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December 19, 2021

MERRY
Christmas
Saint Andrew Catholic Church

Wasn't Christmas just a few months ago? Time indeed does fly! Now, as we travel through Advent to begin preparations for celebrating the Birthday of Jesus, it is imperative that we not lose sight of the sacredness and necessity of honoring the Son of God with great joy and gratitude. **GRATITUDE**... that the Father sent His Son to our world to show His love for us. He cares for us and insists on showing us how important we are to Him. **JOY**... that we have been saved from sinfulness and given reminders of what Christmas is all about: the raising of human beings to become daughters and sons of the Father. Fully understood, who wouldn't want to be thankful and happy for the great sign of our dignity as children of God Our Father?

Joyful, of course, thankful, yes! Because of the many distractions that come our way, especially with the secular and commercial infusions into our lives, we might forget to show our gratitude and joy that the Lord loves us more than we can even imagine. We might remember that the most fantastic way to show our appreciation is by attending Mass every weekend. The Eucharist is par excellence, the most magnificent form of giving thanks to Our Father in heaven. So let's put aside the many reasons and excuses for missing Mass: after all, it is an act of keeping the Third Commandment given to Moses and also to us, that we must "Keep Holy the Sabbath" (for us Sunday), and to have the great joy of carrying the Christ in our hearts and souls when we receive Him in Holy Communion! Now is the time to be counted among those who are grateful, and then we all will be *Joyful*.

Happy and Joyful Christmas to all! Monsignor Picard, Pastor

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE & PARISH INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday | 9:30AM - 12:00PM & 1:00PM - 4:30PM

Evening Hours are by Appointment Only on Monday-Thursday. Please call the office to schedule.

DAILY

7:00AM

9:00AM

SUNDAY

6:45AM

7:45AM

9:00AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

SATURDAY

9:00AM

5:00PM

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website: <http://www.standrewnewtown.com>

NEW PARISHIONERS Call the Parish Office for an appointment to register, (215) 968-2262.

MOVING Please notify the Parish Office with any changes to your home address.

SICK OR HOMEBOUND Notify clergy of hospitalization and to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

MARRIAGE Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment. All scheduling considerations, including the initial date selection and any alterations, must be discussed with a Priest.

BAPTISM Baptisms require one (1) godparent and are celebrated at 1:00pm on most Sundays of every month. Pre-Jordan classes, required for parents and godparents, are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

GODPARENTS The selected godparent(s) must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic, in good standing with the Church, and at least 16 years old. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness," provided there is a Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian Witness.

SAINT ANDREW OLDE CHURCH is located at 135 South Sycamore Street in Newtown, Pennsylvania.



SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL

51 Wrights Road, Newtown, PA 18940

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Founded in 1927: Serving Pre -School through 8th Grade.

U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School: 2013 & 2021.

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Saint Andrew School Advent Service Project

Needed:

**Diapers &
Baby Wipes**



Saint Andrew School

**DIAPER
DRIVE**



**Donation
Dates:**

**Through
Monday,
Dec. 20**

Drop off unopened diapers and wipes at
Saint Andrew School, 51 Wrights Road, Newtown, PA

All donations will be given to
Catholic Social Services in Levittown, PA

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE



Today's Baptisms

Emilia Patricia Lentz
Emilia Grace Wojciechowski

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6:45AM - All Parishioners
7:45AM - Daniel Gibson
9:00AM - Valeria Pykosz
10:30AM - Frank Grube, III
12:00PM - Mary Ann Licata

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00AM - Special Intention

9:00AM - Christi Pigot

Advent Weekday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00AM - Helen Krenitsky

9:00AM - Deceased Members of the
Tate & Salvucci Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00AM - Jeanette Fusco

9:00AM - Veronica Zaluski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:00AM - Amelia Dobies

9:00AM - Daniel Dalton

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

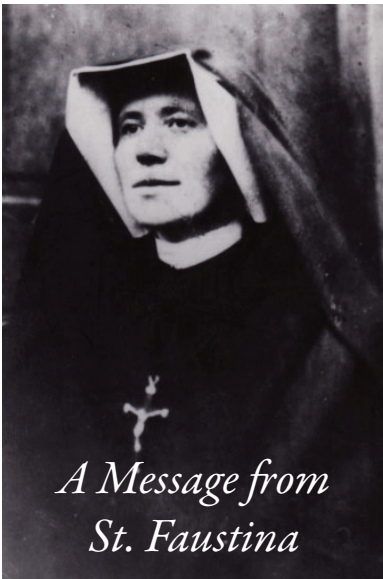
7:00AM - Jimi Patrick

9:00AM - Joseph Hughes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25



All Christmas Masses are for
Parishioners of Saint Andrew



The crusade day, which is the fifth of the month, happened to fall on the First Friday of the month. This was my day for keeping watch before the Lord Jesus. It was my duty to make amends to the Lord for all offenses and acts of disrespect and to pray that, on this day, no sacrilege be committed. This day, my spirit was set aflame with special love for the Eucharist. It seemed to me that I was transformed into a blazing fire. When I was about to receive Holy Communion, a second Host fell onto the priest's sleeve, and I did not know which host I was to receive. After I had hesitated for a moment, the priest made an impatient gesture with his hand to tell me I should receive the host. When I took the Host he gave me, the other one fell onto my hands. The priest went along the altar rail to distribute Communion, and I held the Lord Jesus in my hands all that time. When the priest approached me again, I raised the Host for him to put it back into the chalice, because when I had first received Jesus I could not speak before consuming the Host, and so could not tell him that the other had fallen. But while I was holding the Host in my hand, I felt such a power of love that for the rest of the day I could neither eat nor come to my senses. I heard these words from the Host: **I desired to rest in your hands, not only in your heart.** And at that moment I saw the little Jesus. But when the priest approached, I saw once again only the Host. - *St. Faustina*

Super Dollars will not be sold during the week of December 26th. Sales will resume in January.

Caring for Friends is looking for new volunteers!



Caring
for Friends™

Caring for Friends is a non-profit organization in Philadelphia that provides food and friendship to homebound seniors and people who are disabled, as well as to the homeless and to families of children in need.

Kevin O'Shea and Jack Kelly are taking over the Caring for Friends' activities on behalf of Saint Andrew Catholic Church and are looking for enthusiastic support. The invitation is open to all Parishioners, and this is an excellent opportunity for young people to learn and to serve.

Please call Kevin at (215) 694-0778 or Jack at (215) 208-3363 if interested.

To learn more about Caring For Friends, head to our website:
<https://www.standrewnewtown.com/caring-for-friends>

The Rectory Office will be closed from December 27th-31st. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Jo Ann Marotto (215) 630-6119
Mitzi De Blasis (215) 805-1989
Nancy Dansbury (215) 932-0699
Debbie Gregory (267) 237-2420

H.O.P.E., a ministry of presence and service, focuses on Helping Other People Everyday. As a community outreach program, H.O.P.E. services people within the geographical boundaries of St. Andrew Church. We ask volunteers to do one task eight or nine times a year and choose the task they feel comfortable completing.

Preparing and delivering a meal | Providing transportation | Grocery shopping | Taking someone to Mass on the weekend

The number of people needing our help has been steadily increasing, and H.O.P.E. is in significant need of additional volunteers. Would you consider becoming a volunteer for this worthy cause? All are welcome! If you have any questions, please call one of the coordinators listed. Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR HELP @ SAINT ANDREW SCHOOL

Do You Have a Teaching Degree? Do You Love Working with Children?

Substitute teachers are needed! You must be a practicing Catholic and have all clearances.

Contact Judy Weaver at (215) 968-2685 ext. 266



Please save aluminum tabs from soda cans, cat food, soup, etc., and bring them to the information room at the back of the church. You can deposit them in the container marked "tabs." Do not place them in the food storage unit. Thank you!

Christmas Eve Vigil

- 4:00PM - Main Church (Children's Choir)
4:15PM - Council Rock North (Cantor + Organist)
4:30PM - Saint Andrew School/CEC
6:30PM - Main Church
9:00PM - Main Church (Adult Choir + Brass)

Christmas Day

- 7:00AM - Main Church
9:00AM - Main Church
10:30AM - Main Church (Adult Choir + Brass)
12:00PM - Main Church

New Year's Eve

- 7:00AM - Main Church
9:00AM - Main Church
* No Vigil Mass *

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)

- 9:00AM - Main Church
5:00PM Vigil - Main Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

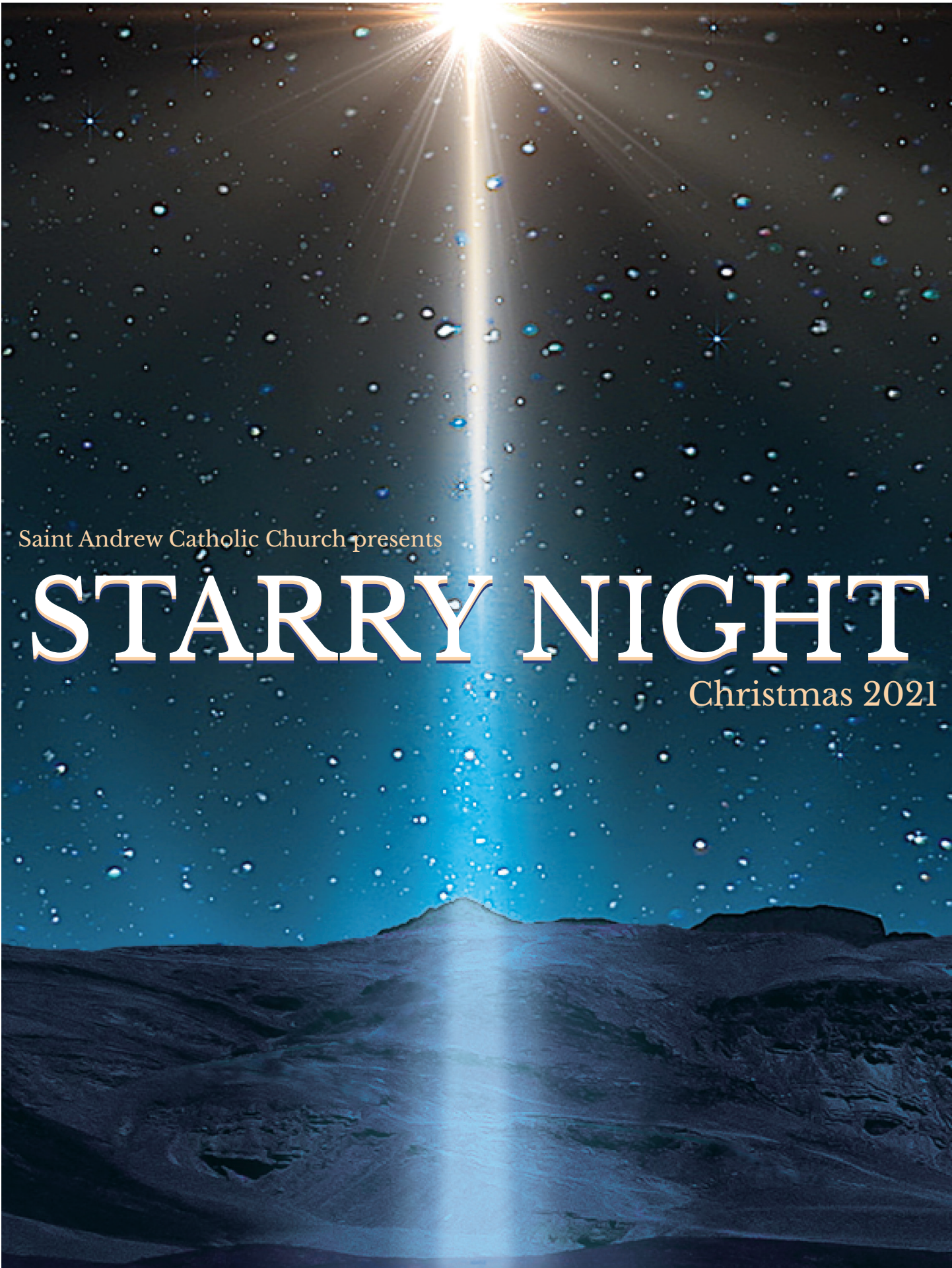
Saturdays - 4:00-4:45PM

Tuesdays - 6:30-7:00PM

Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 6:30PM

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 @ 6:30PM

* No Confessions on Christmas Eve *



Saint Andrew Catholic Church presents

STARRY NIGHT

Christmas 2021

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E

Emmanuel

O Emmanuel,
our King and Giver of Law:
come to save us, Lord our God!

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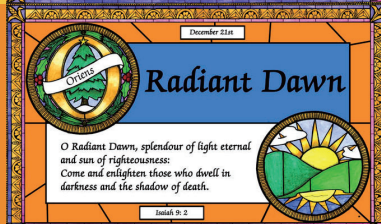


R

Rex Gentium (King of Nations)

O King of all nations
and keystone of the Church:
come and save man,
who you formed from the dust!

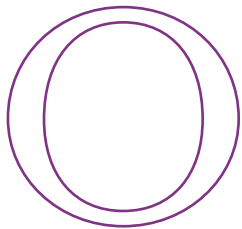
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O

Oriens (Radiant Dawn)

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal
light, sun of justice: come and shine
on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shadow of death!

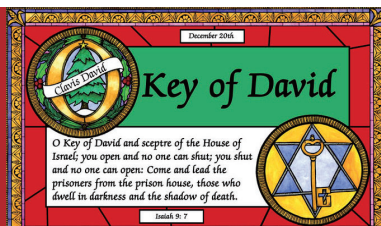


**ANTIPHONS
of Advent**

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the 8th century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17th-23rd.

They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical images drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. The antiphons are commonly displayed in reverse chronological order by date. ERO CRAS translates from Latin as "Tomorrow I will be."

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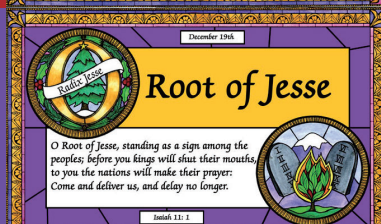


C

Clavis David (Key of David)

O Key of David, opening the gates of
God's eternal Kingdom: come and
free the prisoners in darkness!

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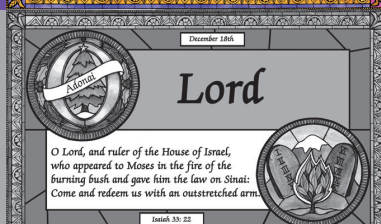


R

Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)

O Root of Jesse's stem,
sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

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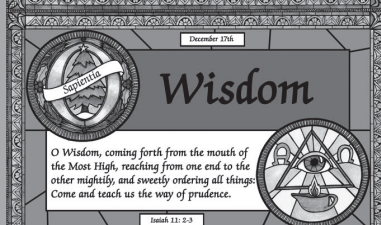


A

Adonai (Lord of Israel)

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty
power!

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S

Sapientia (Wisdom)

O Wisdom of our God Most High,
guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path to
knowledge!