



Saint Andrew Parish

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.” *Matthew 13:31-32*

Parish Information

Contacting Parish Staff:

If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-255-3016 and leave a message.

All Saint Andrew Parish buildings are **closed to the public**.

Meanwhile, the parish staff is working remotely with periodic check-ins. If you need to make contact with the parish staff, please call 773-525-3016 and leave a message. Someone on staff will check voicemails every half hour from M-F 8:00am to 8:00pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Join us for Mass! - Sunday Mornings

The church has reopened for Sunday Mass at 9:00 am for the next several weeks.

All attendees must have a reservation and to participate and must adhere to the policies found at www.standrew.org/reopening

Reservations can be made by visiting our website at www.standrew.org/reopening or calling 773-525-3016 and leaving a message. Reservations are not complete until a confirmation call or email has been sent to you. Thank you for your help in keeping our worship safe!



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Pastoral Letter

by David Heimann, Pastoral Associate



"I hope you have at least one friend with whom you disagree."

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I think of that admonition as I enter into one of the lightest schedules that I have had in several summers. Most summers, I volunteer for the national events of the Boy Scouts of America. One of the reasons I make this commitment every year is because the team of volunteers I make this commitment every year is because the team of volunteers is the most extraordinary team with whom I have worked and without exception, they always help me to grow into a better version of myself.

Etched into my memory of working with this team is a photograph I have of two people working side by side in the video production trailer. For the sake of preserving their identity, I'll call them Larry and Monty.

Here is the thing you need to know about Larry. He has no trust in the government to do anything whatsoever and espouses a strict Libertarian conservative worldview. As he reminds me regularly, he doesn't trust Rush Limbaugh because he thinks that Rush Limbaugh is too far to the left. That is Larry. Then there is Monty. I don't know for sure, but if Monty could be on a poster supporting Bernie Sanders, he would spontaneously combust with bliss. I believe that his veins are replete with a hybrid hyperstatic bloodserum that oozes like sap from the meta-brain machinery that is deep left liberalism.

Both Larry and Monty are my friends and both of them are friends to each other. It is very awkward to me to read what they post on social media because it is often so distantly alien from one post to the other that I sometimes experience a type of cyber-dimensional whiplash. Cognitive dissonance notwithstanding, etched in my memory is the two of them side by side working happily together to edit video sequences that will be played for a national event. It is truly a sight to behold.

Today's world has made it so easy to cancel, unsubscribe, unfriend, and throw away relationships that cause within me the irritating vulnerability of having to confront my own insecurity and fear. If someone challenges me, it is easier to dismiss them than to integrate their insight into my own. It is hard to have dialogue because it is easy to disengage from people with whom I disagree. This is a danger in itself and contrary to the Gospel that Jesus shares with us this week.

(Please note that the Church and the author fully support the need to disengage from abusive and destructive relationships. Advocating for tolerance and openness is not an endorsement of life threatening or debilitating situations.)

In the Gospel, Jesus shares a parable of a farmer who has the unfortunate occurrence of his wheat field being sabotaged with weeds. The workers want to pull out the weeds, but the farmer stops them and says, "Let the weeds and the wheat grow together." *(continued on page 4)*



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The simple explanation given by the farmer for his unusual directive is that “you might pull out the wheat with the weeds” and that is true. It is good to avoid collateral damage but there is something else that can be gleaned from this parable. It’s OK for us to be side by side with those who are different than us, who challenge us, and who disagree with us. In the end, it isn’t our place to judge them. It is God’s. God alone will find a wonderful usefulness for each of us in the Great Providence of God’s creation.

A number of years ago, I came upon a poem, or shall I say a prayer, that the Jesuit priest Michael Moynahan, S.J. wrote inspired by this weekend’s Gospel passage. (*The poem is included in its entirety below*). The more one reads the poem, the more one comes to understand that the wisdom of the parable is not just delayed gratification for the wheat but an ethic of life to follow now, today, and with reckless abandon.

When I encounter someone with whom I have little regard, it is an invitation to practice and participate in the endless love that God invites me to follow. We are meant to grow, not side by side in agnostic deference to one another but mutually together into the full diversity of God’s creation.

In other words, Larry and Monty? Let them grow together! Their fulfillment is not in inept self-contained isolation, but they grow better, despite their differences, when they grow towards an enriching and more fulfilling super-ordaining goal.

That’s why I hope you have at least one friend with whom you disagree. It is your invitation by God to see beyond the narrow horizon of one’s self-limiting perspective and to practice love. Not only do I hope that you have that person in your life, but I hope that with them, you grow together.

Litany of Contradictory Things by Michael Moynahan, S.J.

Wheat and weeds:

let them grow together.

Arabs and Jews in Palestine:

let them grow together.

Catholics and Protestants of Northern Ireland

let them grow together.

Documented and undocumented aliens:

let them grow together.

Immigrants and Native Americans:

let them grow together.

Blacks and Whites of South Africa:

let them grow together.

Sikhs and Hindus of India:

let them grow together.

Revolutionaries and reactionaries:

let them grow together.

Russians and Americans:

let them grow together.

Republicans and Democrats of America:

let them grow together.

Religious leaders who lay and lighten burdens:

let them grow together.

People of God who wound and heal:

let them grow together.

Rich and poor, humble and haughty:

let them grow together.

Those whose thinking is similar and contrary:

let them grow together.

Days of sparseness and days of plenty:

let them grow together.

Joys and sorrows, laughter, tears:

let them grow together.

Strength and weakness:

let them grow together.

Doubt and faith:

let them grow together.

Virtue and vice:

let them grow together.

Contemplation and action:

let them grow together.

The helpful and the helpless:

let them grow together.

All the contrarities of the Lord:

let them grow together.



Vacation Bible School - July 27 -31, 2020

Looking for something for your children to do this summer? Vacation plans changed? Camps closed?

Saint Andrew will host the “Rocky Railway” Virtual Vacation Bible School targeted for students K-4 from **Monday, July 27 through Friday, July 31, 2020.**

All children are welcome and older children can also join to help younger children participate.

Cost is \$40 per family. Register at www.standrew.org/vbs
REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Saint Andrew is starting the process for adults who wish to join the Catholic church. If you know someone who is curious about Catholicism, would like to join the church from another Christian denomination, or would like to inquire about Baptism as an adult, let them know about the Rites of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please direct them to our webpage <http://www.standrew.org/learn/rcia/> to find out more.

Join the Reopening Team

The parish needs several more volunteers in church reopening efforts. Volunteers must meet the following criteria.

- Must be between the ages of 18 and 65
- Not have any underlying health conditions. (ex. diabetes, cancer treatments, etc)
- the ability to participate in online training through webinars
- the ability to attend and participate in liturgical gatherings of less than 45 people.

Volunteers will be divided into the following teams:

Set-up team, Greeting team, Clean-up team.

To express interest in volunteering, please contact the parish staff at info@standrew.org or call 773-525-3016.



Learn at Home, for Individuals & Families

Decoding Christian Symbols

You may have seen one or two of these symbols before, but have you ever wondered what they mean? Take a moment to find out!



Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and represent the beginning and the end (just as one might say, “from A to Z”). In Revelation 22:13, Christ refers to himself as the Alpha and Omega, the first and last of all creation.



Crossed keys are a pair of keys that overlap and interlock, creating an “X.” In the Bible, Jesus gives these “keys of heaven” to St. Peter (Matthew 16:19). It’s not unusual to see this symbol in ecclesiastical heraldry or papal coats of arms.



The Chi-Ro cross is another symbol that takes its meaning from the Greek alphabet. In Greek, the symbol “X” stands for “CH,” while the symbol “P” stands for “R.” These letters are an abbreviation of “Christ,” and so appear frequently on tabernacles.



The Marian cross is a combination of the letter “M” and a cross. It represents Mary’s presence at the foot of the cross where Jesus died. You can find this image on the Miraculous Medal as well as Pope John Paul II’s coat of arms.

You don’t have to search far and wide to find these symbols, either! Look closely and you’ll see each of them in our church. Try to spot all four at an in-person mass this summer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK TO READ & PRAY AT HOME

Masses will be said privately for the intentions listed below.

JULY

Saturday Vigil 18	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Sunday 19	Mass Intentions	+Marie Bourke +Marjorie Drury +Myra Ensinger Minton and +Sarah Urbanowski
Monday 20	First Reading Gospel	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Mt 12:38-42
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Tuesday 21	First Reading Gospel	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Mt 12:46-50
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Wednesday 22	First Reading Gospel	Sgs 3:1-4b Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Thursday 23	First Reading Gospel	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13:10-17
	Mass Intentions	+Our departed Parishioners
Friday 24	First Reading Gospel	Jer 3:14-17 Mt 13:18-23
	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners
Saturday Pentecost Sunday 25	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Sunday 26	Mass Intentions	Our departed Parishioners

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We would ask you to keep the following people and intentions in your prayers.

For the health and wellbeing of all who are recovering from the effects of COVID-19 including the ill, the deceased, and those suffering job loss.

That government leaders find the wisdom and strength to lead our country, states, and municipalities to overcome racial discrimination and injustice.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed including Sarah Urbanowski, Ed Ahern, Joyce Haderlein, Colleen O'Malley, Isabella Schuch and Jack Stanton

If you would like us to keep a particular intention in the prayers of the parish, please submit your request to www.standrew.org/prayers You can also submit a request for the pastoral staff to light a candle in the church using this link. We will include your intentions in this bulletin when possible and the pastoral staff will personally pray for these intentions before the Blessed Sacrament.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Enrich – Expand - Grow	
Income	1,677,030
Interest on Income	25,978
Total Income	1,703,008
Consulting Operating Expense	180,000
Archdiocesan Contribution	196,800
Church Lighting (Actual)	250,517
Church Lighting (Consultant)	10,480
Church Windows (Actual)	156,520
School Addition (Actual)	17,030
Total Expense	811,347
Balance	891,661

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

June 2020 Offering	
Envelopes Collection	9,932
Automated Giving	22,837
Loose Cash	168
Total Offertory	33,157
Monthly Budgeted Expenses	38,500
Easter 2020	
Envelopes	5,323
Electronic	12,085
Loose	75
Total	17,483

