

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 19, 2025



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

OCT 18		FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Geary Family by Family	Fr. Joe Luisi
4:00 pm	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Jerry
5:00 pm	CHA	Dave Turney by Kathy, Kaylee & Cassie	Benedictine
6:00 pm	MON	Tom Siver by Paulette & Family	Fr. Joe Scheib
OCT 19		TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Stephen & Margaret Turkovich by Philip & Sharlene Veliky	Fr. Joe Scheib
9:00 am	CHA	David L Calcek, Sr. by Wife, Marlene Calcek & Family	Benedictine
11:00 am	MON	Tom Caudill by Wife, Judy & Son, Ted	Fr. Joe Scheib
OCT 20		TWENTY NINTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	CHA	Jack & Ethel Barcelona by Carol & Family	
OCT 21		TWENTY NINTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	DON	Irene Boros by Linda Cipa	
OCT 22		MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II, POPE	
7:00 pm	MON	Paul, Frances & Paula Hazen by Family	
OCT 23		TWENTY NINTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	DON	Sandy Mistick by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith	
OCT 24		MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP	
8:30 am	MON	Anne Marie Bedner by Angela Rovnyak	
OCT 25		TWENTY NINTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Haley Cowell by The Adam Family	
4:00 pm	DON	The Helinsky Family by Ray & Agnes Helinski	Benedictine
5:00 pm	CHA	John Rosick by Lloyd & Kathleen Driesen	Fr. Jerry
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Benedictine
OCT 26		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Joseph Haller by Veronica A. Salat	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Michael Weight by Joe & Donna Caruso & Family	Benedictine
11:00 am	MON	Brothers, Gene & Dene Patterson by Patty Patterson	Fr. Levi





- SACRAMENTS -



MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE 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 reflefe jou ferye oswa
jou apa pou Bondye.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, October 12th:
\$12,368

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

World Mission Sunday
October 19, 2025



BAPTISM

For arrangements and to
schedule a class please call
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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 six months 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
TOM & ELAINE WEISS**
By: Matt & Eileen Claybaugh &
Family

**DONORA FOR
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**MONONGAHELA FOR
TOM & TIM CAUDILL**
By: The Caudill Family

CLERGY

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace and peace to you in Christ Jesus our Lord! This week the Sacred Scriptures speak to us about the need to be persistent in sharing the Gospel, teaching, and praying. St. Paul tells us we must be persistent in proclaiming the Gospel whether it is convenient or inconvenient. In the Gospel, Jesus says that we must be persistent in prayer and in our faith!

I met someone today who said that she was a part of several different protestant churches. Some of them rejected her. Some of them closed up. She said that through it all the Lord walked with her and led her into great freedom from some challenges she was working through. Her perseverance was inspiring!

As we spoke, I told her that she is always welcome to come to our church and check it out. I was blessed to hear how she walked with Jesus through so many challenges, but I was also keenly aware that without a church family, she would not be able to sustain and grow her relationship with Jesus.

If this young lady comes to one of our churches, will she find people greeting her with love and warmth? Some people asked at the listening session, "will people from the other towns welcome us?" While this is a question no one should need to have in their mind, I understand why it is being asked. As recently as a few weeks ago, a young family came from one of our churches to another one and a person there told them that the pew they sat in was reserved but they would let them sit in it this week. The young people who travel to the church they were not used to going to said, "we will never go there again." This is a sad situation and it is completely unacceptable. We must be welcoming to one another!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Christian life is about living as a revelation of the Love of God! Love is always about "the other;" it is not self-seeking or rude. Whatever the new Mass schedule ends up being, some people will be looking for a new Mass time, and if we are the people who keep our Mass time or a very similar one, we must keep in mind the challenges that others are going through. Will we ask our brothers and sisters to give up more than us and then refuse to share with them what we are privilege to have?

To those who will not have your current Mass time, I beg you to persevere in the faith and in St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. Also, if a church does not have as many Masses as another church, that does not make it less significant or essential in my eyes. I understand that every former parish has been through merger situations in the past while managing decline, but I see us reaching out beyond ourselves, become an extremely welcoming parish and moving from managing decline to transforming this Valley with the Love of Christ! If we are able to do that, then we will not only survive, but thrive!

Next week, I will have the new Mass schedule in the Bulletin. Please pray for the pastoral staff, pastoral council, and clergy, as we review everyone's input and work out the new schedule. Pray that we might be filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and lead the whole parish into the perfect will of God! Have a blessed and peace-filled week!



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

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy of the Eucharist: Preparation of the Altar, the Collection, Presentation of the Gifts

As we transition from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the focus moves from the ambo to the altar where Jesus makes present his sacrifice on the cross at each mass. The GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) states that, "When the Universal Prayer is over, all sit, and the Offertory Chant begins. An acolyte or other lay minister places the corporal, the purificator, the chalice, the pall, and the Missal on the altar." GIRM #139 Those five items are taken to the altar and are arranged to prepare for the gifts of bread and wine that will be brought to the altar by members of the assembly.

The corporal (from the Latin *corpus* meaning *body*), is the cloth laid beneath the Blessed Sacrament when it is exposed or being consecrated. The corporal is meant to catch any small fragments that may fall. The pall is a stiff covering over the chalice so that no flies or debris fall into the Precious Blood. The purificator, which is like a liturgical napkin, is meant to wipe the chalice after the priest consumes the Precious Blood. Purificators are also used to wipe the cups from which the assembly drinks during their reception of the Precious Blood. The chalice, placed on the corporal, is the vessel that will hold the wine to be consecrated into the Precious Blood. Chalices are made from precious metals that are non-absorbent and they can range in design from something simple to very ornate. Lastly, the Missal is "the liturgical book containing the prayers, chants and instructions for celebrating Mass." (Mass Explained, Dan Gonzalez, pg. 268)

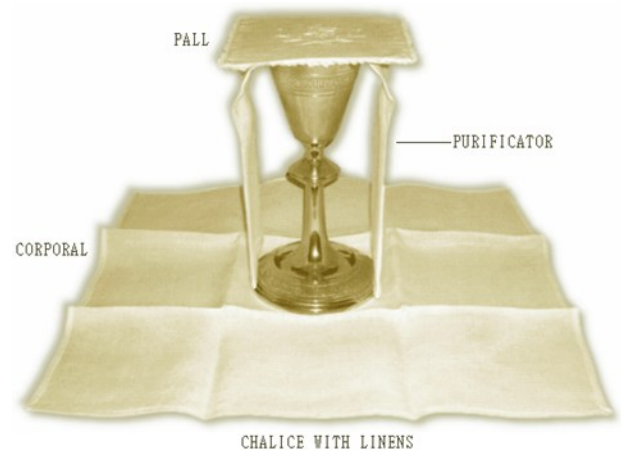
As the altar is being prepared with those items, the collection is taken up and the Preparation Hymn is sung. The collection is a financial gift from the assembly to support the maintenance of the church and its various ministries. Sometimes there is a special second collection meant to help a particular program or ministry.

In the early church, after the Creed the assembly would line up to present their offerings to the Church. The offerings were usually in the form of goods such as food, clothing, or products made from one's trade. These offerings would then be divided: the bread and wine taken to the altar, and the rest of the items would be given to the poor or the priest for his maintenance. Over time, the offering of goods slowly transferred to the offering of money, but the end result is the same: the assembly benevolently supports the salvific work of the Church and its ministries and outreach.

As the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar, we don't just offer our money, we also offer all that we have to God. "The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering." Catechism of the Catholic Church #1368 The gifts brought forth, usually by two members of the assembly, are meant to represent the whole community bringing their entire offering of self to the altar. This act of assembly participation visibly shows the gracious exchange we experience during Mass, whereby we offer all that we have, God receives and transforms our offering, and then He gives us back his very self as we receive Him during communion. The beauty of the Mass is unsurpassed!



Amanda Nicholson
Music & Liturgy



THE ORDER OF MASS

OPENING HYMN

LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er
 2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were
 3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to
 4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is con -

child - like, no cares could de - stroy, be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we
 skilled at the plane and the lathe, be there at our la - bors, and give us, we
 wel - come, your arms to em - brace, Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we
 tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we

pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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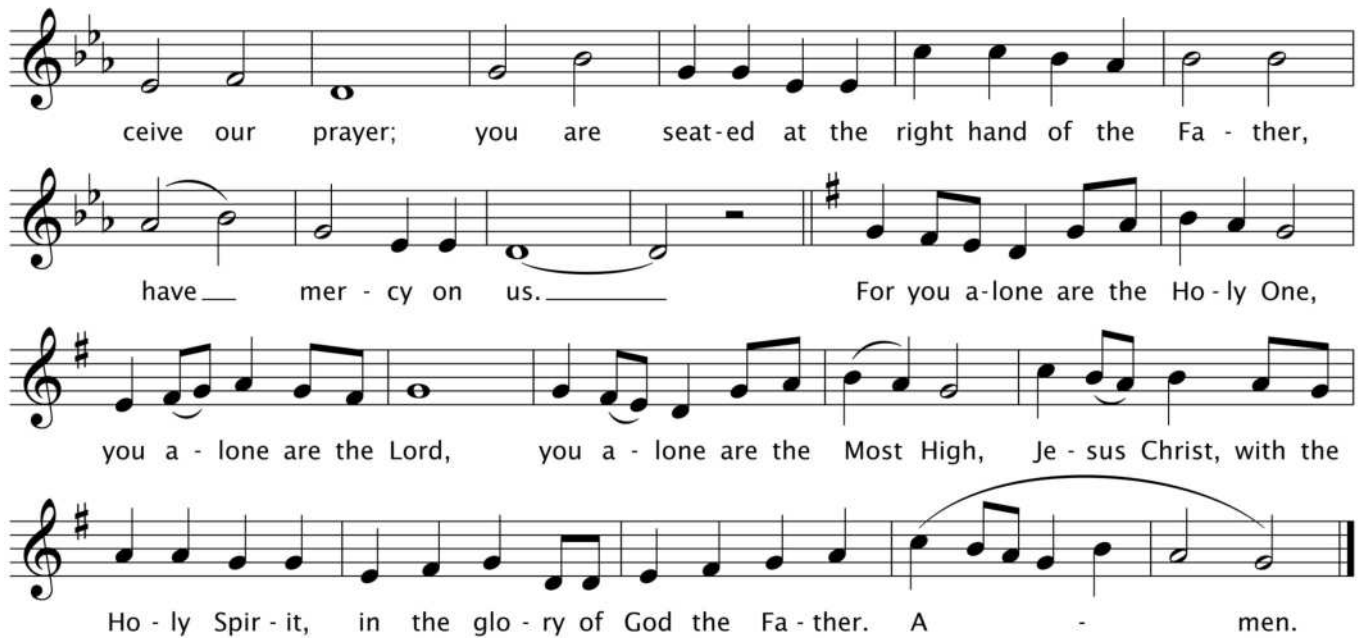
GLORIA

A NEW MASS FOR CONGREGATIONS



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We
 praise — you, we bless — you, we a - dore — you, we glo - ri - fy — you, we
 give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O
 God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the
 world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -

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FIRST READING

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel. Moses, therefore, said to Joshua, "Pick out certain men, and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle. I will be standing on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him: he engaged Amalek in battle after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur. As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight, but when he let his

EXODUS 17:8-13

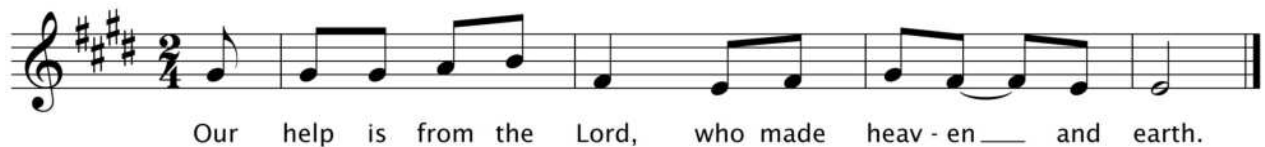
hands rest, Amalek had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so they put a rock in place for him to sit on. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8



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1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's Guard **R.**
3. The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade at your
right hand. By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil; he will guard
your soul. The Lord will guard your going and
coming, both now and forever. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is

inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ

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Jesus who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all

patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.

GOSPEL

LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest

she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION HYMN

IN EVERY AGE



1. Long before the mountains came to be and the land and sea and stars of the night, through the endless seasons of all time, you have always been, you will always be. **R.**

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word we return to dust and scatter to the wind. A thousand years are like a single moment gone, as the light that fades at the end of day. **R.**

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have. Teach us to be patient even as we wait. Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain, to sleep peacefully, and to rise up strong. **R.**

Coda: In every age, O God, you have been our refuge. In ev'ry age, O God, you have been our hope, you have been our refuge, you have been our hope.

Text: Based on Psalm 90:1-4, 12, Janet Sullivan Whitaker, b. 1958 Tune: Janet Sullivan Whitaker, b. 1958 © 1998, 2000, Published by OCP.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

A-men a-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth,
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope,
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for wa - ter,
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are homeless. Long-ing for warmth,
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that
we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, bro - ken for oth - ers,
man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing shel - ter - ing oth - ers,
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,
light for the world to see. Christ, be our
Make us your liv - ing voice.
shared un - til all are fed.
walls made of liv - ing stone.
mak - ing your king - dom come.
light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ,
be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

GO TO THE WORLD

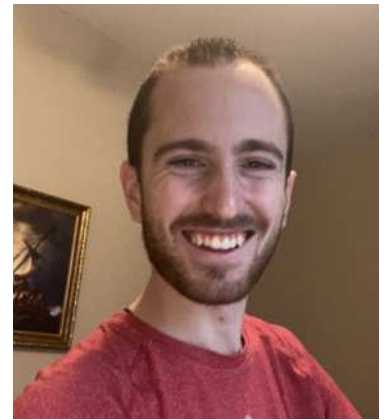
1. Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go preach the cross where
2. Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place. Go live the Word of
Christ re - news life's worth, bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re -
God's re - deem - ing grace. Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and
birth. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

The Goodness of The Father

This isn't the typical way one would start an article, but for the past couple of days, I have personally been struggling to believe that the Lord actually cares about me and that His will for me is good. Lately however, I have been listening to a Christian song called, "The Goodness of God." This song has not only reminded me of the Lord's faithfulness and goodness but has also helped me to recall who *God the Father* is. A lot of times in our life, we tend to create a false image of God based on the experiences we have been through or why things have happened in our life the way they did. But I truly just want to cry out from the depths of my heart this simple but yet profound truth to each of you (and to myself): The Father is good. And because the Father is good; you can trust Him. He is worthy of all of your love and all of your trust. If do not trust or doubt in the Father's goodness, whether it be because of your wounds, pain or experiences, just look at a crucifix. There, you will see the perfect love of the Father revealed to us in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



Philip Pierangeli
Social Ministry

In the Gospel reading, we read about a wicked judge who has no respect for God or for any human being (Luke 18:2). While the judge from the parable does not fully represent the Lord, this story helps us to understand that even a wicked and unjust judge can even hear and answer the petitions of a widow. A lot of times we think of prayer as asking for good gifts from the Lord. And this is true! The Lord does want us to ask Him for good gifts and for blessings. But have we ever prayed and asked the Lord to help us become a living reflection of the face of Christ, so that others can experience the healing and saving power of the love of Jesus Christ through us? Even if we do not get what we want, when we want it or how we want it, what is preventing us from becoming saints and from asking the Lord to help us reflect the face of the Christ to others? The Lord says, "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" (Luke 18:7). What are the rights of his chosen ones but the grace of the Holy Spirit enabling us to become holy and to become the saints we were made to be? While the Lord does desire to give us good gifts, the goal is not getting good things from God as if God is some vending machine. The goal is relationship and union with God through Jesus Christ. And from this union with God, we are called to go out and to be the face of Christ to the widow, to the sick, to the poor and to every living creature.

And finally, Jesus says to His disciples (and also to each of us), "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Will Our Blessed Lord find us seeking Him, or only His gifts? And when things don't go our way and we don't get what we want, will we rebel against the Lord and do things our way, or will we humble ourselves before the living God and run into the arms of the Father who loves us? Unlike the cruel and unjust judge in the Gospel reading, we have a Father in heaven who loves us with "an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3) and He will reveal Himself and His love to us when we seek Him with all of our hearts (Jeremiah 39:13). The Father only wants our good and what is best for us. For if the unjust judge can answer the widow's persistent request, how much more will the Just Judge deliver on His promises? Therefore, I pray for each of us that we may ask for the grace to persevere in faith, hope and charity until the end and to finish the race that is before us, knowing that, "God makes all things work together for good for those who love Him and who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).



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continue our mission!



TEMPORALITIES & STEWARDSHIP

Monongahela Facilities Update: Interior/Exterior Restoration Projects Timeline

Thanks to the generosity of our parish community, donations were received earlier this year to fund the refurbishment of our Monongahela church. These improvements were intended to refresh and preserve the sacred space where we gather in worship.

However, before interior work could begin, an important issue was discovered: the church's exterior masonry walls were allowing water infiltration, which had already caused damage to the interior. To ensure the longevity of the planned repairs — and to honor the stewardship of donated funds — it was determined that exterior restoration must take precedence.

Between May and August of this year, five masonry contractors were contacted for project estimates. Of those, three submitted formal bids. Each proposal includes comprehensive restoration work:

- 100% grind and repoint of all exterior masonry mortar joints
- 100% repair of damaged brickwork discovered during repointing
- 100% cleaning of the exterior brick and stone façade following repointing
- 100% application of a chemical masonry sealer to the entire façade (spray method)

Before moving forward, Finance Council approval is required to proceed with contractor selection and scheduling. Once approved, work is expected to begin in spring 2026, ideally in March or April, depending on weather conditions. The exterior restoration is anticipated to take 2 to 4 months to complete.

Following the successful completion of the masonry work, the interior plaster and paint restoration will begin. These two phases cannot run concurrently, as the integrity of the interior work depends on resolving the exterior water intrusion first.

We would like to extend special appreciation to **Guy Flament**, Pastoral Council member, who has generously lent his expertise and time to help plan and coordinate these improvements. His dedication has been instrumental in guiding this process with care and foresight.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and patience as we move forward with these essential improvements. Your contributions are helping preserve the beauty and safety of our parish home.



Joe Caruso
Business Manager



Volunteers Needed

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

Meals on Wheels is in need of drivers and delivery persons for the months of November and December for Charleroi deliveries. Monday through Friday from 10am-11:30am

Whether you can give your time for both months, one week or just one day, any amount to help is greatly appreciated.



Join us for the 3rd Annual
PRAISE NATION GALA!
 Celebrating Divine Intimacy!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025
 St. Thomas More Church | Bethel Park, PA | 4-8 pm


HOSTS: **Fr. Mike Ackerman & Fr. Levi Hartle**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Johnnette Williams
 Host of EWTN
 WOMEN of GRACE





Event includes:
 Appetizers, Cocktails,
 Dinner, Keynote Speaker,
 Gift Basket Raffle, Pittsburgh
 Cookie Table and ends with a
 Festival of Praise with Praise Nation!

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Women of Wonder (WOW) 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 at 7pm studying together The Gospel of John. All are welcome! If you're new and to find out where to meet, please call Kate at (443) 799-0325.



MAN UP

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 at 7pm. All are welcome. If you're new and to find out where to meet, please call Dave at (703) 473-6447.



Bible Study

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, October 29th.** All are welcome to join us!

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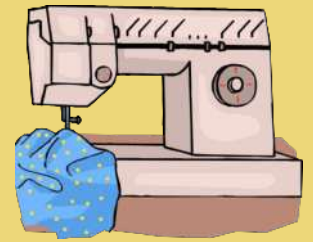


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Meets the 3rd Friday of every month in St. Andrew's sewing room in Donora from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are in need of more people to join us for this wonderful project to sew, cut, iron, etc... Come join us!



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ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



Be persistent in prayer! Be on Fire for Christ!

In all our Readings today, persistence is the main theme throughout. In our first reading from Exodus, Moses must keep his hands raised so Israel would have the better of the fight Amalek. He had to be persistent and willing to sacrifice for the good of God's people. In our second reading from St. Paul to Timothy, he charges everyone to "proclaim the word". He goes on to say, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient! In our Gospel from Luke, Jesus told a parable to His disciples about a widow who is persistent in her pursuit of the judge to render a decision against her adversary. He offers this parable to emphasize "the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary."

Prayer serves to maintain a continuous conversation with God. It fosters watchfulness for His actions and aligns believers with His will. The core message is the necessity of persistent, faithful prayer to our loving and generous God who is exercising patience, awaiting the repentance of all people, and will bring about ultimate justice. The parable in our Gospel encourages believers to always pray and not lose heart, illustrating that just as an unjust human judge eventually grants a persistent widow justice, a just and loving God will provide for His people who pray to Him. We should pray continuously and not give up, even when facing discouragement or feeling unheard. Unlike the unjust judge, our God is a just and generous Father who is not reluctant but willingly helps His children.

God desires for His people to have faith and trust in Him. Persistent prayer demonstrates this trust. He promises to grant justice to people who cry out to Him, and He will do so quickly when Jesus returns. God is patient, not wanting anyone to perish but everyone to come to repentance. This patience extends until Jesus' second coming.

So even when feeling tired or discouraged, return to God in humble, persistent prayer. Maintain a continuous, steadfast relationship with God, treating prayer as a continual conversation. Trust in God's goodness recognizing that God is not a reluctant judge but a good Father who desires to give good gifts to His children who ask, seek, and knock. Prayer helps believers stay watchful for God's calling and actions in the world, preparing them for the Lord's return.

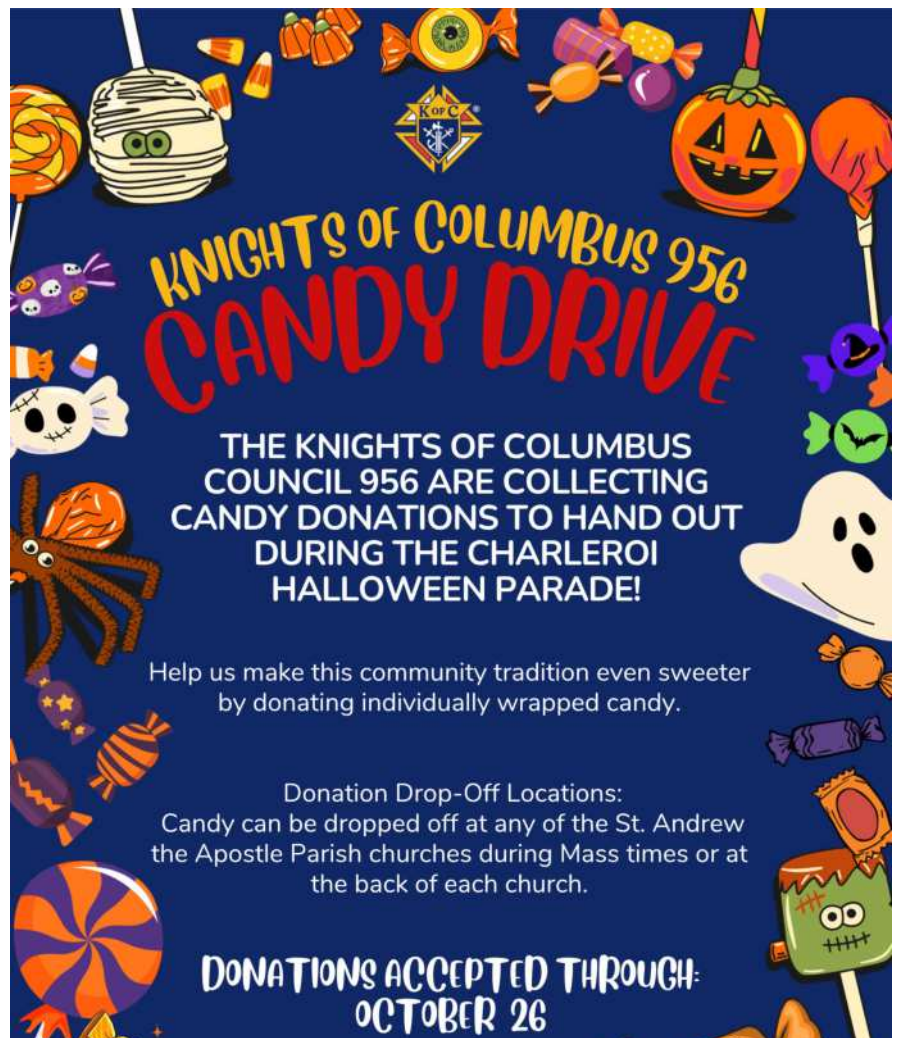
Our Readings, especially our Gospel, are once again a call to action. It is a call for all believers to express their thankfulness through continuous, persistent prayer so to form a radical love relationship with our awesome, forgiving, gracious and ever-loving God. Through prayer you will become on fire for Christ.

Keep remembering, if you can choose to be anything in life, choose to be on fire for Christ!

God Bless. May God's many blessings be upon you. I'll see you at His table.



Deacon Frank Bursic



FAITH FORMATION

Kids often keep asking for things again and again because sometimes, it works! Like the judge in Jesus' story, parents can get worn down by their children's persistence. While nagging itself isn't a great habit, the *persistence* and *confidence* behind it can teach us something valuable about faith. When we keep asking God for help, it shows that we trust His goodness and want to stay close to Him.

Read **Luke 18:1-8** together. Then, talk about healthy ways to share your needs and wants with each other and with God in prayer. Remember, God loves to hear from us and desires to answer our prayers. Finish your time together by lifting up your family's needs and hopes to God in prayer.



Kathy Miller
Director of Faith Formation

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October 19th — In person Class

October 26th — Family Catechesis

November 2nd — In person Class

November 16th — In person Class

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Music Ministry Schedule		
October 18	Children's Choir	4pm Donora
October 18	Parish Choir	6pm Mon City
October 19	Folk Group	8:30am Donora
October 26	Parish Choir	9am Charleroi
November 1	Sam Meek (violinist)	5pm Charleroi
November 2	Parish Choir	2pm Donora



The Solemnity of All Saints

Since the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. However, if you still wish to observe All Saints Day you can attend the 8:30 AM daily mass in Charleroi on Saturday, November 1st.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

All Souls on November 2nd falls on a Sunday, which means that our Saturday evening anticipated masses on November 1st are also masses for All Souls. If you wish to attend mass for All Saints (not obligatory this year) you may go to the 8:30 AM daily mass in Charleroi on Saturday Nov. 1st. As of 4:00 PM on Saturday, Nov. 1st, all anticipated masses will be for All Souls.

Mass of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 2nd (All Souls) we will offer an afternoon Mass of Remembrance for everyone from the parish who has passed away within the last year.

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The cost of each rose and memorial is \$5.00. Please complete the request form with payment in an envelope marked "Roses" to the school office.

The final day roses may be purchased is Friday, October 24, 2025. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 724-258-3199.

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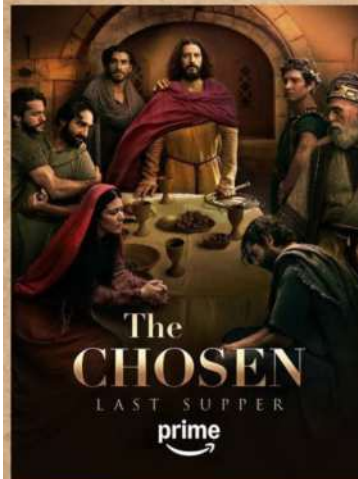
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- December 16
- January 20

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We're looking to build a group of volunteers who can help with setup before and cleanup after church events. This is an **on-call opportunity**, and your help would make a big difference in keeping our parish events running smoothly.

If you're interested in joining the team, please email Rich at rrosick@saintandrewmidmon.org



It's "Apple Dumpling Time" at St. Andrew's!

We need volunteers to help peel apples and roll dough.

Prep and baking dates: October 20th – 25th at 9 am

Bring your rolling pin, apron and rolling mat if you have one.

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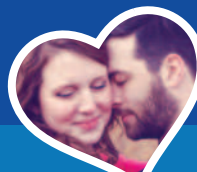
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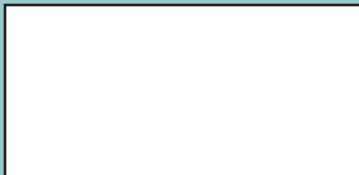
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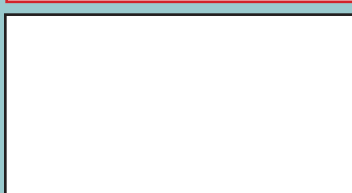
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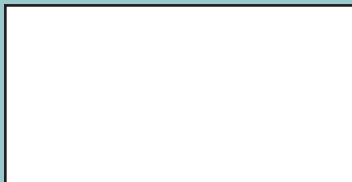


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