



St. Andrew Church

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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ August 30th, 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.

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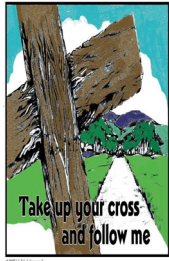
Parishioners arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the ceremony and before arranging the social plans.

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

Today's readings are sobering. We hear from Jeremiah, the reluctant prophet who would rather live a quiet life. Jesus predicts his own passion and tells us to take up our crosses. St. Paul sums it up for us: "Do not conform to the present age, but be transformed by the Gospel." Let us ask God for open minds and willing hearts that we might listen and understand.

THE READINGS

JEREMIAH 20:7-9: The prophet is compelled to speak, even though it brings derision.

ROMANS 12:1-2: Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed.

MATTHEW 16:21-27: Jesus predicts his death and exhorts his followers to deny themselves.

-SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

SATURDAY, September 5th, 2026

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

SUNDAY, August 30th, 2026

8:00AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – S. Miller
E.M.'s – B. Ploeger

10:45AM Mass *Priest Fr. Peter*
Lector – L. Koehne
EM.'s – A. Opel



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Most recently: Nora Cosgrove, Barbara King, Gloria Bennedetto, Rachel Brown, Anita Brown, Joe Ploeger, 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, Tom Murphy

MASSES AND SCRIPTURE READINGS OF THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS REQUESTED BY

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 2:1-5; LUKE 4:16-30

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 2:10B-16; LUKE 4:31-37

9:00 AM *Katy Stewart* *Family*
Liam Wood *Gary & Ursula DeAmario*
Read Vail *Susan Vail & Darlene Rozzi*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 3:1-9; LUKE 4:38-44

9:00 AM *In Honor of St. Joseph* *The Carney Family*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 3:18-23; LUKE 5:1-11

9:00 AM *Margaret Toole* *Carol & Steve Talmage*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 4:1-5; LUKE 5:33-39

9:00 AM *Marianne Black Lowrey* *Andrea Boros Lowrey*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

1CORINTHIANS 4:6b-15; LUKE 6:1-5

5:15 PM *Thomas Leonard* *The Stone Family*
June Bubka (1st Anniversary) *Nancy & Frank Josselyn*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

EZEKIEL 33:7-9; MATTHEW 18:15-20

8:00 AM *Tony & Laura Messineo* *Chisholm Family*

10:45 AM *Cause of Cardinal Cooke* *The CC Guild*
Margaret Toole *St. Andrews*

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

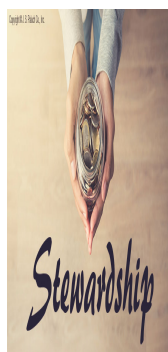
22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Parish Family:

In today's first reading, taken from Jeremiah 20, we hear about one of the most difficult moments in the prophets' life. Overwhelmed by the opposition and resistance his prophetic ministry has aroused, Jeremiah accuses God of having tricked him when he called him to be a prophet. But even though, Jeremiah's ministry has brought him such suffering, God's word is like a fire burning within him, a fire that he cannot extinguish but must proclaim. St. Paul teaches us, in the second reading of today, a lesson about the Christian life that is similar to what Jeremiah and Jesus proclaim. To be "holy and pleasing to God," we must be ready to offer our bodies, our very selves, as living sacrifices to God. We must live in a new way with minds that have been renewed by Jesus rather than conform ourselves to this present age that is passing away. In the Gospel, Jesus prophesies that He will suffer, die, and rise again. Peter ponders on how God's glorious Messiah can suffer such a fate? Jesus, in His rebuke to Peter, tells him that he is thinking about the Messiah as human beings do, not as God does. The lesson that Jesus wants all of his disciples to understand is that those who follow Jesus must take up their cross and be willing to lose their life in order to save their own life. Like Jeremiah, Jesus proclaims the Gospel despite the suffering and rejection it brings.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus has some harsh words for Peter in today's Gospel, especially aimed at a friend reasonably worried about him! However, Jesus brings up an important point about how we think and view things-either with the mind of God or the mind of humans. We need to especially pray for strength and guidance to be able to think in the way that God does, to be able to lead a holy life, to follow in God's footsteps. Not an easy task for the faithful, but one, with God's help, that we are asked to strive for.

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



Stewardship Reflection

In this life, we will experience pain, suffering and sadness-but God calls us to embrace it and keep moving forward.

Living Stewardship

This week, think how you could help someone to carry their cross.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

<i>Weekly goal for 8/23/26:</i>	\$ 7,200.00
<i>Sunday Collection for 8/23/26:</i>	\$ 8,479.00
<i>Votive Candles for 8/23/26:</i>	\$ 88.00
<i>Parish Soft Weekly Donations:</i>	\$ 1,805.00
<i>Total for 8/23/26:</i>	\$10,372.00



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 Loving Memory of Ann Marie, Ruth & Harry Moylan From Therese 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.

Stand Up For Life

Stand up for Life on Sunday, October 4th, 2026 from 2:00-3:30PM (rain or shine) This is a nationwide event. There is strength in unity. Please join us in Manorville, LIE, Exit 70S along County Road 111, or Huntington at Rtes. 110 & 25.

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

Parish Goal **\$39,795.00**

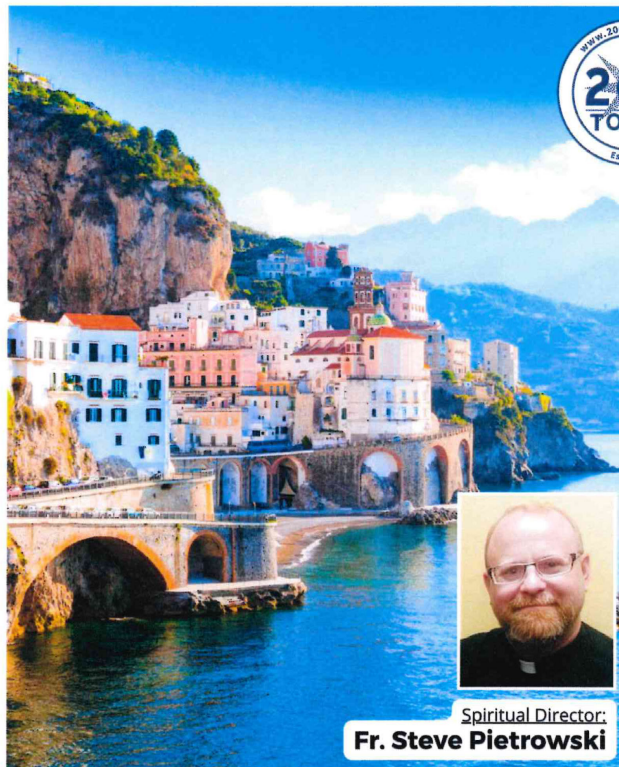
Number of Donors **37**

Total Amount Pledged **\$21,280.00**

**Reception**

Join us as we celebrate the 45th year of Priesthood of Fr. Peter and Fr. Manuel. We begin by giving thanks to God for the gift of both of our priests at the 5:15pm Mass on Saturday,

September 12th, followed by a reception, which will include dinner, immediately after the Mass in our parish hall. This event is at no charge but reservations are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to make your reservations or call the parish office before September 8th to secure your spot.



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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!