

Liturgy Corner

Sr. Katherine Collard/ Mr. Kelly Wheelbarger

The Baptism of the Lord (or the Baptism of Christ) is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. Only in recent times has the feast been rehabilitated, and hence has not given rise to any particular displays of popular piety. However, the feast presents an excellent opportunity for the faithful to be reminded of their rebirth as children of God in Baptism. This weekend's gospel has Jesus grown and preaching. Carols speaking of the infant Jesus and the nativity give way to the hymns and carols we sing this weekend. Our liturgical celebration of Christmastide concludes with us singing, once again 'Joy to the World'. Our Lord has come!

CHSRV RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOP ANNEX AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Rosary Bracelets have arrived at the Catholic Historical Society of the Roanoke Valley Religious Goods Shop Annex at St. Andrew's. They are available at the RGS Annex, located in the former Baptistery at the back of St. Andrew's Church. RGS Annex hours are Sundays from 10:00 am—11:25 am. The Rosary Bracelets and other religious goods are also available at the Society, located at 400 Campbell Ave., SW, Roanoke, which is open during Winter hours, the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Telephone and fax number is 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. Our next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Thursday, Feb. 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 \$42,200 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Middle School Youth Group will meet this Sunday, January 10, from 1:00–2:30 pm in the Youth Rooms in the lower level of the Parish Center. We invite all of our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders to join us! Direct questions to Mrs. Kathy Boyer at 344-9814 or kboyer@standrewsroanoke.org. See you there!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, January 17 from 6:00—8:00 pm in the social hall. Come join us for fun and fellowship. Bring a friend! Also, registration for the Youth Bus Trip to the March for Life is due on January 12. See our website www.standrewsroanoke.org under Youth Ministry for more information.

DISCOVER AND CHRISTIAN AWAKENING RETREATS

The Office of Youth Ministry and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond sponsors two retreats for our High School Youth. Discovery is for 9th and 10th graders and Christian Awakening is for 11th and 12th graders. These are dynamic, powerful peer led retreats. The three **Discovery** retreat dates, places and registration deadlines are: **February 5-7: Smith Mountain Lake** (registration due 1/24/10), **March 5-7: Smith Mountain Lake** (registration due 2/21/10), and **March 12-14: Goshen, VA, near Lexington** (registration due 2/28/10). The **Christian Awakening** Retreat is **March 19-21: Camp Bethel** (registration due 3/07/10). Retreat cost for registered parishioners is \$65. To register, complete and return the registration form and a check for \$65 made payable to St. Andrew's to Beth Derringer no later than the due date for the retreat. To obtain registration forms, see the church bulletin boards, our website: www.standrewsroanoke.org, or Beth Derringer. If you have questions, please contact Beth Derringer (588-0092 or dederringer@comcast.net).

Sacrificial Giving

January 3, 2010	Week	Month
Sunday & Holy Day	\$45,188	\$45,188
Maintenance Fund	\$5,346	\$5,346
5th Sunday	<u>\$2,599</u>	<u>\$2,599</u>
Total received	\$53,133	\$53,133
Total income needed per month		<u>\$107,500</u>
Better (Worse)		\$(54,367)
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.

Parish News & Upcoming Events

NEW LIGHTING AT ST. ANDREW'S

If you have wondered if St. Andrew's Church is looking more beautiful than usual at night, you are correct. Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous benefactor, the lighting on the church towers has been increased. It is such generosity that continues to make St. Andrew's a focal point of faith for the Roanoke Valley.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Attention all Liturgical Ministers: The new schedule will be put together on January 15, 2010, therefore, the deadline for all vacation requests and other changes is due prior to that date. The schedule will extend from January 30/31 to April 24/25, 2010. The new schedule will include all volunteers for the new ministry of Greeters. Please submit all changes to Sr. Katherine at kcollard@standrewsroanoke.org or 344-9814.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHSRV

In order to carry out its plans for the future, the Catholic Historical Society of the Roanoke Valley is in desperate need of volunteers. We meet on Tuesdays at the Society at 400 Campbell Ave., SW from 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Please call us at 540-982-0152 to volunteer to help preserve the documents and artifacts which reflect the Catholicity of the Roanoke Valley from the 19th Century through today.

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.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Looking for some quiet prayer time? Then join us Friday, January 15 at 6:30 pm for prayer, scripture reading, and fellowship at Madonna House at 828 Campbell Ave. SW, Roanoke. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by Young Adult Ministry. Contact Carl Dietrich at 392-9308 or carl.dietrich@verizon.net for more information.

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 cereals and powdered milk. 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.

YOUNG ADULT FOCUS RETREAT

The FOCUS Diocesan Weekend Retreat for Young Adults is January 29-31, 2010 at the Holy Family Retreat Center in Hampton, Virginia. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, faith sharing, socializing, meditation and relaxing in the Spirit. The retreat is for young adults age 18-39. For details and registration information go to www.richmonddiocese.org/cyam/index.htm.

PART TIME HELP WANTED

OLPH is seeking an enthusiastic person to manage our Olive Branch Bookstore and Gift Shop. This is a limited, part-time position (10 hours per week). Responsibilities would include: coordinating volunteers to ensure coverage during the store's open hours; ordering merchandise and maintaining inventory; processing financial reports; processing deposits and invoices for the parish bookkeeper; and continuing to develop the Olive Branch as a resource in the Roanoke Valley via outside shows and marketing. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest and a diocesan application available through your parish office or the diocesan website by January 31, 2010 to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 314 Turner Rd., Salem, VA 24153 or email to pastor@olphsalem.org.

JANUARY 10, 2010

Mass Intentions

January 11—17

Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	Joseph J. Hartman
Wednesday	(7:30 am)	Jim McMonagle
Thursday	(12:00 pm)	Ester Tan
Friday	(7:30 am)	Norbert Steahly
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	The people of St. Andrew's
Sunday	(7:30 am)	Quenton Ratliff
	(9:00 am)	Augustino Donegan T.O.R.
	(11:30 am)	Joseph Fiesel

Parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers:

Bridget Whelan, Marcy Hernandez, Joseph Ryder, Christopher Luteman, Pearl Stokes, Gretchen Lavinder, Maryann Budy Assaid, Donna Zevrasky, Sharon Khoshghad, Marilyn Nelson, Dan Foley, Danny Gordon, Betty Stanford Peters, George Spalding, Marie Grewe, Annabelle Gilliam, Tommy Helm, Madison Powell, Oakley Wardell, Donna Dotson, Leo Homicz, Ted Roever, Julie Sumner, David Richardson, Michael Rulison, Ann Marie Sheridan, Marie Holliday, Pat Johnston, Joyce Smith, Robert Brudzinski, Rick Calhoon, Dr. Charlie Harris, Kathleen Cabic, Michelle Cabic, Mary Schumann, Phyllis Crawford, Russell Short, Sarah Vicich, Mike Edwards, Frances Johnson, 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, Katharine 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, Jeanette Cabinass, Kevin Stokes, Kathy Ryder, Raine Walters, Jessica Nicole Walters, Duane Smith, Allie Dalzell, Anne Jabbour, Jason Krajc, 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.

JANUARY 10, 2010

Events this Week

This Sunday (10:15 am) Adult Education
(10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11
(1:00 pm) Middle School Youth Group
Monday (9:30 am) Women's Core group
(10:00 am) RCIA
(7:00 pm) Scripture Study
(7:00 pm) Justice & Peace
Tuesday (12:30 pm) Scripture Study
(5:30 pm) Liturgy Committee
Wednesday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
Thursday (7:00 pm) RCIA
Friday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
Saturday (9:00 am) Rosary
Next Sunday (10:15 am) Adult Education
(10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11, RCIC
(6:00 pm) High School Youth Ministry

Readings for the Week of January 10, 2010

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

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 Garnand, 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, Chuck Suslowicz and Andrew Wartz.