

DIOCESAN RETREATS FOR YOUTH

The Office of Youth Ministry and the Catholic Diocese of Richmond sponsor two retreats for our youth. Discovery is for 9th & 10th graders and Christian Awakening is for 11th & 12th graders. These are dynamic, powerful peer led retreats. The last available Discovery retreat is: **March 20-22:** Goshen, VA, near Lexington, (registration is due this Sunday, 3/08/09). The Christian Awakening Retreat is **March 20-22:** Smith Mountain Lake (registration is due this Sunday, 3/08/09). Retreat cost for registered parishioners is \$65.00. To register, complete and return the registration form and a check for \$65.00 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 any questions, please contact Beth Derringer at 588-0092, or dederringer@comcast.net.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

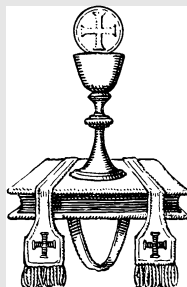
All youth are invited to the Annual Youth Reconciliation Service on March 15 at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Salem. This powerful celebration of Jesus' forgiveness is led by youth for youth. Priests will be available for individual confessions.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

On March 24, at 7:00 pm the Young Adult Ministry group will meet at Famous Anthony's in Salem for a Prayer and Lenten Reflection Dinner. Enjoy dinner, prayer, and fellowship with Young Adult Catholics from parishes in the Roanoke Valley.

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 until 7:00 pm. (Note time change)** This is an opportunity for personal prayer, private meditation, scripture reflection, etc. Our next Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Thursday, April 2.**

*Parish News & Upcoming Events***LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

Our next Lenten Soup Supper will be this Wednesday, March 11, from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Supper will be preceded by Mass at 5:00 pm in the Church. Donations to the Soup Supper (\$3.00 per person) will benefit **Operation Rice Bowl**. As part of our Lenten prayer and almsgiving, you are invited to take one of the brown bags available at the entrances and return it with one non-perishable food item for St. Francis House. The prayer that is included is one that can be recited daily as part of our daily prayer for Lent. Also be aware that Stations of the Cross will be offered at St. Andrew's every Friday during Lent. Stations are at 7:00 pm.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fr. John Lynch Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, an organization for Catholic men of Irish descent, will conduct a membership drive this weekend, March 7 and 8 after all Masses. The order is founded on the principles of Unity, Friendship and Charity. Members will be available in the social hall to talk to all those interested in joining.

ST ANDREWS MENS GROUP

The St. Andrew's Men's Group will be having its next meeting this Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm in the social hall. We are off to a great start after our first meeting. The main goal of the group is to provide an opportunity for spiritual growth and education. We will also participate in service projects for the St. Andrews Community and the Roanoke area. Of course, we also want to provide an opportunity for increased fellowship and new friendships. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. If you have any questions, please call Mike Walton at 597-5395.

YOUNG IN SPIRIT

A travel program will be presented by Msgr. Miller at our St. Patrick's day buffet luncheon, and there will be Irish tunes by Francie McCaskey. All senior members of the parish and their guests are invited. Reservations must be received by Saturday, March 14. If you have not received our letter with details or need additional information, call Louise Clendenen at 774-0194 or Lucy Reed at 384-7445.

Sacrificial Giving

February 22, 2009	Week	Month
Sunday	\$18,185	\$84,325
Maintenance Fund	\$255	\$6,531
5th Sunday	<u>\$688</u>	<u>\$6,356</u>
Total received	\$19,128	\$97,212
Total income needed per month		<u>\$95,215</u>
Better (Worse)		\$1,997

Parish finances will be updated next week.

Outstanding debt at 2/15/09 \$315,560

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

Parish News & Upcoming Events

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There is an immediate need for leaders for Children's Liturgy at the 11:30 am Mass. Please let us know if you can serve your church by ministering in this wonderful program for our children. For information, call Mrs. Kathy Boyer at 344-9814.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

God has commanded His people, over and over, to sing His praises. In the book of Psalms we are told "Sing Praises to the Lord, O ye saints, and give thanks to His holy Name." (Psalms 30:4) and "Blessed are those who dwell in Thy house, ever singing Thy praise." (Psalms 84:4). St. Andrew's needs more choir members! The present members have to be away from time to time, and it leaves us without enough singers to present the music effectively. Please think seriously about joining the choir. You do not have to be a soloist, nor even read music. Our choirs sing at the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 (for the 9:00 choir) and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 (for the 11:30 choir).

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE CONCERT

The Bridgewater College Choir and Chorale will perform, under the direction of Dr. Jesse Hopkins, at St. Andrew's on Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. Host families are needed to house students from the choir for one night. Volunteers are also needed to usher and provide kitchen help for this evening concert. If you can help in any way, please contact the church office at 344-9814.

ST ANDREWS BLOOD DRIVE REMINDER

The next blood drive at St. Andrews is April 22 from 12:30 pm until 6:30 pm. You are eligible to donate whole blood if you have given on or before February 25, 2009. You are eligible to donate double reds if you have given on or before December 31, 2008. Please give the gift of life, donate blood.

Community News & Events

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS

Commonwealth Catholic Charities hosts free informational sessions for people interested in domestic or international adoption. Upcoming meeting dates are March 31 and April 28. The meetings will be held at the CCC offices on the main floor of the Jefferson Center. Please call Marge at 540-278-1654 for more information or to make a reservation.

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 canned meat and tuna. Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is safe, healthy, and highly effective—and it can grow your marriage in ways you never expected. Instructor Misty Mealey will be offering a course on the sympto-thermal method of NFP (99% effective) at St. Andrew's on Sunday afternoons (March 8, 22 and April 5) from 2:00 pm—4:30 pm. The course consists of all three classes and the cost is \$80, which includes all materials and follow-up. To register, contact Misty Mealey at 540-992-1629 or email misty@mealeys.org.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Richmond Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold its spring meeting at Our Lady of Nazareth Catholic Church on Saturday, March 14, from 9:30 am—3:00 pm. Guest speaker, Barbara Hughes, will present "Discovering the Spirit Within". The \$15 fee includes lunch and materials. You must register in advance. Send your check made out to RDCCW to Frances Bridge, 2208 Jefferson St. #317, Roanoke, VA 24014 or call 344-0466 for information.

YOUNG ADULT SILENT RETREAT

The Diocesan Office of Vocations is hosting a Silent Retreat at the Holy Family Retreat House in Hampton, VA on April 3-4, 2009. Participants will be asked to turn off their cell phones, iPods, and computers, creating the interior and exterior silence which will allow them to listen more carefully to the voice of the Lord in their lives. The retreat is open to all Catholic Young Adults ages 18-39. Cost is \$30 per person. Space is limited, so sign up today! For more information, contact Fr. Michael Renninger at mrenninger@richmonddiocese.org.

MARCH 8, 2009

Mass Intentions

March 9—March 15

Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	—
Wednesday	(7:30 am)	—
	(5:00 pm)	—
Thursday	(12:00 pm)	Don Piedmont
Friday	(7:30 am)	Jackie Brown
Saturday	(5:30 pm)	People of St. Andrew's
Sunday	(7:30 am)	Joseph and Mary Huynh
	(9:00 am)	Michael Calhoon
	(11:30 am)	Suzanne Brinkley



Parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers:
Jan Northrup, Allie Dalzell, Denise Woodrum, Margie Frueh, Kim Clark, Bill Morck, Ryan Reezes, Daun Lawrence, Jackie Simpson, Liam Hess, Ching Davis, Ruth Downs, Gretchen Lavinder, Robert Ripple, Anne Jabbour, Kris Larsen, Dorothy Shank, Guy Shelor, Kathy Aud, William Shuffleberger, Dylan Smith, Donna Reynolds, Elaine Turanico, Anne Rosky, Laine Clements, Anna Lucas, George Duvall, John Smith, Luz Maria Hernandez, Sheila Clark, Cassidy Blount, Cecelia Almani, Connie Light, Carol Francis, Barbara Ridenhour, Joseph Wolter, David Sheplac, Mary Ann Sliwinski, John Higgins, Robert Hardie, Bill Poe, Erlene Reynolds, Ann Huffman, Carol Purdham, Judy St Clair, Christie Svirsky, George Muller, Liam Huff, Dennis Brown, Mark Belcher, Dorothy Laurie, Jim and Marion Roe, Virginia Canfield, James White, Skyler Schuman, Duane Smith, Walter and Dora Assaid, Katherine Chestnut, Quenton Ratcliffe, Tom Heilmann, David Bell, Mike Mullins, Mary Shumann, Doug Balz, Nancy Garrabrant, Arthur Gebhard, Kaylyn McCork, Terry Rodriguez, Elliott Kline-Parker, Clare Andrew, Suzanne Rowland, JoAnne Bibb, John Castner, Leonard Bianco, Brian Lawrence, Janet Lucas, Allyson McClellan, Bill Novotny, Sarah Crotts, Katherine Poole, Pat Cerak.

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Please call the office if they should remain.*

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Events this Week

This Sunday AOH Membership Drive after all Masses
 (10:05 am) 11:30 Choir Rehearsal
 (10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11
 (10:15 am) Adult Education
 (10:15 am) Confirmation I
 (2:00 pm) Natural Family Planning Class
Monday (7:00 pm) Scripture Study
 (7:00 pm) Justice and Peace
Tuesday (12:30 pm) Scripture Study
 (7:00 pm) Men's Group
Wednesday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
 (5:30 pm) Soup Supper
 (7:00 pm) Parish Council
Thursday (7:00 pm) 9:00 Choir Rehearsal
 (7:00 pm) Intercessory Prayer Group
Friday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
 (7:00 pm) Stations of the Cross
Saturday (8:45 am) First Eucharist Preparation
 (9:00 am) Rosary
Next Sunday (10:05 am) 11:30 Choir Rehearsal
 (10:15 am) Confirmation I
 (10:15 am) Christian Formation K-11
 (10:15 am) Adult Ed
 (10:15 am) RCIC

Readings for the Week of March 8, 2009

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt
 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-
 32
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1
 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Remember especially in your prayers these Parishioners and family members who are actively serving our country in the military:

Michael Nghia-Nguyen, Joseph Amos, Justin Assenat, Joshua Balagna, Sam Bebout, Will Bebout, Timothy M. Brady, Brian X. Conlan, James Cutler, Michael Dale Davis, John W. Downs, William Farmer, Andre Fieschel, Robert Garnand, Jamie Guilliams, John Hinkel, Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff, Herbert Jones, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Matthew McCorkel, Daryl R. Peltier, Ronnie Stout, Adrian Rouse, Pamela T. Schmecht, Daniel H. Smith, Joe Spegele, Dustin Stewart and Chuck Suslowicz.