

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | FEBRUARY 22, 2026



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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
FEB 23		FIRST MONDAY OF LENT		
8:30 am	CHA	Carol McCree by Angie DeRienzo & Family		
FEB 24		FIRST TUESDAY OF LENT		
8:30 am	DON	Mary Rose Hemmings by Patti Rongaus		
FEB 25		FIRST WEDNESDAY OF LENT		
7:00 pm	MON	Lane Jonas by the Jonas Family		
FEB 26		FIRST THURSDAY OF LENT		
8:30 am	DON	Mary Sciacca by Daughter, Lorraine		
FEB 27		SAINT GREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH		
8:30 am	MON	People of the Parish		
6:00 pm	CHA	People of the Parish		
FEB 28		FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT		CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Michael Carroll by Mr. & Mrs. John Matty		Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	People of the Parish		Fr. Levi
5:30 pm	CHA	Joseph Marnina, Jr. by Lora Puskar		Fr. Pat
MAR 1		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	Charles & Margaret White by Charles & Patricia White		Fr. Pat
9:00 am	CHA	Matt, Gilda & Michael Wyvratt by Mark & Barb Wyvratt & Family		Fr. Pat
11:30 am	MON	Joseph & Gladys Sholtis by Linda & Joe Benney		Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish		Fr. Levi



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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 reflete jou ferye oswa
jou apa pou Bondye.*

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 15th

\$12,487

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

Parish Appeal Begins

February 15, 2026



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.

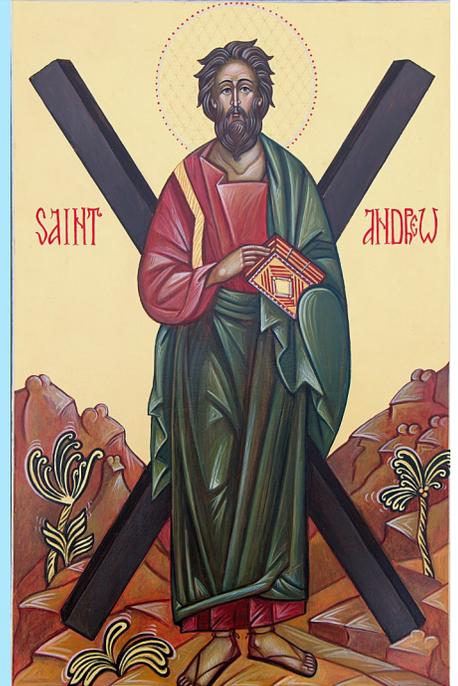
Saturdays, Donora

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

BERNADINE ATEN

By: Mark & Barb Wyvrat &
Family

DONORA FOR

BISCEGLIA & HOMA FAMILIES

By: Dominic Bisceglia

MONONGAHELA FOR

LEWIS & MARY ANN PASCOE

By: Daughter, Andrea

CLERGY

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Lent is here! When I was growing up, I was never excited for Lent. It seemed like a time of sadness and waiting. In the Gospel today, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the desert for 40 days without food. That does not sound like fun. The time of desert fasting was a time of being alone with God. It was a time of being away from everything and everyone else. For us, Lent is a time of repentance and purification. It is a time for us to turn away from things that lead us away from God and to turn toward things and people that bring us closer to Him! I think a more exciting way to look at Lent is to see it as a time of training. The Church Fathers say that the Lenten Season represents our earthly journey, whereas the Easter Season represents the joys of Heaven! That being said, this earthly journey does not just have to be one hard thing after the next; it can be one great adventure after the next, and it is most certainly a time of training for Eternity! Let's get excited for the "training camp" that is this Lenten Season and let's grow as we dive deeper into prayer, fasting and almsgiving!

The first thing we need to recognize is that no matter how long we have been following Jesus in the Catholic Church, we are not yet perfect! There is room to grow! Remember, St. John of the Cross referred to himself as the worst of sinners. How is that possible when he was one of the holiest people who ever lived? St. John uses the following analogy which explains a lot. He says that a dirty pane of glass in a dark room looks pretty clean until you put it up to the sun. Once the sun shines on the pane of glass, it is easy to see all the dirt and as well as every little imperfection. The same is true for our souls. All of the saints were well aware of their sinfulness because they were constantly coming to the light of Christ and seeing themselves in that light. For those of us who are not aware of our sinfulness, it is important this Lent that we grow closer to God through increased prayer, fasting, almsgiving, the study of the spiritual life. This will lead us to a deeper understanding of our own sinfulness and God's infinite grace!

What is one thing that you find takes up time and distracts you from God and reality? Perhaps it is hours of television or hours on your phone? It could be anything...Try to think of one thing that is distracting you for God and give that up for Lent! Also, try to think of one way that you can grow closer to God, and add that to your Lenten discipline! Perhaps you could spend 10 minutes a day reading your Bible? Perhaps you could come to Church and pray quietly with Jesus in the tabernacle. Maybe you could implement family prayer at night before the children go to bed, or if you already have family prayer, you could add a Gospel reading to it. When it comes to almsgiving, look around you and see who is in need. Generosity is a power gift not only for others, but for ourselves! Every time I give generously, I feel tremendous inside and nine times out of ten the Lord gives me way more in return than what I gave away!

May our Lent be a time of training in virtue and of turning from vices! May we be filled with every grace we need to dive deeper into prayer, fasting and almsgiving!



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

1st Sunday of Lent

Happy First Sunday of Lent! When you come to church now, you'll notice that the space may look more stark and bare. As we enter the penitential season of Lent, we strip down to the bare necessities and "fast" from decoration and certain joyful music, such as the Gloria and any song containing the word "Alleluia." This makes the "feast" of Easter that much more beautiful when we've anticipated the return of flowers, more light as we head toward spring, and joyful, uplifting music.

Unlike those New Year's resolutions that people quickly give up on mid-January, I hope your Lenten resolutions stay strong through the course of this season and beyond! I'm sure you'll be tempted to give in along the way, so in those moments, say a quick prayer to avoid the temptation. Even though giving in to our temptations won't have the same devastating effects as that of Adam and Eve, which you'll hear about in the first reading, we should still strive to do our best this Lent since each sacrifice we make helps us grow in the way of holiness.

I love the way the readings begin for us this Lent. It seems so fitting to begin at the beginning with Genesis and the temptation of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Their first sin, which brought all sin into the world, is the entire reason we need Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter. He takes away the sin of the world and undoes the destruction brought about by Adam and Eve who broke humanity's relationship with God. This reading at the beginning of Lent allows us to see what Easter is all about and why it's so essential to our salvation.

One of my favorite things about the Sunday readings is making the connections between the readings, especially the 1st Reading and the Gospel, because there's always an intentional connection there. The connection in today's readings show parallel temptations between how Adam and Eve were tempted in the Garden, and how Jesus was tempted in the desert. You'll be able to see how Adam and Eve gave in to temptation, while Jesus, the "new Adam," shows us an example of perfect behavior and trust in the face of temptation.

The first temptation is the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge, "*Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?*" (Gn 3:1) Eve saw that the apple "was good for food," (Gn 3:6) and had a physical desire to eat it even though she had everything she needed in the garden and never went hungry. Jesus, on the other hand, had been fasting in the desert for 40 days and *was* hungry when the devil tempted him to turn rocks into bread. Instead of giving in to that physical temptation like Adam and Eve, Jesus trusted his father, knowing he'd be completely provided for in every need.

Next, the devil tempts Eve to put God to the test, "*the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil.*" (Gn. 3:5) The same type of temptation is presented to Jesus when the devil instructs him to throw himself off the parapet of the temple, for certainly God's son will be rescued by angels. Adam and Eve fail in this temptation too as they question if God has their best interest in mind, whereas Jesus has complete faith, knowing he doesn't need to put God to the test.

Lastly, Adam and Eve give in to idolatry as they partake of the apple. They turn their worship away from God and place it in the pleasure, knowledge, and power they think they will assume upon eating the apple. Contrarily, when the devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world he stands to inherit if Jesus will only turn his worship from God to him, Jesus remains fully obedient to his father.

As you listen to the Gospel today, you'll hear how each time the devil tempts Jesus, Jesus responds with scripture, holding firmly onto the truth of God's Word even when the devil tried his best to sway him. Maybe you could choose a bible verse this Lent to accompany whatever you've chosen to give up or for whatever you're doing extra, and when you feel tempted to give up, bring that verse to mind so you too can choose to respond with trust and faith.



Amanda Nicholson
Music & Liturgy

THE ORDER OF MASS

OPENING HYMN

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS



1. Lord, who through - out these for - ty days For us did fast and
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend And did the vic - t'ry
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, So teach us, gra - cious
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, And through your Pas - sion -
5. A - bide with us that, when this life Of suf - fer - ing is



pray, Teach us to o - ver - come our sins, And close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength in you to fight, In you to con - quer sin.
Lord, To die to self, and on - ly live By your most ho - ly word.
tide, For ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, An East - er of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last!

Text: Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898, alt. Tune: ST. FLAVIAN, CM; John's Day Psalter, 1562

FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even

touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17



Be mer - ci - ful, be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your merciful love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash me completely from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **R./**
2. My transgressions, truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R./**
3. Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence; take not your holy spirit from me. **R./**
4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. **R./**

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SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many

transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and hon - or to you. Praise and hon - or to you.

Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-16

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is

written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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

LED BY THE SPIRIT



1. Led by the Spir - it of our God, we go to fast and pray With
2. Led by the Spir - it, we con - front temp - ta - tion face to face, And
3. Led by the Spir - it, now draw near the wa - ters of re - birth With
4. Led by the Spir - it, now sing praise to God and Trin - i - ty" The



Christ in - to the wil - der - ness; we join his pas - chal way. "Rend
know full well we must re - ly on God's re - deem - ing grace. On
hearts that long to wor - ship God in spir - it and in truth. "Who -
Source of Life, the liv - ing Word made flesh to set us free, The



not your gar - ments, rend your hearts. Turn back your lives to me." Thus
bread a - lone we can - not live, but nour - ished by the Word We
ev - er drinks the drink I give shall nev - er thirst a - gain." Thus
Spir - it blow - ing where it will to make us friends of God: This



says our kind and gra - cious God, whose reign is lib - er - ty.
seek the will of God to do, this is our drink and food.
says the Lord who died for us, our Sav - ior, kin and friend.
mys - t'ry far be - yond our reach, yet near in heal - ing love.

Text: CMD; based on Joel 2:12-13; Matthew 4:1-4; Mark 1:12-15; John 4:5-42; Bob Hurd, © 1996. Published by OCP.

Music: trad. English Melody; English Country Songs, 1893.

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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.

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

TREE OF LIFE



1. Tree of Life and awesome mys - t'ry, In your death we are re -
2. Seed that dies to rise in glo - ry, May we see our - selves in
3. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, Love passed on through act and
4. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, Come in - flame our hearts a -
5. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, Stumb - ling though our steps may



born, Though you die in all of his - t'ry, Still you rise with ev - 'ry
you, If we learn to live your sto - ry We may die to rise a -
word, Ev - 'ry per - son lost and bro - ken Wears the bod - y of our
new, We may all your joy in - her - it If we bear the cross with
be, One with you in joy and sor - row, We the riv - er you the



morn, Still you rise with ev - 'ry morn.
new, We may die to rise a - new.
Lord, Wears the bod - y of our Lord.
you, If we bear the cross with you.
sea, We the riv - er you the sea.

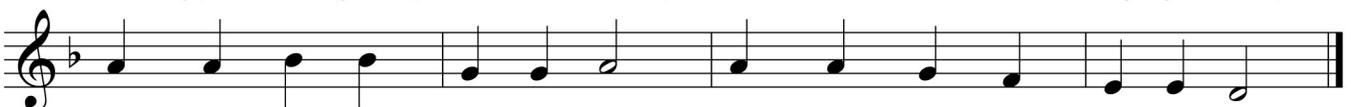
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor - row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then, if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine; Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be.
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by your side,



For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed and yet un - de - filed.
Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
'Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
That with you we may ap - pear At the e - ter - nal East - er - tide.

Text: George H. Smytan, 1822-1870. Tune: HEINLEIN, attr. To Martin Herbst, Nurnbergisches Gesangbuch, 1676.

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WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

When I was younger and the season of Lent would come upon me like a thief in the night, in typical last-minute fashion, I would normally try to give up sweets and chocolate chip cookies or maybe I would replace the time spent playing video games or watching TV with prayer. But as time went on, I began to realize the deeper meaning of what the Lord was calling me to during this painful, but yet beautiful, season of Lent. Lent is not just about eating less and praying more, nor is it about giving up pleasures for a time and then resuming back to “normal life” for the rest of the year. While prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are essential elements to a successful and fruitful Lent, there is a question that each of us must ask the Lord and ourselves if we are going to be truly transformed and renewed. In the words of Bishop David Zubik, “*Where’s your heart?*” It was during my short time as a student at Duquesne University that I heard this question proclaimed on Ash Wednesday in 2020. It was a question that I have not forgotten since and that I have mediated on for a long time.



Philip Pierangeli
Social Ministry

One of the best ways that we can grow in discipleship and charity during this Lenten season is by sacrificing our time and energy to serve the people of God and by bringing Jesus Christ to the those who are in need of genuine love, compassion, and service. As I mentioned in my last article, one of my main priorities for being here is to bring Holy Communion to the Catholic residents at Residence at Hilltop and Mon Valley Care Center nursing homes. I am in the beginning stages of forming a team of people who would be interested in visiting and comforting those who reside in nursing homes and who are unable to physically attend Mass. As we embark on this holy season of Lent as a parish community, I would like to personally invite each of you to join me on this mission of bringing Jesus Christ to those residing at the nursing homes. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining me on this mission or if you would like to have more information regarding this project, feel free to contact me at any time at: ppierangeli@saintandrewmidmon.org or 484-643-3697.

While our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving are important, the reality is that, unless our hearts belong to Jesus Christ and we are in a state of grace, nothing we do will be pleasing to God nor will we obtain any merit for our good works. Lent is about repentance and returning back to the Lord. Once we are reconciled and brought back into right relationship with the Lord and His Church, our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving becomes the way by which we come know who God is and who we are as beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Let us ask the Lord and ourselves the question that will determine, not just the fruitfulness of this Lent, but also the eternity of our immortal souls: Where is your heart?

Living Stations / Passion Play

Sunday, March 29 – 8:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars!

The youth of our parish will again perform the Living Stations of the Cross / Passion Play on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 2026.

Students of grade 3 through 12 are invited to participate. Through participation, they deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith.

Parents of interested students are asked to contact Mrs. Patty Baker through text message at (724) 344-5091.

The deadline for sign-up is Friday, February 27th.

Be sure to identify the student's name, grade level, and area of interest (speaking, singing or acting role).

TEMPORALITIES & STEWARDSHIP

Seeds to Supper program comes to the St. Andrew the Apostle Formation Center

This spring, our parish formation center is proud to host Seeds to Supper, a free beginner's gardening course offered through Penn State Extension and the Master Gardeners of Washington County. This six-week program is designed for adults who want to learn how to grow the food their families eat — even on a tight budget.

Classes will take place Thursdays from 6–8 PM, March 19 through April 30, right here at the St. Andrew the Apostle Formation Center in Charleroi (616 Washington Ave. at the former St. Jerome School). Over the course of the program, participants will learn how to plan a garden, choose crops, build healthy soil, care for plants, and enjoy a successful harvest. The program is geared toward gardening on a budget, and participants may also receive free seeds and gardening supplies, depending on availability.

Seeds to Supper is open to all adult participants. Pre-registration is required, and see below for a QR code for easy sign-up.

We are grateful for this new partnership with Penn State Extension and excited to welcome neighbors from across the Mon Valley into our formation center for learning, community, and the joy of growing good food.



Joe Caruso
Business Manager

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Cole Slaw	\$150	Misc. Items	\$170
Condiments	\$120	<i>(Cups, Lids, Gloves, Foil, Trays, etc.)</i>	
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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.



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

We want to hear from you this Lent!

The DMI survey is open. We want you to take it!

The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish.



Paper surveys are available in each church.

Please feel free to take these home to complete and return in the collection baskets.

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

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Monster Fish Fry



Ash Wednesday & Every Friday

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

DONORA SOCIAL HALL

1 Park Manor
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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

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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 6th ONLY

All volunteers at the fish fry are required to complete the clearances 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

When Jesus faced temptation, he responded with strength drawn from his faith and knowledge of Scripture. He was able to speak God's Word with confidence because he had been formed in his faith from a young age. As parents and caregivers, we share in this same calling: to surround our children with the richness of our Catholic faith so they, too, can rely on God's Word when they face challenges in life.

This Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of Scripture in your family's daily life. Read the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert from the Gospel of Matthew 4:1-11. Talk about how Jesus used Scripture to respond to temptation and why God's Word is such a powerful guide for us.

Invite each family member to share. Older children and adults might choose a favorite Bible verse and explain why it is meaningful to them. Younger children can name a favorite Bible story and be shown where it is found in the Bible. Encourage everyone to listen respectfully and learn from one another's faith.



Kathy Miller
Director of Faith Formation

Faith Formation

February 22 — Family Catechesis

March 1 — In person class

March 8 — Lectio Divina

March 15 — In person class

First Reconciliation for second grade will be at noon in Charleroi Church

March 22 — Family Catechesis

Confirmation

March 1 — In person class

March 7 — Retreat

March 15 — In person class



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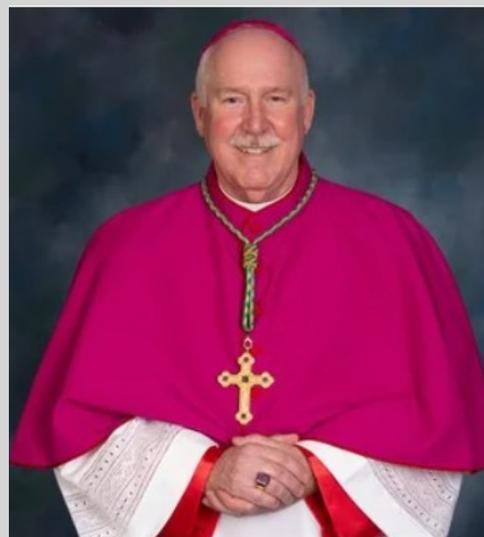
Bishop Mark Is Coming to Listen!

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

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 6th

Donora Church | 9am — Midnight

Come Spend an hour with Jesus!



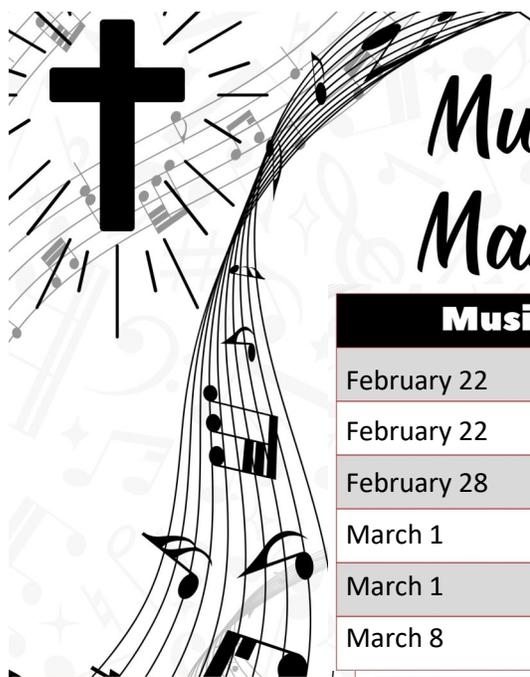
Addiction Related Grief Group



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.

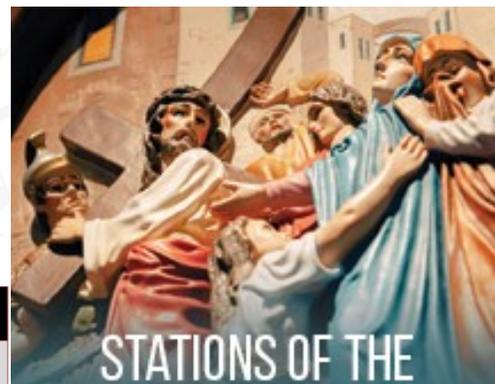
Addiction Recovery Ministry is running a grief group for family members or friends who have lost a loved one because of overdose or addiction. Our discussion will be framed by the video "Among the Many." We will strive to offer hope to anyone grieving such a tragic loss.

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for
Stations of the Cross
Every Friday 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
the 6:30pm stations will be
Addiction Recovery Stations)



Lenten Mission Talks

Behold the Lamb of God

Elevating Your Experience of the Mass

Join us for a two-night Lenten mission exploring the beauty, meaning, and depth of the Holy Mass. These talks will walk through the movements and rites of the Mass, highlighting the signs we see and what spiritual realities they reveal—so we can participate more fully in the Church's highest form of prayer: the prayer and sacrifice of Christ Himself: the Mass.

Tuesday, March 5

Introductory Rites & Liturgy of the Word

Discover how the opening movements of the Mass prepare us to encounter Christ and hear God's Word more deeply.

Tuesday, March 12

Liturgy of the Eucharist & Concluding Rites

Enter more fully into the sacrifice of the Eucharist and understand how the Mass sends us forth transformed.



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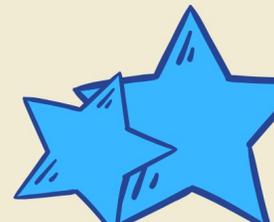
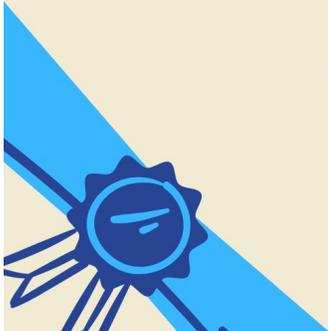
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SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

Schenley Plaza

4100 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15260

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

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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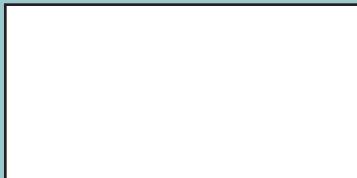
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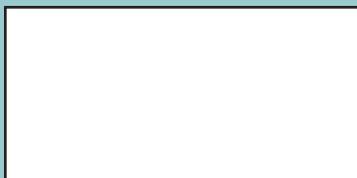
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