

First Sunday of Advent, Year B, December 3rd, 2017



Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. (Mk 13: 33-37)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1948.70
'Host a Family..' \$ 100.00
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 95.00
Deo Gratias—\$ 20.00
Christmas decorations: \$ 60.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2017

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Heavenly Melodies Christmas Concert.
By Youth Choir of Gethsemane Ministries
December 17, 10.40am to 12.45pm
Door prizes include prosciutto...
Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.

Heavenly Melodies 3 - Christmas Concert

60th Anniversary Celebration - St. Andrew's Catholic Church. By Youth Choir of Gethsemane Ministries Wellandport
December 17, 10.40am to 12.45pm.
Advent songs, Holy Mass and more.
Pleas join us.

Envelopes for 2018

We are preparing envelope sets for 2018. Having and using the envelopes will provide you with a tax receipt. If you are not using an envelope and would like to get one or have changes that need to be made to your (name/address) envelopes please inform the office ASAP

Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 2, 2017 to December 10, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Caterina Mazza by Rocco & Carmela Ranieri Maria Eisenring-DeChellis by Flora Lalama Pietro, Teresa & Sara Fazari by Maria Fazzalari
Sunday	9:00AM	† Pierino Ioannoni by Wife Bruna & family Enzo Zinatelli by Loreta Zinatelli Antinio & Giuseppina Gallo by Family George Pacasa by Ann Pacasa
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	9:00AM	† Giuseppina Gallo by Rafelina DiGioia
Wednesday	9:00AM	† Pietro Cercone by family
Thursday	9:00AM	† Franco Sdao by Mrs. Josephine Gallo
Friday	9:00AM	† The deceased members of the Nobile & Sdao families by Franca Sdao
Saturday	5:00PM	† Concezio & Fidalma DiPirro by Family Salvatore Ventresca by Filomena Ventresca & family Maria Eisenring-DeChellis by Annie Silvestri
Sunday	9:00AM	† Tullio Cicerone by Daughter & family Antonio Muzi by Daughter & family Carlo Nero by Wife Olga & family Bruna Belcamino by the Calabretta family
	11:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones



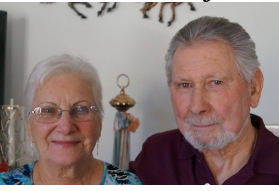
Thank you for supporting 'Host a Family Program'

Meatball Making - Thank You

Last Saturday we were making the meatballs. Thank you to all who supported this fundraising program. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to make the meatballs, especially to Beni Bernadi, David Pastirik and Stephen Martin for their leadership. Thank you all.

Congratulations - 60th Wedding Anniversary

Richard & Marjorie Hotte



Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for the grace and blessings you have given this couple during the past 60 years of marriage. We celebrate and recall the day when they joined together as partners in life and we thank you for being with them on their daily journey together through life's ups and downs.

Dr. Joe & Laurice Leon



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



**Pope Francis - Angelus—Vatican Radio
November 26, 2017**

From the Bishop's desk: Advent Season

This Sunday marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, which means “coming”. Jesus is coming and Advent helps us to prepare for His arrival. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present the ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming” (CC 524). This feeling of expectation can also be seen today in our longing for a world of justice and peace. This will only be realized completely when Christ comes again. May the four weeks of Advent be a time of spiritual renewal as we prepare to receive the light of the world. O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Bishop's Charity Dinner

I am pleased to inform you that \$10,000 was raised at the fourth Annual Bishop's Charities Dinner, which was held on October 21, 2017. I have forwarded the proceeds of this evening in the amount of \$2,000 each to the five St. Vincent de Paul Stores in the Diocese of St. Catharines. I am deeply grateful to the Knights of Columbus for all of their work in organizing this event.



St. Andrew's invites you to celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas & New Year Schedule
Dec. 23rd Saturday Mass 5pm
Dec. 24th Sunday Mass 10AM

Christmas Eve

Dec. 24th Sunday
Family Mass 5PM
Midnight Mass Dec. 25 - 12AM
(preceded by Carol singing from 11.30pm)

Christmas Day:

Monday Dec. 25th
Masses at 9 & 11 AM
Dec. 30 Saturday 5PM
Dec.31st Sunday Mass at 10AM

Year-End Mass of Thanksgiving

Dec.31st, Sunday - 5pm

New Year Mass:

2018 Jan.1 Monday - 10AM

(Vatican Radio) In his Angelus address on Sunday, Pope Francis reflected on the last judgement, the subject of the day's Gospel reading.

He noted that this is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the day on which the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. Christ's kingship, he said, is one “of guidance and service, but it is also a kingship that at the end of time will be asserted in judgement.” The vision of the second coming of Christ, presented in the Gospel, introduces the final judgment, when all of humanity will appear before Him, and Jesus, exercising His authority, will separate one from another, “as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

Pope Francis recalled the criteria that Jesus says will be the foundation of His judgment: “What you did for the least of my brothers, that you did on to me.” This sentence, the Pope said, “never fails to strike us, because it reveals to us” the end to which God is willing to go on account of His love for us. God goes so far as to identify Himself with us, not when we are “happy and healthy, but when we are in need.” Thus, the Pope said, “Jesus reveals the decisive criteria of His judgment, that is, the concrete love for our neighbour in difficulty.”

Likewise, those who cursed, in the Gospel account, are judged for failing to aid their brothers and sisters in their need. Pope Francis repeated, “At the end of our life we will be judged on love, that is, on our concrete commitment to love and to serve Jesus in our smallest and most needy brothers.”

The Holy Father reminds us that Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all nations; but He also “comes to us every day, in so many ways, and asks us to welcome Him.” The Pope concluded his reflection with the prayer that “the Virgin Mary might help us to encounter Him and to receive Him in His Word and in the Eucharist, and at the same time in our brothers and in our sisters who suffer hunger, illness, oppression, injustice. May our hearts be able to welcome Him in the ‘today’ of our life, so that we might be welcomed by Him into the eternity of His Kingdom of light and of peace.”



**60 Years of the
St. Andrew the Apostle Parish**



Thank you, everybody!

My dear friends,
We thank all the volunteers for their help in making this a joyful celebration. We thank those who prepared the soups and other lovely food items. We thank the teachers and students for making the posters. Finally we thank all those who participated in the event



First Week of Advent

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. ~AMEN.