

**5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“Love one another.”
- Jn 13:34a

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**May 15, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Saint Andrew Parish
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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
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Catherine Pavlowski, Youth Minister
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552
standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org

MASSES

Saturday vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am
Weekday 9:00am (Monday thru Friday)

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00—3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

BAPTISM

Call the parish office to schedule.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance.
Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of our parish clergy.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.



May 14—May 22, 2022

Sat.	14	4:00 PM	Sandra Brennan & Molly & Bob Plumb
Sun.	15	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Domingos & Madalena Brum Julia Mary Massicotte
Mon.	16	9:00 AM	Thomas Walsh
Tue.	17	9:00 AM	Luce Lundy Bonne-Annee
Wed.	18	9:00 AM	Hilmer F. Olosson
Thr.	19	9:00 AM	Brianna Gilligan-Nostrant
Fri.	20	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Andrew
Sat.	21	4:00 PM	Phyllis & Rudy Mingoello
Sun.	22	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Charlene Scott Rizzerio Mastronardi

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.



OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

- Faith Formation
- Youth Group
- Music Ministry
- Readers
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist
- Ushers
- Parish Council
- Finance Council
- Liturgy Committee
- Church Decoration Committee

How can you help?



The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of Edith Josephine Masulli



Rosary Group
Monday evenings, 7:00
Please join us!



May Benedictions

Saturday, May 21, 4:00 PM

Sunday, May 29, 9:00 AM

Please stay for a few minutes and spend some time with Our Lord!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Week of May 1, 2022

Offertory—\$3944.00

Online—\$681.00



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device.

Please go to the parish website,
www.standrewchurchbpt.org
and click on-line giving.

Credit Card Donations

Saint Andrew Parish can now accept credit cards for donations, Faith Formation tuition, Mass stipends, and fund raisers. Please call the parish office for more information.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saint Andrew Parish

We Stand With Christ Campaign Redemption Update

Total Pledged: \$317,585.00

Total Collected (As of 3/21/22): \$180,585.00 (57%)

To make a payment on your pledge, please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC or call 203-648-9050.

If you have made a pledge, please honor your commitment so our church can benefit from your donation!



If you or anyone you know would like to receive the Holy Eucharist at home, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171.



Flowers for Mary

Please feel free to bring in flowers to place before Our Blessed Mother during the month of May.

You can place them in the vases in front of her statue.

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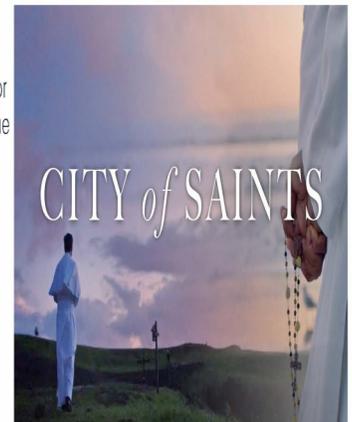
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 15, 2022

WATCH

CITY OF SAINTS

In this series, award-winning director Charles Francis Kinnane tells the true stories of God's grace through the ministries of the Norbertine Fathers of St. Michael's Abbey. This influential Catholic film series has inspired over 1.2 million people worldwide.



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GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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COLOR

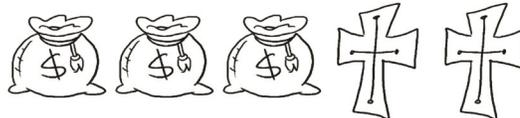
Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



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PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has more. Then color in all the pictures.



MISSION

I will take three cans of food to the church for the poor.



KID'S CORNER

A Bridge Home

2022 BISHOP'S APPEAL



◆ The Institute for Catholic Formation offers online and in-person formation for our diocesan Ambassadors. In 2021, more than 200 Ambassadors participated in online formation, gathered for sessions of prayer and reflection and then were commissioned by Bishop Caggiano for work in their parish faith communities.

When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal.

St. Andrew Parish Goal: \$ 40,600.00

Collected to date: \$40,045.00

From 124 donors



The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: cereal, pasta sauce, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, crackers, boxed desserts, boxed potatoes, toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, Lysol spray, Lysol wipes, salt, pepper, pancake mix, syrup. Many thanks in advance for your support.

If any family in our parish and school community is in need of a food, please contact the parish office at 203-374-6171 or Janis at 203-610-1554.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It's no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God's wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, "a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships." What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what's important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it's authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that's why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.

Readings for the week of May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21



Christina Holloway Memorial Book Drive Sponsored by the Columbiettes

May 14 through June 5
New and gently used children's books
Newborn thru High School

We cannot accept books with writing in them or classroom type books. Bins can be found at the church entrances.





Faith Formation

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

If your child(ren) are currently enrolled in our Faith Formation program, you will receive registration information in the mail in May.

If you are new to the parish or have a child in grades Kindergarten thru Eight and would like to have your child attend our Parish Religious Formation classes in September, please contact the parish office.



PEOPLE OF HOPE

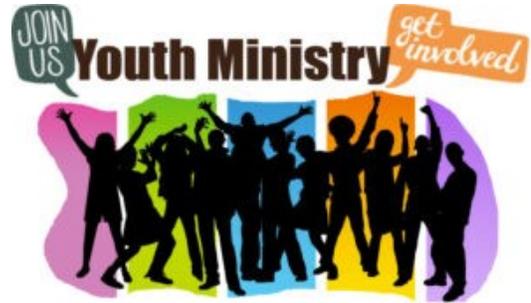
A 31-DAY FORMATION EVENT

We are a People of Hope and hope does not disappoint.

St. Paul reminds us that we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...and this hope we have does not disappoint. Join us as we gather, then, for a 31-day (virtual) formation event to learn more about your faith, find tips for raising faith-filled children, discuss how the pandemic has changed our Church, and much, much more.

**Diocese of Bridgeport
Institute for Catholic Formation
www.formationreimagined.org**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Next meeting
Sunday, June 5
10:00-11:00 AM
In the Parish Hall**



Prayer is the grease for the daily grind!



**Sunday, May 22, 2022
11:00 AM Mass
Relic of Fr. Michael McGiveny**

**Sunday, May 29, 2022
11:00 AM Mass
Memorial Day of Remembrance**