



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2012

It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more.

—Isaiah 43:25



St. Andrew's Parish

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MASS

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Weekdays: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am & 12:00 noon

Sat. 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Mon.-Fri.: 11:30-11:45 am

By appointment with one of the priests.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered every first Saturday of the month at the 8:30 am Mass and ANYTIME upon request.

Please contact the Rectory.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday before noon Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday starting after noon Mass and ending at 5:00 pm with Evening Prayer from the Church's

Liturgy of the Hours Benediction

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary are prayed at 3:00 pm on Tuesdays.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Richard W. Siepka, *Pastor*

Rev. Vincent J. Ferraro, *Hospital Chaplain in Residence*

Stephen J. Swinarski, *Deacon*

Theresa Bornholdt, *Pastoral Associate*

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St. Andrew Country Day School

Catholic Schools
The Start of Something Great



Susan F. Ferrio, *Principal*

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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"As St. Andrew brought St. Peter to Jesus, we strive to bring others into a deeper relationship with Christ through Sunday Eucharist, Community Outreach, Hospitality, and Catholic Education through lifelong learning and faith formation."


Saturday, February 18

8:30 Florence Styka by family

4:00 Matthew Dungan by family

Sunday, February 19—7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 St. Andrew's Parishioners

9:30 Richard Busch by Ed and Martha McMahon

11:30 Joseph Baldi by daughter, Judie

5:00 Frank J. Ferrentino and Fanicia V. by family

Monday, February 20

8:30 Lena Beiter by Dick and Helen Mosgeller

12:00 Maria Yormick by husband, John

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 Millicent Schmidt by family

12:00 Madelyn Elinski by family and friends

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

8:30 Irene Mazuchowski by family

12:00 Clement J. Turner by wife, Agnes

7:00 Mary Campagna by daughter, Mary Sandra Draude

Thursday, February 23

8:30 Joseph Graeber family

12:00 Colleen Conlin by family

Friday, February 24

8:30 All Souls

12:00 Sam Greco by daughter and family

Saturday, February 25

8:30 Michael E. Kris by family

4:00 Helen Ryombel by Vinnie and Nancy

Sunday, February 26—First Sunday of Lent

7:30 Michael Pullano by Leonard Sicurella

9:30 Maureen Kolb by cousin

11:30 Mickey Woods by Fran Modica

5:00 Louis Lester by family

Baptisms

We welcome newly baptized Emilee Nicole Backstrom, Madelyn Grace Lee, Jackson Lawrence Mielnicki, and Sophie Rae Mielnicki to our family of faith.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP TALLIES**February 6—February 12

Hours of Community Service – 31

Hours of Service to the Parish – 33

Hours Spent in Prayer – 25

From Death to New Life

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Lena Beiter for whom the Rite of Funerals was recently celebrated.

The Sunday Connection...

We belong to Christ and are temples of the Spirit. The consequence of this is that our hearts are to be attuned to the heart of Christ, seeking to live his way of compassion and fruitful love.

Note the eagerness of those who seek his healing in this Sunday's Gospel. When the friends of the paralyzed man could not get him close to Jesus because so many had gathered, "they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying."

This amazing act of faith caused Jesus to say, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Well, they were half correct; only God can forgive sins. So "Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, 'Why are you thinking such things in your hearts?'" Then he asks, "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'" He then demonstrates that for God all things are both easy and possible: "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth – he said to the paralytic, 'I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.' He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this.'"

We are invited to that same compassionate life of healing and grace in the three sacraments of initiation: baptism begins our initiation. Confirmation and the Eucharist complete it. Rising up out of the baptismal waters, we emerge as sons and daughters of God and, together with all the Church, are formed into God's people. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* (§ 1267) teaches that baptism incorporates us into the church. We become members of the Body of Christ. Tertullian, a second-century writer regarded as a father of the church, commented that Christians are "made, not born."

In a Pentecost homily delivered in or around the year 465 AD, Faustus of Riez observed, "At baptism, we are regenerated to life; after baptism we are confirmed for the struggle." Confirmation strengthens one for the Christian life with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are enumerated in the prayer said by the bishop as he lays hands on or extends hands over the candidates. He prays that those who have been given new life in baptism may now receive God's Spirit as helper and guide, giving them these gifts: "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence... [and] the spirit of wonder and awe" in God's presence.

Thus formed in the way of Jesus, we come to the Eucharistic table. Our lives are touched by and embodied into the very life of God. Because we are the body of Christ, we are united so intimately that loving service of one another is the logical consequence of what we have done and what we have become.

Ladies of Charity

Come see the great selection of handmade winter 'nighties;' pajamas for ladies and children; knitted hats, gloves, slippers, afghans, children's quilts, and much more. They're all for sale in the Loyola room every Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. All the proceeds assist people in need.

St. Vincent dePaul Society

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, Jello, hot cocoa, coffee, mustard, and oil. Our food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am. May God continue to Bless you for your generous donations.



Farewell Fr. Bob!



For the past few years Fr. Bob has served our parish with great enthusiasm. We've had "show and tell" homilies, bible courses, book talks, and more. Let's gather to say goodbye and wish him well. Come

to the 11:30 am Mass on February 19, which Fr. Bob will concelebrate with Msgr. Rich. Following the Mass, we'll celebrate in McNulty Hall with light refreshments and entertainment. Come, join in this celebration. All family and friends of Fr. Bob are welcome!

St. Joseph Table: Save the date!

Monday, March 19, 2012 for our 2nd Annual St. Joseph Table celebrated with St. Timothy and St. Andrew parishes here in McNulty Hall from 6-8 pm. Details to follow...keep watching the parish website/bulletin.



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

St. Timothy and St. Andrew

March 19, 2012

Food served 6-8 pm -- \$10 donation

Name: _____

attending _____ Phone _____

Dessert donation _____

I will help

_____ Set up _____ Clean up

_____ Serve _____ Pick up donations

After completing this form, please drop it in the Collection Basket or send it to the rectory or school office. Someone will contact you.

Music News from Carolyn Liarakos Music Director



Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

"Faith" – Monday, 7 pm in the church. Call Kathy Johnson at 876-7049 for more information.

"11:30 Mass Choir" – Thursday, 7 pm in the church.

Children/Youth Choir resumes rehearsals every Wednesday after school and/or religious education "Choir Schola" rehearsals to be arranged periodically-check with the music office for times

Mark your calendars. . .

Women's Lenten Retreat

March 24 — 10 am - 2 pm in the church

Parish Outreach Program

St. Andrew's is continuing the process of developing an Outreach Program for the elderly and the homebound in our parish. We hope to offer friendly visits of shared prayer, conversation, the Eucharist, if desired, and other assistance—all in Jesus' name. Those who are interested in receiving a visit or in learning more about volunteering for this ministry, please call the rectory at 873-6716.

Stop by the **Reconciliation Room** at the Lowell entrance. You can take home a pamphlet or a book to read!



Communion for Those with Gluten Sensitivity

The parish now has gluten-free hosts for those who have an allergy or sensitivity to gluten. Those wishing to receive a gluten-free host at a weekend Mass should contact the rectory the Friday before. Please be prepared to tell us which Mass you will be attending on the weekend so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

NYS law prohibits hospitals and nursing homes/rehab facilities from notifying the parish when a family member or loved one is admitted for treatment. Please contact the rectory when a situation arises and request visitation and administration of the sacraments for a loved one, whether in an institutional or home setting.

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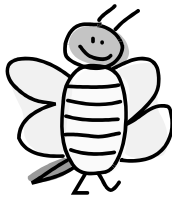
Please consider making your everyday purchases using scrip. The next order date is February 27.

2013 Mass Book

The rectory office will start taking Mass requests for 2013 starting in March.

SCHOOL BUZZ...

REMINDER—There is no school from Monday, February 20 through Friday, February 24 due to the mid-winter break. However, the After School Program will be in session. Please contact Maria Stainsby if you would like your child to attend the program. School resumes on Monday, February 27.



Our second open house of the year will be on Wednesday, February 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm. I encourage and welcome our current pre-k four-year-old parents to attend the open house, as there will be a financial aid table set up in McNulty Hall with representatives to let you know about the opportunities you have for kindergarten. If you have any questions, you may also stop by to see Mrs. Ferrio or call her at 877-0422. If any parents would like to help out at the open house for tours, please contact Sue Daniels.

Congratulations to our second graders who made their First Reconciliation last weekend. Thank you Mrs. Augustine and parents for the great job of getting your child ready for this important sacrament! May God bless all of you!

National Collection for Black and Indian Missions

The annual appeal is a vital part of the Church for the Year 2012. The funds are needed to continue present evangelization programs; even more, to continue to assist those parishes devastated by natural disasters to totally rebuild their programs. Many places lost everything. How soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be done *cannot be done overnight*.

Due to the generosity of the people of this parish and parishes around the U.S., last year, over 9 million dollars were contributed to the Collection and – 98 cents of every dollar was distributed. The support went to some of the neediest people across the United States; from the inner cities of the rural South and from the deserts of the Southwest to Alaska's cold wilderness – 134 dioceses received assistance from the collection. Through your gifts, you join your sacrifice to those who sacrifice daily to lead others to Christ. You become a co-missionary for the Church.

Next weekend the Church is asking your support of the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions in the United States. The need for evangelization programs is so important to our Church in this changing world. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS. Thank you for whatever you can give and God bless you!**

ST. ANDREW'S CYO NEWS

Contact: Kathy Seel – kathy.seel@standrewscyo.com
Face book page: "St. Andrew CYO"

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." —1 Timothy 4:12

THE 60th ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION:

Pray for our young people as they experience a new adventure toward their search for Christ's love and a stronger faith throughout the Convention Weekend – February 17 – 19.

AWARD RECIPIENT:

Daniel Sullivan a senior at Canisius High School will receive the Manus Christi (Hands of Christ) Award at the Convention on Sunday, February 19, 2012. We applaud Danny's humble but confident personality as he dedicates his whole life to compassionate service to the outside community, school, parish, and CYO. Dan is a young man that lives the Beatitudes and walks peacefully with Christ. Congratulations Dan Sullivan!

HISTORY OF ST. ANDREW'S CYO: Our young people asked... How long has St. Andrew's CYO been in existence? **FACT:** CYC – CYO is 64 years old. 1948 - 2012

Lions Club 16th Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 4 — 8 am - 1 pm

St. Andrew's McNulty Hall
Elmwood and Sheridan Drive

\$6 Adults — \$4 Children under 12 — Under 4 - free
Tickets available at the Town Senior Center Office

Theme Auction of Prizes—25 tickets/\$5
Split Club every half hour
"Special" prize table

Faith Formation

Parents are reminded that the First Communion Retreat will be held on Sunday, February 26 from 9:15-11:15 am in McNulty Hall with First Communion Enrollment at the 11:30 am Mass.

Adult Confirmation Classes offered here!

St. Andrew's will offer an 8-week preparation course this spring for baptized adult Roman Catholics wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The classes will be held from 10 - 11 am Sunday mornings in the rectory. Class dates are March 25; April 1, 15, 22, and 29; and May 6, 13, and 20. Adult candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation must attend all eight sessions in order to be confirmed. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo on Pentecost weekend, May 26 or 27. For more information, please contact the rectory.



Elsewhere

Looking Toward Lent

Our parish will co-sponsor the popular Lenten Lecture Series again this year. Mark your calendar for 7:30 pm for five consecutive Mondays beginning February 27. You'll hear some of the best speakers in the diocese explore the ways we touch Christ in the poor, the sick, the homeless and the imprisoned. Plan to come and bring a friend. All sessions are at no cost. No reservations are required. All are welcome.

February 27 - Seeing Christ in Suffering People

Deacon Bill Hynes will explore the Scriptural basis for the corporal works of mercy, and why these acts of compassion are so important in the lives of Catholics today.

St. Marys, 6919 Transit Road, East Amherst - 688-9380

March 5 - Visiting Christ in Prison

Father Bob Gebhard will offer amazing stories about how ministry to prisoners and their families can change the course of people's lives.

St. Pius X, 1700 North French Rd., Getzville - 688-9143

March 12 - Comforting Christ in Pain

Father Duke Zajac will present compelling stories about ministry to the sick and dying, their families, and their caretakers.

St. Timothy, 565 East Park Drive
Town of Tonawanda - 875-9430

March 19 - Helping Christ in Need

Mark Zirnheld, Director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will share stories about people in need whose lives are transformed through the help of others.

Infant of Prague, 921 Cleveland Drive
Cheektowaga - 634-3660

March 26 - Sheltering Christ in Exile

Sister Louise Alff, OSF, will offer insights into the experiences of exiles, who were forced out of their homeland, and the process of rebuilding their lives.

Our Lady of Peace, 10950 Main St. Clarence - 759-8554

Soup for the Soul

Soup for the Soul is sponsored by the Kenton Clergy Association and will be held on Tuesdays at the Deerhurst Presbyterian Church from noon to 1 pm from February 28 through March 27 during Lent. A simple soup supper (at noon) will be followed by "The Power and Purpose of Prayer During a Period of Penitence."

Canisius College Chorale at St. Margaret's Church

Frank Scinta continues its *sacred Spaces Concert Series* with a performance on Monday, February 27 at 7:30 pm. The program is free and open to the public and will feature works of Mendelssohn, Lotti, Lauridsen, Bernstein, Dawson, and others. For more information, call the Canisius College Music Office at 888-2536

Diocesan Training for Eucharistic Ministers

The Diocese of Buffalo is offering training sessions for anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister on the following dates:

- Saturday, March 10 – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM – Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora
- Saturday, April 14 – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM – Christ the King, Snyder
- Saturday, May 12 – 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM – Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora

The cost of the training is paid by the parish. All instructional materials are provided. Candidates for Eucharistic Ministry must have received the sacrament of Confirmation in order to qualify and be recommended by the pastor. Anyone interested should contact our Pastoral Associate in the rectory for an application.

Catholic Lenten Women's Conference

Behold, I Make All Things New

March 17 — 8 am - 4 pm

Hearthstone Manor in Depew, NY

This conference will feature notable Catholic media expert Teresa Tomeo, author and host of the syndicated talk show "Catholic Connection" heard weekdays on the EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network. Tomeo's talk will focus on finding personal fulfillment in God and the depth, beauty, and truth of the Catholic Church's teaching on women. Additional speakers are Leah Darrow, "America's Next Top Model"; Mother Olga Yagob, foundress and mother servant of the 'Daughters of Mary of Nazareth'; Maryalice Demler, Emmy award winning news anchor; Marian Grace, national recording artist; and local priest, Fr. Rick Poboeki.

Early bird rate until March 1 — \$40 (\$30 students)

After March 1 — \$50, at the door \$60

For more information or to register, please go to www.wlof.net or call toll-free 877-888-6279, ext. 105. Clergy are invited to attend this conference free of charge with registration.



The Road Less Traveled

The parish mission, Lent: the Road Less Traveled will begin in just a few weeks. All parishioners are urged to consider participating in this important parish event.

Participants will gain new insight into the ancient spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and see their tremendous relevance for people of faith today. The mission extends over three evenings beginning Sunday, March 4. Plan to join us at 6:30 pm for a light soup supper!