

Liturgy Corner

Sr. Katherine Collard/ Mr. Kelly Wheelbarger

WHAT TO WEAR TO CHURCH?

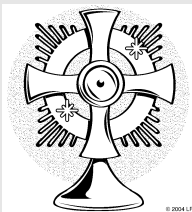
People have no problem, it seems, dressing for weddings, funerals, office parties, or dates—but seem to think that dressing to meet Almighty God at the Mass is passé. Dressing for Mass is simply a matter of showing proper respect, not only for God, but for others around you. It's certainly not a matter of showing off one's finery—lots of people don't even have fine clothes. Certainly, too, some people may attend certain Masses, say the 5:30 pm Masses, on their way home from their construction jobs. Fine! Never let circumstances out of your control make you feel embarrassed or keep you away from the Sacraments! But one should always wear clothes that are modest, and, if possible, all things being equal, clean and the nicest clothes one has.

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

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.

JANUARY PARISH DINNER

Join us on Wednesday, January 6, from 5:30—6:45 pm for our next parish dinner. Dinner will feature meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, a second hot vegetable, and bread. Donations of dessert are welcomed and appreciated. Please sign-up this weekend on the sheets at the church entrances. Dinner is \$5.00 a person/ \$20 for a family of four with children under 10.



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.

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.

Sacrificial Giving

December 13, 2009	Week	Month
Sunday	\$17,610	\$40,607
Maintenance Fund	\$1,086	\$6,437
5th Sunday	\$1,758	\$5,752
Total received	\$20,454	\$52,796
Total income needed per month		\$107,500
Better (Worse)		\$(54,704)
Outstanding debt	\$220,732	
Parish Finances will be updated next week.		

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

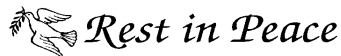
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PARISH NURSERY WISH LIST

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.

VIETOC 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.



Rest in Peace

*Please keep our Faithful Departed
and their families in your prayers.*

*Quenton Ratliff—September 2
James Neuhoff—October 29
Edward Kane—November 19
Madeline Collins—December 3*

*Mary Calvert—September 20
Sergio Bima—October 30
Norbert Steahly—November 23
Gertrude Zebrasky—December 5*

Community News & Events

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, five 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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

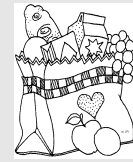
In Case of Emergency contact the office telephone 24 hours a day at 344-9814 and the answering service will help you if the staff is not available.

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.

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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.

OLPH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is seeking a Business Manager to be responsible for the overall management of the church facilities, administrative office, human resources, bookkeeping and financial record keeping for the parish. Candidates should possess a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or related field or equivalent education and experience. Knowledge of bookkeeping is preferred as is the ability to multi-task and manage confidential information. To apply, please send a diocesan application (available through your parish office or the diocesan website) and a resume to Fr. Kevin Segerblom. Applications and resumes may be emailed to adminasst@olphsaalem.org or mailed to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 314 Turner Rd. Salem, VA 24153. **Applications must be received by January 5, 2010.**

DECEMBER 27, 2009

Mass Intentions

December 28-January 3

Thursday	(5:30 pm)	Jim Neuhoff
Friday	(10:00 am)	The people of St. Andrew's
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	SP4 Stephen Finney, US Army
Sunday	(7:30 am)	Elmer Ebersol
	(9:00 am)	Richard Slan
	(11:30 am)	Joseph Fieschel



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 Roevers, 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.

DECEMBER 27, 2009

Events this Week

Wednesday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
Thursday *Parish office closed*
Friday *Parish office closed*
Saturday (9:00 am) Rosary
Next Sunday (10:15 am) Adult Education
(10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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.



Yet
the world
did not know
who
HE was

John 1:1-18