	MON	Frank & Marie DiBasilio by Dan & Theresa Plauchak			
July 19	FIFTEEN	ITH SATURDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT		
8:30 am	СНА	Elizabeth "Liberta" McLuckie by Michele Aloia	Fr. Pierre		
4:00 pm	DON	Boros & Cipa Family by Linda & Richard Cipa	Fr. Levi		
5:00 pm	СНА	People of the Parish	Fr. Jerry		
6:00 pm	MON	A Special Intention by Linda Pham	Fr. Levi		
July 20	SIXTEEN	ITH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT		
8:30 am	DON	Patricia Kostolansky by Husband, Thomas	Fr. Pierre		
9:00 am	СНА	Mark Garrett by Family	Fr. Levi		
11:00 am	MON	Barb Truffa by Rosemary Kerlin	Fr. Levi		
12:30 pm (Haitian)	СНА	McKinley Massena by Joseph Massena	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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday, June 29th Offertory \$12,403

Sunday, July 6th Offertory \$12,176



#### BAPTISM

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**

ROSEMARIE & EDWARD DESACK
By: Eddie Desack

**DONORA FOR** 

By: Dominik & Family

**MONONGAHELA FOR** 

PATRICIA ROSTCHECK
By: Grandson, Jason

## **CLERGY**

## A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace, love, joy and peace to you in Christ Jesus our Lord! There is so much going on in the church these days. Last week, we had a beautiful send off Mass for Fr. Tom and it was just perfect! Thank you to everyone who came and showed your love and support to Fr. Tom! The choir was magnificent and the Knight of Columbus did a fantastic job of putting together the social after the Mass! I was so proud of everyone! This week, we begin another transition: Bishop Zubik will begin retirement and Bishop Mark Eckman will be installed as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh!

First, I want to thank Bishop Zubik for being our Diocesan Bishop for 18 years! Before he was our Diocesan Bishop, he served the Diocese as a priest and auxiliary Bishop most of his life! Bishop Zubik is a man of tremendous heart and prayer and we will never forget all that he did for the faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh!

Bishop Eckman will be installed on Monday, July 14, 2025, during a special Mass at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. In a letter to diocesan clergy and staff, Bishop Zubik wrote, "I am both grateful and thrilled with this appointment. Bishop Eckman knows the diocese. And we know him as an exceptional pastor, and outstanding administrator – truly an exemplary priest." Bishop Eckman, who has served the diocese as an Auxiliary Bishop since 2022 and as a longtime parish priest, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve. He said, "With a grateful and humble heart, I accept this appointment and ask for the prayers of all the faithful. Together, we will continue the mission of Jesus Christ with hope."

May the Lord bless the Diocese of Pittsburgh and each of our parishes during this time of transition and may we continue the mission of Jesus Christ with great hope! Change is not always easy, but it is full of opportunities for growth, so let us ask the Lord how He desires each of us to grow in the coming months! Come Holy Spirit!





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

## **Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Back when my husband and I were dating and I knew we were serious about marriage, I asked him if he'd be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith by going to RCIA classes (as they were called then, now they're called OCIA). He agreed to go, and I became his sponsor so I attended the classes with him. I was a lifelong Catholic who'd grown up in a very active, practicing household. Many times throughout my childhood and teenage years, I attended daily mass with my dad and then stayed after mass to practice on the organ. I went to a Catholic university (Seton Hill) and majored in Sacred Music, and I'd been playing for mass every weekend since I was 14 years old. I figured I knew a lot about Catholicism and the Mass, but I wanted to support my then-boyfriend by being there with him. The classes were led by this amazingly knowledgeable couple and I was instantly drawn in. There was so much I actually didn't know! Since I'm an avid learner it was so engaging for me, but also disheartening to realize that I'd gone most of my life with a pretty surface-level understanding of my faith. I went back each week so excited to learn more. It's funny how God works because I started those classes with the intent of opening up Catholicism to my future spouse, but I was the one completely changed along the way. For me, those 8 months led to a transformation in my life that is still ongoing today.

I think one of the biggest reasons those classes impacted me is because I'm a huge proponent of understanding the "why" of everything. I'm not sure if I asked "why" a lot as a kid, but I certainly do now as an adult! I need to understand the purpose of what I'm doing, I need to understand how things work, I need to keep asking "why" and "how" until I've reached the end of the explanation and I understand. Once I'm there, things click for me, and that's exactly what happened during those RCIA classes.

I'm not proud to admit this, but even though my profession has always been working for a church, there were many years in my 20's when I was just going through the motions. I certainly did my job to the best of my ability, but my heart wasn't in it. I would be on my third or fourth mass of the weekend and I'd just be counting the minutes until mass was over. Thinking back to that time makes me so grateful for the intervention I received in the form of those RCIA classes. At every class I gained more and more knowledge of why we practice our faith, why we believe this or that, why we hear specific words and prayers at mass, why the Church teaches what it does, and why I should remain Catholic when there are so many other denominations out there. For me, hearing the history and grounding of Catholicism led me to its truth, and once I encountered what's true I realized that my life needed to conform to that truth.

I gave you that whole backstory to lead to this: I want to share more deeply about the Mass and how every element is significant and meaningful. Attending Mass is the single most important thing we can do while on earth, so it makes sense that there should be a good understanding of what's happening during Mass. I want to share the "why's" of the Mass with the hope that it'll lead each of you (and myself) into deeper understanding and awareness. If anyone reading this feels like Mass is just a weekly obligation and you have to check the box, I hope and pray that you'll really consider delving into why you come each week. Right now going to Mass might just feel obligatory, but I pray that that changes over time to become a true desire of your heart, so that instead of saying "I have to go to Mass," it becomes "I get to go to Mass!"



Amanda Nicholson Music & Liturgy

Liturgical Overview

Season: Ordinary

Time

Length: 34 Weeks

Color: Green

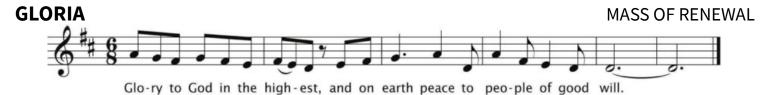
Symbolism: Hope, Life, Growth

Liturgical Year: C

## THE ORDER OF MASS



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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.* 

## THE ORDER OF MASS

#### FIRST READING

Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul.

"For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to

#### DEUTERONOMY 30:10-14

get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM



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- 1. I pray to you, O LORD, for a time, a time of favor. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails. LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn toward me.
- 2. As for me in my poverty and pain, let your salvation, O God, raise me up. Then I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
- 3. The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the LORD listens to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains.
- 4. For God will bring salvation to Sion, and rebuild the cities of Judah. The children of his servants shall inherit it: those who love his name shall dwell there.

#### SECOND READING

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that

#### COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL LUKE 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite

came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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.

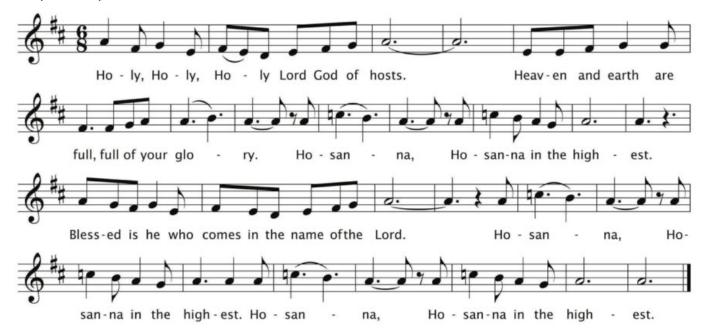
#### PREPARATION HYMN

THE SERVANT SONG



## THE ORDER OF MASS

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



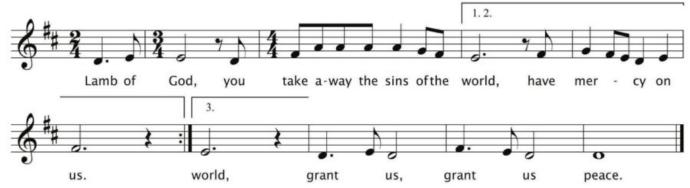
#### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GREAT AMEN**



#### **LAMB OF GOD**

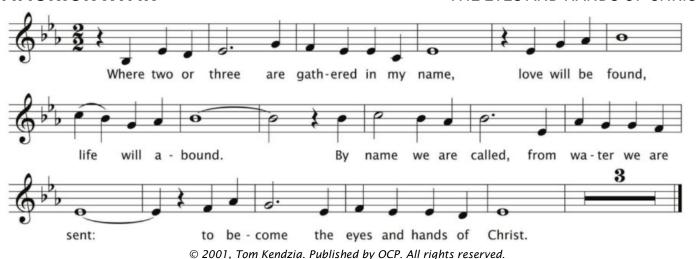


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## THE ORDER OF MASS

#### COMMUNION HYMN

#### THE EYES AND HANDS OF CHRIST



- 1. One we become, no longer strangers. No longer empty or frail. Filled with the Spirit, every hunger satisfied. Christ is the center of our lives. *R*.
- 2. One in the Spirit, one in the Lord. One in the breaking of the bread. Life-giving witness of our dying and new life. Held by the promise in our hands. *R*.
- 3. Not what we are, but what we become. Not what we say, but what we do. Living the challenge as bearers of light. We are the eyes and hands of Christ. *R*.



#### GOD SENDS US FORTH



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## **GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST**

## Living within the law of God

When we think of rules or laws, we may think of them as obstacles that keep us from doing what we want to do or that they are somehow restricting us from being free to be ourselves. This is definitely something that I have believed at some point in my own life. But in reality, it's the complete opposite! We need rules and laws in our own lives for the same reason people who play sports need them! Just as in sports where rules and regulations are necessary in order for everyone to play the right way and safely, similarly, we need rules and laws for our own safety and for the safety of others.

The reality, however, is that too often we think that by following God's rules and laws we are wasting our lives and missing out on all the "fun" that the world has to offer us. It's easy for us to think this way, especially when faced with many temptations and when we lose sight of our eternal homeland. If we don't truly believe that God actually loves us personally and wants what is best for us, and if we lose trust in the Father's goodness, we will soon find ourselves like Adam and Eve - that after falling into mortal sin and rebelling against Our Blessed Lord, our hearts will



Philip Pierangeli Social Ministry

eventually become hardened and we too will hide ourselves in shame from the One who loves us most. This is why David, in the Responsorial Psalm, says, "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live" (Psalm 69:14). Do not harden your hearts or hide from the Lord but come to him and live! The Lord is always trying to reach our hearts and He is constantly calling us to turn away from sin and to follow Him! And how do we follow and love God? Our Blessed Lord gives us the answer to this question by saying, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Therefore, obedience to the commandments of God is the pathway to loving God! One could even say that joyful obedience to the Lord is the Lord's love language (the way the Lord desires to be loved)!

In the Gospel reading, we hear a scholar of the law test Jesus by asking, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25). Jesus responds with a question by asking, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" (Luke 10:26). The scholar said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). And Our Blessed Lord affirms this answer by saying, "You have answered correctly, do this and you will live" (Luke 10:28). We hear very clearly in this passage of Scripture that our eternal destiny is determined by whether or not we love God with all that we are and our neighbor as ourselves! But the scholar, wishing to justify himself, asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). A great answer to this question comes from the great Catholic writer and philosopher, G.K. Chesterton, who once said, "The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because generally they are the same people." Our Blessed Lord, knowing the violent tension and history between the Jews and the Samaritans, tells the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan. While many of us know the story already, there's something in the parable that you may not have noticed. The priest and the Levite both saw the man who fell victim to robbers, but both passed by him. They may have justified themselves by thinking that if they weren't on the Lord's business, they would have time to stop. What they failed to realize is that to help and care for others is the Lord's business! To love Christ in the poor, the sick, the lost, the broken, the wounded, and the dying is the calling of every baptized Catholic! The difference between the two people who walked past the man who was beaten half to death and the good Samaritan was that the good Samaritan was "moved with compassion at the sight!" (Luke 10:33). The word compassion means "to suffer with." It was precisely because of his heart-felt compassion and willingness to suffer with him that he had the courage to approach the victim and to help the poor man. This is exactly what Christ has come to do for us! Christ suffers with us, heals our wounds, and gives us a home in the Catholic Church to be renewed, nourished, and strengthened. The story of the Good Samaritan shows us that the heart of the law is mercy. To be merciful is really, in a sense, "to be moved by the misery of another." Like the Good Samaritan, let us always be moved with compassion by the misery of another and let us ask Jesus to help us love others with His Heart and with His love!

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus came not to abolish the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). While the law of the Lord is perfect, and the decree of the Lord is trustworthy (Psalm 19:7), the law in and of itself cannot change our hearts. But when we encounter the Person of Jesus Christ and we experience the transformative and healing power of His mercy, grace, and love, we not only fulfill the law, but we become a living image of the *image* of the invisible God, Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:15), in a world which so desperately longs for Him! There is no time to waste, let us "go and do likewise!"



## **DONATION REQUEST**

We're currently seeking donations for our upcoming
Festival of Nations on August 9, to help make our Basket Auction
a success. Contributions of all kinds are appreciated, especially:

- Gift Cards
- Lottery Tickets
- Bottles of Wine
- Themed Baskets or Basket Items

Prefer to give a monetary donation?
We'll gladly do the shopping for you!



For questions or to arrange a donation, contact Angie Dzurinko at 724-825-8091.

Items may be dropped off at the Charleroi Rectory, or cash donations can be placed in the collection basket—please label your envelope "Festival Baskets."

#### FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Mark your calendar for St. Andrew's Festival of Nations on Saturday, August 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the alley behind the church in Charleroi!

Enjoy a full day of fun featuring international food booths serving up authentic homemade dishes from around the world—Italian, Slovak, Greek, German, Mexican, Hawaiian, and American cuisine.

Be sure to stop by the Festival Bakery for fresh baked goods, enjoy live music by DJ Carey Charles, and try your luck at winning specialty baskets and great prizes!

#### ATTENTION BAKERS!

We need your help stocking our Bake Sale Booth, "Peggy Pastries"! Please consider donating baked goods—all treats are welcome and appreciated.

#### **Drop-off Dates:**

August 8th or 9th in Marian Hall

#### Questions?

Contact Bridget Roule at (412) 997-3799.

Thank you for your support!

## FRIDAY FUNDAYS

Please let your children join us every Friday for the rest of the summer for some food and fun! This is a time for the children of the parish to get to know each other and the parents to have a break. We will be playing games and introducing Jesus to them.

Marian Hall at the Charleroi Church from 9am—1pm. Breakfast & Lunch included. No Charge. RSVP by calling the parish office.

Here's what you could expect...

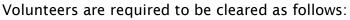
Arts & crafts
Outdoor sports
Dance parties
Karaoke contests

Indoor games STEAM projects Quite time in the church Potte<mark>ry ma</mark>king



Calling all parish staff and volunteers!
You must have your clearances in order to participate!

Festival volunteers, Advisory Councils, Catholic Leadership Institute Members, Faith Formation: Catechists & Aides, O.C.I.A. Team, Volunteers; Liturgical and Music Ministry: Adult Servers, Cantors, Choir, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Ushers, Fish Fry Workers; Those working for Parish Organizations at church functions, such as Christian Mothers, Knight's of Columbus, etc.,



- 1. **Be registered on the Virtus Online Safe Environment database** (If you are unsure whether you have an existing account, call Helena to look up your record).
  - 2. **Be cleared by the Department of Human Services** through a PA Child Abuse History Clearance which needs to be renewed every 5 years.
  - 3. Fingerprint Clearance or Waiver for PA residents 10+ years with no State Police Criminal Record
  - 4. Protecting God's Children Online Training
  - 5. **Mandated Reporter Online Training** which only applies to certain volunteers that work directly with children such as CCD or employees.

For more information, questions, or to begin the process of certification, please call Helena at 724-258-7742 ext. 109 or email hglaneman@saintandrewmidmon.org.



Links for these steps can be found at this QR Code.

## PARISH EVENTS

#### New Addiction Ministry Forming at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

Do you feel called to serve those who struggle with addiction?

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish is forming a new **Addiction Ministry** to support individuals and families impacted by substance use and related challenges. Inspired by the powerful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "I thirst," we seek to respond to the deep longing of the human heart with compassion, hope, and the healing love of Christ.

We are looking for parishioners who feel drawn to serve this vulnerable population—whether through prayer, outreach, education, or personal presence. No experience is required—just a willing heart and a desire to walk with those in need.

If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved, please contact Nancy Cole by phone at 412-398-9097 or by email at <a href="mailto:ncole@saintandrewmidmon.org">ncole@saintandrewmidmon.org</a>

Let us come together as a community of faith to offer dignity, support, and Christ's love to those who thirst for healing.



In honor of the Solemnity
of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
special masses will be
held to accommodate
this holy day of
obligation.

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven. August 14

7pm vigil - Monongahela

#### August 15

8:30am - Monongahela 12pm - Charleroi 4pm - Donora 7:30pm - Charleroi (Haitian)





#### **Donora Knights of Columbus Council #1941**

It's time once again for a Donora Knights of Columbus Council #1941 Galiffa hoagie, pizza and flatbread fundraiser. All orders are due to the St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Donora Office by Thursday, July 24th. Pick up will be on Thursday, July 31st, from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. at the Donora site social hall.

Thank you for your continued support of the Knights' numerous projects while enjoying some delicious food.



We think there may be some confusion about our moving from Vanco to ParishStaq/PushPay.

We are leaving Vanco and you need to do so also! Unfortunately, it is not an automatic thing.

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## WORKS OF MERCY



#### **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!







#### **HONORARIUMS**

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

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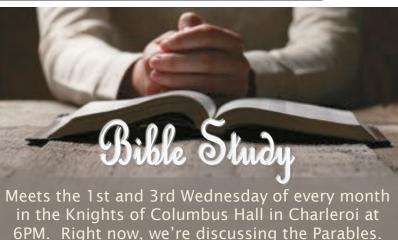
### PARISH EVENTS

#### The Rosary Makers

Rosary makers will meet on Thursday,
July 17th in Marian Hall at 1pm. Anyone wishing to join, please contact Jean at 724-483-5533.
Eileen Claybaugh donated \$40 in memory of Tom & Elaine Weiss and Tom & Flo Claybaugh.
The Rosary Makers operate solely from donations. Memoriam donations are greatly appreciated. An evening training session will be scheduled for anyone interested in joining. There are no yearly dues.



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, July 15th at 7pm in Marian Hall. All are welcome.



The next meeting is Wednesday July 16th.

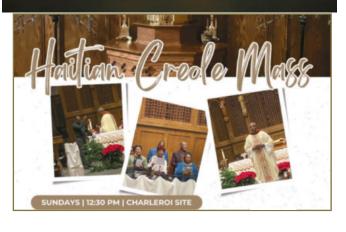
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#### **Women of Wonder (W.O.W.) MEETING**

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, July 22nd at 7pm in Marian Hall.





## **FAITH FORMATION**

Families thrive on selfless love. Parents show love not just when it's easy, but especially when their children need them most even when it means giving up comfort or convenience. Imagine what family life would be like if everyone only looked out for themselves; it wouldn't take long for things to fall apart!

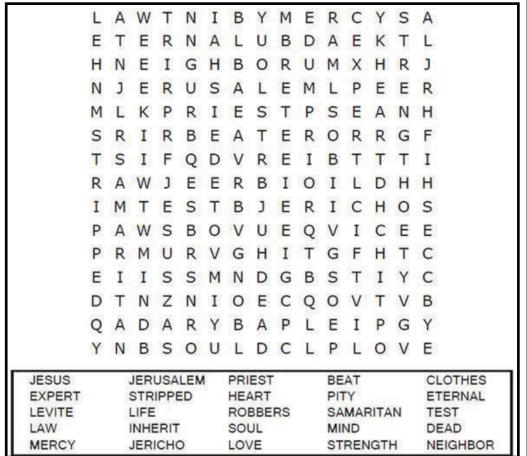
In the parable of the Good Samaritan, we see someone who chose to help another person in need, even though it meant changing his plans and using his own time and resources. He recognized the injured man as a neighbor and took responsibility for his care.

As a family, take some time to talk about what it means to care for each other. Discuss the different ways each family member helps at home. Parents can share times when they put aside their own plans to take care of the family. Invite your children to share moments when they helped out maybe doing chores, helping a sibling, or offering kindness even when it wasn't the easiest choice. Read this Sunday's Gospel together: Luke 10:25–37. Reflect on how the Samaritan showed compassion by going out of his way to help. Then, as a family, decide on one way you can follow his example this week whether by helping each other at home, reaching out to someone who is lonely, or showing kindness to someone in need.



Kathy Miller Director of Faith Formation

Remind your children that when you learn to care for one another at home, you become better able to care for others in the world, just like the Good Samaritan.





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**NEWLY BAPTIZED** 

Gracious God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sin, and have raised us to the new life of grace. Sustain them and all of us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.



## ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



#### Call to action: Be on Fire for Christ!

In our Gospel today, the parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to see everyone as our neighbor and to show compassion without boundaries, especially to those in need. Ultimately, we are called to imitate the Samaritan's mercy and act with love and compassion to all in our daily lives.

The Commandment given to us to inherit the Kingdom of God is that of loving both God in a very intimate way and loving one's neighbor as yourself. Jesus demonstrated this with His parable of the Samaritan's compassion which breaks down the barriers of prejudice and religious division, demonstrating that love of neighbor is not limited by social status or ethnic background or to just those that we know and like. Jesus emphasizes that our love must be extended to ALL!

The parable emphasizes that true love of neighbor involves practical action and compassion, not just knowing the commandment. It challenges each of us to examine our own hearts and motivations, asking whether we are willing to extend mercy to those in need, even if they are different from us.

This is a call to action for each of us. Jesus concludes the parable by telling the lawyer (*and us*) to "Go and do likewise". This is not just a suggestion; it is a direct call to action, urging us to be neighbors to all, especially those who are suffering or marginalized. Will you answer this call? Will you be a "Good Samaritan" to everyone you meet? Will you be a true disciple of Christ? Are you on fire for Christ and are you willing to be His witness by answering His call and standing with Him? Your call to action is also to form that radical love relationship with Jesus and to get excited about what God has in store for you as we are all called to spread His Good News to all that we meet. So, "go now and do likewise" and be on fire for Christ! God bless.



**Deacon Frank Bursic** 

#### REST IN PEACE

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

Mary Rose Hemmings Joyce Marie Delaney

Rose Kiski

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



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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#### Nightly Special Events

Friday, July 18 - Ice Cream Social

Friday, July 25 - Smores & Cornhole Tournament

Friday, August 1 - Movie Night

Friday, August 8 - Slip & Slide and Water Ballon Fight

Friday, August 15 - Party for Our Lady's Assumption

Friday, August 22 - End of Summer dance party

\*All dinners are provided by The Knights of Columbus or Christian Mothers



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