



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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Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 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: 1st-8th Grade at 9:30 am on scheduled Sunday mornings.

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:

EVERY 1ST, 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

The days before Christmas remind us of God’s powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. We are not the only ones waiting and wondering what is yet to come, especially in these uneasy times. We have the perspective of history on how earlier promises bore fruit, as well as our own yearnings. Do we believe that there are promises still to be fulfilled, and if so, how do we demonstrate that?

THE READINGS

MICAH 5:1-4a: Hope of a ruler and shepherd who will “be peace”.

HEBREWS 10:5-10: Jesus offered himself to do God’s will.

LUKE 1:39-45: Elizabeth acknowledges Jesus in Mary’s visitation.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

SATURDAY, December 28th, 2024

5:15PM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – J. Holden
E.M.’s – J. Markowski

SUNDAY, December 29th, 2024

8:00AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – A. Bagnoli
E.M.’s – J. Pino

10:45AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – J. Mega
E.M.’s – A. Opel

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, DECEMBER 23, 2024

MALACHI 3:1-4, 23-24; LUKE 1:57-66

9:00 AM *Susan Haag*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

2SAMUEL 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; LUKE 1:67-79

4:00 PM *Ralph Ficorelli, Sr. Lois & Family*

John, Lois & David Ward &

Janice Ward Kracke Brenda & Joe Ploeger

Members of the Moloney & Galvin Families

Liz Moloney

Gladys Garcia Fr. Peter

5:30 PM *Read Vail Susan Vail*

Intentions of Fr. Manuel Terri McMahon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

JEREMIAH 23:5-8; MATTHEW 1:18-25

8:00 AM *John, Lois & David Ward &*

Janice Ward Kracke Brenda & Joe Ploeger

10:45 AM *For the People of the Parish*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

MATTHEW 10:17-22

9:00 AM *Walter Miller (90th Birthday)*

Fr. Peter & Fr. Manuel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

1JOHN 1:1-4; JOHN 20:1a & 2-8

9:00 AM *John DeSilva*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

1JOHN 1:5-2:2; MATTHEW 2:13-18

5:15 PM *For the People of the Parish*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

1SAMUEL 1:20-22, 24-28; LUKE 2:41-52

8:00 AM *For the People of the Parish*

10:45 AM *Mario Sulzano Tom & David*

Carol Burke Birthday Celebration

Fr. Peter & Fr. Manuel

Richard & Sheila Faron Cheryl & Bill Rozzi

Deceased Members of the Braccia,

Cutrone & Austin Family



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Most recently: *Nora Cosgrove, Barbara King, Gloria Bennedetto, Rachel Brown, Charlie Greene, Anita Brown, 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, Bob Brown



From Fr. Peter’s Desk
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parish Family:

Centuries before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Micah foretold that the tiny town of Bethlehem would be host to the birth of the long-awaited Savior. Following the angels command, Mary and Joseph gave their son the name Jesus, which means “God saves.” The prophet reminds Israel that their kings came from the smallest clan in a historically marginal tribe.

Luke, in our Gospel story, draws insights from biblical traditions. His narration of Mary meeting Elizabeth speaks about more than just a greeting between two close relatives and the words of joy they exchange. Luke highlights God’s Spirit at work. The Spirit arrives not with flash and fanfare, but with Mary’s voice. When Elizabeth heard it, her child stirred, and in that sudden motion, she received insight from the Spirit. Her simple words of blessing still resound through our prayers today “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Elizabeth recognized a small moment of great consequence and knew exactly how to respond.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, it would be easy to miss the work of the Spirit in the arrival of a relative or movement of a child in the womb. But as our second reading suggests, obedience to God’s will makes one’s heart sensitive to God’s subtle but powerful presence. Like Elizabeth, we too can be surprised by joy wherever this presence makes itself felt. These last few days of Advent invite us to be open to God’s ever-loving presence in our lives, especially as we prepare for the birth of his Son, Jesus.

God Bless You Always,
Fr. Peter



Stewardship Reflection

The unborn John leaped in his mother’s womb at the sound of Mary’s voice.

Living Stewardship

Let this Christmas be a time of peace for you and your loved ones. Bury any hatchets and end any grudges within your family-let Christ’s love shine.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

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| <i>Weekly goal for 12/15/24:</i> | \$7,200.00 |
| <i>Sunday Collection for 12/15/24:</i> | <i>N/A at print</i> |
| <i>Votive Candles for 12/15/24:</i> | <i>N/A at print</i> |
| <i>Faith Direct Weekly Donations:</i> | \$1,805.00 |
| <i>Total for 12/15/24:</i> | <i>Not available at print time</i> |



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., Ava Yardley



The Bread and Wine offered at the Sacrifice of the Mass during the Month of December was given in Loving Memory of Lillian Vishno from Her Husband Robert And Family



Faith Direct

With the Season of Advent coming up, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Andrew Catholic Church are received even while you are traveling for the holidays. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Sign up today by visiting

faith.direct/NY296 or call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

*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.

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

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.



Retrouvaille

Marriage Struggling. Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing challenges. The next weekend is January 24-26, 2025 at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. To register or for more information call 1-800-470-2230. Register by January 10th.

2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Did you give a gift to the 2024 CMA to help support the many ministries of the Diocese? We've reached about 75% of our parish goal with gifts from 40 parishioners. Thank you to those parishioners for your support to the annual appeal which helps to serve more than 600,000 people on Long Island. If you have not as yet given a gift, please use the response forms by the church doors to give a gift. And please remember, NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL AND EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouch-safe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and His Blessed Mother. Amen

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer 15 times a day from the Feast of St. Andrew, November 30th until Christmas will obtain what is asked)

2024 Holiday Schedule

Christmas Masses

***Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24th
4:00PM & 5:30PM***

***Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25th
8:00AM & 10:45AM***

New Year's Schedule

***New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31st
5:15PM***

***New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1st, 2025
10:45AM***



Give the gift of a Catholic education this Christmas season!



- ★ Since 2005, more than \$34 million in scholarships provided
- ★ Approximately 25,000 students served
- ★ 35 Catholic elementary schools in network

"We are sincerely grateful, humbled and excited to commence this Catholic education journey with my daughter. Our hopes for her would not be possible if it were not for this award!"

~ THF 24-25 Scholarship Recipient

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