



St. Andrew Church

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We welcome the opportunity to serve you.
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20th Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ August 16th, 2026

ST. ANDREW MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:15pm
SUNDAY: 8:00am, 10:45am (Family Mass)
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY: 9:00 am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes: 1st-8th Grade at 9:30 am on scheduled Sunday mornings.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

We, the community of St. Andrew, are called and empowered through our Baptism to share in Jesus' mission of building the Kingdom of God.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to worship as a community, develop lay leadership and serve the needs of others.

Our prayer is that our dedication to Jesus' mission will be manifested in harmony, growth and love.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

By the grace of God, we bring Jesus' Good News to Life.

QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 4:00pm
SUNDAY: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION:

EVERY 1ST, 3RD AND 5TH
SATURDAY: 4:15-4:45pm or BY APPT

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Parents are required to attend two preparation meetings. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Parishioners arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the ceremony and before arranging the social plans.

DEVOTION:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on First Friday, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass until 10:30am.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Hours by appointment only.



THE THEME

Our Lord keeps strange company-people we wouldn't ordinarily associate with because they are different: poor or rich, liberal or conservative, strangely dressed or too ordinary. Today our scripture readings are about the stranger who believes and becomes a member of the community. Let us ask for God's mercy for those times when we did not recognize a brother or sister in Christ.

THE READINGS

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7: Even foreigners are welcome to the holy mountain of God.

ROMANS 11:13-15; 29-32: The disobedient may ask for mercy and be saved.

MATTHEW 15:21-28: Jesus heals the foreign woman's daughter.

-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

SATURDAY, August 22nd, 2026

5:15PM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – L. Gotko
E.M.'s – J. Kane Zaykowski

SUNDAY, August 23rd, 2026

8:00AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – A. Bagnoli
E.M.'s – E. Stone

10:45AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector –
EM.'s-M. Samot

MASSSES AND SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS REQUESTED BY

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

EZEKIEL 24:15-23; MATTHEW 19:16-22

9:00 AM *Special Intentions of a Parishioner*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

EZEKIEL 28:1-10; MATTHEW 19:23-30

9:00 AM *For the People of the Parish*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

EZEKIEL 34:1-11; MATTHEW 20:1-16

9:00 AM *Janice Ward Kracke Brenda & Joe Ploeger*
Dolores McNamara Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

EZEKIEL 36:23-28; MATTHEW 22:1-14

9:00 AM *William Maroney St. Andrews*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

EZEKIEL 37:1-14; MATTHEW 22:34-40

9:00 AM *For the Deceased Members of the Parish*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

EZEKIEL 43:1-7ab; MATTHEW 23:1-12

5:15 PM *Ralph Salamone Family*
William Battipaglia Family
Frank & Lorraine Gerecke Paul Gerecke
Margaret Toole Brenda & Joe Ploeger
Bernard Motosumo Abbene's

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

ISAIAH 22:19-23; MATTHEW 16:13-20

8:00 AM *For the People of the Parish*

10:45 AM *Intentions for Harry Moloney Liz Moloney*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Most recently: Nora Cosgrove, Barbara King, Gloria Bennedetto, Rachel Brown, Anita Brown, Joe Ploeger, Bob O'Neil, Jerry Grandenetti, Alexander Perricone, Cheryl McMahon, Lauren Haropolus, James Burke, Leo Green, Paul Fitzpatrick, Joseph Vernice, Melaine Buttonow, Tom Flanagan, Michael Myers, Grayson Danielski, Amy Showers, Sam Gehrig, Craig Kollegger, Karel DeBoer, Kenny Hadden, Mary Ann Keller, Terri McMahon, Gail Euvino

Moving? Remember to notify us of address or telephone number changes so that our records are always up to date.



From Fr. Peter's Desk

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family:

This weekend is a bit unusual as we celebrate both the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at our 5:15PM Mass on Saturday and then, on Sunday, we celebrate the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was already being celebrated on August 15th in the 5th century. It bore the sense of Our Lady's "Birth into heaven". The feast began to be celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 7th century, but it was not until November 1st 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption, body and soul, into heaven.

In our Mass of Sunday, the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our responsorial song sums up the theme of today's liturgy: "O God, let all the nations praise you!" Psalm 67 is a song of thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In the light of this harvest, Israel prays that all nations will praise God as they see the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon her. As the Church sings this psalm, she prays that all the nations will praise God for the wonders the Lord has done for her.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, are we gatekeepers, the king of people who exclude, as those in today's readings do to the Gentile and the Canaanite woman? Or are we opening gates wide, inviting any and all to experience the healing power of the Gospel? Let us ask the Lord to open our minds and our hearts to the invitation that you give to all of us, to be Jesus's disciples to all whom we deal with in our daily lives.

***God Bless You Always,
Fr. Peter***



Stewardship Reflection

"Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just;"

Living Stewardship

In the midst of summer fun and vacation, there are still people in need. This week, find ways to be at service to others. Perhaps you could donate some goods to the local food pantry.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

<i>Weekly goal for 8/9/26:</i>	\$7,200.00
<i>Sunday Collection for 8/9/26:</i>	\$5,002.00
<i>Votive Candles for 8/9/26:</i>	\$ 77.00
<i>Parish Soft Weekly Donations:</i>	\$1,805.00
<i>Total for 8/9/26:</i>	\$6,884.00



Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen.

Serving in the armed forces:

James Calfa, Michael Borgese, Clint Kelly, Rudy Lunk, Cheryl Scarlato, Darryl Treadwel, Peter Wojciechowski, Russell Little, Maddie Martin, Dylan Kaminski, Zachary North, Ryan S. Gioel, Victoria Selkirk, Connor Doughty Gallagher, Andrew W. Tilton, Cole Yardley, Matt Seel, Mitchell Mavellia, Barney Ales, Eric Prime, Jr., Ava Yardley



The Bread and Wine offered at the Sacrifice of the Mass during the Month of August was given in memory of Ann Marie, Ruth & Harry Moylan From Theres M. Samot

ParishSOFT Giving

As of March 16, 2026 Faith Direct will no longer be able to be accessed. With the transition to ParishSoft Giving completed, all relevant data is now in ParishSoft Giving and donors should be logging in to ParishSoft Giving for all electronic records and information. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Donor Support at 866-930-4774 Option 6 or email at donorsupport@parishsoft.com. We look forward to our continued partnership with ParishSoft Giving.

*God Bless You,
Fr. Peter*

Parish Memorials

St. Andrew's offers different types of memorials which can be donated in memory of a deceased family member or friend, or for the intentions of living individuals for special occasions.

The memorials are as follows:

Bread and Wine: The donation to sponsor the Bread and Wine is either \$25.00 for a week or \$100.00 for the month.

Altar Flowers: The donation to sponsor the Altar Flowers is \$150.00 for the week.

The Rosary Group

Daily, after the 9AM Mass in the church we pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Every Tuesday, after the 9AM Mass, in the church we meet to pray the Miraculous Medal Novena followed by the Rosary and Chaplet. Also on Saturdays at 9:30AM we meet to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille a lifeline for Married Couples. If you want a better marriage, don't wait get help now. Retrouvaille's unique 3-phase program offers practical instruction on communication techniques designed to deepen closeness and intimacy in your relationship. The marriage you've always wanted is within reach-take the first step and claim it today! The next weekend is coming up September 25-27th, 2026 at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington, NY. Call 1-800-470-2230 with any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS**St. Andrews Church Mass Schedule:**

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday at 9:00AM

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 5:15PM

Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:45AM

Parish phone #: 631-725-0123

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary**(Bridgehampton) Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 4:00PM

Sunday: 9:30AM (English)

And 11:00AM (Spanish)

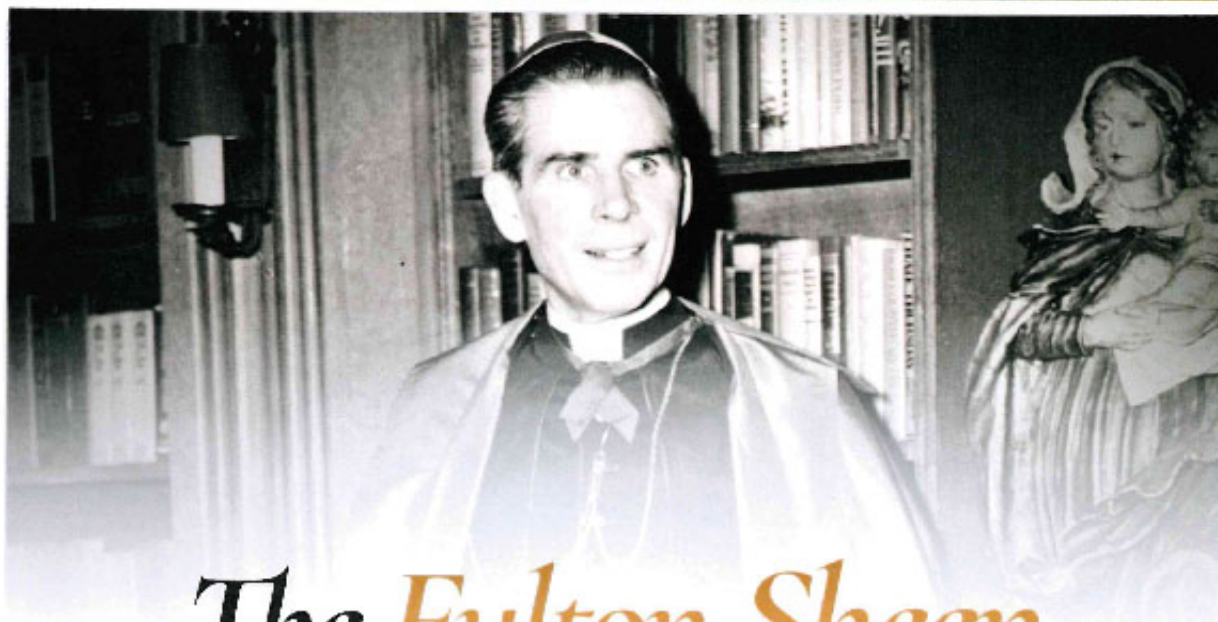
Parish phone #: 631-537-0156

2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal

<i>Parish Goal</i>	<i>\$39,795.00</i>
<i>Number of Donors</i>	<i>37</i>
<i>Total Amount Pledged</i>	<i>\$21,280.00</i>

Our Lady of The Hamptons Regional Catholic School

In just a few short weeks, Our Lady of the Hamptons School will reopen for the 2026-27 school year. The registration process for the school year both at the main campus in Southampton, as well as the pre-school site in Hampton Bays is ongoing with available placement in the Pre-K three and Pre-K Four programs at St. Rosalie's Parish Center. This fully accredited program is an enriched, creative curriculum. Limited space is available in the kindergarten & grades 1,2 and Prep. 7. Personal family interviews are required of all considering enrollment and are being scheduled now. Please contact the school office at 631-283-9140 to request a registration packet and set up an appointment.



The Fulton Sheen Initiative

A Moment for the Catholic Church of America

Beatification Event

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24, 2026

Church of Saint Raphael

600 Newbridge Road, East Meadow, NY

Doors Open: 7:00 PM
Prayer Begins: 7:30 PM

Pray Daily with Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

Sign up to receive daily reflections based on Sheen's words as we approach his beatification.

Scan the QR code or visit:
drvc.org/fultonsheen



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2025 - 2026 RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM REPORT, St Andrew, Sag Harbor

This past year, 86 people participated in faith formation in the **St Andrew Parish**

Religious Education Program, including:

OCIA (full initiation into the Church, Easter 2026)	1 person
OCIA (Sacrament of Confirmation at Pentecost 2026)	2 people
Confirmation Program (middle and HS students, ant. Oct 2026)	11 students
First Communion (elementary students, May 2026)	15 students

Pope Leo xiv, an American Augustinian friar elected in May 2025, consistently emphasizes building unity and communion in the rich teaching and spirituality of the Catholic Church.

By imbuing our Religious Ed curriculum in God's *Holy Scriptures*, in the *Sacraments*, and most especially meeting the *faith witness* of catechists and our Parish community, we accompany our families and children on that path.

Building a religious education program in St Andrew's presents **blessings and challenges**: the culture of family life on the east end and our pastoral life is impacted by wide geographic spread of our community. Thus, parents continually balance their own personal, familial, & personal responsibilities in scheduling and transporting their children to and from school, sports, performance & arts activities, social experiences, as well as to the Religious Education Program.

These challenges impact "*the when, where, and how*" our religious ed program in St Andrew's is organized (in only four rooms available for classes).

However, the challenges are offset by the encouraging and inspiring support of our priests, pastoral staff, the amazing generosity of our catechetical volunteers, and the goodness of our parishioners.

Changes in the scope and process of the program, the curriculum and more direct communication with families that were enacted two years ago continue to show positive results. The changes were made as a response to patterns of low attendance in class and family engagement data.

So, we started the transformation by centering the program around the **Sunday 10:45 Family Mass in St Andrew's**. But, in order to bring the entire program to Sunday mornings, the curriculum we adopted needed to be more focused on the "**Three S's of Roman Catholicism**:"

- Salvation history*: rooted in reading and studying the Sacred Scriptures;
- "Systematics"*: the vocabulary of Trinity, Church, Sacraments, Holy Mass, etc.;
- Spirituality*: traditional prayers, Rosary, devotions such (as Stations of the Cross), *Lectio Divina* meditation, etc.

And this year, as a program-wide social justice service project to address critical food insecurity locally, our children and parents donated several hundred pounds of non-perishable food items to the Sag Harbor Food Pantry. Many thanks to parishioner (and Religious Ed Program parent) Michael Tracy for facilitating food deliveries!!

Our new simplified, dynamic, vocabulary-based, theme-centered, “hands on” approach enables our children and families to encounter our Lord and His Church in what is the best of our Catholic tradition. I think we can all agree there has been a positive impact in the engagement of the children and families in our parish and in the faith: **by regular attendance at the 10:45 Family Mass, the children and parents are accompanied by our entire parish in their journey of faith.**

No one person can execute a program of this scope. **I am forever thankful to the volunteer catechists** who share their faith with the children over hours of service. So, to Donna Izenberg, Margaret Smyth, Helen Chisolm, Cristina Follendelas, Betsy Remkus, Marguerite Basti, Lance Gotko, Carol Hyde and Paul Gereck: **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!** Your witness to our faith, dedication, creativity, generosity, flexibility, and sense of humor are inspiring to me and is much appreciated.

Our priests, **Father Peter, Father Manuel, Pastoral Minister Robert and secretary Jeanne Brown** provide the spiritual guidance, support and pastoral leadership that enables the formation of us all into the Communion of the Body of Christ in the Church. We are so fortunate for these kind, holy men and their service to our community! Personally, I am most grateful for their generosity and patience with me in support of the children!

Please stay tuned and be sure to read our periodic announcements and emails going forward during the summer. Please be aware:

- We ALWAYS need more catechists (if interested, even part-time, PLEASE call us),
- The registration for 2026-27 will be open online in the parish website in August,
- We're looking to improve our information-sharing (including social media).

If you wish to offer assistance on any aspects of the program, please contact me.

Our sole purpose is to **support our parents in their role as “first and most important teachers” in the faith of the children.**

Parents, many thanks for trusting us in partnering with you in that role. It is an honor and blessing to know you and work with your children.

We are always grateful for the prayers and support of our wonderful parishioners!

Parents, don't forget to pray with your children and for all of us!!

Enjoy the summer! I hope to see you around and about Sag Harbor and Bridgehampton, at St Andrew's and QMHR, and especially at Sunday Mass!