May 29, 2016 — The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Spirit of Peace:
A Prayer for Memorial Day
My heart turns to You as I embrace the somber significance of this day. Bring healing to those who suffer the horrible consequences of war. Mend the rifts that pit nation against nation. Give us the grace to find alternatives to vengeance and violence, and the courage to advocate for peaceful solutions to our conflicts. Center our hope in You so that, like the prophet Isaiah, we, too, envision a world without war. With all hope in Your power and presence, I pray. Amen.

No 7:00AM Mass Monday, May 30, 2016

Mass, Confession, Adoration and Office Schedules
Masses: Saturday, 9:00AM, Saturday Vigil, 5:00PM, Sunday, 6:45, 7:45, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00PM and 7:00PM
Sunday, 7:00PM Mass is not celebrated over the summer, June 26 through September 4.
Weekdays: 7:00 & 9:00AM, Holy Days: 7:30PM Vigil, 7:00 & 9:00AM, 7:30PM
Confessions: Tuesday, 6:30-7:00PM and Saturday, 4:00-4:45PM or by appointment
Parish Day of Prayer and Adoration: Every Tuesday, 9:00AM Mass followed by Exposition until 6:30PM
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-12:00PM, 1:00-4:30PM and Monday-Thursday, 5:30-8:00PM
A Memorial Day Reflection

When my husband and I set off on a cross-country trip four years ago, we knew we would visit numerous historical sites. We did not think so many of them would include graveyards. On our first stopover in Santa Fe, New Mexico, we came across a national cemetery. Intrigued by the patterns of the tombstones, Ron pulled over to take pictures. I spent my time wandering up and down the pristine pathways, taking in the names of the veterans and the different wars that claimed their lives.

As our travels took us farther east, we came across numerous resting places for those who fell during the Civil War. The origins of Memorial Day stretch back to that terrible time when our ancestors turned their weapons on one another in a ferocious firestorm of bloodshed and suffering.

Drew Gilpin Faust’s fascinating book, This Republic of Suffering, details the changes in attitudes and practices towards death that took place in the United States during and after the Civil War. The sheer numbers of those killed in a single battle required burying the bodies where they fell rather than sending them home to rest in churchyards and family plots—the norm up until that time. This gave way to the creation of national cemeteries and the accompanying memorials to pay tribute to those who died while serving their country.

During our trip, I was struck most forcefully by the way these sites were transformed from battlefields to parks. They seemed to represent the peace that comes only with time. Long-ago enemies lay side-by-side as the years blurred and eventually obliterated the animosities that led to such horrific violence.

Memorial Day is an opportunity to honor the great sacrifices of those who died in battle. It can also be a call to restore hope in the midst of our most dire circumstances. Isaiah, the great prophet who envisioned a time when swords and spears would be turned into plowshares and pruning hooks (Isaiah 2:4), recognized the transitory nature of life and the enduring presence of God. “All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades ... but the word of Our God will stand forever” (Isaiah 40:6-8). As we remember our fallen soldiers, may we also cling to the dream of a day when it will no longer be necessary to build memorials to those killed in battle as peace flowers among all humankind.

— Kathy Hendricks, Sadlier Religion
Men’s Parish Retreat at Malvern
Friday-Sunday, June 3-5

Faith Formation for the Laity
Saint Charles Borromeo “School of Theological Studies” welcomes lay men and women to pursue undergraduate and graduate courses. A “Master of Arts in Philosophical Studies” begins this summer. Contact 610-785-628 or http://www.scs.edu/school-theological-studies.

Update from Our Parish Pastoral Council, May 2016 Meeting

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools for the Gospel and small domestic churches…(from Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia), Pope Francis)

Parish Pastoral Council Members, inspired by the above prayer from the recent document of Pope Francis, prioritized Gospel actions for living The Year of Mercy and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, which are now part of the new parish mission statement (see mission statement on page 7 of the bulletin). A few of the actions discussed are listed below. More actions will be noted in future bulletins and on our website.

Another essential part of the May agenda was giving thanks to Cheryl Kusters for her faithful, energizing and effective service as chairperson for the past three years. Cheryl ended her term as chairperson but will continue her term on the Council. The Council then offered congratulations and support to Karen Reilly, recently appointed as chairperson by Monsignor Picard. In addition, Maria Tull ended her term on the leadership team but will continue her Council term. In her place, Tom Jennings will serve on the leadership team with Randy Reardon and Karen Reilly. Also, after almost a decade of service, Glenn White ended his participative and generous service on the Parish Pastoral Council. We give thanks to Cheryl, Glenn, Karen, Maria, Randy and Tom, for their past, current, and future service. To contact the leadership team, use: ppc@stapn.org.

As noted above, the following actions were discussed by the Parish Pastoral Council and the Evangelization Team. More actions of mercy will follow in subsequent bulletins and on our website:

◊ Be agents of mercy in our homes: Communicate: encounter, engage, and don’t ever give up; listen to others; be present, attentive, patient, and understanding of where each is at; forgive yourself as you forgive others; share meals and prayer together; embrace the sacraments and heal with God’s grace.
◊ Be agents of mercy in the wider home of the Church: Humbly help others to find healing; be non-judgmental in any advice; remember the Gospel is for everyone; be inclusive; reach out to youth; strengthen the cohort of neighborhood churches to work together.
◊ Give brochures with works of mercy for Penance in Confession. (Already happening–brochures available)
◊ Align corporal and spiritual works of mercy with examples–Consider witness videos by parishioners.
◊ Have seminar on forgiveness–with cross-parish cooperation.
◊ Remember meals to stock or to share in, that are in Church refrigerator (near Church entry).

The Parish Pastoral Council and Evangelization Team welcome your thoughts and plans on living the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy (use: ppc@stapn.org). Follow-up plans on preferences named by the Pastoral Council, the Evangelization Team, and our parishioners at large, will be discussed, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, be developed further.
Congratulations Newlyweds
Matthew & Christina Falcone Kauffman
Matthew & Kelly Aprahamian Gallagher
Raymond & Kristen Aland Guido
Daniel & Lauren Matarese Philpott
Bethann Barder & Family
Steve & Marissa Beatrice & Family
Jeff & Veronica Eiben & Family
Chris & Jen Nelson & Family
Adam & Stephanie Nutter
Daniela Villela & Family

Daily Readings
and Mass Intentions

“Without doubt, the Lord grants all favors
which are asked of Him in Mass,
provided they be fitting for us.”
—St. Jerome

Sunday, May 29
The Feast of the Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ
Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
___ 6:45 Parishioners of Saint Andrew
___ 7:45 Deceased members of the
Ionata & Gentile Families
___ 9:00 Diane Plant
___ 10:30 Carmella Sassi
___ 12:00 William Marmion
___ 7:00PM Keith Atttyde

Monday, May 30 — Memorial Day
2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-2
No 7:00AM Mass
___ 9:00 Edward Gregitis

Tuesday, May 31—Parish Day of Prayer
Zep 3:14-18 or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4b-cd-6;
Lk 1:39-56
___ 7:00 Michael D’Aulerio, Sr.
___ 9:00 Joseph J. Watts, Jr.

Wednesday, June 1
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
___ 7:00 Jane Seasock
___ 9:00 Michael G. Oxley

Thursday, June 2
2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
___ 7:00 Anna Mae Seibert
___ 9:00 Philip Peterson

Friday, June 3
Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
___ 7:00 Dorothy Wagner
___ 9:00 Virginia Costello

Saturday, June 4
2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
___ 9:00 Lynn Quilty
___ 5:00PM Helen & Basil Brady

Sunday, June 5
The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Gal 1:11-19;
Lk 7:11-17
___ 6:45 Parishioners of Saint Andrew
___ 7:45 Joseph Baker, Sr.
___ 9:00 Frank & Frances Marino
___ 10:30 Rudolph Puccio
___ 12:00 John J. Lynch, Jr.
___ 7:00PM Kevin Connahan

Remember Our Sick and Suffering

Dolores Braun
Deborah Campbel
Winnie Carney
Sue Casey
Brett Chicko
Regina DeCesare
Susan DiJulia
Patricia Gillie
Adam Graham
Karen Hartman
Connor Heffler
Karen Jones
Emmett Lombardi
Richard Lynch
Kay Lyons
Mia Grace Marchesani
Michele Melucci
Terry Miller
Tom Moroski, Sr.
Sally O'Rourke
Annemarie Reardon
Ashley Rieder
Roxanne Sortino
Barbara Swayze
Marjorie Vassallo
Luke Vollberg
Johnine Yost

Second Collection:
Poor Clares, June 4-5

Altar Servers
If you would like to be a Wedding Server please contact
Mrs. Minney, cminney@stapn.org by May 31.

“Adopt-A-Mom & Baby”
Baby Shower
During the Month of May

Baby shower gifts are collected in the pack-n-play in the Church
Narthex and donated to local crisis pregnancy centers.

Thank you in advance for your faithful and generous support of LIFE!
Mary’s Cupboard Food Pantry: June 11-12
Donate to those in need in Lower Bucks County. Please leave bags of non-perishable groceries in the Church Information Room, before Monday, June 13, 3:00PM. To learn more or to help transport donations, contact Keith Pladsen, 215-287-1644 or Brett Kelly, 215-990-7202.

There is H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)
Would you like to join us in performing the Corporal Works of Mercy? Are you willing to volunteer a couple of hours every six weeks to provide a meal to families in a time of crisis, drive someone to a doctor appointment or to Mass, run an errand or visit the homebound or nursing home? Or, do you know someone in our Parish Community who is in need of our help? For more information, please call one of our coordinators: Nancy Dansbury, 215-970-5189, Mitzi DeBlasis, 215-968-6952, Mary Ann Lundberg, 215-860-7206, JoAnn Marotto, 215-968-0543 or Debbie Gregory, 215-504-2420

A Prayer for Our Troops
Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience Your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. Amen.

Greg Castillejo
Tristin Clark
Joe Galie
Haley Irene Huff
Vincent Iannace
Austin Iorio
Sarah L. Kress
Christian Lapergola
Sarah Lapergola
Rory Loughran
Jack Manning
Jackie McDermott
Daniel McDonald
Matthew McEntee
Ryan Morrison
Adam Orrock
Daniel Riggs
March MacDermot Roe
Valerie Smith
Donald Sulpizio, III
Eric Turk
James Turk
Allison Walsh
Mike Walsh
Sarah Wilson

Saint Vincent College Open House
June 18, July 16 or August 21, Latrobe, PA, for High School juniors and seniors. For information or reservations, contact admission@stvincent.edu, 800-782-5549, visit www.stvincent.edu.

Padre Pio Festival at St. Bede, Holland
June 25, 5:30PM Mass, 7:00-10:00PM, activities and entertainment; June 26, 12:30PM Mass followed by neighborhood procession, 3:00PM Healing Service with Confession, children’s pavilion, food, crafts, visit www.padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com or call 215-357-5720.
There once was a little boy who wanted to meet God. He packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a root beer and started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old woman sitting in the park staring at some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to her and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old lady looked hungry, so he offered her a Twinkie. She gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. Her smile was so pretty that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered her a root beer. Once again she smiled at him. They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy got up to leave but after a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old woman and gave her a hug. She gave him her biggest smile ever. When the boy opened the door to his own house his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked, “What did you do today that made you so happy?” He replied, “I had lunch with God. You know what? She’s got the most beautiful smile I’ve ever seen!”

Meanwhile, the old woman, also radiant with joy, returned to her home. Her son was stunned by the look of peace on her face and he asked, “Mother, what did you do today that made you so happy?” She replied, “I ate Twinkies in the park with God.” But, before her son responded, she added, “You know, he’s much younger than I expected.”

We invite you and your family to meet Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament. Children’s books, rosary beads and other prayer materials are available. For more information call Theresa Kern, 215-504-1711.
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Share Your Faith, Volunteer for 1 or 2 weeks
Student in grades 9-12, Monday-Friday, June 20-24 and June 27-July 1, 8:00AM-12:00PM, St. Mary, Phoenixville
Assist in our summer religious education program (PREP) under the direction of assigned teachers. Supervise students during recreation and activities. Participation meets service hour requirements for all Catholic High Schools. For more information call St. Mary's Parish Office, 610-933-2526.

From Our Principal . . .
This past Tuesday night we had our annual May Procession. The weather was a little bit uncooperative in the beginning, but it cleared up enough for us to have the children process into church. It’s such a breathtaking sight with over 600 students dressed in their uniforms, Communion finery, Confirmation robes and graduation robes.

For the fourteen years that I’ve been principal, I’ve been exhorting the children to sing. I think they’ve finally got it! Even Monsignor commented, from the altar, that it was the best singing he’s ever heard in all of his May Processions.

Of course, among the eighth grade moms, there was not a dry eye in the house. A mom, whose youngest of four is graduating, led the parents in the parents’ prayer. An eighth grade boy, who is the youngest in his family to graduate, crowned the Blessed Mother.

Our May Procession is very traditional with all of the beloved hymns. Most people can sing them without the programs. Even my daughter, who lives in DC, commented how much she always loved the May Procession and especially the music.

Afterwards, as I was conversing with people in the parking lot, one mom told me: This is one of my favorite traditions, and it always falls at just the right time. As I feel totally burnt out and exhausted with the school year, May Procession occurs and reinvigorates me. Our Lady fills my heart and gives me the patience, fortitude and faith to carry on. My soul magnifies the Lord!

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2016 IHM Math Contest winners
Considered one of the most rigorous math exams in the country, out of 832, 7th graders and 919, 8th graders from 51 schools in 6 different states, we have two 7th grade winners! Nicholas Braun finished in 1st place and Ryan Bencivengo finished in 2nd place.

Conwell-Egan Art Show
Out of 50 school submissions, 6th grader Katherine McDermott won 2nd place for her tiger sculpture in the clay category!

Scholarships Awarded
The Frank S. Innocenti Scholarship is offered to 8th grade students based on community service and athletic involvement. Congratulations to: Olivia Nace, 8B; Maria D’Aulerio, 8B and Bradden Koors, 8A.

Summer Reading Lists
Please check our website for books that are required for summer reading!

Great Crusader Quest
Just a reminder that the Great Crusader runs through June 2. Keep on pledging to make our Quest a success!

Mother/Son Challenge
We are sorry to inform you that this year’s Mother/Son Challenge has been cancelled.
Parish Mission Statement
We, the parish of Saint Andrew Catholic Church, are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ, upholding one another on the journey of faith. Formed by the Word, Sacraments, and Prayer, we strive to live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy in our relationships, near and far. With joyful outreach, we invite all to the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ.

Catholic Education Center
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215-968-2685, Fax 215-968-4795
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nmatteo@standrewcec.com
Dean of Students, Rick Rosenblatt, ext. 207
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Admissions/Office Manager, Deb Rachuba, ext. 203
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Development, Jennifer McDonald, ext. 270
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Tuition/Human Resources, Colleen Carroll, ext. 212
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Religious Education
215-968-6929, Fax 215-968-4795,
Monday-Friday, 9:00AM–5:00PM
Tuesday, 9:00AM–6:00PM, Wednesday, 9:00AM–8:00PM
Director, Cathy DeRico, ext. 3
cderico@standrewcec.com

New Parishioners: Families are to be registered in the Parish before registering for Saint Andrew School or Religious Education. Call the Parish Office for an appointment to register.

Moving: Please notify the Parish Office when you move.

Bulletin Notices: Email, write or fax announcements by 9:00AM, Thursday, ten days prior to publication.

Sick or Homebound: Call to notify clergy of hospitalization, to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

Marriage: Make arrangements six months in advance. Scheduling, rescheduling or cancelling is done with the priest.

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 1:00PM. Call to make an appointment to register for the Baptism. Pre-Jordan classes, required for parents and godparents, are the first Wednesday each month, 7:00PM, Children’s Room, Main Church.

Godparents: Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (baptized, confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least sixteen years of age and in good standing with the Church (including married in the Church if they are married). A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a “Christian Witness” provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian Witness. Godparents will be asked to have their church fill out a form supporting their eligibility.