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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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Andrew: Pre-K - 9 9:30 - 10:45AM

St. Fidelis: Sun. 9:45AM - 11:15AM &

Mon.: 5:45-7:15PM 3-7th. Tues.: 4:30-6PM 3-7th

Sts. Michael/Paul/Peter: 9:15 -10:30AM

(St. Michael the Archangel School building

RCIA

Classes for adults desiring full initiation into the Church are held from October to the Easter Vigil or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated by appointment

Sundays at 12:30PM or during a weekend

Mass. Call the Rectory Office.

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.

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**May 12, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter**

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

- Revelations 5:12

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.

THE APOSTLE

ON MISSION BUTLER UPDATE

As communicated in my previous bulletin articles, our approach to the 5 parishes merging into one - ideally by the end of 2021- is to observe, experience, and build relationships in Butler. We are building a team of dedicated staff members who have already begun serving our grouping in different capacities.

The merger itself will be more of an administrative change than anything else. The most notable difference will be that the parishes' geographic areas will be melded to make 1 parish that will receive a new name. That does not mean the individual church buildings will lose their names. In this context, terms "parish" and "church" are **not** interchangeable. A parish is a community of believers, established geographically, or ethnically; a church is the actual building where people gather to worship. The more challenging and emotionally difficult process will be determining which church buildings are to remain open. This will likely occur after the merger takes place due to canon (Church) law. Many factors come into play when making this decision, such as: activity/life of the existing community, size/condition of the church building, financial situation of the parish, and the number of priests. Circumstances, not opinion or preference, will dictate the decision-making process when we reach that point. Members of our finance and pastoral councils will continue to be intimately involved in the merging process. There will be opportunities for us to participate through surveys and community meetings in the coming months and years.

Our clergy team would far prefer to revitalize our faith community than "manage decline," and we are doing our best to lead such a charge. While we cannot expect 4 priests to serve the Butler community in the long term, we are taking advantage of this time together to work hard and help you grow as Christians, and eventually to experience everlasting life! In 6 short months, Fr. Dan has reinvigorated our youth and young adult ministry; Fr. Will is leading the way in serving the homebound, the hospitalized, nursing home residents, and the imprisoned. Fr. John is as solid and reliable as they come in so many facets of parish life; Deacon Mitch has been so helpful with his experience and knowledge of Butler, and willingness to lead funeral blessing services. In short we have a great clergy team that loves being here and serving you!

Our overall financial situation continues to decline, despite our best efforts to operate efficiently as possible. The fiscal year ends June 30. We will provide you with a financial summary report, probably during the fall months. Last week, Lou Greci, our Director of Business and Property Management, informed me that he again needed to transfer \$30,000 from St. Paul savings account to St. Paul

checking account to cover St. Paul Parish operating costs for the next few months, as he had to do in February. This trend is concerning for the financial future of our Butler Area Catholic Parishes. We have experienced such scenarios with all of our parishes to varying degrees in the recent past. At St. Fidelis, we have not had to transfer money from savings to checking, but we had to write a \$21,000 check to the diocese in February to cover that shortage to our Parish Share goal. We need a bit of a boost to give us breathing room!

NEW CATHOLICS

A very bright spot in the life of the Church is the reception of new Catholics into the faith at the Easter Vigil. We welcomed Melanie Eaton, Kimberly Hostetler, and Seirra Koerbel into the faith. Congratulations, and thank you to their sponsors for walking with them on their faith journey. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, and participate in the 2019-20 RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation Adults), please Sr. Teresa Baldi. Sr. Teresa will lead the program, with assistance from the core team, clergy, and catechists.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

We soon will say goodbye to one of our teachers of the faith. At the end of May, Sr. Beth Carrender, OSB will finish her tenure as Director of Religious Education at St. Andrew Parish. We thank her for her efforts and wish her all the best in the future.

We had originally planned to hire one Director of Faith Formation for our grouping for the coming year, but decided to hold off until the 2020-21 academic year to give us more time to look at developing one program to serve all of our parishes.

For the 2019-20 school year, our Butler Area Catholic Parishes will offer 3 sites for Faith Formation: St. Fidelis, St. Michael (for the Butler City parishes), and St. Andrew. Our parishioners have the option of attending any of these programs - they are not required to attend at the parish where they are registered. St. Fidelis program is based on the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) method of instruction. Not familiar with CGS? Attend an Open House in May. Open House dates will be published in next week's bulletin.

For Confirmation, we will have 1 retreat and 1 Confirmation ceremony, which will likely be in the spring of 2020 at St. Paul Church. Faith formation days/times will be as they were for 2018-19. We will have 1 registration form to be distributed via email, bulletin, websites, churches and parish offices. Questions regarding types of catechesis? Contact Sr. Teresa at srjb0462@gmail.com, or 724-287-1759. Amanda Kramer at 724-482-2690 ext. 236 or Faithformation@SaintFidelis.org.

I pray for all of you daily.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kevin Fazio

Butler Area Catholic Parishes - Mass Intentions

Saturday May 4 - Easter Weekday
 4:00PM St. Michael - Elisa I. & Charles M. Thomas Jr., Michael A. Thomas Sr. & Bruce Appel (Mary Ann Townsend)
 5:00PM St. Fidelis - Pat Cole (John & Carole McElhinny)
 6:00PM* St. Paul - Carolyn Shriver (Rose Ann Webreck)

Sunday May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 AM St. Paul - Mary Lou Henry (David & Rebecca Stewart)
 8:30AM St. Fidelis - Oliva Osche (Ada & Dan)
 10:00 AM+ St. Paul - Helen, Paul & "Buzz" Sherman (Anne & Alex Thomson)
 11:00AM St. Peter - Julie Dandoy (Bob)
 11:00AM St. Andrew - Louis Donadi (Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Baker)
 11:30AM St. Fidelis - John Lacher (Joe, Mary Ann & Paul)
 7:00PM St. Paul - Mary T. Larkin (Katie Larkin)

Monday May 6 - Easter Weekday
 8:00AM+ St. Paul - Father William A. Nolan

Tuesday May 7 - Easter Weekday
 8:00AM+ St. Paul - Sally Krchnak (Family)
 12:05PM St. Michael - Fr. Robert M. Bradley Martha Drobnak (Mary Ellen Miller)

Wednesday May - 8 Easter Weekday
 8:00AM+ St. Paul - Remedios Rosales (Lu Bella)
 20th Wedding Anniversary of Deacon Mitch & Georgene Natali
 6:30PM St. Fidelis - Paul Pietroski (Gert Wieckoski)

Thursday May 9 - Easter Weekday
 8:00 AM+ St. Paul - Linda M. Mariotti (Bev Seybert)
 12:05PM St. Andrew - Christopher Walton Anniversary (Mother, Mitzie)

Friday May 10 - St. Damian de Veuster
 8:00AM+ St. Paul - John Steetle (Daryl Ann Milcic)
 12:05PM St. Peter - Debbie Geibel (Romey & Lisa Schnur)
 Margaret Albert (Knass Family)

Saturday May 11 - Easter Weekday
 8:00AM St. Paul - Steve & Donna Kaduck (Nadine & Paul)



Don Kober, Rachele, Chris, Debbie, Bob, Mitzie, Joann, Dolores, Earl, Angela, Eric, John Gibson, Fr. Bill Keil, Jan, Frankie IV, Stephanie Lubinsky, Terri Lynn, Dennis, Debbie Gibson, Dasha Doyle, Becky Ray, Rick Cupps, Dawn, Art, Nancy, Jill, James, Walter, Joe Foster, Harry Boben Sr., Mary Lou Boben, Debbie, Anne Boben, Frank, Katie, Bernie, Joseph Smith, Rick, Bob, Dan, Rose, Jay, Bill, Jim, Joan Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret Albert, Geno Spohn, Nancy & Bob Mikan, Aida Baker, Jack McKain, Louise, Marlene Fisher, Chuck, Kristina Gerten, the sick and shut-ins of our parish grouping and all who ask for our prayers.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY - MAY 12 - 11:00AM

Lector: J. Shope
 Servers: J. Malacaman, Arabella Savannah
 Ushers: D. Dancik, D. Fuechslin
 P. Kengor, M. Broderick

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

C. Shope, G. Kengor, D. Fuechslin
 Chapel, Mothers Room, First Row St. Andrew side:
K. Minehart, P. Brady

Saturday May 11 - Easter Weekday
 4:00PM St. Michael - Deceased Members of the Nocera, Pincek & Namesnik Families (Jim & Pat Nocera)
 5:00PM St. Fidelis - Alma Rafferty (Fred & Rita)
 6:00PM* St. Paul - William Bellis (John & Eleanor Clouse)

Sunday May 12 - 4th Sunday of Easter- Mother's Day
 8:00AM St. Paul - Living & Deceased of Our Churches
 8:30AM St. Fidelis - All Living & Deceased Mothers, especially Mary & Margaret (Marty & Nancy Martonik)
 10:00AM+ St. Paul - Living & Deceased Our Churches
 11:00AM St. Peter - Living & Deceased Of Our Churches
 11:00AM St. Andrew - All Mothers
 11:30AM St. Fidelis - Edna Mahler (Family)
 7:00PM St. Paul - Living & Deceased Our Churches

+Mass televised on channel #10

* Mass on WISR (AM 680) at 9:15AM on Sunday

JAL MEETINGS

Come for pizza, pop, fellowship and to learn more about Jesus. Thursdays: 6:30-8:00PM at St. Fidelis Youth Room.

May 9 & May 26: High School Youth Group (6-8PM)

May 16 & 30: Middle School Youth Group (6-8PM)

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Sunday, May 5, from 6:00-8:00pm at St. Andrew Fire Pit.

YOUNG ADULTS: BIBLE STUDY, AXE THROWING AND MORE

Young Adults will meet on Wednesdays for Bible Study, with visit to local brewery afterwards. Axe Throwing in Slippery Rock on Saturday, May 11 (meet at St. Michael at 5:30PM); McConnell's Mill hike on Sunday, May 26; Mass, Moe's and MLB, a special event that ends with a Pirates game at PNC Park on Friday, May 31. Contact Father Dan, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at waruszewski@gmail.com or 724-287-1759.

KIDS DAY AMERICA

Please mark your calendars and join us for Kids Day America on Saturday, May 11, from 11am-3pm, at the Butler Farm Show Grounds. Kids Day is dedicated to children's health, safety, and environmental awareness. Each year a different nonprofit organization is the beneficiary. This year's recipient is The Butler County Alliance for Children. Admission/parking are free. The 9th 'Cruza for Kids' Car Show will also be held. Sponsorships, baskets, and volunteer opportunities are available. If interested in helping, call 724-789-9797.

BUTLER AREA CATHOLIC PARISHES - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our first session of VBS will be from June 17-21 at St. Michael the Archangel School Hall. St. Fidelis will host VBS June 24-28. Flyers will soon be out with details on how to register.

BUTLER CATHOLIC CORNER - SPRING STEP-UP DAYS

Spring Step-Up Days allows interested Pre-school/Kindergarten students to visit BCS while our current Preschool and Kindergarten students "step-up" to the next grade level. All the children will participate in fun classroom activities. Children interested in Kindergarten or First grade for the fall are invited to attend on May 20, from 10-10:45am. Plan to attend? Contact Christine Swift at swiftc@butlercatholic.org. To tour BCS call 724-285-4276. Visit www.butlercatholic.org/admissions.

The Collection for Sunday

April 28, 2019

Offertory	\$3,387.00
Parish Share	\$ 500.00



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our second grade students will receive their First Holy Communion next Sunday, May 12, during the 11:00am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important sacrament.

MAY CROWNING

Our parish will hold the Crowning of Mary immediately following the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, May 19. Join us as we process to her outdoor statue. Natalie Smith will crown our Lady.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Dan will train altar servers for all 5 parishes at 6:30pm on Monday, May 6, at St. Paul Church, and at St. Fidelis Church on Tuesday, May 21. Each church does things a bit differently, but the fundamentals for altar serving are the same everywhere.

PRE-BAPTISM WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Baptism Work-Shops will be held on Wednesday, May 8, a 6:30pm at St. Fidelis Church, and on Sunday, June 9, at 12:30pm at St. Paul Church. A pre-baptism workshop is required for all first-time parents and strongly encouraged for all parents. To register for the May workshop, contact St. Fidelis Formation Office at 724-482-2362 or FaithFormation@saintfidelis.org. To register for the June workshop at St. Paul, call 724-287-1759. To schedule a baptism, call your parish office.

SURVEY: WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK ON MASS SCHEDULE

Parishioners at the 5 parishes in the Butler Area Catholic Parishes grouping are invited to participate in a survey pertaining to the On Mission Mass changes, now that we have had 6 months to experience the schedule. From May 12-25, the survey will be available online, which is the preferred method of participation because it reduces the amount of data entry necessary if the survey is filled out on paper. Paper surveys will be available in our churches May 12-25. The survey is conducted by the Diocese of Pittsburgh through Parish Services, which compiles the information and sends the results to the parish grouping for review. Keep in mind that we anticipate fewer Masses in the future, given the imminent priest shortage, and that we expect fewer priests serving the Butler community within the next few years. Contact Cindy Micco, director of Communications, at 724-482-2690 ext. 225 with any questions pertaining to the survey.