

# St. Andrew Church

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We welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Parish Office hours are: Monday - Friday, 9:30am to 2:30pm.

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### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 22nd, 2024

### **ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY: 5:15pm

SUNDAY: 8:00am, 10:45am (Family Mass) MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 9:00 am

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Classes: Ist-4th Grade at 9:30 am on scheduled Sunday mornings. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades at 7:00 pm on scheduled Wednesday nights.

### **OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

We, the community of St. Andrew, are called and empowered through our Baptism to share in Jesus' mission of building the Kingdom of God.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to worship as a community, develop lay leadership and serve the needs of others.

Our prayer is that our dedication to Jesus' mission will be manifested in harmony, growth and love.

### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

By the grace of God, we bring Jesus' Good News to Life.

### QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY: 4:00pm SUNDAY: 9:30am

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

**EVERYIST, 3RD AND 5TH** 

SATURDAY: 4:15-4:45pm or BY APPT

### **BAPTISMS**:

Baptisms are celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Parents are required to attend two preparation meetings. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

### **MARRIAGES**:

Parishioners arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the ceremony and before arranging the social plans.

### **DEVOTION:**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on First Friday, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass until 10:30am.

### **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

Hours by appointment only.



### THE THEME

Our desires and possessions sometimes keep us from following Christ. As the disciples argue about who is the greatest disciple, Jesus embraces a little childinnocent, powerless and

with nothing. Today, let us be open to the ways we try to place ourselves above others and ask for the grace to be like the child Jesus embraces and a faithful servant to all in need.

### THE READINGS

WISDOM 2:12, 17-20: God will care for the right-eous one.

**JAMES 3:16-4:3:** True wisdom comes from above and does not divide.

**MARK 9:30-37:** Whoever receives a child in my name receives me.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2024

5:15PM Mass Priest Fr. Manuel Lector – J. Holden E.M.'s – J. Markowski

### SUNDAY, SERTEMBER 29th, 2024

8:00AM Mass Priest Fr. Manuel Lector – S. Miller E.M.'s – B. Ploeger

10:45AM Mass Priest Fr. Manuel Lector – B. Kiselyak E.M.'s – A. Bagnoli

Moving? Remember to notify us of address or telephone number changes so that our records are always up to date.

### MASSES AND SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS REQUESTED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 PROVERBS 3:27-34; LUKE 8:16-18

9:00 AM Selva Devaraj

Barbara Federico

<u>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024</u> PROVERBS 21:1-6, 10-13; LUKE 8:19-21

9:00 AM Gladys Garcia

Fr. Peter

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024 PROVERBS 30:5-9; LUKE 9:1-6

9:00 AM Nellie Edwards (29th Anniversary)

Paul Gerecke

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

ECCLESIASTES 1:2-11; LUKE 9:7-9

9:00 AM Eleanor Thoms Mary & Bill Schildknecht

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

**ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11; LUKE 9:18-22** 

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

ECCLESIASTES 11:9-12:8; LUKE 9:43b-45

5:15 PM Christopher J. Caleca, Jr. Johanna Celeca

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

NUMBERS 11:25-29; MARK 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

10:45 AM Michael McCahill Alex Koehne The Kesselman Family
The Koehne Family

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Most recently: Nora Cosgrove, Barbara

King, Gloria Bennedetto, Rachel Brown, Charlie Greene, Anita Brown, Kathy Delaney, Joe Ploeger, Bob O'Neil, Jerry Grandenetti, Alexander Perricone,

Erena Gay O'Brien, Cheryl McMahon, Joseph Santacroce, Lauren Haropolus, James Burke, Leo Green, Paul Fitzpatrick, Joseph Vernice, Melaine Buttonow, Tom Flanagan, Kathy Heinz



### From Fr. Peter's Desk 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

### Dear Parish Family:

In our First Reading from the Book of Wisdom, the author speaks in the voice of the ungodly as it calls us to put the just one to the test. Although sarcasm is at play here, such discernment nonetheless remains relevant in our time. True wisdom would have us prove the intentions and abilities of those who make promises-especially if they include greatness and luxury.

In our Second reading, St. James challenges us to overturn cultural expectations and live. How might we learn to ask, in genuine faith, for God's help in doing this?

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus expands on his initial teaching about his impending sacrificial death and resurrection with a concern for his disciples' understanding. They do not get it, so he explains by using the metaphor of a child. If you receive the least, like a child, it is as though you receive Jesus, and if you receive Jesus, it is as though you have received God. Such openness allows us to accept God working in our lives in unexpected ways.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we often find ourselves hoping to be thanked for doing a good deed or recognized for an accomplishment. Jesus reminds the disciples that placing a desire for recognition over the desire to serve breeds jealousy and selfishness. Our good deeds must always point to God. Let us pray for the strength and daily dedication to offer all good things that we do for the glory of God, being assured by the words of our savior "your reward will be great in heaven."

God Bless You Always, Fr. Peter



### **Stewardship Reflection**

In today's second reading, we are called to live as God wants us to live.

### Living Stewardship

This week, put aside any selfishness you may possess and think of others first. Pray for wisdom so you can grow as a Christian.

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

 Weekly goal for 9/15/24:
 \$7,200.00

 Sunday Collection for 9/15/24:
 \$3,393.00

 Votive Candles for 9/15/24:
 \$44.00

 Faith Direct Weekly Donations:
 \$1,805.00

 Total for 9/15/24:
 \$5,242.00



Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

Serving in the armed forces:

James Calfa, Michael Borgese, Clint Kelly, Rudy Lunk, Cheryl Scarlato, Darryl Treadwel, Peter Wojciechowski, Russell Little, Maddie Martin, Dylan Kaminski, Zachary North, Ryan S. Gioel, Victoria Selkirk, Connor Doughty Gallagher, Andrew W. Tilton, Cole Yardley, Matt Seel, Mitchell Mavellia, Barney Ales, Eric Prime, Jr.





### **Faith Direct**

After the joyful summer months, the Fall season is a great time to streamline your stew-FAITH ardship. eGiving is a way to simplify your giving and provide steady, consistent support DIRECT that helps us be ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in our community. Your recurring gifts will help strengthen our parish and sustain our ministries throughout the year, even if you need to miss a Sunday service. Sign

up today by visiting **faith.direct/NY296** or call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757.

God Bless You, Fr. Peter



### **Parish Memorials**

St. Andrew's offers different types of memorials which can be donated in memory of a deceased

family member or friend, or for the intentions of living individuals for special occasions.

The memorials are as follows:

Bread and Wine: The donation to sponsor the Bread and Wine is either \$25.00 for a week or \$100.00 for the month

Altar Flowers: The donation to sponsor the Altar Flowers is \$150.00 for the week.



### **The Rosary Group**

Daily, after the 9AM Mass in the church we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Every

Tuesday, after the 9AM Mass, in the church we meet to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena followed by the Rosary and Chaplet. Also on Saturdays at 9:30AM we meet to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

### **Child/Teen Bereavement Groups**

Child/Teen Bereavement Groups will meet for six sessions. A concurrent adult group will be offered at the same time at the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Center, 18 Ocame Ave, Westhampton Beach, NY for six sessions:5:30-7PM on Thursdays, October 12, 24, November 7, 14, 21, December 5. Assessment, Registration and any Questions, please call Angela Byrns, LCSW at 631-288-1546 ext. 209 or email abyrns@eeh.org. RSVP by Oct. 3.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

St. Andrews Church Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday at 9:00AM Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:15PM

Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:45AM Parish phone #: 631-725-0123

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary (Bridgehampton) Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:30AM (English) And 11:00AM (Spanish)

Parish phone #: 631-537-0156

### **Religious Education Program**

The Religious Education Program opens on Sunday Morning, September 22nd: Class at 9:15 followed by the parish Mass at St. Andrew's at 10:45. Parents are requested to accompany children to the Parish Center and to remain for class and Mass. Registration is online, using the St. Andrew Parish website. www.standrewchurchsagharborny.org



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### Proposal 1: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

A statement of the Catholic Bishops of New York State

On November 5, faithful citizens throughout the nation will have the opportunity once again to exercise their sacred right to vote. Pope Francis has reminded us that as thoughtful Catholics, we must participate in the public square for the sake of the common good. Every Catholic is called to do the work of properly informing his or her conscience and voting for candidates and policies that will best advance the natural law, the protection of human rights, the dignity of the human person, the sacredness of all life, and the teachings of Christ and His Church. It is a presidential election year, and there are important votes to be cast for Congress and the state Legislature as well. Importantly, in New York, like several other states, there is also a critical referendum on the ballot.

Educating oneself will be especially important in the case of Proposal 1, sometimes referred to as the "Equal Rights Amendment." The title suggests a noble cause, as all children of God should be treated equally under the law. However, this proposed amendment to the state Constitution is broadly written and could have dangerous consequences if enacted, which is why we oppose it and urge you to vote no. The measure would, effectively, permanently legalize abortion without restriction and up until the moment of birth in New York. Aside from being redundant in a state that already has stripped away all abortion limitations, the amendment would render impossible any change to the law if the hearts and minds of New Yorkers were ever to shift toward protecting the child in the womb.

The amendment's sweeping language and inclusion of "age" as a protected class could also lead to parents' rights being stripped away. Courts could decide that parents have no authority over their minor children on important matters and permit children to make destructive and permanent decisions on their own which they could well live to regret, including but not limited to so-called "gender affirming" treatments and surgeries. The relationship between parents and their children is sacred. Parents must be able to support and guide their children in accord with the natural law, without interference from the government or courts, which would be reaching beyond their competency.

Proposal 1 is a wolf in sheep's clothing that could lead to darkness for many New York families. This amendment disregards the lives of unborn and struggling children in the name of political agendas. It could have dangerous consequences for these children and their parents. As they look to make their voices heard in the public square, faithful Catholics should consider these consequences and vote no. Likewise, they should thoughtfully vote their informed conscience up and down the ballot so that we might usher in change for good.

September 5, 2024 Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



### Join Bishop Andrzej

For Scripture Reflection Series

on JESUS and NICODEMUS

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.



**Bible Study Verse** 

### **NICODEMUS the PHARISEE**

Coming to the Light

Gospel of John 3. 1-21

Life in Spirit

Registration is required in order to receive the ZOOM link to each session.

Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

Send your email to:

westernvicariate@drvc.org or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





## OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 5, 2024 9 AM - 1 PM













