



ORGAN PROJECT UPDATE

Donations are being accepted to match the generous gift to the parish of \$100,000 to replace our deteriorating organ with a new instrument in memory of beloved parishioner "Ginny" Laurie. To date \$13,035 has been contributed or pledged. Checks can be made to St. Andrew's with designation for the organ project. Visit our website, www.standrewsroanoke.org for further information.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

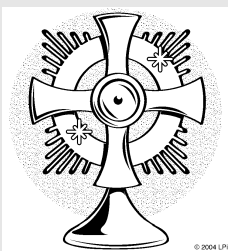
The parish office will be closed on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. God bless you during this Holy Christmas season.

CHSRV RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP ANNEX AT ST. ANDREW'S

The St. Joseph's Sunday Missals for 2010 have arrived at the CHSRV. The Missals are available at the Annex, located in the former Baptistery at the back of the Church from 10:00 am until immediately before 11:30 am Mass on Sundays. The Missals and other religious goods are also available at the CHSRV, located at 400 Campbell Ave., open on Tuesdays from 10:00 am—2:00 pm; contact 540-982-0152.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at St. Andrew's on the eve of the First Friday of each month, from **5:00 p.m. until 7:00 pm.**



This is an opportunity for personal prayer, private meditation, scripture reflection, etc. **There will not be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in January since January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation and is the First Friday of the month.** Our next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Thursday, February 4.**

Parish News & Upcoming Events

ADVENT OUTREACH

The season of Advent is upon us. It is a time to reach out to those less fortunate than ourselves. We have chosen to "adopt" Monticello Manor and Hollins Manor. These are residences for men and women who have no home, no money, and little family. We would like to make their Christmas happier by providing them with some personal items. This week, the **final week**, we are collecting playing cards, puzzles, checkers, and other items for their enjoyment. Boxes are available for your donations in the vestibules. Thank you for your generous response to this effort so far.

MASS GREETERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to serve as Greeters before all of the weekend Masses. This ministry is very important to convey a welcoming atmosphere to parishioners and guests. Please call the Parish Office during regular business hours to sign up.

NURSERY FOR CHRISTMAS

The Parish Nursery will be available only at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass.

CONFESSION TIMES AVAILABLE

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available this week on Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22 from 7:00—8:00 pm in the chapel.

CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This collection will be split evenly between Roanoke Area Ministries and St. Francis House. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving.

YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

The final rehearsal for the Children's Christmas Eve Choir is this Sunday, December 20, at 10:15 am in the church. On Christmas Eve, please report to the music room by 3:15 pm.

Sacrificial Giving

	Week	Month
December 13, 2009		
Sunday	\$17,610	\$40,607
Maintenance Fund	\$1,086	\$6,437
5th Sunday	<u>\$1,758</u>	<u>\$5,752</u>
Total received	\$20,454	\$52,796
Total income needed per month		<u>\$107,500</u>
Better (Worse)		\$(54,704)
Outstanding debt	\$220,732	

Thank you for your generous support and for using your offertory envelopes. Please remember St. Andrew's in your will.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

PARISH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St. Andrew's Parish is accepting applications for a Maintenance Helper/Custodian. This is a full-time position requiring 40 hours per week. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, maintaining the cleanliness of the Church, Parish Center, Administration Building, and Church Grounds. Other responsibilities include building security and setup for Parish functions, and small repair tasks. Qualifications include 1-3 years of related experience, good interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to take direction and carry out assigned tasks in a timely manner. Applicants must have a valid Virginia driver's license. Please call Jill Blanchard at the Parish Office, 344-9814, for an application and more information.

PARISH NURSERY WISH LIST

The parish nursery needs the following items: Children's DVD movies, a DVD player, wooden puzzles and easy puzzles, girl and boy dress up outfits, baby stroller, train table, trains and tracks, gift cards to Walmart, Target, ToysRus, etc.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Knights of Columbus Roanoke Council 562 will sell Christmas cards after all Masses in the month of December. Proceeds from the sales will go toward scholarships for Religious Orders.

VIETTOC THANK YOU!

Many thanks to Fr. Miller and all of you who have been supportive to the VietToc mission throughout the year in prayers and in this recent fund raising event. Your open hearts and reaching arms helped shorten the link of love across the globe to our Montagnard brothers and sisters of the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Because of your generosity, we collected \$3,125 from the dinner and \$7,458 from the second collections on the weekend of November 14. This gift will benefit the Montagnards in the Ayunpa region, our twinning project. Your kindness will be remembered daily through prayers from Ayunpa. May God bless you and yours in this sharing season.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

There is a pilgrimage planned to Medjugorje on April 5-12, 2010. To get more information please see www.pilgramages.com/gallagher or contact Suzanne Gallagher at 977-1485

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

In Case of Emergency contact the office telephone 24 hours a day at 344-9814 and the answering service will help you if the staff is not available.

Prayers for the Sick are included in the bulletin each week. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless you call to tell us to leave them on.

THE MAUSOLEUM AT ST. ANDREW'S

This beautiful, indoor facility provides our parishioners and their immediate families the opportunity to be interred on the hill. Please call Jill Blanchard at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Community News & Events



ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Needs spaghetti sauce and pasta. Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

Attend the 37th annual National March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 22, 2010. A chartered bus will leave Roanoke from St. Elias Catholic Church at 6:30 am and return at 10:00 pm. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$15 for students before December 15. After December 15, the cost is \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. Grants are available. Donations are gladly accepted. Make checks payable to: St. Gerard Church, and mail to Shirley Joslin, 636 Timberidge Rd., Vinton, VA 24179. If you have questions or need more information call Shirley Joslin 345-3389 or Perri Boardwine 353-1412.

MADONNA HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for a Festive Open House on January 1, the Solemnity of the Mother of God, from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Bring the whole family to see our Christmas decorations, enjoy a light buffet lunch and sing some carols to Our Lady. We will close with special prayers for this feast-day. Madonna House will be closed December 27-29, and January 2-4. Madonna House is located at 828 Campbell Ave. SW. Contact us at 343-8464 or www.madonnahouse.org.

RCS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Roanoke Catholic School welcomes applications for the Principal/Head of School position from visionary and spiritual leaders with experience in Faith Development, Academic and Co-Curricular Growth, Administrative and Financial Strength, Board Development and Community Outreach. Requirements include a Master's degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Administration, 5 years teaching / administrative experience in a Catholic school, and principal licensure in Virginia. For more information see www.roanokecatholic.com or www.richmonddiocese.org/human. Applications will be accepted until January 12, 2010.

Mass Intentions

December 21—27

Tuesday (12:00 pm) Joseph Bill Zonza

Wednesday (7:30 am) Rose Mahfoud Oley

Christmas Eve:

Thursday (4:00 pm) Jim McMonagle (*social hall*)

(4:00 pm) Mark Williamson (*church*)

(6:30 pm) William F. McKim, Jr. & Sr

(12:00 am, midnight) The people of St.
Andrew's

Christmas Day:

Friday (10:00 am) The intention of Chris Hoeser

(1:00 pm) The Vietnamese community

Saturday (5:30 pm) 2 Lt. Ray Williams, US Army

Sunday (7:30 am) The people of St. Andrew's

(9:00 am) Steven Slan

(11:30 am) Joseph Wolter



*Merry Christmas
from the parish staff.*

**Parishioners, relatives and friends who need our
prayers:**

Marilyn Nelson, Dan Foley, Ty Farnham, Danny Gordon, Betty Stanford Peters, George Spalding, Marie Grewe, Annabelle Gilliam, Tommy Helm, Madison Powell, Oakley Wardell, Donna Dotson, Leo Homicz, Ted Roeveer, Julie Sumner, David Richardson, Michael Rulison, Ann Marie Sheridan, Marie Holliday, Pat Johnston, Joyce Smith, Robert Brudzinski, Rick Calhoun, Dr. Charlie Harris, Kathleen Cabic, Michelle Cabic, Mary Schumann, Phyllis Crawford, Russell Short, Sarah Vicich, Mike Edwards, Frances Johnson, Leo Hirsbrunner, Genevieve Riquelmy, Jeanette Price, Donnie Graves, Glada Lazzuri, Everett Quesenberry, George Kern, Sam Sillars, Ann Huffman, William Pete Hamilton, Jr., Miriam Walawski, Agnita Angermeier, Randy Mason, Iryl Harding, George Spalding, Alice Lopez, Katherine Chestnut, Jerome Kalafut, Robert Boisvert, Vanzorn Smith, Ray Donnelly, Terry Rodreque, Alice Mitchell, Michael Joseph, Sarah Steahly, Scott Roth, Elizabeth Grandusky, Gracie Huffman, Mona Barnes, Kevin Stokes, Kathy Ryder, Raine Walters, Jessica Nicole Walters, Anna Lucas, Duane Smith, Allie Dalzell, Anne Jabbour, Jason Krajc, Dr. Frank England, Kris Larsen, Kathy Aud, Annette McCarty, Allyson McClellan, Elizabeth Rulison, Sarah Crotts, Katherine Poole, Pat Cerak.

*Names will remain on the prayer list for **four weeks**.*

Please call the office if they should remain longer.

Events this Week

This Sunday	(10:15 am)	Youth Choir rehearsal
	(3:00 pm)	Vietnamese Choir rehearsal
Monday	(7:00–8:00 pm)	Confessions-Chapel
Tuesday	(7:00–8:00 pm)	Confessions-Chapel
Wednesday	(2:00 pm)	Senior Fitness Group
Thursday		<i>Parish office closed</i>
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Saturday	(9:00 am)	Rosary

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Remember in your prayers these parishioners and family members who are actively serving our country in the military.

Steven Jeremy Ayers, Jacob Brookshier, Ches Mitchell, Tommy Nichols, Allen Palumbo, Michael Nghia-Nguyen, Joseph Amos, Justin Assenat, Joshua Balagna, Sam Bebout, Will Bebout, Timothy M. Brady, Brian X. Conlan, Michael Dale Davis, John W. Downs, William Farmer, Robert Gamand, Jamie Guilliams, John Hinkel, Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff, Jarrod Huff, Herbert Jones, Michael Keller, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Tim McAtter, Matthew McCorkel, Colin McGuire, Daryl R. Peltier, Ronnie Stout, Adrian Rouse, Jacob Hunter Rusgrove, Pamela T. Schmecht, Joe Spegele, Dustin Stewart and Chuck Suslowicz.

