

# SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 1, 2026



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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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
MAR 2		SECOND MONDAY OF LENT	
8:30 am	CHA	Jackie Sims by Michelle Kruppa	
MAR 3		SECOND TUESDAY OF LENT	
8:30 am	DON	Connie Amicucci by Ermundo Amicucci	
MAR 4		MEMORIAL OF SAINT CASIMIR	
7:00 pm	MON	Kooser & Saniga Families by Bill & Diane Kooser	
MAR 5		SECOND THURSDAY OF LENT	
8:30 am	DON	Ernest Popp Sr. by Children, Yoonne & Ernest	
MAR 6		SECOND FRIDAY OF LENT	
8:30 am	MON	Patrick Hearn by William & Rosemary Hearn	
6:00 pm	CHA	People of the Parish	
MAR 7		MEMORIAL OF SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Salvatore Russo by Wife, Barbara Russo	Fr. Pat
5:30 pm	CHA	Mark Garrett by Family	Fr. Jerry
MAR 8		SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	CELEBRANT
7:30 am	DON	Stelle Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Reverend Paul Murphy by Richard Saccani	Fr. Levi
11:30 am	MON	Joe, Norma & Brian Reale by Janice & Eric Reale	Fr. Pat
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat



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# - 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 reflete jou ferye oswa  
jou apa pou Bondye.*

## STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 22nd

**\$9,769**

## DIOCESAN 2ND 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  
CAROLE KOLAR**

By: Angie DeRienzo & Family

**DONORA FOR**

**MR. & MRS. FRANK HALUCH**  
By: Daughter, Geri Pergola

**MONONGAHELA FOR  
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

# CLERGY

## A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Lent! Last week we began our 40 day journey of growth in holiness through repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving! You may have launched into Lent this past week and are feeling the change in your life already! You may be saying to yourself, I gave up the same thing I always give up, but I don't feel like my life is changing. If your life is not different during these Lenten days, then look again at how you can increase your daily and weekly prayer, fasting and almsgiving! This week the Scriptures tell us that we are in for a journey that will lead to the glory of heaven! That being said, Jesus makes it clear that the only way to the glory is through the cross!

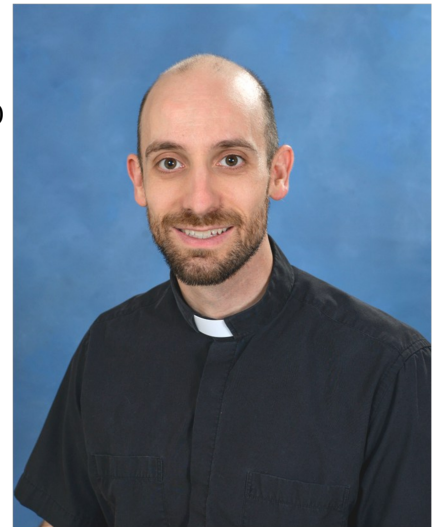
The Church Fathers tell us that the 40 days of Lent represent our earthly journey toward heaven. It makes total sense when you think about it coming from the model set for us by Christ who spent 40 days in the desert as a sign of him righting the wrong of Israel's 40 wayward years in the desert.

Israel's journey through the desert was anything but perfect. It was full of doubt, mistrust, rebellion, complaining, idol worship, and every evil you can imagine. Over and over the people fought against God and Moses and God had to punish them to get them back on track. God's punishment was always an act of love as any loving parent must punish children who are leading themselves and others into harms way.

As we launch into another week of Lent, let's turn to the Lord with all of our hearts! If we have not seriously increased our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let's crank it up! If you currently go to weekly Mass, consider going to daily Mass. Consider adding 10-15 minutes of prayer in the morning and the evening. Consider reading at least 1 chapter of the Bible a day, or getting plugged into "Bible in a year with Fr. Mike Schmitz" by simply YouTubing Bible in a year day 1. That will change your life!

If you want to dive deeper into the heart of prayer, I would recommend reading "The way of perfection" by Teresa of Avila, or downloading the Hallowed App or Discerning Hearts App. The Hallowed app is extremely popular and very helpful for growth in most areas of the faith including prayer, catechism, apologetics, evangelization, etc. The Discerning Hearts app is full of rich spiritual content! This app is also free. If you download this app, I would recommend going to spiritual formation and listening to anything by Deacon Jim Keating or Fr. Tim Gallegher.

This week, let's dive deeper into our prayer, fasting and almsgiving and repent/turn away from the things in our lives that distract us from God!



**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

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

In last week's article, I mentioned how much I liked the fact that we read about Adam and Eve's Original Sin in the Garden, and how that passage helps us to focus on why we need Jesus' death and resurrection. There is a trajectory here from the origin of sin entering the world, to its culmination at Easter where sin is overcome. Through Lent we're given an opportunity to travel that trajectory and consider how our personal sinfulness is a part of that equation, but also, how we too have been redeemed by a loving savior.

As we continue along that trajectory, we come to Jesus' Transfiguration in the Gospel passage today. Every single 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent we hear the same story of the Transfiguration, this year (Cycle A) from Matthew, and in other years from Mark and Luke. In all accounts, though, as Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop, Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. Both prophets have a special connection to mountaintops: Moses when he was given the 10 Commandments, and Elijah as he encountered God, not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but a "gentle whisper." These prophets symbolize the two main categories in the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets. Moses represents the Law because he was given the 10 Commandments, and Elijah represents the greatest of the prophets. But now as they're standing together on Mount Tabor, Jesus is there as the fulfillment of both the Law and the Prophets.

Jesus fulfilled the Law by keeping it perfectly, but also by exemplifying how the root of God's law is love. Jesus turned the law from a mere list of rules to follow to a conversion of heart, whereby one's motivation to follow the law is based on love rather than rule-keeping. Jesus is also the fulfillment of the Prophets because each part of his life realized every single prophecy made about him, culminating on the cross in this passage: "*aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled...he said, "It is finished" And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.*" (Jn. 19:28, 30)

Jesus' fulfillment of the Law and Prophets is beautifully depicted when God speaks from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him," and then Moses and Elijah disappear. This visual illustration symbolizes that Jesus now stands as the perfection of the Law and the one the Prophets pointed to, since he alone is the fulfillment of both.

I think one of the important reasons we hear this story every year is to offer hope through our Lenten journey, just as it offered hope to Jesus' disciples. Shortly before ascending the mountain, Jesus clued his disciples in on his eventual passion and death. Knowing his disciples would need courage and hope to endure both his passion, and eventually their own martyrdom, Jesus revealed his glory and opened up a glimpse into the heavenly reality. This passage is meant for us too as we work our way through Lent, giving us also, a vision of our destiny.



**Amanda Nicholson**  
Music & Liturgy



# THE ORDER OF MASS

## OPENING HYMN

## HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE



1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night; your  
 2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold where  
 3. Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be, we  
 4. Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come; we  
 5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main; but



face and gar - ments like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
 long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
 since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

*Text: Luke 9:32-33; Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.*

*Tune: SWABIA, SM; Johann M. Speiss, 1715-1772; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793-1870*

## FIRST READING

## GENESIS 12:1-4A

The LORD said to Abram: “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.

those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

“I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PSALM 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22



Lord, let your mer - cy be on us as we place our



trust in you, as we place our trust in you.

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| <p>1. For the word of the Lord is faithful,<br/>             and all of his works to be trusted.<br/>             The Lord loves justice and right,<br/>             and his merciful love fills the earth. <b>R./</b></p> <p>2. Yes, the Lord’s eyes are on those who fear him,<br/>             who hope in his merciful love,</p> | <p>to rescue their souls from death,<br/>             to keep them alive in famine. <b>R./</b></p> <p>3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.<br/>             He is our help and our shield.<br/>             May your merciful love be upon us,<br/>             as we hope in you, O Lord. <b>R./</b></p> |
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# THE ORDER OF MASS

## SECOND READING

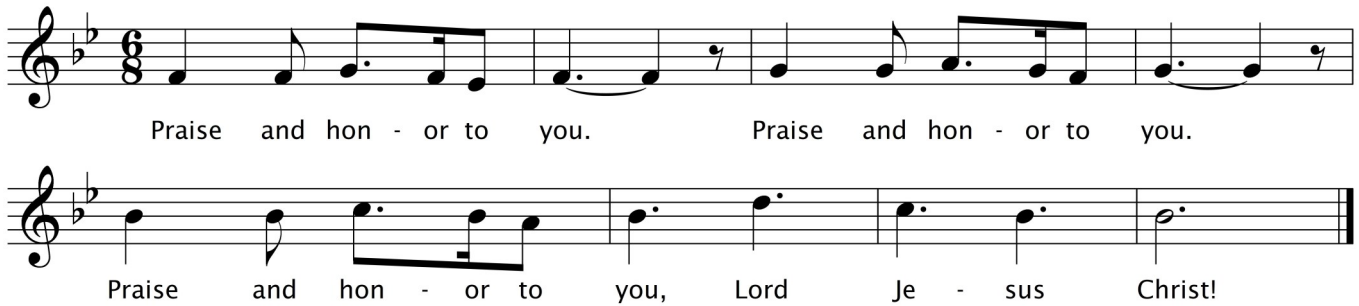
2 TIMOTHY 1:8B-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our

savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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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From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am

well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## PREPARATION HYMN

## TRANSFIGURATION



1. Je - sus, on the moun-tain peak, stands a - lone in glo-ry blaz - ing.  
 2. Trem-bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah speak-ing.  
 3. Swift the cloud of glo - ry came, God, pro-claim-ing in its thun - der,  
 4. Je - sus is the cho - sen one, liv - ing hope of ev-'ry na - tion,



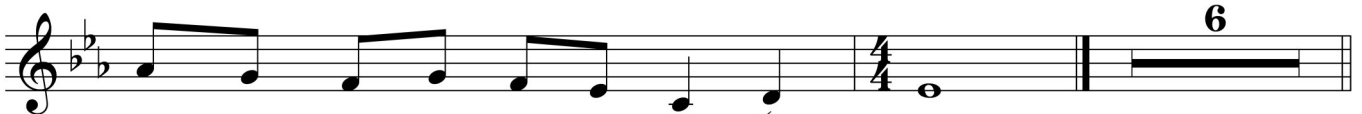
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and an - gels  
 All the proph-ets and the law shout through them their joy - ful  
 Je - sus as the Son by name! Na - tions, cry a - loud in  
 hear and heed him, ev - 'ry - one; sing, with earth and all cre -



prais - ing. Praise and glo-ry, praise and glo-ry, praise and glo - ry to our  
 greet - ing:  
 won - der:  
 a - tion:



Lord! Let us, if we dare to speak,  
 All the pro - phets and the law  
 Je - sus as the Son by name:  
 Hear and heed him, ev - 'ry - one;



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 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing.  
 na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der.  
 sing with earth and all cre - a - tion.

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# THE ORDER OF MASS

## 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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# THE ORDER OF MASS

## COMMUNION HYMN

## TRANSFIGURE US O LORD



Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord, trans - fig - ure us O Lord. Break the chains that bind us;



speak your heal - ing word, and where you lead we'll fol - low. Trans - fig - ure us, O Lord.



1. Down from heights of glo - ry in - to the depths be - low, the  
 2. Light for those in dark - ness, the hun - gry have their fill, glad  
 3. Par - don for the sin - ner, a shep - herd for the sheep, a  
 4. To the ho - ly cit - y, Je - ru - sa - lem, you go; your



love of God self - emp - tied, the love of God to show. You  
 tid - ings for the hum - ble, the heal - ing of all ills; in  
 drink of liv - ing wa - ter, for all who thirst and seek, and  
 face set toward the end - ing, the cross to be your throne.



light the path be - fore us, the way that we must go.  
 these we glimpse your glo - ry, God's prom - is - es ful - filled.  
 feast - ing at your ta - ble, the low - ly and the least.  
 Shall we jour - ney with you and share your pas - chal road?

*Text: Based on Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28b-36. Text and music © 2002, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP. All rights reserved.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## TRANSFORM US



1. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on  
 2. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those  
 3. Trans - form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -



Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun - tains,  
 ho - ly ones. We, sur - round - ed by the wit - ness  
 in a shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion



search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have  
 of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your  
 time and truth we quick - ly bind. Lead us down those dai - ly



fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
 Bod - y, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen sons.  
 path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

# — THE “IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE” CHALLENGE —

When I spent time with today’s Gospel, one verse reverberated in my heart: Matthew 17:4 – “Lord, it is good that we are here.”

I’ve had that experience of thinking, “*It is good that I am here,*” when I’m at Eucharistic Adoration, gazing at the Lord and simply being present.

We recently held a formation evening to help our parishioners develop the practice of spending time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. If you would like a simple way to guide your prayer time, try the mnemonic **SAVOR**:

**Settle into silence.** As the Blessed Sacrament is exposed—or as you enter after Exposition—make a double genuflection, bless yourself, take a few slow, deep breaths, and open your mind and heart. For me, this transition helps me settle and become attentive to the Lord’s presence.

**Adore Christ** in the Eucharist through prayers of praise. You might pray, “Lord, I adore you. I praise you as Lord of my life,” or offer your own words of love and gratitude.

**View the Real Presence.** Gaze at the Lord on the altar and allow Him to gaze back at you. Join yourself to Him in wordless, heartfelt love.

**Open your heart** to the Lord. Invite Him into your concerns and struggles. Show Him what is troubling you and allow Him into your unhealed places. You might also spend time with Scripture or other spiritual reading for reflection.

**Rest** in silent prayer and reflection. Allow Christ’s presence to fill you as you grow into deeper, contemplative prayer.

In today’s Gospel, Peter wanted to stay on the mountain. But Jesus led the disciples back down to their mission. In the same way, our encounter with Jesus is meant to transform how we live and how we interact with others. When people walk through our church doors, do they encounter people who have been with the Lord? Do they experience welcome, peace, and joy? Whether they are visitors or long-time parishioners, would they say, “*It is good that I am here?*”

One way we foster an “*It is good that we are here*” environment is by ensuring that our ministries are welcoming and relational. In the coming weeks, you’ll see information about our strategic plan and our goals for strengthening hospitality and welcome across all our ministries and programs.

Whether we are frying fish, greeting at Mass, serving in outreach, or teaching the faith through Faith Formation or OCIA, our goal is the same: that everyone encounters Christ through us. When people meet us, do they experience His presence? Our ministries become truly evangelizing when we communicate, in word and in action, “*You belong. God is here. And it is good that you are here.*”

**So here’s the “It is good to be here” Challenge.**

As we move deeper into Lent, ask the Lord to show you how you can become a person who reflects His presence.

## Prayer

- Spend 10 minutes in Adoration or quiet prayer & ask the Lord: “*Form my heart to reflect Your presence.*”

## Presence

- At Mass or a parish event, introduce yourself to someone new. Look for someone who may be alone.

## Participation

- Consider one ministry where you could help create a welcoming, Christ-centered environment.

And let us pray:

*Lord, shape our parish into a place where every person can say, “It is good that we are here.”*



Diane Kooser  
Formation



Confraternity of  
Christian Mothers

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers 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.

# TEMPORALITIES & STEWARDSHIP

## A Strong Start to Fish Fry Season

Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish opened this year's fish fry season with exceptional coordination and a highly successful first week. Under the steady, organized leadership of Ron Pergola, and with the commitment of more than 100 volunteers, our parish executed two well-run service days on Ash Wednesday and Friday, February 20. Together, these efforts resulted in more than \$27,000 in gross revenue during the opening week.

This early success reflects the strength of a structured operation. Volunteers filled clearly defined roles — from kitchen and prep to ordering, serving, packaging, call center, cashiering and logistics — ensuring that every part of the process ran efficiently. The professionalism and teamwork on display demonstrate what is possible when a parish community works with purpose and alignment.

The fish fry is also one of the most important contributors to the financial health of our parish. The revenue generated each Lent directly supports our ability to maintain facilities, fund ministries, and meet the day-to-day operational needs that allow Saint Andrew the Apostle to serve the community year-round. A strong fish fry season strengthens our parish's stability and ensures we can continue offering the programs and outreach our families rely on.

Looking ahead, we invite everyone to join us on Friday, March 6, for our Italian special feature. We will once again offer a delicious meatless Eggplant Parmigiana dinner — complete with salad and a roll — for \$12.00. Our soup of the day will be a hearty Italian Minestrone. These special offerings continue to draw new guests and highlight the variety and quality our parish is known for.

As we move through the remaining Fridays of Lent, we extend our sincere thanks to Ron and the more than 100 volunteers who make all of this happen. Their dedication sets a strong foundation for the weeks ahead.



**Joe Caruso**  
Business Manager



We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charleroi at 6PM.

We will be discussing the New Testament Letters.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 4th.

**There are 2 Knights Chapters for our Parish and they are always eager to accept new men interested in serving the parish.**

Knights of Columbus Council 956 is located in Charleroi. They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Charleroi Knights of Columbus Room. Please contact Dave DeRienzo at 724-323-6695.

Knights of Columbus Council 194 is located in Donora. They meet the third Tuesday of the month in the Donora Knights of Columbus Hall. Please call Lou Lubecki at 724-379-5059.



# Monster Fish Fry Sponsorship

Our parish is looking for some Fish Fry Sponsors to help defray the dinner expenses. Listed below are the various items which we 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 in the collection basket with your name (and the name of the honorarium, if there is one) in an envelope labeled "Lenten Fry Fish Sponsor".

Cole Slaw	\$150	Misc. Items	\$170
Condiments	\$120	<i>(Cups, Lids, Gloves, Foil, Trays, etc.)</i>	
Cooking Oil	\$160	Sandwich Rolls	\$190
French Fries	\$60	Pop/Water	\$50
Mac & Cheese	\$170	Produce	\$160

## SPONSORS & HONORARIUMS

- PHIL PERGOLA**  
By Wife, Geri
- Mark & Patty McGinley
- Allan & Alice Bamford
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- Dennis & Liz Cichy
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- Ron & Christine Janney
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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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# March at a glance

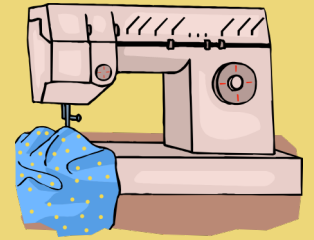
<b>MAR 1</b> Taize Service at 4pm in Donora	<b>MAR 17</b> OCIA at 7pm in Charleroi Man Up at 7pm in Charleroi
<b>MAR 2</b> Catholic Womens College Club at 6pm in Donora	<b>MAR 18</b> Parish Bible Study at 6pm in Charleroi Catholic in Recovery Meeting at 8pm in Monongahela
<b>MAR 3</b> Christian Mother's Meeting at 12 noon in Charleroi Bishop's Listening Session at 7pm in Charleroi	<b>MAR 19</b> Rosary Makers at 1pm in Charleroi Praise & Worship at 7pm in Charleroi Seeds to Supper at 6pm in Charleroi
<b>MAR 4</b> Parish Bible Study at 6pm in Charleroi Catholic in Recovery Meeting at 8pm in Monongahela	<b>MAR 20</b> Dignity Robes at 9am in Charleroi Fish Fry at 11am - 6pm in Donora Additional Lenten Mass added at 6pm in Charleroi Stations of the Cross (9:15am Mon; 11:30am Don; 6:30pm Cha)
<b>MAR 5</b> Mission Talk at 7pm in Charleroi Addiction Grief Group at 7pm in Monongahela	<b>MAR 21</b> AED Training Course at 1pm in Donora
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<b>MAR 7</b> Donut Sale at 8am in Monongahela Park	<b>MAR 24</b> OCIA at 7pm in Charleroi Women of Wonder at 7pm in Charleroi
<b>MAR 9</b> Adoration at 6pm in Charleroi	<b>MAR 25</b> Catholic in Recovery Meeting at 8pm in Monongahela
<b>MAR 10</b> OCIA at 7pm in Charleroi Women of Wonder at 7pm in Charleroi	<b>MAR 26</b> Seeds to Supper at 6pm in Charleroi Addiction Grief Group at 7pm in Monongahela
<b>MAR 11</b> Food Bank at all 3 churches at 9:30am Bereavement Group at 6:30 pm in Charleroi Catholic in Recovery Meeting at 8pm in Monongahela	<b>MAR 27</b> Fish Fry at 11am - 6pm in Donora Additional Lenten Mass added at 6pm in Charleroi Stations of the Cross (9:15am Mon; 11:30am Don; 6:30pm Cha)
<b>MAR 12</b> Mission Talk at 7pm in Charleroi Addiction Grief Group at 7pm in Monongahela Knights of Columbus Meeting at 7:30pm in Charleroi	<b>MAR 29</b> Living Stations Youth Passion Play at 8pm in Charleroi
<b>MAR 13</b> Fish Fry at 11am - 6pm in Donora Additional Lenten Mass added at 6pm in Charleroi Stations of the Cross (9:15am Mon; 11:30am Don; 6:30pm Cha)	<b>MAR 30</b> Adoration at 6pm in Charleroi
<b>MAR 16</b> Adoration at 6pm in Charleroi	<b>MAR 31</b> OCIA at 7pm in Charleroi

# 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!



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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)  
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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 6<sup>th</sup> 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>

# FAMILY CONNECTION

As we enter the second week of Lent, take time as a family to share about moments of joy and moments of challenge you have experienced together. Talk about how happy memories and blessings can give you strength when life feels difficult. In the Gospel, Jesus' Transfiguration may have been a moment that helped Peter, James, and John remain hopeful when they later faced the sorrow of Jesus' Passion.

Read together Matthew 17:1-9. Then offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the joyful moments your family has shared. Ask God to help you hold onto those blessings so they can give you courage and peace during hard times.



**Kathy Miller**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Across**

- When prayer was needed the most, the disciples tell \_\_\_\_\_.
- In the transfiguration of Jesus, He appeared before the three disciples as bright as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- After the transfiguration, Jesus warned the disciples to not tell anyone about the event until after His \_\_\_\_\_.

**Down**

- "The law was given by \_\_\_\_\_; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17).
- God interrupted Peter with the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well \_\_\_\_\_. Hear Him!".
- Jesus began to explain the plan of salvation to his disciples, that He must first suffer and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Without the shedding of Christ's blood, there would be no forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Peter suggested to Jesus that he and the other disciples build \_\_\_\_\_ tents.

## Faith Formation

March 1<sup>st</sup> - In-person class  
(Reconciliation)

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Lectio Divina  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - In-person class  
(Reconciliation)

First Reconciliation 11:45am  
(in Charleroi church)

March 22 - Family Catechesis  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - In person class

## Confirmation

March 1<sup>st</sup> - In-person class  
March 7<sup>th</sup> - Retreat  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - In-person class  
March 29<sup>th</sup> - In-person class

# 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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



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**WEDNESDAYS**  
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Please join our trainer, Michael Bedner, for this free training on how to use the AED in case of emergencies.

*Staff and parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is not a certification course, but an overview on how to properly engage this tool in case of an emergency.*

**Saturday,  
March 21st  
Donora Church  
1 PM**

*Call the Parish Office  
to RSVP.*



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday, March 6th

Donora Church | 9am — Midnight

Come Spend an hour with Jesus!



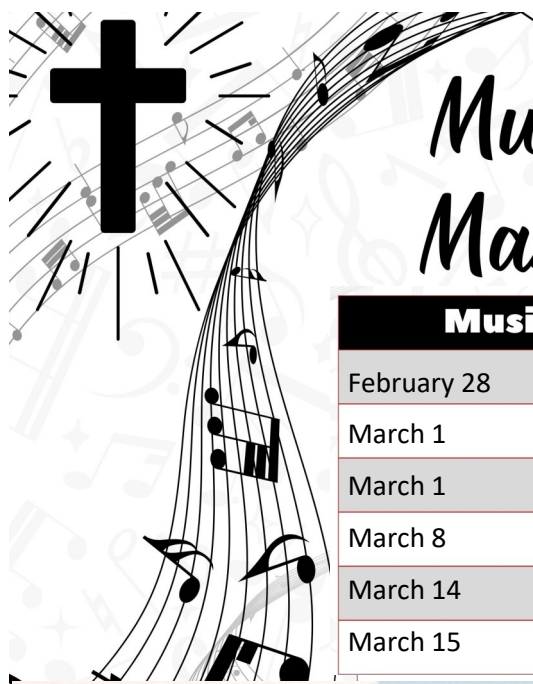
**Addiction Related Grief Group**



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 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
March 14	Laudate	4pm Donora
March 15	Parish Choir	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

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Thursday, 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.

Thursday, 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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# HOLY THURSDAY

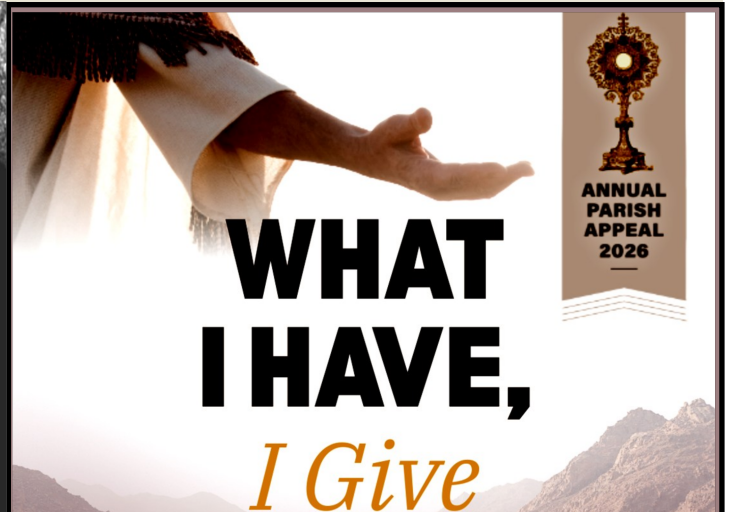
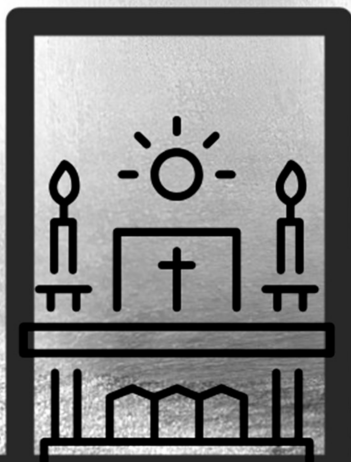
## Church Walk is back!

We are excited to bring back the Holy Thursday Church Walk. This is a beautiful devotional tradition that takes place after the 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper in Monongahela. This prayerful pilgrimage will begin with prayer in Monongahela and continue with visits to our churches in Charleroi and Donora, and we'll also go visit churches in Belle Vernon and Monessen. We will spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament at each location. Bus transportation will be provided.

If you are interested in participating in the Holy Thursday Church Walk, please email Kathy Miller at

[kmiller@saintandrewmidmon.org](mailto:kmiller@saintandrewmidmon.org)

by March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



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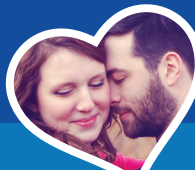
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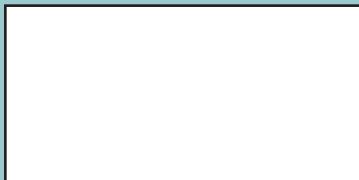
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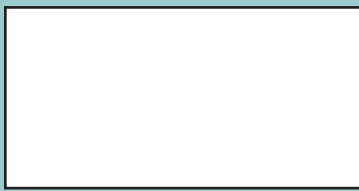
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