

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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## September 18, 2022 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saint Andrew Parish**  
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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor  
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Sandra Kluun, Faith Formation Coordinator K thru 5  
Catherine Pavlowski, Jr. High Coordinator/Youth Minister  
Cheryl Camillo, Bookkeeper

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

### SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Gene Holmes, Principal, 203-373-1552  
[standrew.catholicacademybridgeport.org](http://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.



### September 17, 2022 — September 25, 2022

|      |                        |   |
|------|------------------------|---|
| Sat. | 17 4:00 PM             | Rocco Verrelli  |
| Sun. | 18 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | Domingos & Madalena Brum<br>Nello & Mary Chiatroni                |
| Mon. | 19 9:00 AM             | Mr. & Mrs. Cardellichio   |
| Tue. | 20 9:00 AM             | The DeFeo & Torres Family   |
| Wed. | 21 9:00 AM             | Rev. Nick Cirillo   |
| Thr. | 22 9:00 AM             | Intentions of Brenda Fortunato                                    |
| Fri. | 23 9:00 AM             | Michele Moran   |
| Sat. | 24 4:00 PM             | The Di Donato Family  |
| Sun. | 25 9:00 AM<br>11:00 AM | James J Sullivan<br>Robert & Joan Bissonette &<br>Nicole Laquesse |



### **The Sanctuary Light burns for peace in Ukraine**



### **Music Notes**

We are inviting those who would like to share their vocal talent at any of our weekend Masses to speak to Paula after Mass.

No audition. No pressure. Come and praise the Lord in song!

### **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.

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 18, 2022

### **PADRE PIO: BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH**

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Filmed on location in Italy, starring Michele Placido in a moving performance, this film tells the whole story of the beloved monk from San Giovanni Rotondo, a place where millions of pilgrims now annually visit Padre Pio's grave.



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.



The Social Concerns Committee is in need of the following items to re-stock our food pantry. Items needed: Beef-a-Roni, Spaghettio's, pancake mix, syrup, coffee, tea, pasta sauce, cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, Lysol wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, granola bars, macaroni & cheese, boxed potatoes, boxed dessert mix, crackers. Our food pantry is now open once a month. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**WWeek of September 11, 2022**

Offertory — \$3748.60

Online — \$684.00



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](http://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!***

***Please Note:*** We cannot accept foreign currency in our collection baskets.



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

**Bible Brain Teaser**

**Answers to last week's brain teaser**

- 1) C — 450 (1 Kings 18:19)
- 2) B — 12 (Numbers 13:1-16)
- 3) C — 12 (Hosea 1:1; Malachi 4:6)



**This week's challenge**

- 1) ***How was Hannah's firstborn child?***  
A) Miriam                      B) Joseph  
C) John                         D) Samuel
- 2) ***Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?***  
A) Micah                       B) Shem  
C) Abel                         D) Seth



**September Benedictions**

Sunday, September 25, 11:00 AM

Please join us for a few minutes as we give thanks to God as a community of faith!



September 18, 2022

## GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE C



### COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



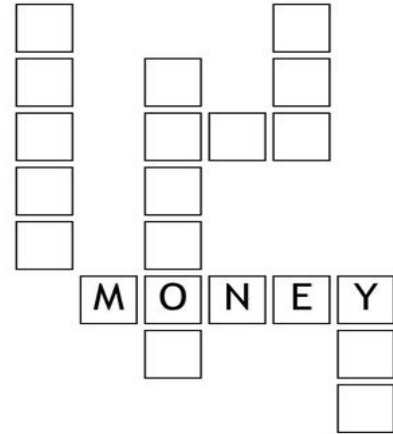
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### PUZZLE

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

**You cannot serve God and money.**



### MISSION

Ask your parents to tell you ways that they choose to be honest with their work, their money, and with God.



BECAUSE VIBRANT  
CHURCHES MATTER

## KID'S CORNER

# who will you invite?



*Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning.*

**ST. ANDREW RC CHURCH BRIDGEPORT**

395 Anton Street

October 22 — November 19

Saturdays

10:30 AM to Noon

***Invite your friends! All are welcome!***

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

**September 18, 2022**

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"You cannot serve both God and mammon." Merriam-Webster defines mammon as material wealth or possessions, especially having a debasing influence. While God does not take issue with our need to use money for the business of our lives, there can be a problem with the attitudes we bring to it. We can easily become so preoccupied and obsessed with money that it becomes the real "god" we worship. Do we serve mammon instead of God? In their book, *Wealth, Riches and Money*, Craig Hill and Earl Pitts outline symptoms of mammon's influence in our lives. Some of these are worry and anxiety over money, money mismanagement, fear over "never having enough," an "I can't afford it" mentality, impulse buying, stinginess, greed, debt, and discontent.

Many of the things on that list can consume us to the point that we are distracted from what we really need to be doing. Many people spend an inordinate amount of time worrying about money and it becomes the source of their worst fears. If we are honest with ourselves, we need to admit that we place far more emphasis on our material securities than we ought. In fact, we have actually convinced ourselves that we cannot live without it. Are we that certain about the presence of God? Many of the world's problems, especially those involving inequity and injustice, result from conflicts about money. Many equate money with happiness. Those successful in accumulating large amounts of it quickly realize just how wrong they are.

"Your ultimate allegiance is not to the government, not to the state, not to nation, not to any man-made institution. The Christian owes his ultimate allegiance to God, and if any earthly institution conflicts with God's will it is your Christian duty to take a stand against it. You must never allow the transitory evanescent demands of man-made institutions to take precedence over the eternal demands of the Almighty God (Martin Luther King, Jr.)." This is the point Jesus is trying to make. Unfortunately, when we look around our man-made kingdoms are far more prevalent than God's kingdom. When we start seeing greater evidence of justice, equity, dignity, respect, opportunity, gentleness, holiness, solidarity, honesty, simplicity, care for creation, and a decrease in ambition, then we will know that God's kingdom is being served. We will be doing what we are supposed to do.

## **Readings for the week of September 18, 2022**

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

### **Parish Rosary Group**

We need you at Rosary! Mary, our Blessed Mother, nearly 105 years ago, gave this message to the three shepherd children of Fatima: "To pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia." This looms ever more so today, as Russia commits more and more atrocities against the Ukrainian people.



We also have our own problems in America with gun violence, drug addiction and so many others. We need the Rosary now more than ever! So, please join us Monday at 7:00 PM.



***Love your neighbor.  
No exceptions.***



## Faith Formation

### Contact Information

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### First Penance and Confirmation Programs

The preparation programs for First Penance and Confirmation will begin on Sunday, September 18, 2022, following the 9 a.m. Mass. The young parishioners who are preparing for the sacraments will be guided by their catechists to their assigned classrooms in the school.

During class time, orientation for parents of First Penance children will be held in the hall; for parents of Confirmation candidates, in the Church. At orientation, parents will be provided with an overview of the Saint Andrew programs, as well as a review of the sacraments.

### Catechist Commissioning Sunday, September 18

At the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 18, 2022, we will acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. All catechists will be blessed and commissioned to be greater witnesses for Jesus.



***Blessing of the backpacks  
September 11, 2022***



Back to School Pasta Dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #4096. Saturday, September 24, 2022, door open at 6:00 PM. Price: \$12.00 per adult, children under 13 \$5.00, family \$30.00. Buffet dinner to include salad, bread, pasta, meatballs, sausage, dessert, wine, soda, coffee and tea.

Reservations should be made by September 20, contact Michael Martin, (203) 257-6563.