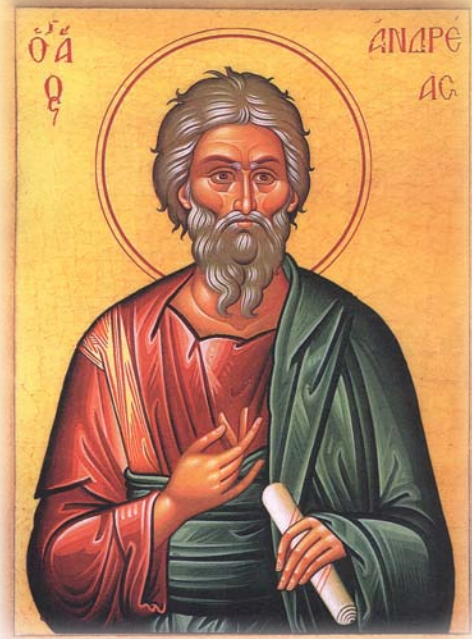


St. Andrew Parish Newsletter

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Good News from the People



Prayer to Saint Andrew the Apostle

O Glorious Saint Andrew, you were the first to recognize and follow the Lamb of God, With your friend Saint John you remained with Jesus for that first day, for your entire life, and now throughout eternity.

As you led your brother Saint Peter to Christ and many others after him, draw us also to him. Teach us to lead others to Christ solely out of love for him and dedication in his service. Help us to learn the lesson of the Cross and to carry our daily crosses without complaint so that they may carry us to Jesus.

Our Shepherd

This is to welcome Father Dennis G. Dalessandro as our new pastor. Father comes to us from St. Joseph's Berwick, PA. He was the pastor there about eight years. He has been a priest for 25 years and his family is from Sharon in western Pennsylvania. His extended family (his dogs) will be joining him shortly.



A Special Welcome to the New Parishioners

On Holy Saturday evening at the 2007 Easter Vigil, St. Andrew Church welcomed eight new members into the parish. They are Erin Peterson, Diane McCallum, Nancy Hale-Byron, Wes Byron Sr., Wes Byron Jr., Andrew Knepper, Hannah Settlege and Kristopher Settlege. They attended the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes for several months and expressed their desire to become active participants in the Catholic Church. The experience for the elected and the sponsors was very meaningful.

The RCIA program is the normal way in which adults become active participating members of the Catholic Church. St. Andrew is beginning the 20th year offering this program. During that time 94 new Catholics have been welcomed into the parish. Sessions are held on Tuesday evening from 7 – 8:30 pm in the conference room of the school. Father Dave is the leader of the sessions, assisted by Mary & Buck Bassett and other team members who facilitate the discussion of various topics relating to the teachings of the Catholic Church. The program helps adults to grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with the teachings of the church, and get acquainted with the other parishioners and the wider church community.

I asked the new members if they would share some of their thoughts not only about the program but also what prompted them to learn more about the Catholic religion. Here are some of their comments.

I am so glad I participated in the RCIA program this past year. I was baptized at St. Andrew as a baby, but did not receive my first communion or

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Refurbishing of 52 Locust Street

During the past several months volunteers from our Parish worked together to clean-out and fix-up the two apartments of our Locust Street property. The group did cleaning, trash removal, painting, carpentry, electrical updating, wall and ceiling repair, door replacements, window repairs and more. Additionally, much trash was removed from the garage, attic and basement. The apartments were converted from very poor to favorable living spaces.

A used refrigerator was donated by an area business and almost new stove provided by a parishioner. Floor covering was installed by a local contractor.

Thanks to John Jobses, Ralph Hefner, Buck Wagaman, Bob Maurer,

Bob Courneen, Tom Ward, Janet and Joe Tulenko, Craig Sheeley and Fred and Liz Eisenhart for their dedication and putting their talents into action.

Meet Your Parish Office Staff

If you have had an opportunity to visit or call the parish office I'm sure you've been impressed with the friendly greeting you received. The ladies responsible for this welcoming approach are Regina Plummer, Mary Little and Sandy Bowling. Let me introduce them to you.

Regina Plummer moved to Waynesboro 13 years ago with her husband Sam and three children, Sam, Kathryn and Carla. They relocated from Florida where they lived for 10 years. The children attended St. Andrew School and Regina was a

volunteer meeting new people and feeling helpful and appreciated. The community of St. Andrew was so welcoming, the family soon felt right at home.

Regina began working in the parish office in June 2007. She enjoys greeting new parishioners and meeting the wonderful parishioners who give so much to make the St. Andrew community great.

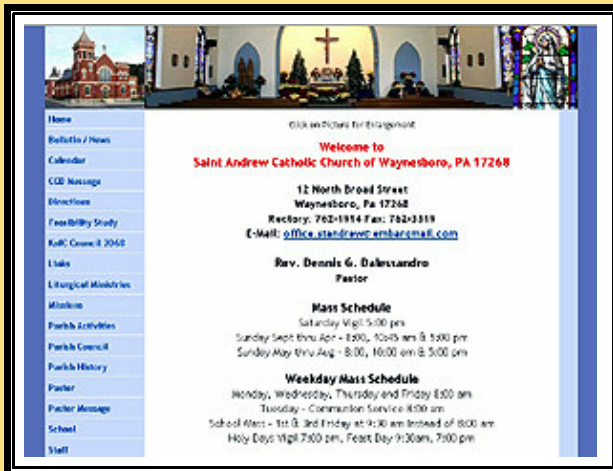
She loves to play tennis and ski, and keeps her mind sharp with Samuri Sudoku and Spider Solitaire.

Mary Caron Little is the current Financial Secretary for the parish and the school. In her own words:

"I applied for the job as financial secretary for the school when Margie Griffin (35 years experience) decided to retire as our financial secretary. The timing of the job opening and Margie's retirement went hand in hand with the

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The Saint Andrew Church Web Site: www.standrewwbo.org



The web site for Saint Andrew Church, www.standrewwbo.org has been in existence for approximately three years. It is an extension of the church bulletin and it has the current church bulletin each week for those who may have not been able to get to church that week or who may have misplaced their bulletin. It is an information repository related to Saint Andrew Church and the various function that take place each day.

The web site has information on the Feasibility Study from it's conception to the current status. There is information about the

history of the Saint Andrew Church and pictures from years ago. There is a listing of the Parish Council and their various functions. It is an ideal place for new parishioners to find out what is going on at Saint Andrew's and where they might want to best use their talents. The Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE) informs the CCD or the RCIA of a change in meeting date or time because of inclement weather. Catholics visiting from other parishes are informed of our Mass schedule and directions to our church. Links are available which direct you to other catholic web sites from our diocese in Harrisburg to the Vatican. The web site is an excellent place for parishioners to be updated on the changes and mobility of our parish.

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