



Saint Andrew Parish

395 Anton Street, Bridgeport, CT

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

SERVED BY

Rev. Milan Dimic, Pastor
Rev. Hyginus Agu, Chaplain
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli, in Residence
Deacon Alix Africot • Deacon Roland J. Blier
Deacon Kenneth J. Ruge

MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Liturgy)
11:30am (Choir Mass) and 5:30pm
Weekdays Mon—Fri 9:00am
First Saturday of Month
Mass of Remembrance 9:00am

RECTORY OFFICE

Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate
203-374-6171
Office Hours Mon.– Thr. 10 AM to 2 PM

May 24, 2020

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION/ YOUTH MINISTRY

Jeannie Bisson, Pastoral Associate
203-374-6171

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON

Betsey Meyer

SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY

Mr. Gene Holmes, Principal
203-373-1552

www.standrew.academybridgeport.org

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

9:30am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday

BAPTISM

Schedule as early as possible.

MATRIMONY

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of the parish priests.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church due to sickness, age or are incapacitated for an extended period of time. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.



MASS INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat. MAY 23—Easter Weekday

4:00pm Molly & Bob Plumb & Sandra Brennan

Sun. MAY 24—Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30am Our Parishioners

9:30am Walter Swenton

11:30am Knights of Columbus

5:30pm Madalena & Domingos Brum

Mon. MAY 25—Easter Weekday

9:00am Raymond Pawlicki

Tue. MAY 26—St. Philip, Priest

9:00am Maria Sendas

Wed. MAY 27—Easter Weekday

9:00am Our parishioners

Thr. MAY 28-The Ascension of the Lord

9:00am Mary Downs

Fri. MAY 29—Easter Weekday

9:00am Albert Posta

Sat. MAY 30—Easter Weekday

4:00pm Walter Swenton

Sun. MAY 31—Pentecost Sundat

7:30am Our Parishioners

9:30am Theodore & Louise Montroy

Russell & Elizabeth Curl

11:30am Lucia & Vito Ginsabella

Frank, Maria & Guiseppe DiVincenzo

5:30pm Piero Torri



Your prayers are requested for the souls of all the faithful departed.



We remember in prayerful support those who are ill and whose names are now listed in the in the Prayer Line book.



The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:
Laura Monteiro

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
STEWARDSHIP OF OFFERINGS**

Week of May 10, 2020

Information not available at this time.

**Please Note: your weekly offerings may be mailed to the
rectory:**

**435 Anton Street
Bridgeport, CT 06606**



If you would like to become an online giver and
schedule your donations to the parish any day, any
time by using your computer or smart device.

Please go to the parish website,
www.standrewchurchbpt.org
and click on-line giving.

PARISH UPDATES

ST. ANDREW RECTORY OFFICE IS CLOSED

If there is an emergency, call the rectory office,
203-374-6171.

PARISH WEBSITE: www.standrewchurchbpt.org

On the parish website you will see Fr. Milan saying
Mass. The current bulletin and parish registration
form is also available.

FACEBOOK - Please go to the parish Facebook
page, St Andrew Church Bridgeport, for updates on
all parish liturgies and activities.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Rudolph Abelli III, Hypolitis Agu, Andrew Amaral,
Stephen Applebee, Major Michael Casano, Jacob
Chuma, Jeremy Cole Jr., Sebastien Colon, Major
James J. D'Elia, Sgt. Joshua Domogala, Russell Edgett,
Carlos Ferreira Jr., Michael Graham, Stephen Hunt,
Christopher Jarzynski, Sgt. William Keegan, James
Kulikowski, James Lariccia, Amanda Lein, Mark Joseph
Lombardozi, Corporal Steven Lopez, Ryan Nieves, Josh
Recupero, Joseph Rodonski, Isiah Smith, Jeremy Tamone,
Mathias Volpe, Joseph Wresilo.



**THE DIOCESE
OF BRIDGEPORT**

DIOCESAN UPDATE

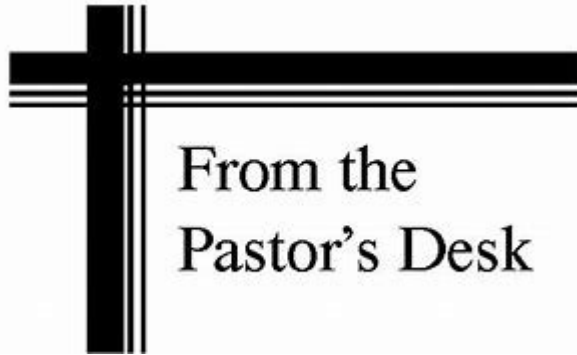
Letter from Bishop Caggiano
on last page of
Bulletin.

DAILY ROSARY IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

On the Diocesan Website, beginning May 1, there will be a
link that you can click on to take you to a daily rosary for the
month of May every evening at 7:30.

Bishop Caggiano has invited all the faithful of our diocese to
join in praying this beautiful prayer together in honor of Our
Blessed Mother, Mary and for healing in our world.

May 17, 2020



Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to announce that we will celebrate the Mass for the Ascension of the Lord here at St. Andrew in the outside chapel on Thursday, May 21, 7:00 PM. Please visit our parish Facebook page to let us know if you will attend. Space will be limited in the chapel but you may bring your own lawn chair to join us in our open space or you may remain in your car for the liturgy. You will be updated about Sunday Mass attendance on our parish website and Facebook page.

You can find Bishop Caggiano's letter to the faithful on the last page of our bulletin or on the Diocese of Bridgeport's website.

In Christ,

Father Milan

*Thank
You*

Saint Andrew Parish has received a grant from the Diocese of Bridgeport through the St. Francis Xavier Fund for Mission Churches. This COVID-19 Emergency Funding Grant is a direct result of Bishop Caggiano's **We Stand with Christ Campaign**. Our parish participated in this campaign and we are grateful. The St. Francis Xavier Committee is also grateful to Bishop Caggiano for proposing this Emergency Funding opportunity and for allowing them to extend these funds to parishes in this time of need.

NEW
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS



MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

10:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

Beginning May 1, 2020

**If you have an emergency,
call the parish office
and your call will be forwarded to
the Pastor or Pastoral Associate.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

May 24th, 2020—Seventh Sunday of Easter

What does faith and religion do for us? Ultimately, they remind us of some truths we conveniently forget: we are created by a loving God, we have imperfections, we sin, we need to be forgiven, we have a mission and a purpose, it's not just about us, and we hunger for the joy of salvation. These are human truths that are not dependent upon whether we like them. Ignoring them places us on the paths of comfort and satisfaction as we blindly pursue the busyness and superficiality of our empty lives. Instead of pursuing supernatural and lasting pleasure, we choose things that are easier and quicker to obtain: sex, drugs, travel, houses, cars, fame, popularity, self-achievement and satisfaction, physical enjoyment, and the like.

We may also find ourselves falling victim to more negative responses to what life brings us: anger, envy, lust, pride, gluttony, greed, and apathy. Human hearts can become so hardened to the truth that violence becomes the response of first choice. Being a Christian is hard! Yet, as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church needs to be a field hospital that has to be prepared to provide people with the remedy they need. What we need is Jesus Christ. The Church, with all of the glory of the sacraments, exists to help make Christ present and real for us. Once we find Christ, we find joy. Joy is a matter of the heart that is beyond pleasure and happiness. It is not found in some earthly satisfaction, only in Christ.

Once we accept that we are destined to be in Christ, then we will discover eternal life. Namely, "that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." It is easy to conveniently forget truth and pursue illusions immediately within our grasp, but at what price? A man celebrating 60 years of marriage remarked that it took so much effort and so many attempts to convince his wife that they were meant to be together. Even his friends told him he was foolish. He easily could have given up and pursued other interests. He chose to persevere and is so grateful that he made that choice because he now has a pearl of great price. Do we see a value in persevering in our faith regardless of the cost? If we don't take the risk, we could lose more than we know.

Readings for the week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: 7th Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 [13]/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Faith Formation

The Director of the Office for Faith Formation, Jeannie Bisson, can be reached now by calling the Parish Office, 203-374-6171.

You will be receiving information regarding registration and tuition fees within the next few weeks.

If you have a child entering Grade 1 in September, please call the office and you can receive information about classes and Sacramental preparation.

We will also have RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) beginning in September. If you are over the age of 18, have never been baptized or have been baptized but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, call the office for more information.

Adults over the age of 18, who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can call the parish office to join our parish Adult Confirmation program

May 11, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the joy of Easter, I wish to announce the good news that in consultation with the pastors of the Diocese, we will be able to begin the outdoor public celebration of Mass on May 21, the Ascension of our Lord. This is the first step in a process that will remain consistent with Governor Ned Lamont's call for the gradual reopening of the state in a way that safeguards public health and safety. It is my hope that the reopening of our churches, which represents phase two in our planning process, may be possible soon.

Before I outline some of the proposed details for the first phase of plan, I wish to express my sincere thanks for your patience, perseverance and fidelity during this most difficult time, when public Masses were suspended. While it has been a great sacrifice for all of us, especially those who have watched a relative or friend fall ill, buried a loved one or remained in isolation and even fear, I believe that observing the state's shelter at home order has saved many lives. On behalf of all priests of the diocese, permit me to say how much we have missed you and look forward to welcoming you back home to your parish homes.

We have also been reminded that in our darkest hour, the Lord did not abandon us.

Our planning process assumes what most health experts have told us that the threat of the COVID-19 virus will be with us for some time. Whatever we plan must avoid a possible relapse in the progress we have made to eradicate this silent killer from our midst. As a result, we will move forward in a gradual, systematic and responsible manner to resume public worship safeguarding the health and safety of our clergy and faithful.

Further, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain dispensed for the time being while we slowly resume the public celebration of Mass. This is recognition of the fact that seating will initially be limited at each celebration of Mass due to the state's requirements for social distancing and other health mandates. It also recognizes that the elderly, who are most vulnerable, should consider remaining sheltered at home for the time being. For this reason, my hope is that each parish will continue to live stream the celebration of Mass while public worship slowly resumes.

The first phase in our plan to resume the celebration of Mass with the faithful is optional in nature and will remain in effect until Church buildings and other indoor venues can be safely reopened for worship. For those parishes that wish to offer Mass outdoors, one of two possible formats can be used. The first format will allow those who attend to be seated on chairs that will be arranged with proper social distancing. Individual outdoor seating up to 50 people. The second format will allow those who attend Mass to remain seated in their cars. The number of cars that can participate in an outdoor Mass will depend upon the size of the parking lot, the need to distance cars six feet apart from each other and allow for the safe exit of any car in case of an emergency. The outdoor venue and format for Mass will be designated by each pastor.

In order to ensure an orderly process for the celebration of Mass outdoors, a series of guidelines have been established that details many of the concerns that need to be addressed, including the use of a parish reservation system either online or over the phone for each Mass, the creation of detailed norms for the distribution of Holy Communion in a safe manner and other liturgical considerations. These norms will be posted on our [diocesan website](#) and I invite you to read them at your convenience. In addition, I ask that you consult your parish website for more detailed information about your parish's potential participation in this first phase of planning.

Finally, I have asked each pastor to draft a parish plan for this first phase of planning to ensure that the particular needs of his parish are properly addressed. The guiding principle behind all such planning is to ensure the safety and health of our faithful and clergy, while preserving the sacredness of our liturgy and worship.

As we take this first, hopeful step forward, I pray that the Lord Jesus will continue to bless you and your families in this time of enduring challenge. Let us look forward in joy and gratitude to worship and to celebrate our Lord's blessings once again together as a family of faith.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

