

# SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 15, 2026



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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEB 14		MEMORIAL OF SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Marcia McGinley by Mark & Patty McGinley	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
5:30 pm	CHA	Bernadine Aten by Mary LaCarte	Fr. Jerry
FEB 15		SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	Mary Gross by Bill & Jan Paulick	Fr. Pat
9:00 am	CHA	Howard D. Hughes by Dolores Hughes & Family	Fr. Pat
11:30 am	MON	James Markovich by Susan & Rick Pankiewicz	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
FEB 16		SIXTH MONDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	CHA	Deceased Members of the Kelley Family by Theresa Altemara	
FEB 17		SIXTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	DON	The Gondos Family by Gerry & Sylia Wojcieszewski	
FEB 18		ASH WEDNESDAY	
8:30 am	DON	People of the Parish	
12:00 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	
4:00 pm	MON	Ash Service Only	
7:00 pm	MON	Bernice M. Allen by Son, Paul M. Allen	
FEB 19		THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
8:30 am	DON	Bisceglia & Homa Families by Dominik Bisceglia	
FEB 20		FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
8:30 am	MON	People of the Parish	
6:00 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	
FEB 21		SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Mary Gross by Angela Hemmings	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	George & Catherine Amoroso & James Kruczek by Louise Kruczek	Fr. Pat
5:30 pm	CHA	John Lenko by Tiech Family	Fr. Levi
FEB 22		FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	Robert & Melinda Kraeger Family by Amanda Nicholson	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Maria Lisa Brun by Family	Fr. Levi
11:30 am	MON	Margaret Ann Pascoe by Sister, Andrea, Vinny & Children	Fr. Pat
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat





# - SACRAMENTS -



## MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE MAS

### Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora

5:30pm - Charleroi

### Sunday/Dimanch

7:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:30am - Monongahela

6:00pm - Monongahela

### 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 relete jou ferye oswa  
jou apa pou Bondye.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 8th

**\$11,148**

## DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Appeal Begins

February 15, 2026



## 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 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.

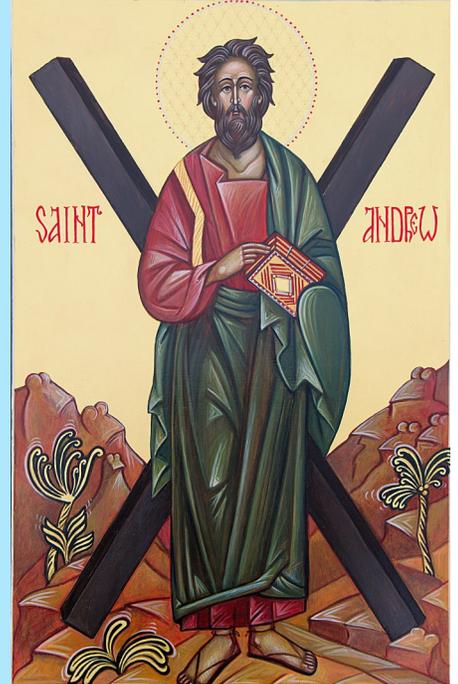
**Saturdays, Donora**

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**

**RICK PUSKAR**

By: Bill Churrilla

**DONORA FOR**

**SANDY TODD**

By: Mark & Barb Wyvratt &  
Family

**MONONGAHELA FOR**

**ALAN & DEBRA REIS**

By: Peggy Andress

# CLERGY

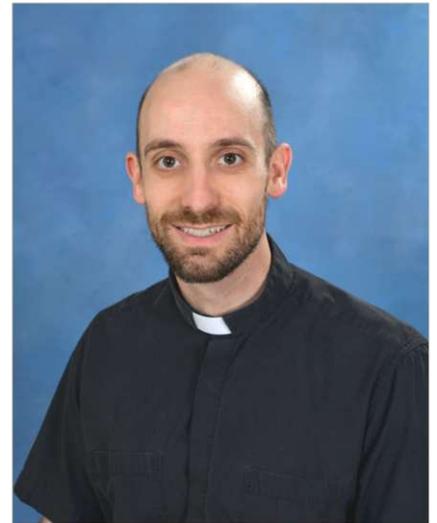
## A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace and peace to you in Christ! I pray you are well! Sometimes people say, "I thought we did not have to follow the law anymore because now we have Jesus to save us." Jesus states clearly in the Gospel for today, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill." As we listen to the rest of the Gospel, Jesus shows us that the law of Love is even more demanding than the old law. The old law is good and helpful, but the law of Love is something that effects every thought, word, and deed in our lives!

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus speaks with the authority of God himself. He says multiple times, "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors...but I say to you." As he makes these statements, he is claiming to have the authority of God himself, and that he does! He does not abolish the old law, but show how the new law goes above and beyond the old law! For example, the old law says, "You shall not commit adultery," but Jesus says, "everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." By saying this Jesus helps us to understand that it is not just our actions that separate us from God, but even our thoughts and desires.

If we are going to live by the law of love, our thoughts, words and actions must all be for the glory of God and salvation of others. This is what it means to be all in for Jesus! To love him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength! This is the way of perfection! In this life, we know that we will never hit 100% perfection, but that should not stop us from striving for it! By the grace of God, we can become holier than we ever imagined, and that means a life of joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control!

Jesus said that he came that we might have life abundantly! If we follow the law of love, we will find ourselves moving toward God all the time in our thoughts, words, and actions! May our lives be one continuous song of praise to for our Lord! Many blessings and much peace to 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.



### TAIZÈ SERVICE

**Sunday, March 1**  
**4pm | Donora Church**

**Please join us for an afternoon of quiet, meditative, and peaceful prayer featuring simple, repeated chants, scripture readings, periods of silence, and candlelight. This prayer service encourages deep listening to God and contemplation. Come experience a deeply personal encounter with Jesus.**

# LITURGY PREPARATION

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently learned the term *voluntarism* and am struck by how prevalent this idea is in our modern culture. A Google definition of the word says that voluntarism is a “philosophical doctrine prioritizing the will over the intellect or reason in explaining human action, morality, and metaphysics.” Essentially, it’s the idea that a person can make whatever choices they desire and there will never be anything wrong with those choices, because by virtue of their own will, they get to decide what’s good and bad, right and wrong.

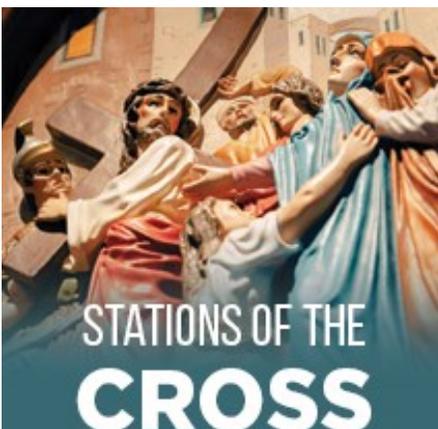
In stark contrast to voluntarism, which is all about me and my will, the readings today point in the opposite direction, to God’s law and his will. We don’t get to decide what’s right and wrong, instead, we should defer to God’s laws to define that for us. In the Gospel passage today, we hear of a few of the commandments such as, “You shall not kill,” “You shall not commit adultery,” and “You shall not take a false oath.” Jesus then elaborates on each of these laws by showing how much more they encompass than just the obvious. Not only are you not to kill, but you shouldn’t even be angry at another person. Not only are you not to commit adultery, but you shouldn’t even look at another person with lust. Not only should you not take a false oath, but do not swear at all. The seriousness with which Jesus speaks about the law does not indicate in any way that we’re allowed to just do whatever our individual will desires. Jesus didn’t say we could either obey his law, or not, whichever we prefer. No, further into the Gospel passage he doubles down by saying, “*if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.*” (Mt. 5:30) While people don’t traditionally go around cutting off body parts, I think the message Jesus is trying to convey is that we should do everything within our power to avoid falling into sin, because allowing ourselves to stay in sin is very serious.



Amanda Nicholson  
Music & Liturgy

God desires that all people make it to heaven, and the rules he puts in place are meant to keep us on the path toward that goal. Without God’s rules, or “guideposts,” we can stray into dangerous spiritual territory. This reality means that his law isn’t about restriction, it’s about God’s love for us and his desire to save us. Any parent knows that when you have children, you need to have rules to keep your kids safe, healthy, and (mostly!) behaving properly. We put those rules in place because we love our kids and want the best for them, but they don’t always understand why it’s important to follow rules. As adults, we have a bit more autonomy over our choices and behaviors, and there likely aren’t people in our lives who are correcting our bad behavior. As people with free will, the choice of how to live falls to us, and God will always respect our free will. The first reading today states, “*Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.*” (Sir 15:17) In his love, God allows us to choose our own path, whether to our detriment or our good.

Hopefully our mindset about following God’s laws is one of joyful peace. The responsorial psalm today tells us that “Blessed (or “happy” is another translation) are they who follow the law of the Lord.” (Ps. 119) Therefore, be happy to follow God’s law knowing that it’s a gift keeping us on the path of righteousness.



### Join us for Stations of the Cross | Fridays during Lent

- 9:15am Monongahela — after the 8:30am Mass
- 11:30am Donora — before the Fish Fry lunch rush
- 6:30pm Charleroi — after the 6pm Mass

(Friday, March 6th, only—the 6:30pm stations will be Addiction Recovery Stations)

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## OPENING HYMN

## CHRIST IN ME ARISE

Christ in me a-rise and dis-pel all the dark-ness. Christ in me a-rise with your  
pow-er and your strength. Christ in me pour out your bless-ing and heal-ing.  
Christ in me a-rise and I shall rise with you. 1. Be now my vis-ion;  
2. Be now my foot-steps,  
o-pen these eyes, show-ing me all that I must see.  
lead-ing the way, tak-ing me where I must go.  
On-ward to the king-dom, you are the way. A-rise in me and I shall rise with you.

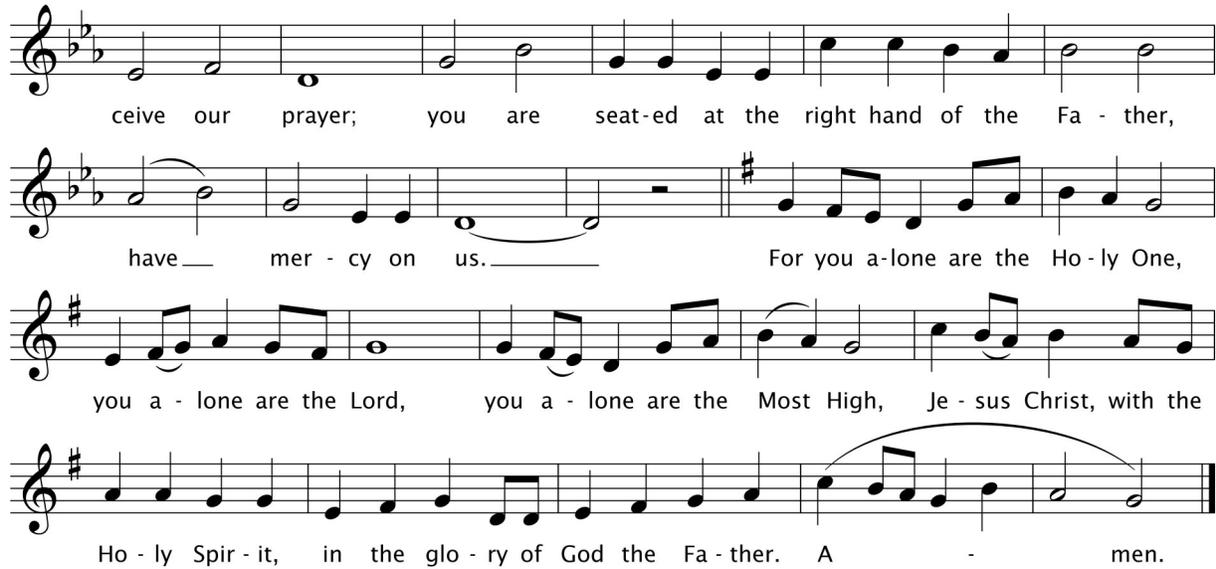
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## GLORIA

## 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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ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,  
 have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## FIRST READING

SIRACH 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God

are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34



Bless - ed are they who fol - low the law of the Lord!

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1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
 who walk in the law of the Lord!  
 Blessed are those who keep his decrees!  
 With all their hearts they seek him.
2. You have laid down your precepts  
 to be carefully kept.  
 May my ways be firm  
 in keeping your statutes.

3. Deal bountifully with your servant,  
 that I may live and keep your word.  
 Open my eyes, that I may see  
 the wonders of your law.
4. Lord, teach me the way of your statutes,  
 and I will keep them to the end.  
 Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
 and observe it whole-heartedly.

## SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God prede-

termined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: What eye has not seen, and

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ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the

depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

## GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

## MATTHEW 5:13-16

"You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## 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

## O BREATHE ON ME, O BREATH OF GOD

1. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Fill me with  
2. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, Un - til my  
3. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, My will to  
4. O breathe on me, O Breath of God, So shall I

life a - new, That I may love the  
heart is pure; Un - til my will is  
yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish  
nev - er die, But live with you the

things you love And do what you would do.  
one with yours, To do and to en - dure.  
part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.  
per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

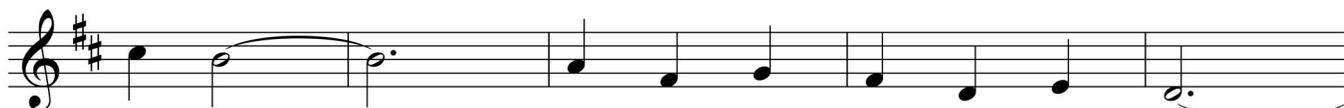
## EYE HAS NOT SEEN



Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for



those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the mind of



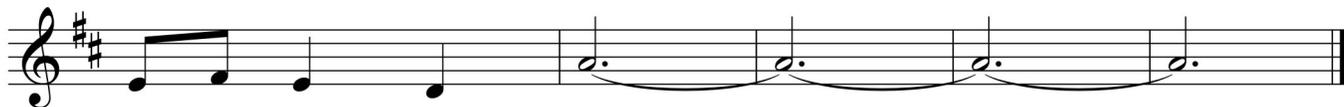
Je - sus, teach us the wis - dom of God.



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O  
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow - er and we  
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er



Lord; for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and bear us up with -  
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so we re - turn in  
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of all the poor and



in your peace - ful word.  
love what love has made.  
low - ly of the world.

*Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Tune: Marty Haugen © 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re -  
The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are



stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in  
freed, the sin - ners find place, the out - cast are wel - comed God's



Je - sus we know; and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.  
ban - quet to share; and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.

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# LIVING THE LAW: BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges His disciples to move beyond simply meeting the minimum requirements of the law. When He says, "You have heard it said... but I say to you," Jesus is calling us to something deeper, not just external compliance, but a transformation of the heart.

If we are to take His words seriously, our righteousness must go beyond avoiding harm. It must become an active commitment to protect, honor, and care for human life in all its stages and circumstances. As a parish, we want to grow in this deeper way of living the Gospel. In the coming months, we will be launching a pro-life initiative focused on building a culture of life and love from conception to natural death. This effort will elevate many of our current ministries and introduce new opportunities for formation, service, & support.

Our first event will be a bus trip to the Pro-Life March in Pittsburgh. Future events will address the dignity of life at every stage, including a panel discussion on end-of-life decisions and dying with dignity. We will continue to support families facing food insecurity through our food bank distributions and expand this ministry to provide summer nutrition (and fun!) for children in our community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also speaks directly about anger, contempt, and reconciliation. A culture of life cannot exist where people are dismissed, mocked, or dehumanized. We must honestly acknowledge that racist language and attitudes have wounded relationships in our wider community. Following Christ means actively rejecting any words or behaviors that diminish the dignity of another person. Every person we encounter is made in the image and likeness of God. A simple test is this: If I wouldn't say these words to Christ Himself, I shouldn't say them about His beloved child, whether in person or on social media.

Living a culture of life also means walking with those who are struggling. Many individuals and families are facing the challenge of addiction. To better support them, we will be starting Catholics in Recovery, a ministry for those seeking healing and their loved ones. Protecting life includes protecting hope, restoring dignity, and creating a community where people are not ashamed to ask for help.

Jesus concludes this section of the Gospel with a simple but powerful instruction:

"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'" (Matthew 5:37) This is one of my favorite Scriptures. I sometimes quote it when I'm encouraging someone to speak honestly.

As we approach Lent, I think this is a good question for each of us: Does my life clearly say "yes" to the dignity of every human person? This Lent, consider one concrete way to "Live the Yes": Speak up when you hear dehumanizing or racist comments; Choose words that encourage and build up rather than tear down; Join (or start!) a ministry that protects and accompanies vulnerable people; Reach out to someone who is struggling, isolated, or carrying a hidden burden; Pray each day for a deeper respect for life in your own heart.

Jesus is not asking us for the minimum. He is asking for a clear and consistent witness. When our words, our choices, and our actions all reflect the dignity of every human life, our "yes" becomes a light that others can see.



**Diane Kooser**  
Formation



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.



## 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 & 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 in the Formation Center. Our current study is entitled 'Full Of Grace, Women and the Abundant Life'. All NEW members please notify Kate at 443-799-0325 for details.

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise  
 For Christ, by Whom all things were made, Himself has fasted and has prayed.  
 Then grant us, Lord, to keep them to be, first and foremost, with Thee;  
 Our spirits strengthen with Thy grace, and give us joy to see Thy face.

# LENT 2026



## Lenten Guidelines

### PRAYER

Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics of age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

### ALMSGIVING

Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

## O Lord, for this I pray:

Make my heart the good earth  
 So that You may grow in me,  
 grow and grow continually.  
 O Lord, may this living incorruptible seed  
 Within me enlivening, grow unto maturity.  
 Renew my mind, oh Lord, day by day dispense Your  
 life; My wandering thoughts purify completely;  
 Replace my will, O Lord, with Your will  
 that I would say "O Lord, Amen,"  
 always trusting You, following You.  
 Increase my love for You so that I would love You,  
 Return Your love with Yours, responding to Your call;  
 Reveal more of Yourself to me so I can see  
 Your divine economy, shine on me Your speaking.  
 Let Your life within me saturate,  
 Let Your life within me permeate.  
 May all Your fullness be expressed through me  
 And my being be conformed to Thee.

## "Make Your Hearts Firm"

*from the 2015 Lenten Message of Pope Francis*

Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each communities and every believer. Above all it is a "time of grace" (2 *Cor* 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. "We love because he first has loved us" (1 *Jn* 4:19). He is not aloof from us. Each one of us has a place in his heart. He knows us by name, he cares for us and he seeks us out whenever we turn away from him. He is interested in each of us; his love does not allow him to be indifferent to what happens to us. Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure... Our heart grows cold. As long as I am relatively healthy and comfortable, I don't think about those less well off. Today, this selfish attitude of indifference has taken on global proportions, to the extent that we can speak of a globalization of indifference. It is a problem which we, as Christians, need to confront.

Indifference to our neighbor and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience.

God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation. In the Incarnation, in the earthly life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God, the gate between God and man, between heaven and earth, opens once for all. The Church is like the hand holding open this gate, thanks to her proclamation of God's word, her celebration of the sacraments and her witness of the faith which works through love (cf. *Gal* 5:6). But the world tends to withdraw into itself and shut that door through which God comes into the world and the world comes to him. Hence the hand, which is the Church, must never be surprised if it is rejected, crushed and wounded.

God's people, then, need this interior renewal, lest we become indifferent and withdraw into ourselves. ... During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: **Make our hearts like yours** (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.



# Monster Fish Fry Sponsorship



Our parishes Fish is looking for some Fish Fry Sponsors to help defray the dinner expenses. Listed below are the various items which are in need of for each dinner. Perhaps your family would consider sponsoring an item for one or all seven dinners. If you cannot sponsor an item, any contribution you make will be pooled with others to defray the expenses. Just place your contribution with your name in an envelope stating "Lenten Fry Fish Sponsor" in the collection basket.

Cole Slaw	\$150
Condiments	\$120
Cooking Oil	\$160
French Fries	\$60
Mac & Cheese	\$170

Misc. Items	\$170
<i>(Cups, Lids, Gloves, Foil, Trays, etc.)</i>	
Sandwich Rolls	\$190
Pop/Water	\$50
Produce	\$160



*Saint Andrew  
The Apostle*

**DONUT SALE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

**BEGINS AT 8:00 AM**

**UNTIL SOLD OUT**

**Parish Park Monongahela  
225 Park Ave  
Behind Dierken's Pharmacy**

## YA Lenten Bible Study



Adults ages 18 - 39, please consider starting this Lenten challenge and join our 6-week Bible Study where we will learn to fall more in love with our Creator.

Beginning Thursday, February 19th at 6pm in the Donora Knights of Columbus Room.

This is led by Valentina.

*See you there!*

## Eucharistic Adoration 101: *The What, the Why, and the How*

Have you ever wondered what happens during Eucharistic Adoration—or felt unsure how to pray during that time? Join us for Eucharistic Adoration 101, an evening of teaching and reflection that explores what Eucharistic Adoration is, why the Church invites us into this devotion, and practical guidance on how to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. Whether you are new to Adoration or looking to deepen your prayer, all are welcome.

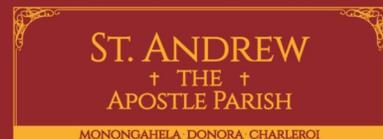
Dessert Reception in Marian Hall afterwards to meet the 2026 OCIA class!

**February 17 | 7:00 pm**

**Charleroi Church**



*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51*



**PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 7 P.M.**

**"GOD REDEEMS"**

**At the Charleroi Church & Livestreamed**





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# Marriage Class

If you are planning a wedding, Diocesan regulations require all couples to attend an approved preparation program. Below are the 2 nearest options to attend....

Feb 27, 7:00 PM  
– Mar 1st 4 PM  
*(whole weekend)*  
Divine Mercy  
Parish, 164  
Washington Pl,  
Pittsburgh  
\$239 per couple



March 7, 2026,  
11AM to 5:45 PM  
St. Eugene Church,  
3210 Liberty Way,  
McKeesport  
\$100 per couple



# Catholic in Recovery



## WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 p.m.

**Catholic in Recovery** provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction are also encouraged to attend.

Meetings combine the spiritual principles of **12-step recovery** and the **sacraments** of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected.

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technology addiction

family & friends impacted by addiction

all other unhealthy attachments

adult children of dysfunctional homes



### **Lenten Mission: Behold the Lamb of God: Elevating Your Experience of the Mass**

We will be exploring the different movements and rites of the mass and point out different signs and what spiritual realities they signify. This will all be for the sake of helping us dive deeper into participating within the highest form of prayer - the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**March 5th** — Introductory Rites and Liturgy of the Word

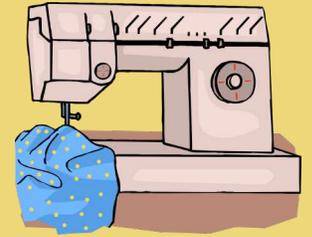
**March 12th** — Liturgy of the Eucharist and Concluding Rites

# WORKS OF MERCY



## DIGNITY ROBES GROUP

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!



## HONORARIUMS

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By Friday Morning Breakfast Group

## FOOD BANK REQUESTS

- Pasta & Sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Granola Bars
- Crackers
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruits & Vegetables
- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Rice & Beans
- Toilet Paper
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St. Andrew the Apostle Parish

## PET FOOD BANK

A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WASHINGTON HUMANE SOCIETY

Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish & The Washington Area Humane Society are partnering together to assist community members in need of supplemental pet food and supplies through our regular food bank distribution.

**2ND WEDNESDAY, EVERY MONTH**  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**Charleroi**  
624 Washington Ave, Charleroi, PA 15022

**Donora**  
1 Park Rd, Donora, PA 15033

**Monongahela**  
225 Park Ave, Monongahela, PA 15063



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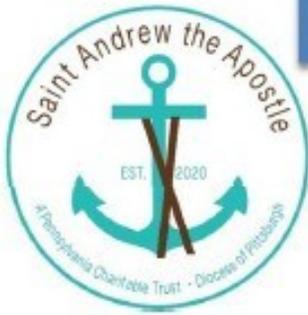


There are two Food Banks offered through Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish. On the second Tuesday of every month,

we partner with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (Charleroi site only), from 9:30am - 11am. And on the second Wednesday of every month, we have our parish Food Bank, Diaper Bank and Pet Food Bank pick up at all 3 church locations from 10am - 11:30. Volunteers are always needed! Please contact Chris Janney at 267-990-4479.



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# Monster Fish Fry



## Ash Wednesday & Every Friday

February 20, 2026 – March 27  
(Closed Good Friday)  
11am – 6 pm

### DONORA SOCIAL HALL

1 Park Manor  
Donora, PA 15033

### Menu

- Monster Batter Dipped Fish Sandwich  
w/ 6oz Coleslaw - \$14
- Monster Fried Fish Dinner  
(no bun) w/ 6oz Coleslaw & ½ lb. Fries - \$16
- Crab Cake Dinner (2 pc)  
w/ 6oz Coleslaw & ½ lb. Fries - \$16
- Panko Breaded Shrimp Basket  
(12pc) w/ 6oz Coleslaw - \$13
- Panko Breaded Shrimp Dinner  
(12pc) w/ 6oz Coleslaw & ½ lb. Fries - \$16

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### Ala Carte Items

- French Fries ½ lb. - \$3
- Green Beans 6oz - \$2
- Piece of Baked Fish - \$11
- Crab Cakes - \$5 each
- Haluski 12oz - \$4
- Macaroni & Cheese 12oz - \$4
- Coleslaw 6oz - \$4
- Pierogies - \$.50 each (*minimum 4*)
- Soup of the Day 12oz - \$6
- Buns - \$1.50
- Sliced American Cheese on Sandwich - \$1

### Drinks

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite & Bottled Water - \$1

### Soup of the Day

Ash Wed, Feb 18	Pasta Fagioli
Friday, Feb 20	Seafood Bisque
Friday, Feb 27	Cream of Mushroom
Friday, March 6	Minestrone
Friday, March 13	Clam Chowder
Friday, March 20	Potato Soup
Friday, March 27	Broccoli Cheese

### 1 DAY SPECIAL:

Eggplant Parmesan w/salad & roll – \$12.00  
Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> ONLY

All volunteers at the fish fry are required to complete the requirements set in place by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Please see Helena Glaneman before volunteering if you have not completed the steps for compliance or go to <https://diopitt.org/parish-volunteers>

# FAITH FORMATION

Every family has rules. Without them, family life would quickly become chaotic. Take some time together to brainstorm a list of rules that help everyone live peacefully in your home. Think about rules for playtime, mealtimes, how you speak to one another, and going out with friends. Emphasize that these rules are not meant to be a burden, but a way of showing love and respect for each other.

Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks about following the Law. Share with your family that God's Law of love is like a set of guiding rules that help us show love and respect in our relationships. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37.

After reading, talk together about how anger is handled in your family. What helps you calm down? How can you respond to one another with kindness and respect, even when you are upset?



**Kathy Miller**  
Director of Faith Formation

## Faith Formation

February 15 — In person class (note this is a change from the original schedule)

February 22 — Family Catechesis

March 1 — In person class

March 8 — Lectio Divina

March 15 — In person class

## Confirmation

February 15 — In person class (note this is a change from the original schedule)

March 1 — In person class

March 7 — Retreat-St. Vincent College

March 15 — In person class



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The Donora Knights would like to thank everyone who participated in the Galiffa's Pizza & Sub Fundraiser. We appreciate your support of our mission and hope you enjoyed your delicious meal. God bless you!

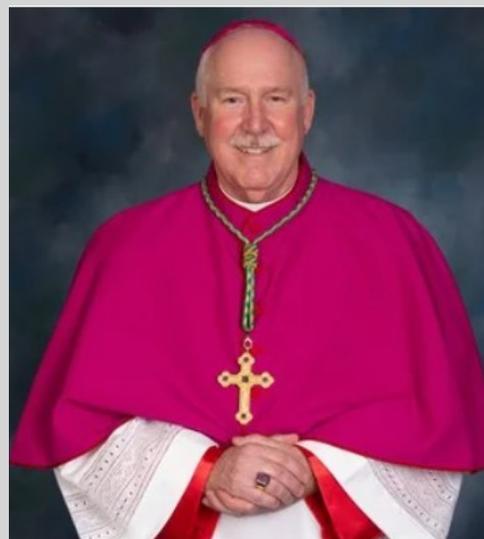
## **Bishop Mark Is Coming to Listen!**

In 2026, Bishop Mark Eckman will visit every parish in our Diocese for a special session focused on how we are living the Works of Mercy, the heart of our baptismal call. This effort is a major pastoral priority for Bishop Mark. He is committing a significant amount of time, energy, and personal presence to understand how our parishes are living mercy, compassion, and service.

***Tuesday, March 3rd | Marian Hall, Charleroi***

**The session is from 7 to 9PM and includes:**

1. A dessert reception
2. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Bishop Mark's reflections
3. Small group conversations
4. Sharing as a community
5. Closing blessing



What he learns from these sessions will help shape his pastoral vision for the future of the Church of Pittsburgh and identify the opportunities where our Diocese can grow and serve more fruitfully.

***All are welcome. Please join us for prayer, conversation, and a spirit of unity.***

**To RSVP—Please contact Valentina at [vtomko@saintandrewmidmon.org](mailto:vtomko@saintandrewmidmon.org)**

## **THE CHOSEN**



### **The Chosen Watch Party**

Join us for the next episode of The Chosen and an engaging discussion to follow.

Tuesday, February 17th

6pm | Formation Center in Charleroi

*To confirm your attendance, please call Helen at 724-379-8737*

***Come and binge Jesus!***

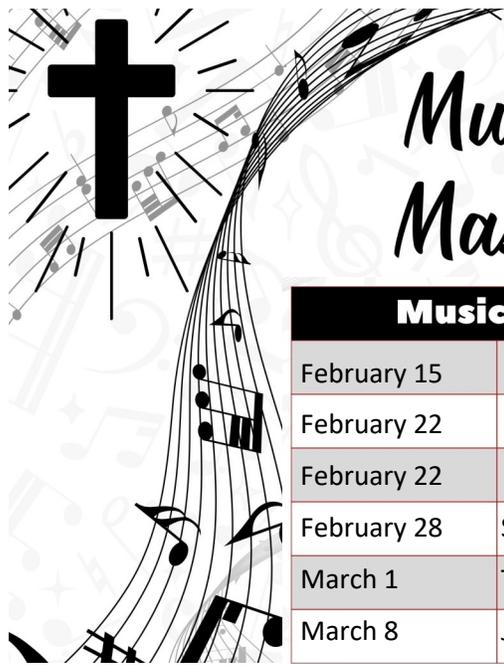
### **Addiction Related Grief Group**



One of the valuable lessons learned over the past few generations is that people with similar pain can be very good for each other. The expansive growth of AA is probably the largest example, but there are many others. Anyone that has ever lost a child knows how helpful others can be who have time spent in the club in which no one wants membership. Those that have lost a family member or friend because of an addiction have a uniqueness to their grief, and thus far, not many groups have been created for this specific pain.

Addiction Recovery Ministry is running a grief group for family members or friends who have lost a loved one because of overdose or addiction. Our discussion will be framed by the video "Among the Many." We will strive to offer hope to anyone grieving such a tragic loss.

Led by Deacon Tim Noca, our weekly meetings will begin on Thursday, February 19 and will run for several weeks ending on April 23. We will begin each meeting at 7:00PM and they will be held in the Monongahela Rectory at 722 W. Main Street, Monongahela, PA 15063.



# Music Ministry Mass Schedule

Music Ministry Schedule		
February 15	Laudate	9am Charleroi
February 22	Children's Choir	9am Charleroi
February 22	Parish Choir	11:30am Mon City
February 28	Sam Meek (Violinist)	5:30pm Charleroi
March 1	Taize Service	4pm Donora
March 8	Jeff Betler (Flutist)	9am Charleroi

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

### February 18, 2026

8:30am - Donora (Mass)  
12 noon - Charleroi (Mass)  
4pm - Monongahela (Service)  
7pm - Monongahela (Mass)

# DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT

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 Marian Hall

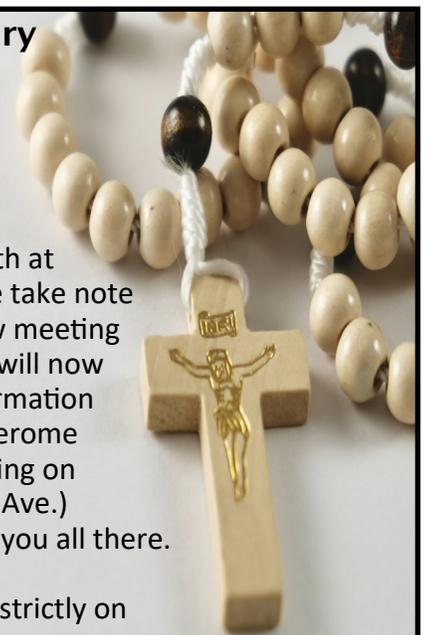
TO RSVP  
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### The Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers will meet on Thursday, February 19th at 1p.m. Please take note that our new meeting location we will now be in the Formation Center (St. Jerome School building on Washington Ave.) Hope to see you all there.

We operate strictly on donations so we are very grateful for these donations. Please join us!

You can book a time to learn how to make these rosaries at another time if Thursdays don't work for you by calling Jean at the Charleroi office. 724-483-5533



### 2025 Contribution Statements

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

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8:30am Meet in Donora

12pm Rally

4pm Return to Donora

*Lunch will be on your own time and dime in the city.*



If you're interested in attending, please email Mark. The parish is setting up a bus ride from the Donora parking lot for all who wish to join him. [mlittlefield@saintandrewmidmon.org](mailto:mlittlefield@saintandrewmidmon.org)

The Confraternity of Christian Mother's will conduct their next meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 1pm in Marian Hall, Charleroi. Annual dues of \$20 will be collected at the meeting.



## Confraternity of Christian Mothers



## WHAT I HAVE, *I Give*

Each year, the Annual Parish Appeal provides us with an opportunity to pray with Saint Peter's selfless words: "What I have, I give." It allows us to support the vital ministries that bring the light of Christ to our parishes and beyond.

Your generous gift to the Annual Parish Appeal 2026 contributes to the training of lay ministers; the formation of new priests; outreach efforts on college campuses, nursing homes, hospitals, prisons, and more.



COMMITMENT WEEKEND: FEB. 14 & 15, 2026

Donations to the Annual Parish Appeal support the Diocese of Pittsburgh—covering a six-county area of southwestern Pennsylvania. The money raised helps pay for the day in and day out needs of the entire diocese in areas such as central administration, the Seminary and seminarian education, the Marriage Tribunal, continued priestly formation, Catholic School Scholarships for low-income families, The Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine, spiritual renewal ministries across the diocese, and retirement support for priests. Each parish is assessed 11% of its income. Any amount donated above our parish assessment stays in the parish and is not taxed by the Diocese. Essentially, the Annual Parish Appeals dollars help fund the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in the Pittsburgh area. Every dollar not raised comes out of the parish's savings, so we cannot do this good work alone! We need your help! Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish is assessed at a \$144,540 goal. So please give to the Diocesan Parish Appeal!

**How much should I give?** As stewards, we should take the time to reflect on our God-given treasures. Giving back to God, either through contributions to our parish or the CFA, should involve a sacrifice, one that reflects God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your sacrificial offering is a personal decision between you and God, and should be made after prayerful consideration.



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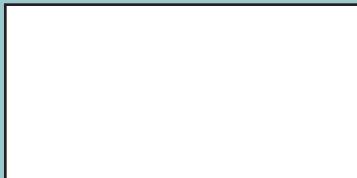
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