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THE APOSTLE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Andrew: by appointment
St. Fidelis: Wed. 7:00-8:00PM
St. Michael: Sat. 11:30AM-12:15pm
St. Paul: Sat. 8:40-9:30AM
St. Peter: by appointment

FAITH FORMATION

St. Andrew: Pre-K - 9: 9:30 - 10:45AM
St. Fidelis: 9:45AM-11:15AM
SS. Michael/Paul/Peter: 9:15AM - 10:30AM
(St. Michael the Archangel School building).

RCIA

Adult RCIA classes: October to Easter
Vigil or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

St. Andrew, St. Fidelis, St. Michael, St.
Peter - request date with priest/deacon.
St. Paul - 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month
after the 10:00AM Mass.
Families can request baptisms during
regularly scheduled weekend Masses.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact parish priest for arrangements at
least six months prior to marriage.

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

1-888-808-1235

BULLETIN INFORMATION

A week in advance: standrewbutler@zoominternet.net.

PARISH STAFF:

Louise Emmett - Admin. Assistant	724-355-0612
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December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

Jeremiah 33:15

St. Andrew Parish Motto

"We have found the Messiah!"
(John 1:41)

St. Andrew Parish Mission Statement

St. Andrew Parish Family extends God's love and mercy to all on the path of Christian holiness, casting a wide net like our fisherman patron, St. Andrew. Under his patronage, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the help of Mary, our Mother, we seek to learn, love, and live Jesus.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The band, St. Andrew's Cross, will perform their Christmas Concert on Friday, December 21, at 7:00pm in St. Andrew Church. Enjoy contemporary versions of familiar holiday music. A free will offering will be taken.

GATHER THE LOGS - REKINDLE THE FIRE

This Catholic Men's Gathering will be held in our Church December 8, beginning with Mass at 8:00am and ending at noon. There will be several speakers. Confession will be available.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT NIGHT

College and post-college men, come to "The Word Was Made Flesh: A Christmas Discernment Retreat," to be held December 14-16 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The weekend will include Mass, Adoration, conferences, opportunity for Confession, and solid brotherhood. No cost. Register at tsullivan@diopitt.org.

HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, & HOMEBOUND MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

If you serve currently or are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister for the sick and homebound, please join Fr. William Wuenschel and the ministry team for a meeting and training at St. Fidelis Church (Double Classroom) on either of the following dates: Tuesday, December 11, at 1:00pm or Saturday, December 15, at 11:00am. The meeting and training is for all current Ministers of the sick and homebound from all five Butler Area Parishes, as well as anyone interested in becoming a minister of Holy Communion to the sick.

BCS SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Butler Catholic School's Santa's Workshop will be held from 10:00am-noon Saturday, December 8, for children in Preschool - Grade 2. Reservations are \$5.00 per child; picture with Santa: \$5.00 (maximum of 4 children in picture). Mom and/or Dad must be with you! Send check, made to Butler Catholic School, and attach with family name, phone, children attending, child's first name and age, to 515 E. Locust St., Butler, Pa. 16001. Attn: Santa's Workshop. Refreshments will be available.

BCS PRESCHOOL- KINDERGARTEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Butler Catholic School's Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Program will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Auditorium. Preschool program will be at 10:00am; Kindergarten at 11:00am.

The Collection for Sunday	
November 18, 2018	
Offertory	\$3,333.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 345.00
All Saints Day	\$ 257.00
November 25, 2018	
Offertory	\$2,344.00
Parish Share	\$ 200.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 305.00

CONCORDIA AT THE ORCHARD GIVING TREE

Adopt A Resident Sign Up. The ornaments on our tree are for residents at Concordia at the Orchard Assisted Living Home, across from Clearview Mall. Please take an ornament from the tree, purchase gifts listed on the ornament and return to St. Andrew Church by December 12. Attach the provided number tag onto your wrapped gift. Sign the sign-up sheet.

BUTLER CATHOLIC CORNER SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Butler Catholic School Book Fair will be held from December 3-7 in the Auditorium. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, from 8:00am-4:00pm; Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm with extended evening hours on Wednesday, from 8:00am-8:00pm. There is a great selection of books for all ages. Questions? Call the school at 724-285-4276.



Our deepest sympathy to Gerald and Vicki Hefferan, and family, on the death of Gerald's mother, Myra Hefferan. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of, rest in peace.

ALL CEMETERY INQUIRIES

The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Association of the Pittsburgh Diocese. Contact North Regional Office - New Castle, 2636 Elwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101. Telephone: 724-323-0033. Email: cpca@cpca-pgh.org.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES LAW

If you suspect a child is in imminent danger, call 911 immediately. Mandated reporters having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to child abuse shall report immediately to the following agencies:

Children & Youth Services: Butler County
724-284-5156

Children & Youth Services: Allegheny County
412-473-2000

Abuse Hotline: 800-932-0313

Mass Intentions For The Week 

Saturday	Dec. 1 - Weekday
4:00PM	St. Michael - Living & Deceased Parishioners
5:00PM	St. Fidelis - Carol Willison (The Cowoski Family)
6:00PM*	St. Paul - David Questiaux (Peggy & John Bocchi)
Sunday	Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	St. Paul - Paul Bush (Geraldyn & Eric Werner)
8:30AM	St. Fidelis - Catherine Wiest (Edith Marra)
10:00AM+	St. Paul - Vincent Panei Jr. (Eugene McLaughlin & Family)
11:00AM	St. Peter - F. Leroy Albert (Bill & Joyce Knass & Family)
11:00 AM	St. Andrew - Diane Dancik (Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Baker)
11:30AM	St. Fidelis - Jerry Studeny (Matt, Patty, & Rachel Konieczny)
7:00PM	St. Paul - Mickey Bellis (Whitey & Pat Fair)
Monday	Dec. 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Fr. William Nolan
Tuesday	Dec. 4 - Advent Weekday (St. John Damascene)
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Steven W. Russo (Russo Family)
12:05PM	St. Michael - Fr. Robert M. Bradley
Wednesday	Dec. 5 - Advent Weekday
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Dorothy Schnur (Katie Larkin)
6:30PM	St. Fidelis - Mary K. Pawlowicz (Family)
Thursday	Dec. 6 - Advent Weekday (St. Nicholas)
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Marian L. Taylor (Floyd)
12:05PM	St. Andrew - Eileen Slomer (Mary)
Friday	Dec. 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Diane Dancik (Andrew & Mary Ann Menchyk)
12:05PM	St. Peter - Julie Dandoy (Carl & Betty Nanni)
Immaculate Conception Vigil Masses	
4:00PM	St. Andrew - Sr. Mary O'Hara OP (Margaret Abulencia)
4:00PM	St. Michael - Living & Deceased Parishioners
5:00PM	St. Fidelis - John Tarcha (M/M Jerome Motko)
6:00PM	St. Paul - Mary M. Rasely (Pat Brody & Martha McClure)
Saturday	Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of BVM
8:00AM+	St. Paul - Grace Dorenkamp (Celina & Rusty Karnes & Family)
4:00PM	St. Michael - Auadagni, Mancino & Catalano Families (Jackie Catalano)

PLEASE PRAY 

Earl, Angela, Pat McCracken Family, David Mikan, John Gibson, Fr. Bill Keil, Jan, Frankie IV, Stephanie Lubinsky, Erma Fontaine, Terri Lynn, Dennis, Stephen Vargosko, Debbie Gibson, Dasha Doyle, Becky Ray, Rick Cupps, Paul Worst, Dawn, Victoria, Nancy, Hailey Ball, Jill, James, Connie Cancilla, Mary Zandier, Walter, Diane, Joe Foster, Harry Boben Sr., Jennifer Richardson, Ralph, Bob, Mary Lou Boben, Debbie, Anne Boben, Frank, Jamie, Bernie, Mary Lou Correy, Joseph Smith, Rick, Bob, Noah, Rose, Jay, Bill, Caleb, Jim, Joan Elizabeth, Mary, Lucas, Becky Richardson, Margaret Albert, Geno Spohn, Nancy & Bob Mikan, Aida Baker, Jack McKain, Louise, Marlene Fisher, Chuck, Kristina Garten.

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM
4:00PM**

Lector: Pat Bernot
Servers: John & Lambert Rosenbaum
Ushers: Dennis Dancik, Paul Kengor, Don Fuechslin, Janet Hudak

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Pat Ashbaugh, Bernard Ambrose, Sharon Stevens

**MINISTERS SCHEDULE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
11:00AM**

Lector: Jim Shope
Servers: Nick Corlew, Luke McEachin
Ushers: Dennis Dancik, Don Fuechslin, Paul Kengor, Harry Savisky

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
11:00AM C. Shope, G. Kengor, B. Ambrose

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of BVM
5:00PM	St. Fidelis - Lou Ann Reep (Dennis, Karen & Family)
6:00PM*	St. Paul - John & Martha Hook Sr. (Martha McClure)
Sunday	Dec. 9 - Second Sunday of Advent
8:00AM	St. Paul - Robert Mitch (Art Miller)
8:30AM	St. Fidelis - Mary Bleicher (Eric & Tammy Schultheis & Family)
10:00AM+	St. Paul - Frank N. Cicco Sr. (Family)
11:00AM	St. Peter - Nell Zarnick (Zarnick Family)
11:00AM	St. Andrew - John "Bob" Brough (Family)
11:30AM	St. Fidelis - Flora Acquaviva (Daughter, Marianne & Grandchildren)
7:00PM	St. Paul - Zoe Ann White (Family)

+Mass televised on Channel #10
* Mass WISR (AM 680) 9:15AM Sunday

Father Kevin's Bio

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am the oldest of Donald and Bernadette's three children. I was born in Bellevue, PA and grew up in Hampton Township. My sisters, Jennifer (Bill) Campbell, and Nadine (Kelley) Christy each have three children, and everyone still lives in the North Hills area. I am very blessed to have such a loving and supportive family, and that we all live in close proximity to each other.

Faith, family, and sports were (and remain) a big part of our lives. Growing up cradle Catholics, my sisters and I attended Hampton Township public schools and attended CCD classes at St. Mary Church in Glenshaw. Back in those days, you went to CCD through 12th grade.

Upon graduation from high school I attended John Carroll University in Cleveland, OH, graduating with a B.A. in English in 1994. I worked for almost five years as a technical (job training) writer for Weirton Steel Corp. in Weirton, WV, and then for almost six years in marketing & sales for my dad's family business, Diamond Wire Spring Co., a manufacturer of steel springs and wire forms. In short, I thought that my 'life path' was to follow in my dad's footsteps (and his Dad's), as I was being groomed to take over for my dad as the company president.

I cannot explain it any better than this: I enjoyed my career in the family business, working with and learning from my dad, yet I had a constant tugging at my heart for about three years (beginning around the age of 30), wondering what my life would be like as a priest, and I finally responded by looking into what seminary and priesthood was all about. I applied for and was accepted into St. Paul Seminary in Crafton in the fall of 2006; I spent two years there, and four more years at St. Vincent Seminary, which culminated in priesthood ordination on June 30, 2012.

My first assignment, as many of you know, was here in Butler at St. Michael the Archangel, St. Peter, and St. Paul parishes from July 2012 until February 2015, when I was assigned by Bishop Zubik to lead the community of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wexford as pastor.

When I was ordained, people commented to me that I finally accomplished 'my dream' of being a priest. The truth is, I never dreamed of being a priest...never! I dreamed of being a professional basketball player.

I am a priest today because I think it is God's will for me...and that I have some God-given gifts that can be used to save souls.

I still like (and need) to remain physically active, mostly jogging, biking, and occasionally swimming. I rarely play basketball anymore, other than hoisting up some three-pointers at the "Y" when I'm finished riding the stationary bike! Something new for me since I served here last: My dad has owned a horse for 25 years now (his name is Top...the horse's name, not my dad's), and he and I bought another one about two years ago (his name is Spice). Both are quarter Horse geldings. Top is 28 years old; we think Spice is 20 years old. I enjoy trail riding, and hopefully will learn how to calf rope someday. We board both horses at a farm in West Deer Twp.

Lastly, please read my latest update on parish life (after five weeks on the job), which I inserted into this weekend's bulletin. I am glad to be with all of you in Butler!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Kevin Fazio

I HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at St. Andrew will be held at 4:00pm on Friday, December 7.

COMING 2019...The Return of ...JAL

The joy of the JAL Youth Group is returning to Butler in January of 2019, led by Father Dan Waruszewski. Get ready for an experience of fun, fellowship and faith in the new year. Stay tuned for more details and spread the word!

YOUTH GROUP CRAFT NIGHT

Our Youth Group will hold their meeting on Sunday, December 2, from 6:00 to 8:00pm, in the CCD Hall. They will be making crafts for those attending the Community Dinner at St. Paul Church and for our homebound. Sixth through twelfth graders, please join in helping to make Christmas a little happier for our area residents.

I THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

“The Light is On for You!” to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession will be available on Tuesday, December 11, from 6:00-9:00pm in every Catholic parish in the Diocese. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, or have been away for some time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. The Butler/Center/Lyndora/ Meridian Grouping will have a priest present at all sites.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Be Vigilant at All Times. As the Advent season begins we look forward to the coming of Christ. This anticipation has two meanings as we await our Savior. First, as we set up our manger scenes we are aware that the celebration of the birth of Christ will soon be upon us. The hope as we recognize how our fallen humanity was raised to a new dignity as Jesus took on flesh. At the same time, we anticipate his coming again in glory so that we might share in the salvation he won for us. Jesus promises to return and call us back to himself that we might live with him forever. While we are attentive to all that the birth of Christ means for us as his followers, we are called to be vigilant in regards to his coming again so that we might not be caught off guard. We may try to convince ourselves that we can be attentive later, but in reality, there is no better time than the present to turn our eyes, ears and hearts to the things of God so that we might hear his voice and see his works inviting us now to be one with him. This relationship with the Lord also allows us to know his will and his ways as it inspires us to follow the path he has set for us. How is the Lord inviting us in our parishes and parish groupings to be vigilant to the presence of Christ in our midst and the needs of others so that we can be prepared for his coming again?