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April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome Newcomers

NEW PARISHIONERS:

- Max Anstett
- Lena Cortese
- Doreen Jedrey
- Brandon and Angela Benfield, Calvin and Mason
- Dana Jackson
- David and Lois Torlina

If you attend Saint Andrew and have not yet registered, please contact the office or speak with Father after Mass.



New Life in Christ Throughout Our Journey in Faith

FULL COMMUNION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Profession of Faith, Confirmation, First Eucharist: April 7, 2024

- Ryder Bennett
- Hannah Sattersfield
- Sophia Davis
- Emily Williams

CONFIRMATION: April 7, 2024

- Marco Garcia
- Kevin Salvatierra-Gohering
- Juan Rojas
- Elizabeth Schlesener

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:15 PM

5:15 PM Daily Mass
Monday–Thursday
Communion Service on Fridays

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Chapel – Wednesdays 6:00–7:00 PM
Chapel – Saturdays 10:00–11:00 AM
(Or by appointment)

Religious Education

Sundays 9:45–10:45 AM
Day Hall and Newman Hall

Youth Ministry Encounter

Sundays 6:30–8:00 PM
Martin Hall

Office Hours

Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM

After Hours

Pastoral Emergencies

Call 919-699-6323

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To sign up for weekly parish-wide emails, go to
www.flocknote.com/saclemson

Blood Drive THIS Monday

MONDAY, APRIL 15 • NOON TO 7:00 PM • MARTIN HALL

If you had the opportunity to save a life tomorrow, would you do it?

Assuming you are healthy and eligible to give blood, you have the opportunity to save three lives with your blood donation this Monday. No special training or life-threatening heroics needed. Just a willing heart and an hour or so of your time.

Staff from Seneca's The Blood Connection will be at Saint Andrew's Martin Hall this Monday, April 15, from 12:00N until 7:00PM. For questions about giving blood, visit the Blood Connection website at <http://thebloodconnection.org/>.

For questions about the blood drive at Saint Andrew, or to sign up to give, contact Verna Howell at 864-650-4755 or vernahowell@gmail.com. To set up your appointment online, go to https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/249629. As an incentive, the Blood Connection is offering a \$50 E-gift to donors.



Garden and Grounds Workday

Help needed! Please come to an "Earth Day" garden and grounds workday **NEXT SATURDAY, April 20, from 9:00–11:00 AM**. Bring a rake, shovel, or wheelbarrow if you have one. At 11:00 AM we will have a short community prayer in the Laudato Si Reflection Garden (on the north side of the church building).

Ongoing efforts of Saint Andrew's Creation Care Ministry focus on sustainability, faith formation, and ecumenical and community outreach. To get involved, contact Erin Rockenhaus at erinrockenhaus@gmail.com or Bob Fennell at rsfennell43@gmail.com.



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Livestream

Saint Andrew Sunday Mass at 11:00AM is livestreamed on the parish Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/saclemson/>

The **same Facebook link** can be used to view the video later at your convenience.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 14

8:30 AM † Carl Taylor

11:00 AM † John Brummer
† Ben Bartlomiejczyk

5:15 PM † Dan Brazinski

Monday, April 15

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Tuesday, April 16

5:15 PM † Omar Rodarte
† Clarence Meyer
† Harold DeVust

Wednesday, April 17

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Thursday, April 18

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

Friday, April 19

5:15 PM *Communion Service (No Mass)*

Saturday, April 20

5:15 PM † Eleanor Fajardo
† David Gross, Sr.

Sunday, April 21

8:30 AM † Raphaela Meyer
† Ward Schintzius

11:00 AM † Winnie Coates

5:15 PM Our Parish Family

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.



Dealing with loss of a family member or close friend can be especially difficult alone. If you feel you would benefit from meeting with others who have experienced a similar loss, a bereavement support group meets monthly from **12:30–1:30 PM the third Sunday of each month**. The next group meeting **next Sunday, April 21**, in Newman Hall. (136 Wigington)

Lost & Found

For lost items, please check the **LOST & FOUND box** by the food drop-off in the vestibule or contact Nancy in the office. Some items (rosaries, keys, jewelry) are being held in the office.

Daily Scripture Readings

Daily readings are available online at bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar

A Note from the Pastor

With the Easter celebrations behind us, our sights are now set on Pentecost.

We'll notice the Sunday readings being something of a reprise of "all that Jesus said and did" in his three-years of tutoring his disciples. A necessity, given their behavior in the face of his Passion and Death. And maybe a necessity for us.

There are two movements afoot in our country suggesting that, like the apostles, we too have not quite gotten the first round of prep for discipleship as Jesus hoped we would.

"Christian nationalism," prevalent among America's Christians, and "integralism," a more philosophical (with social and political implications) Catholic version of the same, pose real challenges to what we'll remember – come Pentecost – is Jesus' legacy for us to live.

Both "Christian nationalism" and "integralism" have been around for a while but have recently been dusted off and are being promoted as reasons for making our choices in the upcoming election. "Nationalism" is basically the conviction that the US was founded as a Christian nation. And while there's tolerance for folks of other religious persuasions, the Bible is the blueprint for civic life.

"Integralism," a more thoughtful and complicated point of view, sees the state harnessed to the Church.

While Pentecost will celebrate our calling to preach, "using words if necessary," and while our "culture wars" are being fought by "armies" promoting the Gospel, and while political camps are twisting the Gospel into planks for party platforms, neither "nationalism" nor integralism are answers to what we all seek: the good life as God sees the good.

As historically wrong as "nationalism" is, and as – in my opinion – cumbersome as integralism is, both end-run the lesson of how to evangelize that led to the explosive growth in the Church's earliest days, namely that the "good" as exposed by the serving life and saving death of Jesus is manifested in a personal relationship with him that becomes ecclesial – communitarian – and ends up being a style of life that sells itself.

Big time!

But the coinage of that "sale" is significant, and one most of us want to avoid. Hence our resort to bad history and to law, not as "rules for the road," but as a cudgel, both sparing us the real cost.

More about that cost next week.

Fr. Dan

Healing Prayer

HEALING PRAYER IS OFFERED IN THE CHAPEL AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

PRAYER OF THE TRUE PRESENCE *My Lord and my Love—Bread of Life, nourish me. Pascal Lamb, restore me. Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, consume me as I consume You. Amen.* ©LPI

Our Weekly Parish Tithe

Kristen Lawson • kristen.n.lawson@gmail.com

This week's tithe goes to **Family Promise of Pickens County**. According to a 2023 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development report, South Carolina's homeless population was 4,053, including 520 homeless youth. Needy families in our community go without proper food and shelter every day due to factors including low wages, job loss, not enough affordable housing, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or divorce. Family Promise of Pickens County strives to meet the immediate needs of homeless families in crisis. Family Promise offers temporary housing for children under 18 and their families, helping families stay together. Additionally, their programs aid in job search, education, counseling, and childcare assistance, providing parents with the support and tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency. A portion of your generous gifts to our offertory collections will be shared with Family Promise of Pickens County. For information on how you can make a difference in the lives of needy families in our community, visit Family Promise's website at familypromisepickens.org.

Come... Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me... Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,

you did for me. – Matthew 25:34-36, 40

Faith Formation

Laura Witt • laura@saclemson.org

The closing program for our 2023–2024 Faith Formation classes is in just two weeks, on April 28. The students will be presenting our first school-wide Living Rosary with their families in attendance in Martin Hall. Our 5th graders will be stepping up into Youth Ministry and will be leaving our Elementary Faith Formation program.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for Vacation Bible School on June 4, 5, and 6, from 5:30–8:00 PM. Please contact laura@saclemson.org if you are interested in volunteering in any capacity. We will "launch kids on a cosmic quest" where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. We'll send our kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Watch for registration materials to be available soon.

Creation and Song

Jamie Dean · jamie@saclemson.org

Listening to the first reading of the Easter Vigil – the story of the Creation from the first chapter of Genesis – the final phrase of verse 16 stands out when read by a skilled lector: “and he made the stars.” That simple phrase always hearkens a memory from *The Magician’s Nephew*, the sixth book in C. S. Lewis’ “The Chronicles of Narnia.” In it, the great lion, Aslan, creates the world by *singing* it into existence. Lewis writes “Then two wonders happened at the same moment. One was that the voice was suddenly joined by other voices; more voices than you could possibly count. They were in harmony with it, but far higher up the scale: cold, tingling, silvery voices. The second wonder was that the blackness overhead, all at once, was blazing with stars... One moment there had been nothing but darkness; next moment a thousand, thousand points of light leaped out. If you had seen and heard it... you would have felt quite certain that it was the stars themselves who were singing, and that it was the First Voice, the deep one, which had made them appear and made them sing.” That a great Christian apologist such as Lewis used the imagery of a Singer as Creator testifies to the power of song. To quote from the US Catholic bishops’ 2007 document, *Sing to the Lord*, “Sung participation is the source from which the true Christian spirit is derived.” Food – or, rather, Music – for thought.

Cookies for Kairos – 150 Dozen Needed by Noon Wednesday, April 17

Deacon John is on the Kairos Presentation Team and needs support from our parish to contribute 150 dozen home-made cookies. The Kairos Weekend retreat for 36 Christian men incarcerated at Perry Correctional Institution in Pelzer is April 18–21. To help to bring these men to the table is the bottomless bowl of cookies and home-cooked meals brought in by local churches. Since many privileges for the other residents are suspended those four days, the team also gives a dozen cookies (with a Scripture verse in the bag) to all 800+ men, as well as all the correction officers at Perry on both Friday and Saturday nights. To that end, the Team needs almost 4,000 dozen cookies. Please consider baking 3, 6, or 10 dozen cookies to be delivered to the Parish Office by noon on April 17. This is a special ministry that serves some of God’s most forgotten ones.

Details are found at: <https://bit.ly/cookies-45>. **Boxed cookies, with contents marked on the outside, can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours.**

The following was written several years ago by Deacon John about a Kairos Retreat and is reprinted here to let you know the difference you are making in the lives of others.

IT WAS JUST A DOZEN COOKIES! *To most people it might be a favorite family treat, but I have seen God do amazing things with a dozen cookies. On a Kairos Weekend Retreat in one of the state’s correctional institutions, the men on the weekend have almost an unlimited supply of cookies during their four-day retreat. It is true that some men say they just come for the cookies, but by the end of the walk they have gotten so much more. But even more than that, these cookies reach every man in the institution. On Friday and Saturday nights of the Kairos Walk, the team members personally deliver a dozen cookies to every single resident in Perry with a Scripture verse in the bag with the cookies. Smiles, handshakes, exchanged blessings – truly special God moments. The last night of the weekend the residents that have been on the retreat are given three dozen cookies each, and they are drooling until they are told they cannot eat them. They have to give them away to three other men they need to ask forgiveness from or that they need to forgive. These cookies make things happen. One resident said it took three days to get enough courage to give them to another resident who was terrorizing him, but he did and that act of giving brought about their reconciliation. The Kairos weekend has been called by many the Cookie Ministry; I can live with that. If you are reading this while you are waiting for Sunday Mass to start (or if it’s Saturday morning while you are finishing up your cup of coffee), the Kairos weekend is actually going on right now. Please stop and take a moment to say a prayer for these men and the men on the team. And for the many talented bakers here at Saint Andrew, a special thank you for sharing God’s love and mercy by providing the cookies I was able to bring from you for this retreat. At the time I am writing this, I don’t know exactly how many dozen cookies that is, but if last spring is any indication, I am confident it is more than the 75 dozen minimum I was asked to bring. God bless you and yours, Deacon John*

Kairos Prayer Wheel, April 18–21

Besides cookies, **prayer** during the 72 hours of the weekend itself is critical. This year you can sign up online and receive automated email reminders. The sign-up link is currently open and up to 10 people can sign up at a given time slot, though you are encouraged to look for times not already covered. Just go to <https://bit.ly/perry-kairos-2024>.



Women of Saint Andrew Catholic Church & their friends – If you can throw a set of dice, you can play Bunco! This game is easy and fun to play. It’s a great way for us to see old friends and meet new friends. Entry fee is \$5, used for prizes. **Tuesday, April 23, 1:00–4:00 PM, Newman Hall.** Reservations only, by Sunday, April 21. To reserve your spot, contact Jane at jm7.sutter@gmail.com or 864-221-8477.

Baptism Preparation

Contact Deacon John Leininger,
864-903-0050 or john@saclemson.org

Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date, 864-643-2011 or mclellan@saclemson.org.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

Parish Prayer List

To have your prayer requests added to the parish prayer list, please contact Sandra Harbin at sandra_terry.harbin@yahoo.com or 864-885-9527 and leave a detailed message. If you would like to be part of the group offering prayer support, let Sandra know.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina

Many have already received a mailing from the diocese on this annual appeal. Otherwise, there are envelopes available in the vestibule, or if you would like to donate online, you may do so at <https://charlestondiocese.org/donate/>. Please be sure to select “Clemson, St. Andrew Church, 501” in the dropdown for parish. This will ensure your gift will be credited toward our parish’s goal of \$61,701, for this appeal. As always, *that* you give is more important than *what* you give.

Did Someone Say Art Contest?

Anyone is invited to enter. The parish bazaar committee is interested in artwork of our new church building for fundraising items to be made, used, and/or sold to support the good works of the parish. These include such items as notecards, post cards, ornaments, prints suitable for framing, and more. To that end, an art contest is being held. For all the contest details, please go to <https://bit.ly/sa-art-contest>. The deadline for entries is May 6, 2024.

Parish Giving

Thank you to all for your continued support of our parish. If you have not yet returned to in-person Masses and would like to send your weekly offertory envelopes directly to the office, please send to: **Saint Andrew Catholic Church
PO Box 112, Clemson, SC 29633**

To transition to our online giving option, go to www.saclemson.org and click **GIVE** in the navigation bar. Whether attending in person or not, by making your offering online, you continue to support our good works even if you are away. Any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy at nancy@saclemson.org or call 864-654-1757.



Saint Gerard Majella

Council 6884

Activities and Events

April 14, 2024



Grand Knight's Corner: My thanks to all the Knights that helped out at the Pendleton Spring Festival and the Area 13 Spring Games. We have several events during the next several months, including HOPE and our Special Olympics Golf Tournament. I am counting on everyone to step up and make these events a success. Council 6884 has been selected by the Knights' national organization for a pilot program to create beds for the needy in a program called "Sleep in Heavenly Peace." More about this effort in future bulletins. Vivat Jesus! Tom Zaverternik, Grand Knight < tgzavert@bellsouth.net

Columbus HOPE Campaign: We will continue the Spring HOPE Campaign at the WalMart in Seneca on April 19 & 20 and at Bountyland locations on April 26 & 27 Knights, please be ready to volunteer for several shifts when you are contacted. Also, you do not have to be a Knight to help with this project. Frank Kler < sgostate@gmail.com >

State Raffle Ticket Fundraiser: Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket this year. We had a record breaking year, selling 764 tickets. This level of sales will return \$1910 to our council to support our local charities. We have also applied for grants from the State Council for additional funding for our local charities. Good luck to all who bought a ticket as the winners will be drawn on April 6th.

Special Olympics Spring Games: Area 13 held their Spring Games at Southern Wesleyan University on April 12. Congratulations to all the special athletes that competed. Our Council cooked and served free hotdogs and provided water and soft drinks, for all participants. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this a great day for the athletes.

Special Olympics Golf Tournament: Our Golf Committee has started working on the tournament to benefit Area 13. It will be held at Oconee Country Club on Tuesday, May 14. Knights interested in helping and golfers interested in playing, should contact Jim Zaverternik 954.646.3903 or < jpzavertnik@aol.com > for more details.

Walhalla PAC Concert: Council 6884 will host a concert at the Walhalla Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 15, featuring Chi-Town Transit Authority. This is a rousing musical performance that benefits Knights' charities and features hits from the group Chicago. A patriotic preshow starts at 7 PM, so come early to enjoy every minute of this performance. For ticketing information: please call 864.638.5277 or visit < www.WalhallaPAC.com >

Sleep in Heavenly Peace: Council 6884 was selected by the Knights' national organization (Supreme) to pilot a "build a bed" program. Supreme is funding the build of 20 beds at \$250 per bed. We are partnering with the local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter to build the beds on May 18th. Tommy Davis is leading this effort for the council.

Safe Environment Program: All Knights that want to help at events on the parish campus must complete the Diocesan Safe Environment program. In addition, if you are handling funds, you are required to undergo a "soft" credit check. The council leadership encourages all Knights to spend the time and effort to get certified. Please contact Paul Hecht at Saint Paul's or Nancy Leininger at Saint Andrew's with your questions.

Become A Knight in 3 Easy Steps: We are always looking for Catholic men to join our ranks. Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community.

1. Register to become a Knight, go to <https://bit.ly/k-of-c1> 2. Watch the on-demand ceremony of Admission and Advancement, go to <https://bit.ly/k-of-c2> to view an orientation video. Provide the required information including our council number, 6884. 3. Come to a Council Meeting the first Thursday of each month at 6:45PM.

The Council Hall is located at: 112 E North 2nd St. Seneca, SC

"Get it right... become a Knight!"



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