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The Promise (Abraham and Sarah)
Renáta Fucíková (1996) :: Proper 14, Year C

From Fr Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's,

I hope you are doing well and staying cool.

A few days ago, Jim and I had the great fortune to take the dozens and dozens of sneakers, shoes and socks we all gathered up last spring and deliver them—at last!—to the wonderful folks at Abraham House in the Bronx. They were very grateful, indeed, for our generosity and our caring, and they thanked you all, very much.

This was my first visit to Abraham House, and Althea Brooks, the Executive Director, gave me a wonderful tour and got me more acquainted with all great work they do. Abraham House was founded by a small handful of nuns from Belgium who were working in New York as part of their vocation; some of

them worked as chaplains at Rikers Island. They saw a need to help people who were emerging from long periods of incarceration, and so they opened a small transition program in a single row house on Willis Avenue in the Bronx.

Today, their initial vision has grown and expanded. Abraham House now fills five contiguous row homes—20 floors, in all, of space and mission. They still provides shelter, training and support for people who are leaving prison ... and also, with the agreement of a criminal court judge, as a pre-trial 'diversion' program for others. There is a constant turn-over of residents. Some have been there as little as a few weeks, and one or two as long as two years.

Abraham House's mission, however, has grown far beyond this. Before COVID caused its suspension, they had an active after-school program for children. They have a bustling food pantry that assists hundreds of families in the neighborhood. There is a weekly Mass on Saturday afternoons, followed by a free hot meal. And, through its connection with Catholic Charities, AH assists with dozens of other programs throughout New York. (Althea mentioned that just this week, a call had come in seeking help with more than 500 Venezuelan refugees who had unexpectedly been brought to Catholic Charities' main office in Manhattan.)

Althea spoke warmly (and a little wistfully) about what a blessing Sr Mary Lanning had been for Abraham House. Dropping by often ... bringing bundles of things she'd gathered up in other parts of the city ... and just being with residents and families: a tangible presence of God in their midst.

As I was preparing to leave, Althea mentioned that they always face a need for warm winter coats, usually starting in early December. I told her that St Andrew's might be able to help out with this. Watch this space for details, as they say, but in the meantime, please hold onto any coats you may be thinking of getting rid of!

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 05 August :: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Tag Sale Day 1 (8:30 – 10:00, *Early Birds only (\$10)*)

Saturday, 06 August :: 9:00 am

Holy Eucharist: *The Feast of the Transfiguration* (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Saturday, 06 August :: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Tag Sale Day 2

Sunday, 07 August :: 8:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* (spoken)

Sunday, 07 August :: 10:30 am
Church School

Sunday, 07 August :: 10:30 am
Holy Eucharist: *The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost* (with music) (*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 07 August :: 11:40 am
Social Hour (outdoors, weather permitting)

Sunday, 07 August :: 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm
Tag Sale Day 3

Monday, 08 August :: 8:00 pm
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 10 August :: 4:00 pm
Officers Meeting

Wednesday, 10 August :: 6:00 pm
Midweek Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, 10 August :: 7:00 pm
A.A. for Women (*Zoom meeting; email us for info*)

Thursday, 11 August :: 7:00 pm
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 11 August : 7:00 pm
Al-Anon meeting (Old Vestry Room)

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

**Details about many of these events can be found later
in this issue of the *Epistle***

THIS WEEKEND: Aug 5, 6 & 7
The Tag Sale!

Sunday, 14 August
Festival of the Dedication of St Andrew's Church
Our current church building was consecrated in August 1827

by Bishop Thomas Church Brownell

Sunday, 11 September

Homecoming Sunday – One Eucharist, at 10:00 am

*Let's gather as one large family to kick off the new
'church year' and greet those we may not have seen in some time
Lunch will be provided following our worship*

Tag Sale 2022: It's That Time of Year Again!



The Tag Sale is back!! Things to remember:

The Sale is ***Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5, 6 and 7***

- 8:30 am – 4 pm on Friday
- 10 am - 4 pm on Saturday
- Noon - 2 pm on Sunday

Items for sale will be under a tent on the lawn, in the Parish House and the Rectory Garage

Masks and social distancing are requested

The proceeds of the Tag Sale support our Capital Fund. Please come out and help support this worthy cause—and bring a friend (or several)!!

Good News I: Susan Guse Now Our Director of Music



Those who worship at our 10:30 Holy Eucharist know how blessed we've been to have had **Susan Guse** as our interim Director of Music since the beginning of March. Her leadership of the choir, choice of music and talents as an organist have been real gifts to us.

We are delighted to report that Susan has now *become our new Director of Music!* She has signed a one-year contract that ensures she'll be with us at least through the end of Summer 2023. Susan is a wonderful musician, a wonderful colleague and a wonderful teacher. If you have an opportunity, be sure to thank Susan for agreeing to help us continue making beautiful music here at St Andrew's.

Good News II: The Rev Jeffrey Mello's Election as Bishop Confirmed



The Episcopal Church in Connecticut has been notified that our Bishop-elect Jeffrey Mello has received the required majority of consents required in the Church's canonical consent process. In giving consent to Jeff's

ordination and consecration, standing committees and bishops exercising jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church attest to knowing of "no impediment on account of which" he ought not to be ordained as bishop, and that his election was conducted in accordance with the canons.

Jeff was elected bishop diocesan at a diocesan convention on May 21. His ordination service is scheduled for October 15.

Memorial Service for Jim Brownell

A Memorial Service celebrating the life and the resurrection of Jim Brownell will be held in the Nave at 11:00 am on Saturday, 13 August. A light reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Jim's family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the St Andrew's Discretionary Fund, to help those in the Kent community who are in need.

Now on Fourth Thursdays: The Thursday Afternoon Club



The Thursday Afternoon Club, a fellowship group for all widows, is *now meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month*. Our next meeting is on **25 August**. We bring our own lunches and beverages to the porch of the Kingsley Tavern, 14 North Main Street, and gather for great conversation, mutual support and a good time. Please consider joining us.

What's Your Favorite Hymn? Help us Sing It This Summer!



In the Episcopal Church, we're truly blessed with a wealth of hymns. Well over one thousand hymns appear in our three main hymnals (and over 250 more in hymnals that are, sadly, little known). With such a feast spread before us, there are many hymns we never get to sing at all—perhaps some of your personal favorites.

In addition, many of us have come to the Church from other denominations whose greatest hymns aren't in our hymnals. You might sing or hum them to yourself from time to time, but we never get to hear them.

Well, this summer we're going to try to fix this! **Each Sunday, beginning 19 June, we'll sing a favorite hymn nominated by a St Andrew's parishioner** (with a little shout-out in the bulletin to whoever suggested it). You can nominate a hymn(s) by using one of the forms now in the Narthex ... or you can email Fr Douglas directly.

So, take that trip down memory lane, remember the songs you used to love to sing in church and let us all share in your musical joy!

EdAdvance: Offering Important Services to Adult Learners



Are you interested in completing the requirements for a high school diploma, studying for citizenship, learning or improving your English, or developing your math and reading skills? Anyone adult (18+) who lives in the towns that make up Region 1 (Canaan, Cornwall, Kent, North Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon) can take classes paid for by local and state

funds. There is no cost to the student for the class or materials. Classes are available in person at Housatonic Valley Regional High or online. Visit our website at www.edadvance.org/adulted, email adulted@edadvance.org, or call 860.567.0863 and ask for Adult Education.

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

We have now resumed all of our usual pre-COVID practices except the sharing of the Common Cup; we distribute the Wine in individual portions.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services.

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's new Social Services Director, Samantha Hasenflue. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Samantha's office in Town Hall or dropping it in the donations basket in the Narthex. (You can also place it in the

offering plate, marked for the Food Bank.)

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

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Lections for this Week

**The Ninth Sunday after
Pentecost**
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Isaiah 1:1,10-20
Psalm 50:1-8,23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
Luke 12:32-40



Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order
to view
past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays
located on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

Worship Services

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
(Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays)
In person
(10.30 a.m. available live
stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.



-Holy Days-
Holy Eucharist
9.00 a.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays

LGBTQ+ A.A. - **new**
(Parish House)

Wednesdays

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting
email us for info.

Thursdays

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)
A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)



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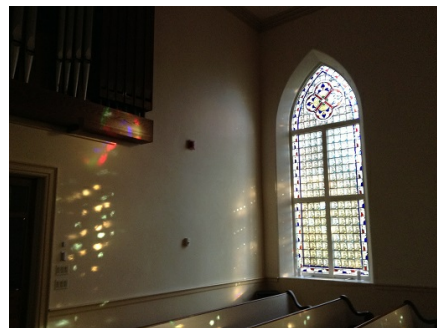
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