



***Saint Andrew Parish***  
***395 Anton Street, Bridgeport, CT***  
***203-374-6171***

**MISSION STATEMENT**

We, the people of Saint Andrew Parish are a Catholic community and disciples of Jesus Christ. We continue the work of Christ by teaching the word of God, celebrating the Eucharist together, welcoming and encouraging people to develop and share the relationship with God. We strive to be grateful, faithful stewards of God's resources, earthly and spiritual, by being Christ to each other, our neighborhood, our country, and the world.

**July 19, 2020**

***Summer Mass Schedule***

***Saturday — 4:00 P.M.***

***And***

***Sunday — 10:30 A.M.***



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass Intentions for this week:**

**Ralph Capasso  
Oriana Africot  
Richard Gabris  
Our Parishioners  
Madalena & Domingos Brum**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:**

**Dora Melton**



Your prayers are requested for the souls of all the faithful departed.



We remember in prayerful support those who are ill and whose names are now listed in the Prayer Line book.



**Tuesday and Thursday**

**9:00 AM**

**In the Church**



**The Sanctuary Light burns in memory of:  
Jerome Vitale**

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF OFFERINGS

Week of July 12, 2020

Offertory: \$1905.00  
Online giving: \$287.00

**Please Note: your weekly offerings may be mailed to  
the rectory:  
435 Anton Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06606**



If you would like to become an online giver and schedule your donations to the parish any day, any time by using your computer or smart device. Please go to the parish website, [www.standrewchurchbpt.org](http://www.standrewchurchbpt.org)

### PARISH UPDATES

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.standrewchurchbpt.org](http://www.standrewchurchbpt.org)

On the parish website you will see Fr. Milan saying Mass. The current bulletin and parish registration form is also available.

**FACEBOOK** - Please go to the parish Facebook page, St. Andrew Church Bridgeport, for updates on all parish liturgies and activities.

#### Mission Co-op Weekend, July 18-19

This year your donations will go to serve the poor and sick in Argentina, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Libya, Philippines, Vietnam, and Uganda among other countries. Please be as generous as your means allows.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Rudolph Abelli III, Fr. Celsius Offor, Fr. Emma Okwanaocha Andrew Amaral, Stephen Applebee, Major Michael Casano, Jacob Chuma, Jeremy Cole Jr., Sebastien Colon, Major James J. D'Elia, Sgt. Joshua Domogala, Russell Edgett, Carlos Ferreira Jr., Michael Graham, Stephen Hunt, Christopher Jarzynski, Sgt. William Keegan, James Kulikowski, James Lariccia, Amanda Lein, Mark Joseph Lombardozi, Corporal Steven Lopez, Ryan Nieves, Josh Recupero, Joseph Rodonski, Isiah Smith, Jeremy Tamone, Mathias Volpe, Joseph Wresilo.



## THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

### DIOCESAN UPDATE

Bishop Caggiano has dispensed, for the time being, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass due to the threat of COVID-19. Those who are at risk should stay safe at home and watch the Mass online or on television.

#### Leadership Institute

Visit the Leadership Institute website for online programs for Adult Faith Formation and for Family Catechesis. The website is: [formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org).



THE LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

July 19, 2020

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Milan Dimic  
Pastor

Rev. Hyginus Agu  
Rev. Msgr. Matthew Bernelli,  
In Residence

Deacon Alix Africot  
Deacon Roland J. Blier

Jeannie Bisson  
Pastoral Associate

Betsey Meyer  
FINANCE CHAIRPERSON

**SAINT ANDREW ACADEMY**

Mr. Gene Holmes  
Principal  
203-373-1552

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm or by appointment

**ADORATION CHAPEL**

9:30am - 2:00pm, Monday - Friday

**BAPTISM**

Schedule as early as possible.

**MATRIMONY**

Make arrangements with a priest one year in advance. Dates or times can be arranged only after speaking with one of the parish priests.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

The Sacraments are available to those unable to come to church due to sickness, age or are incapacitated for an extended period of time. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

**Parish Office—203-374-6171**

Open: Monday through Thursday 10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.  
Closed: Friday

E-Mail: [standrewparish@optimum.net](mailto:standrewparish@optimum.net)

**Faith Formation Office—203-374-6171**



Saint Andrew Parish welcomes  
Ayden Anthony Dobson  
into our community of faith.

May God bless you always!



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH  
DURING THE  
COVID-19 CRISIS**

If you are able, please send in your  
weekly contribution envelope  
Or  
Donate through Our Sunday Visitor's  
online giving program.  
Follow the link on our parish website.

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**Census  
2020**

Have you been counted?

Please fill out your  
census form on line at  
[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### July 19, 2020—16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

### **Readings for the week of July 19, 2020**

**Monday:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28



### **Parish Rosary Group**

Our parish rosary group will gather on Monday evenings, at 7:00 PM in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting. Please join us. For more information contact the parish office.

## *Church Volunteers*



***Can you help?***

***Ushers***

***Readers***

***Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion***

***Altar Servers***

***Parish Outreach***

***Faith Formation Catechists***

***Choir Members***

***Building & Grounds***

***Help is always needed in all of these parish ministries, call the parish office for more information.***



## **SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

***August 1 through August 23***

***Please leave your donations in the boxes that are in the vestibule***

Pencils, pens, folders, binders, crayons, markers, notebooks, backpacks, all types of school supplies are needed and appreciated!

Supplies will be delivered to local shelters. Thank you for helping those in need.



The Director of the Office for Faith Formation, Jeannie Bisson, can be reached now by calling the Parish Office, 203-374-6171, or [JBisson@standrewchurchbpt.org](mailto:JBisson@standrewchurchbpt.org) If you have a child entering Grade 1 in September, please call the office and you can receive information about classes and Sacramental preparation. Register before August 1 for tuition discount!

We will also have RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) beginning in September. If you are over the age of 18, have never been baptized or have been baptized but never received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation, call the office for more information.

Adults over the age of 18, who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can call the parish office to join our parish Adult Confirmation program.

### **Catechists needed:**

Our parish Religious Education program will begin in October. The program will be entirely redesigned to keep up with the issues of COVID-19. We will need at least two catechists per class so if you are available please contact the Parish Office.