

Parish News & Upcoming Events

Remember 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 Gar-
rand, Jamie Guilliams, John Hinkel,
Stephanie Lynn Holliday, Anthony Huff,
Herbert Jones, Jeffrey Robert Klein, Mat-
thew McCorkel, Daryl R. Peltier, Ronnie
Stout, Adrian Rouse, Pamela T.
Schmecht, Daniel H. Smith, Joe Spegele,
Dustin Stewart and Chuck Suslowicz

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that the Mass schedule for **Easter Sunday** is as follows: Saturday Vigil at 8:00 pm, Easter Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 11:30 am. Note also that on Easter Sunday, Masses at 9:00 am and 11:30 am will be celebrated in the Church and the Social Hall simultaneously.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

The Blessing of Easter Food Baskets will take place on Holy Saturday, April 11, at 10:30 am in the church. Early Polish immigrants brought the custom to America in the late 1800's. The Christian significance of Easter is symbolized by the food used for the holiday feast. The food blessed on Holy Saturday is consumed by the family and guests at Easter Sunday breakfast, after the Resurrection Mass.

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 30.**



WELCOME DEACON MARK ALLISON

Deacon Mark Allison has become available to offer his services to our parish community. As an ordained Deacon, he will be present in that capacity at certain Sunday masses and will at times be the homilist. In addition Mark will preside on occasion at other liturgical services, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. We thank Deacon Mark for volunteering to offer his time in helping to meet the liturgical needs of our busy parish.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION ON PALM SUNDAY

Because of the length of the Passion reading and the Palm Sunday Mass, Christian Formation classes will not be able to begin at 10:15 am. We will still have a shortened class which will begin immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION TWO EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

Confirmation Two students and their families are reminded of the Evening of Recollection on April 5 beginning at 5:00 pm. Direct questions about the event to Kathy Boyer at 344-9814. We look forward to a wonderful shared faith experience with all of our confirmands!

WHAT IS THE "MANDATUM"

The Lord Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper as a sign of the new commandment that Christians should love one another: "Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciples: by your love for one another". For centuries the Church has imitated the Lord through the ritual re-enactment of the new commandment of Jesus Christ in the washing of feet on Holy Thursday (April 9). This opportunity is available to all who wish to participate in this spiritually moving event. If you would like to participate, please contact the parish office at 344-9814 before Monday, April 6.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The offertory collection from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday is designated for the ministry of Father Roland Hautz in the mission parishes of Gate City. We are very grateful to Father Roland, the "pirate priest" for ministering to our parish during Father Miller's recent absence. Please be generous.

Sacrificial Giving

	Week	Month
March 29, 2009		
Sunday	\$18,517	\$90,377
Maintenance Fund	\$314	\$7,144
5th Sunday	<u>\$822</u>	<u>\$5,827</u>
Total received	\$19,653	\$103,348
Total income needed per month		<u>\$95,215</u>
Better (Worse)		\$8,133
Outstanding debt at 3/6/09	\$308,515	

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

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NURSERY CLOSED FOR EASTER

Due to a lack of volunteers, the nursery will be closed for all Masses on Easter weekend.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday.

HOLIDAY SEATING REMINDER

As we approach Easter, please be respectful of the additional row of handicap seating in the front of the church. We have the chairs and the first row pews for those who cannot proceed to the front and receive Holy Communion in their seats. The additional third row seating (on both sides) is for those who can walk but may have difficulty with long distances or hearing. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

It is time for our new parish photo directory. Our last directory was completed in 2004 and there have been many changes in our parish since that time. The photo directory is an important tool for all of our parishioners, so please make sure that you and your family are a part of it. Sign-ups to have your picture taken will begin on Saturday, April 18 and continue through, Sunday, May 3. You may sign up at church on these dates or you may sign up on line at our website www.standrewsroanoke.org. Volunteers are needed to help on sign-up days and to greet our parishioners on picture taking days. If you can help with this important project, please call Larry Sink at 520-5572.

DUST BUSTERS NEEDED

Do you have one or two hours to donate on Friday mornings to help dust the pews, altars, sacristies, stations, windows and vestibules of our beautiful church? We would like to form teams of five or six men and women to work on a rotating basis to keep the "House of the Lord" as it needs to be kept. The more volunteers we have, the less often any one person would have to work. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to this important ministry. Contact the parish office at 344-9814 to leave your phone number or email address to be placed on the list or contact Muriel Kelley at www.pariahnetwork.org.

AOH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Thanks to all those who expressed an interest in the Ancient Order of Hibernians during our recent membership drive. Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, April 8, at 7:30 pm, at the Knight of Columbus hall on Harris Street.

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 beans and rice mixes. Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing from abortion and its lasting effects will be held May 1-3 at the Benedictine Abbey in Richmond. The retreat helps women and men to uncover deep wounds buried in secrecy and shame. "Living Scripture Meditations" reveal that no sin is unforgivable. You are invited to receive Christ's mercy and compassion. Call the facilitators, Kay Marie and Joe Geiger at 804-330-3137, or Molly Smith at Church of Epiphany, at 804-794-0222 or email kmg4hope@verizon.net. All calls are confidential. Get more retreat information at the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETINGS

Commonwealth Catholic Charities hosts free informational sessions for people interested in domestic or international adoption. The next meeting date is April 28. The meeting 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.

THE LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The seminar will be offered at Our Lady of Nazareth and is sponsored by the parish prayer group. The seminar invites us to a fuller life in the Spirit as we seek to fan the flame of Baptism. An informational session will be conducted on Wednesday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the OLN fellowship hall. The seven follow-up sessions will present topics on God's Unconditional Love, Salvation, The New Life, Receiving God's Gifts, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, New Life in the Spirit, and Fruit for a Hungry World. Direct questions to Rita in the office at 774-0066 or Bob & Elaine Landry at 772-0629.

APRIL 5, 2009

Mass Intentions

April 6—12

Tuesday	(12:00 pm)	Bernard Albert
Wednesday	(7:30 am)	Kevin Schorr
Holy Thursday	(7:30 pm)	The people of St. Andrew's
Good Friday	(7:30 pm)	—
Holy Saturday	(8:00 pm)	The people of St. Andrew's
Easter Sunday	(7:00 am)	Edie Shelor
	(9:00 am)	Al Jabbour
	(11:30 am)	Margaret Reed
	(2:00 pm)	The Vietnamese Community



Parishioners, relatives and friends who need our prayers:
Lynn Overstreet, Bonnie Bentley, Thomas Grad, Sherman Grad, Joyce Dent, Robert Elmore, Nora Goad, Ronald Sharpe, Carol O'Hara, Ray Donnelly, Rodger Williams, Jason Krajc, Kevin Stokes, Robert Pienta, Ann Vecellio, Elizabeth Weikel, Madeline Collins, Edward Malinowski, Kris Larsen, Cathy Aud, Hazel Allen, Joseph Allen, Sally Hartman, Jan Northrup, Allie Dalzell, Denise Woodrum, 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, 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, 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 Ratliff, Tom Heilmann, David Bell, Mike Mullins, Mary Schumann, Doug Balz, Arthur Gebhard, Kaylyn McCork, Terry Rodriguez, Elliott Kline-Parker, Clare Andrew, JoAnne Bibb, John Castner, Leonard Bianco, Brian Lawrence, Allyson McClellan, 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 (10:05 pm) 11:30 Choir Rehearsal
(10:15 am) Christian Formation K-9,11
(5:00 pm) Confirmation Two Evening of
Recollection

Monday (7:00 pm) Justice & Peace
(7:00 pm– 8:00 pm) Confessions

Tuesday (7:00 pm) Baptism Preparation

Wednesday (2:00 pm) Senior Fitness Group
(7:00 pm– 8:00 pm) Confessions

Holy Thursday (5:30 pm) Holy Thursday Dinner
(7:30 pm) Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday *Parish office closed*
(3:00 pm) Stations of the Cross
(7:30 pm) Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday (9:00 am) Rosary
(10:30 am) Easter Food Blessing
(11:00 am-12:00 pm) Confessions
(8:00 pm) Easter Vigil and
Mass of the Resurrection

Easter Sunday (7:00 am) Mass of the Resurrection
(9:00 am) Mass of the Resurrection
(10:05 am) 11:30 Choir rehearsal
(11:00 am) Mass of the Resurrection

Readings for Holy Week—2009

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42

Saturday:Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15- --15:1/Is 54:5-14/ Is 55:1-11/ Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7