

From the Pastor

Wow, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday Already!

It can be so-o-o-o-o easy the next three days to invite people to come back to church or to remind people of something without implying that they have forgotten. At work and school, gym and grocery, in the chat room and on the telephone, on your Facebook and MySpace page, and even in a text and in a tweet, it is so-o-o-o-o easy. Simply say or type, "Wow, Wednesday is Ash Wednesday already!" Then just leave them to do whatever they will with the invitation and reminder. Just hear Jesus speaking to "our" Andrew and the other fishermen that were his companions in the mission, "You catch 'em. I'll clean 'em."

Happy Lent!

It can be our favorite time of the year. As we are "doing something for Lent," we can expect God to be doing something for us for Lent. As we wonder whether or not we will be able to keep our Lenten promise, we do not need to wonder whether or not God will keep his promise to us. All we need to wonder about is "what God will be doing for us" this Lent.

All Together Now: Fast and Abstain

Ash Wednesday, February 17 and Good Friday, April 2, are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

Ready and Waiting: a Book and a Box

Downstairs in the church hall after Masses **on Sunday Only** are a book of reflections and thoughts for Lent and a box of collection envelopes for the whole year. They are ready for your use and waiting to go home with you: a box and a book

Haiti Response

Parish priests received this email from Archbishop Schnurr: "The response to a second collection to support the suffering people of Haiti has been overwhelming. Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese have donated more than \$875,000 so far. The money will be used to support Catholic Relief Services' humanitarian assistance as well as the U.S. and Latin American Church's longer-term efforts to rebuild the churches, schools and social services that have been destroyed. The Archdiocese has not retained any of this money as administrative overhead." In my pride over you I note that over \$11,000 of that \$875,000 came from St. Andrew. You are a generous lot, you people of St. Andrew!

As Jesus, with Priests, for the Parish

This coming week I will be praying for households #313-342, every day for the next seven days, from February 15-21, and I will take their names with me in my "heart pocket" when I go to the altar for Mass next Sunday, February 21: Clark, Rademacher, Galvin, Loxterkamp, Monroe, Caton,

Kruse, Kruse, Ferguson, Hartwell, Schutte, Kuhnell, Kuhnell, Rhein, Fiebig, Hankner, Kellerman, Harden, Eaves, Lee, Hayes, Listo, Hantak, Gray, Lenz and "all the good people of our St. Andrew parish."

Father Rob Waller

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 15

7:00 p.m. Special Intention (Mary Wenstrup)

Tuesday, February 16

7:30 a.m. Isabelle Waller, Birthday Remembrance

Wednesday, February 17, Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Betty Edwards, Anniversary of Death (Family)

11:30 a.m. Lena Lamprecht (Son, Gene)

7:30 p.m. LaVerne Kuhnell (Ruthie & Jack Crowe)

Thursday February 18

7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Friday, February 19

7:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Saturday, February 20

7:30 a.m. Gino DiMario (Cathleen O'Toole)

5:15 p.m. Joe Tone, Birthday Remembrance (Family)

Sunday, February 21. First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Br. Paul Mattingly, S.J. (Carl Ballachino)

9:30 a.m. People of St. Andrew Parish

11:00 a.m. Gene Miller (Carol Fahrnbach)

SEM Villa

10:00 a.m. Steven Wyatt (Carolyn Siberski)

SEM Terrace

11:00 a.m. Kenneth Heikkila (SEM Laurels Residents)

Vocation View

Jesus reminds us who are the blessed and warns us about who are cursed. Pray that you may be among those who are blessed.

Please pray for

PLEASE PRAY FOR our parish, our shut-ins, our nursing home residents, our hospitalized parishioners and everyone who is ill. **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** all of our deceased, family members, may they rest in the peace of the Risen Lord.

Serving in the Armed Forces

Let us offer our prayer and our care now, and work to bring all military personnel of all nations back to their families safe and sound and whole. If your son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew or any family member is serving in the military, please call the parish office.



Reborn in the Waters of Baptism

During January the following children received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Andrew
Cassie Marissa Durham, daughter of Clay & Alisha
Beau Clark Mannino, son of Brian & Cherie

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Living with Notton CAtropractie

Thank you for the memorials for

In memory of Al Bono

Frederick Wolf Teresa Grosser Herbert Meyer

Seniors February Luncheon

will be at the Pinebrook Retirement Facility Tuesday, February 16 at 12 noon. For reservations or transportation, please call

Metchy Hance, 831-5383, Bernie Mulligan, 831-7278 or the Parish Office, 831-3353.

From Our Choir Director

Attention children and youth, our first choir practice will be on Tuesday, February 16 from 5 to 6 pm in church. We will be practicing music for Palm Sunday and the Easter Season. Come and have a great time! Please call the Parish Office to sign up.

Bingo Worker Team #7 for February 16

Chandler, Christoff, Galvin, Loxterkamp, Mueller, Riley, Smith, Stanford, Thaxton, Vilardo & White
Bingo Caller: Terri Morrison

SMILE News

SEM Villa Game Night - All 7th-12th grade students are welcome to join the Youth Group at its monthly game night at SEM Villa this Thursday, February 18 from 6:30-8pm. Call the Youth Office, 831-8318 to sign up or for more information.

St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry

Experience God's love! Come and bring a friend or relative to St. Andrew Parish Healing Touch Ministry healing session on Saturday, February 20 in the church basement. No appointment necessary. Sessions begin at 9:30 a.m., 10:10 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Ceese Belisle, 576-1883.

2010 Parish Envelopes

Available Next Weekend, February 20/21

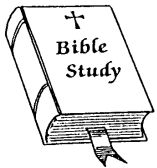
If you have not yet picked up your 2010 parish envelopes they will be available in the Parish Center after all Masses (and during the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday) next weekend, Feb. 20 & 21.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Will take place after all Masses next weekend, February 20 & 21. Please support our scouts in their cookie sale.

Ladies Sodality News

All ladies of the parish are invited to our February meeting on Monday, February 22 beginning at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. We will have a short business meeting and a pizza social. (Inclement weather cancels our meeting). **Our Annual Flea Market** will be Saturday, May 1. Your treasures may be just the thing someone else is looking for. If you would like to sell your own treasures, tables can be rented for \$20.00 each, please contact Janet Hartmann, 248-1844 if interested.



Two New Bible Studies for Lent

Choose between two offerings or come to both

1) **"Open Our Hearts"** a six-week study of the Lenten readings, including daily Lenten reflections. Group discussion of the Sunday readings. Dates: Feb. 24, March 3, 10, 17, 14 & 31. Cost: \$6.00 for book. Wednesdays, 10:00 am-11:30 am in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

2) **"The Bible in Plain English"** – A six-session study by author Bill Huebsch, especially geared for those new to the Bible. We will cover an Introduction, the four Gospels and finish with the Passion Study. Dates: Feb. 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25. Thursdays, 1:30pm-3:00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center.

Speaker, Joe Schadle will join us on Wednesday evening, March 24 for a Lenten reflection. Details to follow.

St. Andrew Model Train Show

March 13, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Parish Center

Couples celebrating their Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversaries

during 2010 should contact the Parish Office no later than March 1. The 2010 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Saturday, May 1 at 2 pm. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be the celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. If you would like to receive a scroll from the Archdiocese for your 25th, 50th, 60th 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary, please call the Parish Office.

Sharing God's Gifts - February 7, 2010

We need an average of \$14,250 per week in our Sunday Collection
Sunday Envelope Collection (345) \$12,158.00
Sunday Loose Collection..... \$407.20
Electronic Fund Transfer.....\$7,362.00
Dimes Collection.....\$2.80

Do you ever forget what dates you are Lectoring or being an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister or an Altar Attendant? These schedules can easily be located on the front page of our website, www.standrew-milford.org. Additionally, current bulletins, calendars and upcoming events can always be found on our website. Our entire St. Andrew Cemetery database is online, also. Stop by and take a look.

SCRIPS – Besides buying St. Andrew gift certificates for graduation, Confirmation, birthdays, and Mother's Day, purchase our gift certificates to use when you go to dinner and the movies, and to buy clothing, groceries and gasoline. You can add additional income for our parish just by using our gift certificates for your everyday needs.

St. Andrew Parish Library Book Reviews

In the book *"Simplicity, The Freedom of Letting Go"*, Richard Rohr, a Franciscan priest, offers a look into how to stay grounded in the perspective of Jesus. The perspective is to keep one from getting caught up or lost in the structure of society to the extent that one focuses on power and the top of the ladder. We tend to think we have to be really good, or perfect to be lovable or powerful. Rohr reminds us that God loves the imperfect too. He explains that Jesus came down from the top of the ladder to us. Spirituality and strength have more to do with subtraction, with becoming less, than by addition, or becoming more. By giving up everything you discover your center, the place where peace comes from realizing that you have always been in God, there you will be at home with your self.

News from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Lenten Fish Fry - now through March 26, dinner will be served in the school cafeteria from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Besides fish, shrimp, pizza and salmon dinners, delicious side dishes, desserts and drinks are included. Each Friday, a special additional seafood dish will be offered in limited supplies, for those who would like to try something different. Come enjoy an inexpensive dinner with your friends at Seton.

Save the date - Beginning with Mass the weekend of March 13/14 and continuing with morning and evening sessions March 15-17, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will host a PARISH LENTEN MISSION preached by Fr. George Schommer, OP. Watch for more information.

SASEAS Boosters

Fall Sports Sign Ups for 2010/2011 Sports Season, February 20, 10:00am – Noon, Seton Gym. Sports: **Football:** 3rd – 8th graders in 2010/2011 school year; **Cross Country:** 5th – 8th graders in 2010/2011 school year; **Girls Basketball:** 3rd – 8th graders in 2010/2011 school year. For info contact: Football: Juan Lewis jng@fuse.net, 248-9533, Cross Country: Paul Herriott, 722-4227 herriott@juno.com, Girls Basketball: Mark Hansman, 575-9732 hansman@cinci.rr.com.

Monday, February 15

No School Today

SMILE Jr. Hi Ski Trip to Perfect North

9:30 am SALT Meeting Meeting Room, Parish Center

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Parish Library

7:30 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Room,

Parish Center

Tuesday, February 16

Seniors luncheon at Pinebrook Retirement Facility

5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice Church

7:00 pm BINGO (Team #7)

Parish Center

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Team #7

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Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday

Mass Times: 7:30 am – 11:30 am & 7:30 pm

9:30 am Wednesday Bible Study Meeting Room,

Parish Center

7:00 pm Toastmasters Meeting Room, Parish Center

Thursday, February 18

6:30 pm SMILE Games Night at SEM Villa

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Church

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Parish Library

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Men's Team #8

Andrew's House

7:00 pm Christ Renews His Parish Women's Discipleship

Church Hall

Friday, February 19

7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Parish Library

7:00 pm Way of the Cross Church

Saturday, February 20

8:00 am Volleyball Games Parish Center

9:30 am Healing Touch Ministry Sessions

Church Hall

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Pancake Breakfast

9:30 am & 11:00 am PREP Classes

9:30 am RCIA Meeting Room,

Parish Center

7:00 pm SMILE Youth Meeting

Church Hall