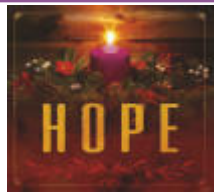




United Catholic Community ~ Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, St. Paul
November 28, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with
power and great glory.” - Lk 21:27



Welcome to United Catholic Community

We welcome new parishioners **Andrew Kohl and his 2 children, Grace and William.**
We pray that you may find warmth and happiness in our parish and we look forward to getting to know you.
God bless you and your family. If you would like become part of our parish family, please call the
rectory at 814-456-6256 or email at triparish.secretary816@gmail.com

The Parish Rectory is located at
816 West 26th Street, Erie, PA 16508
PHONE: 814-456-6256

Email: triparish.secretary816@gmail.com
Sacred Heart of Jesus—816 West 26th St.
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9AM to 3PM
Website: www.sacredhearterie.org

St. Andrew—1116 West 7th St.
Mailing address: 816 West 26th St, Erie, PA 16508
Carol Hoffman, Faith Formation, 455-5853

St. Paul—1617 Walnut St.
Mailing address: 816 West 26th St, Erie, PA 16508

PRAYER LINE Please call with your request:

Debbie at (814) 504-0294 (SH),
Jeannie at (814) 866-3235 (SH),
or Dody at (814) 459-6428 (SA)

FOOD PANTRY TIMES:

Sacred Heart: Every Tues 9-10AM

St. Andrew: Every other Tues
(Nov 9 & 23): 1 to 4 PM

St. Paul : Every Tues 9:30- 10:30AM

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Mark A. O'Hern, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Tony Alleruzzo, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Ralph DeCecco, Deacon, (814) 882-9683
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Date	Intention	Remembered by:
Mon, Nov 29- 8:30AM	Kathy Szumigala	<i>Elaine Lamm</i>
Tues, Nov 30- 9AM at St. Andrew's	FEAST of St. Andrew: Living and Deceased Members of St. Andrew Ladies Guild	<i>St. Andrew Ladies Guild</i>
Wed, Dec 1- 8:30AM	Joan Dramble	<i>S.B.A. Class of 1966</i>
Thurs, Dec 2- 9:00AM	Chuck Murphy	<i>Family</i>
First Friday, Dec 3- 8:00AM	At St. Andrew's Chapel John Raclawski	<i>Paul & Rita Schmitt</i>
Fri, Dec 3- 8:30AM	Mary Fran Margetta	<i>Ray & Marie Sanner</i>
Sat, Dec 4 & Sun, Dec 5	Lucile Earick - Chris & Tim Schloss Theresa & Robert Wood, Bob Wood - Helen Klebes Mass for the People	

This week the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of:



(SH) **John & Antoinette Colao**— granddaughter
Dawn DiPaolo-Romeo and Family

(SP) **Anthony "Mousie" D'Aurora**— Christine, Chuck, & Hanna

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers the friends and family of
~Kenny Savelli~

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and may your perpetual light shine upon
him. Rest in peace. Amen.

Weekend Mass and Confession Times

SATURDAY VIGIL Mass at 4:30PM at St. Paul **SUNDAY: 9:00AM Mass** at
Sacred Heart (*Rosary beginning at 8:40am*)

And **11:00AM Mass** at St. Andrew (*Rosary begins at NEW TIME 10:35am*)

To lead the Rosary - there is a sign-up sheet on the lectern by the piano.

Confessions are available on Saturdays at 3:30PM at St. Paul OR after the 9am
Mass at Sacred Heart & 11AM Mass at St. Andrew's. OR call
Fr. Mark at the rectory to make an appointment.

ALL DAILY MASSES are **IN PERSON**: 8:30AM, (M, W, T, F) at Sacred Heart
or watch on YouTube at [Parish Partnership Information](#)



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday:** St. Andrew, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent

St Andrew's Prayer

O Glorious St. Andrew,
you were the first to recognize and follow the Son of God.
With your friend, St. John, you remained with Jesus,
for your entire life,
and now throughout eternity.

Just as you led your brother, St Peter,
to Christ and many others after him,
draw us also to Him.
Teach us how to lead them, solely out of love for Jesus
and dedication to His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross
and carry our daily crosses without complaint,
so that they may carry us to God the Almighty Father. Amen.



The Bus Stops Here!

Mark your calendars for December 1,
at 6:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

DEACON TONY will be presenting
"BOARDING THE BUS TO BETHLEHEM".

No cost, but reservations are appreciated.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. ANDREW

Andrew was Saint Peter's brother, and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a). Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross.

**Celebrate Mass on:
SAINT ANDREW FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

**Mass: 9:00am-Saint Andrew Church
followed by refreshments**

**WEEKEND MINISTRY Schedule ~
December 4 & 5**

SATURDAY– St. Paul at 4:30PM

LECTOR: Sr. Susan

SUNDAY– Sacred Heart at 9:00 AM

LECTOR: Sharon Bond

EM: Char Amann, Pam Drylewicz, Don Weibel

St. Andrew at 11:00 AM

LECTOR: Amy Arrington **EM:** Julie Maloney

USHERS: Tom Skrzypczak, Gary Wesman, Tom Klemm

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

SACRED HEART & ST. PAUL: Ruth DeFranco & Anita Salvia

ST. ANDREW: Arrington & Chadwick

Thank you ALL for your time and devotion to these ministries!

Sacred Heart Cleaning Team:

Saturday-December 4, 2021

TEAM 5– Jay & Earl Mittelmeier

Thank you for all your help!

St. Andrew Thirty-One Club

Daily listing Sunday to Saturday:

28-Ros Cromer

29-Dody Tully & Nina Siggia 30-Bill Haggerty

December 1-Wayne Johnson 2-Andrew Campbell

3-Dolores Campbell, Marie & Craig Frisina 4-Barb Kozen

*Special thanks to the members of the 31 Club who agree to go to Mass and/or offer prayers on a particular day every month for an increase of vocations to the Church. **Pray for vocations.***



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Holiday Feast Winner...
was Ann Russell! Congratulations!

The next drawing is December 13, 2021 and the Knights of Sacred Heart and St. Andrew ask you to keep selling and buying tickets. Still just \$1 and more tickets are available at the rectory. The prize is the same~\$250 gift card from the Parish! Thanks to you and this raffle, needy families of all three churches will have a happier holiday season.



"He's here to hit the high notes."

Sacrificial Giving

**Thank you for your generous support of our
United Catholic Community!**

Offertory	11/14/2021	Weekly Expenses
Sacred Heart	\$4,987.65	\$6,888.00
St. Andrew	\$4,497.75	\$6,691.00
St. Paul	\$1,782.91	\$3,281.00



November 30 is #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday! Please join us in our efforts to make this a fantastic day of Catholic giving in our community and across the nation!

Join Sacred Heart, St. Andrew, and St. Paul Churches.

Together we can make a difference.

Sacred Heart has a goal of \$20,000 to buy an updated electronic sign for 816 West 26th St. With new technology we can update it daily with news and inspirational messages for the community.

Any donations to St. Andrew and St. Paul will stay at those churches for projects and parish needs.

Thank you for your generous donations!

**IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A SAINT
WHO DID NOT TAKE THE
'TWO P'S' SERIOUSLY:
Prayer and Penance
St. Francis Xavier**

First Friday Mass and 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Dec. 3 is First Friday for December. Adoration will take place in the Annunciation Chapel at St. Andrew Parish for 24 hours from 8:00am Friday until 8:00am Saturday. Fr. Leo Gallina will open with Mass at 8:00am on Friday and Deacon Ralph will close with benediction at 8:00am on Saturday morning. All members of the United Catholic Community are welcome to stop and visit with the Blessed Sacrament during this 24 hours.

For all members of this ministry please set your cell phone with a reminder for your hour. If you are not able to make it this month and can't find a substitute, please call Barb at 455-2934. Finally, thank you for all the blessings your prayers have showered on our parish.



NEWS FLASH from the Christmas Angels!!

It's time to think about Christmas for the children of Sacred Heart Food Pantry clients. Once again we are choosing to use gift cards as it seems that many items may not be available due to production lags and COVID.



If you choose to help the angels this year with this project (and we hope you do), we will be accepting gift cards and cash up to December 9, 2021. Drop your donation in the mail or offertory basket, and label it "Christmas Angels".

We thank you for helping us bring a Happy Christmas to the children.

Starting the First weekend of Advent-Nov. 27 and 28

Since 2003, the posture of the people during the Communion Rite in the Diocese of Erie has differed from the practice of most dioceses in the US. Since that time, much has changed. After much reflection, Bishop Persico has determined that the time is opportune for us to return to the practice of kneeling after the singing of the Lamb of God. Once the people return after receiving Holy Communion, they may kneel or be seated. All will stand at the "Let us pray" for the prayer after Communion.

This restored practice is intended to help to unify posture and assist those parishioners who are unable to stand for long periods of time, as well as bring our practice into union with our neighboring dioceses. Those who are unable to kneel should feel free to sit instead. This directive goes into effect the First Sunday of Advent, 4:00 p.m. on Sat, November 27, 2021.

31st ANNUAL LOVE LITES—DEC 7, 2021 SAINT PAUL CHURCH - 16th & WALNUT

6:00 Illumination Service

Reception follows in church foyer

DONATIONS: TODAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2021

Please call the rectory for an order form.



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LOVE LIGHT: \$10      STAR LIGHT: \$25  
DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO HELP THE NEEDY

Fr. Mark and The United Catholic Community Pastoral Council invite you to the next "listening" session with a focus on finances.

Please plan on attending Dec 6, at 7PM in Sacred Heart Auditorium  
If you have any questions in the meantime, please send them in writing to the rectory:

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Email: [triparish.secretary816@gmail.com](mailto:triparish.secretary816@gmail.com)

### Pastoral Council members are:

*Donna Carlino, Carol Pillitteri, John Presogna, Lisa Priestap, Philip Temple, Chuck Weindorf, Jessie Badach Hubert, Evelyn Wesman, Aaron Kerr, Kate Fatter.*

## Christmas garage sale scheduled in December

Boy Scout Troop 59 Christmas Garage Sale at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. To contribute Christmas decoration items for the sale, go to the Our Lady of Peace Scout House, W. 38<sup>th</sup> and Pacific, Erie, on Nov. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. The sale will be held at the OLP Cafeteria on Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 7 p.m., and Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Alyson Dana at 814-490-3493 or [Alysondana81@gmail.com](mailto:Alysondana81@gmail.com).



## Light Up For Christ



Keep CHRIST in  
CHRISTMAS



Join us for the "Light Up for Christ" Ceremony

November 28, 2021 ~ 6PM gathering at the Nativity Display at 816 West 26th Street.

Sponsored by The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus

After the lighting up of the nativity, kids and families can get their picture taken with a "surprise guest".

(I wonder Ho-Ho-Ho it could be?) All children will receive a gift from our surprise guest! Please bring your cell phone or camera to take your own photos ALL ARE WELCOME! *Due to COVID, there will be no downstairs get together this year.*

## DEACON DABBLINGS... GETTING RID OF BATS

Three Catholic priests got together for coffee one morning. Much to their surprise they discovered that all their churches had problems with bats infesting their belfries. The bats were making a terrible mess and on occasion would come out during mass and send the congregation scattering in all directions. One pastor said, "I got so mad that I took a shotgun and fired away at them. I ended up with holes in the ceiling and twice as many bats coming in. The second priest said, I trapped them alive and I drove them ten miles away and released them in Deacon Tony's back yard. But they beat me back to the church with a sign on one of them reading, "Nice try, but no thanks!" The third priest said, I haven't had any more trouble with the bats." "What did you do?" the others asked with amazement. "I simply baptized and confirmed them and I haven't seen them since."

A funny story but unfortunately it is all too true when it comes to many of the young people in our parishes. This problem is not a new one at least from what I have experienced. When I was raised back in the 1950s and 60s there was no questioning about going to church. We went! As a family! Every week! Holy Days! For some, everyday! So, what happened? Well, I'm not going to try to Google answers because I don't believe those answers exist. So, let me share with you what I feel has led to this drop in church attendance.

The first reason is that the "fear factor" is no longer an issue. When I was a youngster, I was taught that missing mass on a Sunday or Holy Day was an express ticket into the fire. Worse yet, if my mother caught me missing mass, the fires from down below would be the least of my worries. Another reason for this is that the traditional family unit hardly exists anymore. Nowadays children as young as 5 or 6 are involved in activities that take them away from the family at the most inopportune times. Sally has dance practice Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at 5:00 pm. There goes dinner together! Jack is on a traveling baseball team that is out of town from Friday to Sunday. So much for mass! But for as much as these excuses may contribute to low attendance at Sunday Mass, the following is what I feel is the main reason for the decline.

When people tell me that I am required to attend a meeting, there are two questions that come to mind. The first is, "What am I going to get out of it?" And the second question is, "What happens if I don't go?" As I said before, the "fear factor" is no longer an issue. So that leaves the part about getting something out of it.

People want to be fed! And when it comes to attending mass we know that the Eucharist, which surpasses anything that can be offered to us, will feed us. But that is not what I am referring to when I say that we want to be fed. We want to walk away from mass lifted and energized by the words spoken from the pulpit and by the music filling the worship space. Unfortunately, this is the exception rather than the rule. One of the exceptions is the Sunday 7:30 PM Teen Mass at Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Mike DeMartinis. The place is filled with youth and you can feel the energy a block away.

We, as preachers, need to offer a message that connects with the people. The music needs to be familiar and uncomplicated so that the people can join in. As we move forward with our United Catholic Community, we will continue to work hard at delivering a message that will feed you and the music ministry will continue to work hard at energizing you with song. The rest is up to you- to come together and get the word out- that nobody will go away hungry from the liturgies that we offer.

Please no more bats in my backyard!

*Peace of Christ,  
Deacon Tony*

## COMMUNION OF SAINTS



During the month of November, we as Roman Catholics traditionally remember the Dead. One of the beliefs of the Church is in the Communion of Saints. During this month, we ask the intercession of those (All the Saints) who live now in the Glory of God. We remember to pray for All the Faithful Departed and we are keeping this tradition alive with a **Remembrance Bowl**. Found near the Baptismal font at Sacred Heart, near the entrance in the back of St. Paul's Church, and by Blessed Mother's shrine at St. Andrew's, are glass bowls. Please use the following slips of paper below to inscribe the names of loved ones who have been called home to God and whom you wish our Parish family to remember in their prayer. *Cut out the slips of paper, write your loved ones name on it, and place it in the bowl. If you are not attending Mass in person, feel free to call Rebecca (456-6256) at the rectory and she will take care of this task for you- No matter which Mass you attend, we can take care of the intention for you.* The names will be kept in the Remembrance Bowls and in our prayers. By remembering those who have died, we recall how much a part of our lives these "saints" still are, and we affirm our belief that Jesus died for us and because of His death, we will all be reunited with our loved ones someday.

Please remember

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### Interested in discovering your vocation or learning about the priesthood?

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Erie and The Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Meadville are hosting a St. Andrew Dinner on Dec. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the social hall of St. Brigid Parish, 967 Chancery Lane, Meadville. Young men who are seeking their vocation or who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are welcome.





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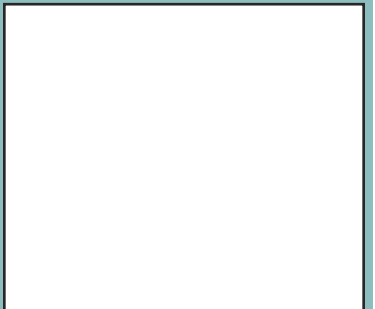
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