

Welcome to the Church of St. Andrew the Apostle

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CYCLE A

JULY 19, 2026



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
& 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM
Rosary and Adoration
after 8:00 AM Mass
(Monday - Saturday)

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:15 PM
and by Appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM
Wednesday 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM
First Wednesday of Each Month
All Day Adoration
8:30 AM to 8:00 PM

ROSARY

Monday through Friday
12:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday through Friday
3:00 PM

OUR MISSION...

To live in God's peace by embracing the mind and heart of Jesus, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
centered in the Eucharist and living the Gospel as Disciples of Christ,
we seek fulfillment through prayer, worship, education and Christian fellowship.
As stewards of God's love, sharing our gifts and talents, we serve others, both in and outside of our parish.

OUR VISION...

To be the model of a vibrant, loving and diverse faith community, welcoming all in the Catholic Tradition.

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(856) 784-3878 - Visit us online — www.churchofsaintandrews.org
Office hours: Mon-Fri: 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

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Please register or update your current information by calling the Parish Office or visiting www.churchofstandrews.org.

Parish Office Information

Parish Office Hours of Operation

The Office hours for the Parish Office are 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

Gluten Free Hosts

Those who are gluten intolerant and wish to receive Holy Communion should speak with an usher or member of the hospitality ministry before the start of Mass.

Children and Family Masses are held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the 10:00 AM Mass.

Masses of Inclusion are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the 4:00 PM Vigil (Saturday) Mass.

New to the Parish?

Call the Parish Office to learn about our ministries and how to register with the parish, or you can visit our website to register online and find information about our many ministerial opportunities.

Parish Lost and Found

Numerous items get left behind after Mass and parish events - umbrellas, hats, reading glasses, etc. The parish Lost & Found is located on the shelf in the hallway near the priest's sacristy. Due to space concerns, the Lost and Found is cleaned out monthly, with items being donated. Thank you!

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to request a home or hospital visit.

Prayer List for Those that are in Need of Healing

Please call the Parish Office to add someone to the list.

Marriage

Arrangements are made at least one year in advance. One wedding may be scheduled on Saturday afternoon.

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to schedule. Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11:30 AM.

Mass Cards

You may request a Mass for your intention through the Parish Office, or conveniently through the website.

Sanctuary Candle / Blessed Mother Candle

We offer candle remembrances for special intentions. Please call the Parish Office to reserve a Sanctuary or Blessed Mother Candle.

Spiritual Bouquets

Your prayer intention will be remembered on First Fridays for six consecutive months. Your prayer intention may be for anyone either living or deceased. Please call or stop by the Parish Office to obtain a Spiritual Bouquet.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:
16TH Sunday of OT

One of the incredible experiences of my life occurred during my years of formation in the seminary. As part of the Program for Priestly Formation, seminarians are assigned to an apostolate (ministerial service) to engage in supervised ministry. The choices were vast. We had oppor-

tunities to teach in schools, serve in hospitals, visit the nursing homes, work in parish Religious Education programs, assist in soup kitchens, and work in the inner city. One apostolate was very difficult to staff, most likely because of the institution's reputation. That apostolate was to serve as a chaplain at Attica Correctional Facility.

When I completed my form, I thought I had chosen the soup kitchen, but mistakenly selected the wrong number, and I was the only one who chose Attica as a first choice. The Director of Supervised Ministry was delighted that someone chose prison ministry and, obviously, gave me the first choice. I could not begin to imagine how I went from the soup kitchen to Attica, but I clearly recognize that it was an incredible experience of ministry.

As I visited the inmates, I discovered two realities that intrigued me. **First**, I was not really different from the inmates. Karl Rahner, an esteemed theologian, once wrote that "the only difference between the inmate and the prison minister is that the inmate is caught and must reflect daily on his/her actions. He further elaborated that **sin, no matter how big or small, is simply turning our backs on God**. Those inside the prison confront their evil tendency, while those outside the prison justify their actions. Sin is sin, and no one gets away with it in the next world. (Paraphrased).

The **second** eye-opening reality I confronted was the presence of evil. Despite their incarceration, some inmates simply lived their lives, only caring for themselves.

Their acts of evil were deliberate, selective, and showed little regard for their victims. Self-gratification translated into sexual assaults, murders, drug abuse, etc., with no regard for how it might impact another's life forever. Rahner indicated that sin, no matter how great or small, is very much like that. It creates disruptive behavior in our own lives, the way we relate to others, and most importantly, the way we relate to God

This kind of disruptive conflict is not only evident in the inmate but also within us. At times, we may feel the urge to do something that appears enticing, without considering its impact on others. To deliberately choose to do something that has specific and evil effects is nothing more than vengeance. At the time of our Lord, a vengeful act would be for someone to scatter poisonous weeds in a field after the farmer had painstakingly planted good seeds. It then took quite some time for the farmer to even realize he was the victim of this type of vengeful hostility. But once he could clearly distinguish the weeds from the good crops, he knew it was better to let them grow together until the harvest. Attempting to destroy the weeds would risk also destroying the grain.

This is the situation Christ is referring to in today's parable. He uses the story to remind us that the weaknesses in ourselves and others constantly create barriers and obstacles to what we really want to do. But like the weeds and the wheat, we must learn to live peacefully with both our weaknesses and strengths together. Our shortcomings, and those of others with whom we must relate, are not something we can quickly get rid of. At some end point, when we have successfully achieved a particular goal or completed a proposed task, like the weeds at harvest, the weaknesses are no longer important. But we know they will appear again in the next creative venture. When that happens, as we know it will again, we will try to live with those weeds too – that is, to be patient with our own and others' weaknesses.

Whenever we do anything worthwhile, we encounter unfavorable forces and conditions – nothing is ever easy in the end. Even what seems to be the simplest of tasks can end up tangled in amazing conflicts and complexities, due to our own weaknesses and those of others. Because of

the frustration and discouragement inherent in this human reality, any project we are involved in demands gentle tolerance and forbearance. We must maintain a long-term view of our ultimate goals and purposes, despite immediate impediments.

As our Lord's example implies, we are reminded that we must never attempt to deliberately harm another person. We must never deliberately attempt to do evil to others. It is wise for us to remember that sin is sin, no matter how great or small. And unlike the inmate who pays the price in this world for their erroneous acts, we will pay the price in the next world for evil acts done against our brothers and sisters. Is there someone who became a victim of your actions this past week? Remember, sin is sin, no matter how great...no matter how small.

With a loving and grateful heart,
Msgr. Marucci, VF, Ph.D., D.Min.
Pastor



The righteous will shine
like the sun.
Mt 13:43

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Stewards Good Seeds

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



Happy Hour

Please join CBNSJ and Bishop Joseph A. Williams for an incredible summer evening that provides a great opportunity to cultivate connections within the Catholic Business community.

Free for members, \$20 for non-members. Happy Hour includes appetizers and two drink tickets for soda, beer, or wine.



Wednesday
AUGUST 5, 2026
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Riverwinds Restaurant
1075 Riverwinds Drive
West Deptford, NJ
08096

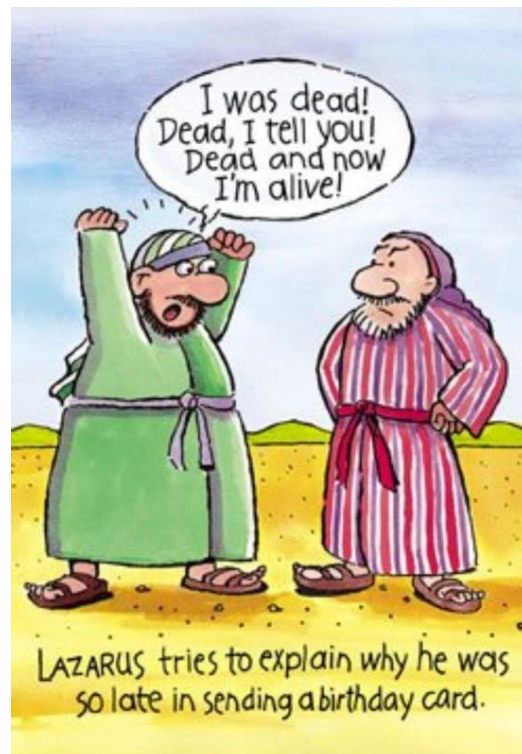
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Msgr. Marucci's Humor Box



For Whom Shall We Pray

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, July 19th

8:00 AM: † Nancy Kowalczyk by Lisa & Larry Stauffer

10:00 AM: † Rosabelle Delizo by Balbas Family

6:00 PM: † Patricia Kuchler by Lou & Fran Manara

Monday, July 20th

8:00 AM: † Zenaida Jumento by Myrna Velasco

Tuesday, July 21st

8:00 AM: Pro Populo

Wednesday, July 22nd

8:00 AM: † Patricia Kuchler by Claire Kuchler & John Riland

Thursday, July 23rd

8:00 AM: L Bernadette Calingasan by Lou Calingasan & family

Friday, July 24th

8:00 AM: † Jennie & Rocco Madera by Judy Madera

Saturday, July 25th

8:00 AM: L Mark Edelstein/Annie Peter by Annie Peter

4:00 PM: † Medarde Esteban by Esteban Family

Sunday, July 26th

8:00 AM: † Bernice Brennan by Rebecca Poland

10:00 AM: † Dolores Buongiovanni by Mom

6:00 PM: † Patricia Kuchler by Janis & Joe Jaworski

† Deceased L Living

The Blessed Mother Candle Burns in Memory of
Alejandra Sulpizio by Aura & Ronnie Sulpizio (her
grandparents)

The Sanctuary Candle Burns in Memory of
Bill Stengel by June Stengel

We Pray For Those Who are Experiencing New Life
Through the Waters of Baptism
Georgia Ann Dolan
Mackenzie Jaye Pohlig
Olivia Aurora Thesing

We Welcome New Parishioners
Dylan, Katie and Brayden Hiotakis

A Time to Be Healed

Geri Borbe

Geraldine Buck

Valerie Butler

Gary Carmody

Bob DeRenzo

Stephen DiLizio

Elizabeth DiPaolo

Bob Freer

Sr. Alma Gallagher

Joanne Gallucci

Joan Geier

Nancy Giampietro

Walt Kowalewski

Mary K. Lombardi

Bill Long, Jr.

Nicolina Marucci

Jay McGovern

Dan McGravey

Bob Merkert

Robert Monetti

Jane Mooney

Mike Mooney

Jimmie Nunnenkamp

Andrew Papp

Linda Raymond

Gina Roman

Michael Ruggerio Jr.

Brenda Lee Salvatore

Mary Bauman Soards

Anthony Simone

Maryann Simone

Robert Wozniak

This list is refreshed periodically. If you or someone you know, is in need of healing prayers and would like to be added to this list, please call the Parish Office at (856) 784-3878.

A Time for Peace

Luke Bianchini,

Staff Sergeant, USAF

Melvin Dastas, Navy

Austin Woolston, Navy

Jack Erickson, USAF

Officer Bill Walsh

Officer Kevin Wynne

Presider Schedule: July 25th and 26th

July 25, 2026

4:00 PM: Fr. Infanti and Dcn. Slaven

July 26, 2026

8:00 AM: Msgr. Marucci and Dcn. Malatesta

10:00 AM: Fr. Infanti and Dcn. Slaven

6:00 PM: Msgr. Marucci and Dcn. Smith

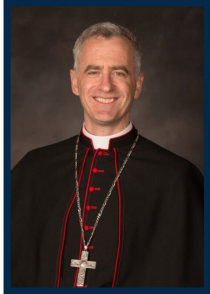
We Pray for the Repose of the Souls Who Have
Entered into Eternal Life in Christ
Edgar Gollaba

We Pray For All Mothers Who are Expecting
the Birth of a Child. If you are expecting a child and
would like to be added to this prayer list, please
contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage

Saturday, November 7th, 2026

*Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, D.C.*



- Explore and spend time in prayer at the Basilica
- Confessions available
- Concert of Sacred Music
- Visit the Catholic Gift Shop & Book Store
- Holy Mass with Bishop Williams in the Great Upper Church



Contact your parish office to register TODAY !!!



Join us for the Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage this fall. The cost is \$45 for parishioners and \$50 for non-parishioners. There may also be additional fee for a museum visit. Payment in the form of cash or check and must be received by September 15th in the Parish Office. Early registration is strongly encouraged as there is limited space. Please stop by the Parish Office to register. Our office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM.

Capital Campaign Update

Thanks to many generous hearts, we have already reached **\$1,052,000** in pledges. This means we have successfully achieved both our **Tier 1 goal of \$750,000** and our **Tier 2 goal of \$900,000**. We are now pressing forward toward our **Tier 3 goal of \$1.1 million**.

We are so close—and with the help of every parish household, that goal is within reach. **If you have not yet made a pledge**, I ask that you do so now. **If you have already pledged**, I invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your gift. No pledge is too small. What matters most is participation, sacrifice, and a shared commitment to the future of our parish.

To donate: Fill out a pledge card available in the Church pews and in the Parish Office or visit the “Capital Campaign” page on our website to donate online.





OPERATION BACKPACK HAS BEGUN!

Once again, the Compassionate Outreach Ministry is collecting and distributing school backpacks to economically disadvantaged children in our community.

This year, our greatest need is for **sturdy backpacks for middle and high school students**. We are also requesting **Walmart** and **Target** gift cards in denominations of **\$10, \$20, or \$30** so parents can purchase the school supplies their children need.

Backpack and Gift Card Distribution Day:
Friday, August 14, 2026

Please place donated backpacks in the Compassionate Outreach carts located in the church entrance.

Please do not place gift cards in the carts. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or mailed/dropped off in the Parish Office.



Pastoral Coordinators- Chris Parry and Lois Siebert. If you are faced with challenges or know someone who may be struggling, we're here to help. Call Chris Parry or Lois Siebert at 856-784-3878 ext. 127.

Christian Cupboard Needs:

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed rice
- Applesauce
- Canned fruit
- Shelf-stable milk
- Crackers



Donations can be placed in the Compassionate Outreach cart located in the church entrance. For questions, call Chris at 856-783-3878 ext. 127.

"True charity requires courage: Let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need." Pope Francis



Annual Back-to-School Uniform Drive

Last year, through the incredible generosity of our parishioners, the Compassionate Outreach Ministry raised **\$3,945** for our School Uniform Drive, helping children in our community and in Camden begin the school year with confidence and dignity. This year, we hope to reach that goal once again!

Your donations will be used to purchase uniform vouchers for families in need with children attending Sacred Heart School in Camden. A new, well-fitting school uniform helps a child feel confident and prepared, as they begin a new school year.

Donations can be placed in the church collection baskets during Mass or dropped off at the parish office. Please label your envelope **"School Uniform Collection."** We kindly ask that all donations be submitted by **August 14**.

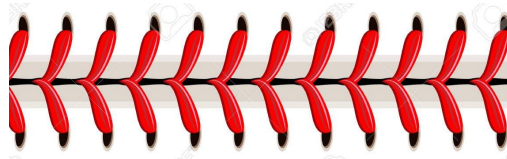
Parish News

Phillies Jersey Raffle Winner—Peter DiAntonio

Congratulations to ultimate Phillies fan, Peter DiAntonio on winning the raffle for an autographed Bryce Harper jersey.

Peter, we hope you and your grandson enjoy the jersey!

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Thanks to your generosity, all proceeds from the raffle will benefit our *Building Up the House of the Lord* Capital Campaign. Your support is helping strengthen the future of our parish community.



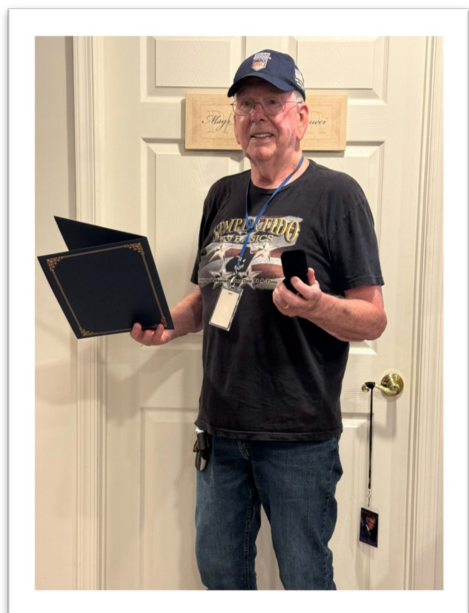
A promotional banner for 'The Heart and Soul of Ireland' pilgrimage. The banner features a large image of the Cliffs of Moher on the left, a circular inset image of a stone church with a tower in the center, and a wide image of a city street with a bridge and historic buildings at the bottom. The text 'The Heart and Soul of Ireland' is prominently displayed in a serif font, with 'and' in a smaller, italicized font. Below the title, the dates 'SEPTEMBER 21 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2026' are shown. A small green cross icon is positioned above the title. The bottom of the banner includes the 'beyard pilgrimages' logo and the tagline 'Faith. Fellowship. Transformation.' followed by a green shamrock icon.

Join
Msgr. Marucci
on a Pilgrimage
to Ireland in
September!

Scan Code for
Brochure and
Registration



For more information, scan the code below or visit the “Pilgrimage to Ireland” link on our parish website. Brochures are available in the Parish Office.



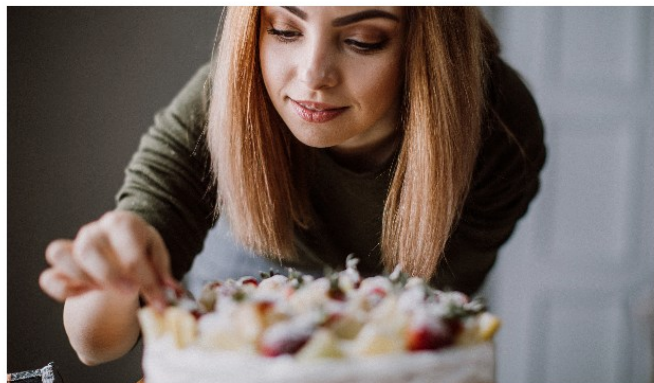
Volunteer of the Month – July 2026

Congratulations to our **July 2026 Volunteer of the Month, John McLaughlin!**

John is being recognized for his faithful and ongoing service to St. Andrew the Apostle Parish. Although he often works behind the scenes, his dedication and generosity never go unnoticed. Whether serving as an usher at Mass, assisting with events in the Parish Hall, volunteering through the Knights of Columbus and its charitable activities, helping maintain and beautify our parish grounds, or recently stepping in to fill a temporary maintenance need, John is always willing to lend a helping hand wherever he is needed.

John responds to every request for assistance without hesitation. He is thoughtful, kind, and has a wonderful sense of humor that brings joy to those around him. His many talents allow him to fix just about anything, but even more impressive is his willingness to put the needs of others before his own. Through his selfless service, John truly exemplifies what it means to be a Christian disciple.

Are you looking for a way to serve?



Cake Bakers Needed for Fall Festival September 17th to 19th

If you would like to bake some sweet treats for our Fall Festival, please contact catherineknasiak@yahoo.com or text 856-693-0200.

We are especially in need of Fall Festival Volunteers to help with the **FOOD TENT, GAMES, AND RAFFLE TICKET SALES!** Volunteers serving in these areas must be 18 years of age or older.



Fall Festival **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** SEPTEMBER 17-19

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Sign up to volunteer using the website below or by scanning the QR code.

<https://signup.com/go/UVVzNrP>



Scan me

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

YOUTH GROUP:

SUMMER SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE FROM 7PM-8PM!!
PARENT PICKUP BETWEEN 8-8:30PM

28 JUN	HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY UPPER ROOM, PARISH HALL
12 JUL	UNDERSTANDING: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD UPPER ROOM, PARISH HALL
26 JUL	TEEN HANGOUT: WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP? UPPER ROOM, PARISH HALL
2 AUG	WHAT IS THE EUCHARIST? UPPER ROOM, PARISH HALL
16 AUG	WHERE IS JESUS AT SCHOOL? UPPER ROOM, PARISH HALL

TO RSVP, EMAIL: kbraunstein@churchofstandrews.org

CONVALIDATION OF MARRIAGE

If you were not married in the Catholic Church, Msgr.

Marucci will try to assist couples in navigating the convalidation process to see if your marriage can be blessed by the Church.

In seeking the blessing and convalidation of your marriage, you are embracing the fullness of the sacrament and inviting Christ to be at the center of your union. This step not only strengthens your relationship but also brings you into deeper communion with the Church.

The journey toward convalidation is one of reflection, preparation, and celebration, where the grace of God transforms your marital bond into a sacred covenant.

Please email Msgr. Marucci for more information about the possibility of convalidation of your marriage at the following email address:

MsgrMarucci@churchofstandrews.org

World Day of
PRAYER
for
**GRANDPARENTS
AND THE ELDERLY**

A special blessing will be offered on **Sunday, July 26th**, in honor of The World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis established this day to be celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July as it is close to the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The day is an opportunity to reflect on how grandparents and the elderly can be a source of hope in families and communities.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you have been coming to Mass for a while but are not Catholic, we *invite you to take a deeper look into the Catholic faith.*

If you are already Catholic and have not yet completed your Sacraments of Initiation (First Communion or Confirmation), *we invite you to join us and see what steps you need to continue your journey to the Lord.*

If you or someone you know might wish to learn more about this possibility, please contact
Fr. Anthony Infanti.

You may call 856-784-3878 or e-mail Fr. Infanti at
FrInfanti@churchofstandrews.org