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**"Behold the Lamb of God":  
The Second Sunday After the Epiphany**  
*(Ottavio Vannini, 1585 - 1643)*

## From Randy DiPentima, Senior Warden

In preparing the senior warden's report for the upcoming annual meeting (February 5<sup>th</sup>), I have reviewed the minutes of the past year's vestry meetings. The minutes, so carefully and accurately kept by clerk Bill Dillon, reveal much of the many goings on at St Andrew's that are the result of your faithful service as active parishioners in myriad ways. They also reflect the dedication and often thankless hard work of our treasurer Steve Morocco and our assistant treasurer Andie Sehl. During Douglas' time with us over the past two-and-a-half years we have grown in self-sufficiency and community spirit—he has consistently sent the message that we the parishioners are the parish, and that we can and already do the work that needs to be done. As we near the end of Douglas' time with us, I ask of you two things: 1) to thank Douglas for what he has brought you in spiritual growth and liturgical, biblical knowledge; and 2) to be patient and forgiving (and perhaps generous with your time) as Katherine, I and, in fact, all the officers and vestry call upon you in the months ahead to maintain and enhance our parish life.

Many, many years ago I sang in a women's *a cappella* group—it enhanced my college years and locked singing into my soul for life. I have loved singing at St Andrew's beginning with Marty Holcombe, then Sharon Abner, then Tom Holcombe and now Susan Guse, whether in the pews as a congregant or in the back with the choir. Singing is a form of worship I cherish. Every Sunday, before the service, Susan leads the choir in prayer to thank God for the opportunity to lead the *congregation* in musical worship. This past Sunday I felt particularly grateful to be part of the choir because I felt the congregation was so much a part of the musical worship. Thank you, Susan and Douglas. February's first weekend will be busy at St Andrew's:

1. Speaking of singing in church, but not for liturgical purposes, on February 4, 2023, at 3:00 pm, our Music in the Nave committee has invited the Yale Whiffenpoofs to perform here. I urge you to attend to enjoy excellent and lighthearted *a cappella* singing.

2. There will be ***one service on Sunday, February 5, at 10:00 am***, with Canon Tim Hodapp as celebrant.

a. Immediately following the service, Canon Hodapp and Amber Page Gehr will inform those present of the details of the search for a rector

b. Immediately following, we will hold our annual meeting

c. And immediately following that, a light catered lunch will take place in the parish hall

I hope to have the service and Canon Hodapp's presentation live streamed and the annual meeting available by Zoom.

Finally, please gather for a farewell potluck for Douglas and Jim on Thursday, January 26, at 6:00 pm.

May the new year bring new energy and much joy.

## This Week at St Andrew's

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Saturday, 14 January :: 9:15 am  
Extra Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 15 January :: 8:30 am  
**Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*** (spoken)

Sunday, 15 January :: 9:15 am  
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, 15 January :: 10:30 am  
Church School

Sunday, 15 January :: 10:30 am  
**Holy Eucharist: *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany*** (with music)  
(*in-person and live-streamed*)

Sunday, 15 January :: 11:40 am  
Coffee Hour

Monday, 16 January :: 8:00 pm  
LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting

Wednesday, 18 January :: 6:00 pm  
**Mid-week Evening Prayer**

Thursday, 19 January :: 6:00 pm  
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, 19 January :: 7:00 pm  
A.A. meeting

Thursday, 19 January :: 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***

**Thursday, 26 January, 6:00 pm**

*Parish Potluck Supper and Farewell to Fr Douglas & Jim*

**Saturday, 04 February, 3:00 pm**

*Music in the Nave Presents: The Whiffenpoofs*

**Sunday, 05 February**

*One Eucharist at 10:00 am & the Parish's Annual Meeting*

## Parish Potluck & Farewell: Thursday, 26 January, 6:00 pm



Please mark your calendars! There will be a Parish Potluck on **Thursday, 26**

**January, at 6:00 pm.** St Andrew's will bid a fond farewell to Father Douglas and Jim. Bring your favorite dish to share. Wine and other beverages will be provided. Enjoy delicious food and fellowship as we lift a glass to toast them.

-- Katherine Almquist, Director of Hospitality

## Save the Date: Parish Annual Meeting, 05 February



On 05 February 2023, we hold our annual meeting. Please plan to attend. Canon Tim Hodapp and Amber Page Gehr of the Connecticut diocese will be with us, to start us on the path of calling a new rector. (We will *not* be searching for a priest-in-charge whose term as such would be limited to three years). The preliminary schedule on this Sunday following Douglas' final Sunday with us follows:

1. *There will be one service at 10:00 am*, at which Canon Hodapp will preside and preach.
2. Immediately following the service, Tim and Amber will address the parish about the rector search, the steps we will need to take and the support we will get from the diocese.
3. Immediately following that, we will hold our annual meeting, at which time we will elect a new class for the vestry, among other business.

Please make every effort to attend the 10:00 am service on February 5<sup>th</sup> and what follows. Most of us have a lot to learn about the process of calling a rector. In the meantime, your wardens and vestry will do their best to keep everyone informed.

## Music in the Nave Presents The Whiffenpoofs, Saturday, 4 February



Dear Friends,

Guess what? The fabulous Whiffenpoofs are coming to town! Be sure to catch them at St. Andrew's on Saturday, February 4th at 3 p.m.

Each year, fourteen Yale seniors become the new lineup of America's oldest collegiate *a cappella* group and perform more than 200 concerts around the globe, delighting fans with jazz standards, hits through the decades, and their famous Whiffenpoof humor. Let them entertain you!

Tickets are \$30 at <https://bit.ly/whif> and the door. For more information, call 860-927-3486, email [office.sa.kent@gmail.com](mailto:office.sa.kent@gmail.com), or visit [www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html](http://www.standrewskentct.org/mitn.html).

See you there!

Music in the Nave

Good News:  
FISH Transportation Is Restarting



Kent's volunteer transportation program has started up again.

FISH volunteers provide transportation to **medical and dental appointments *only, outside of Kent***; and to medical and dental appointments, the IGA, hairdresser, Food Bank, banks, etc within Kent. Medical appointments take priority over other kinds of rides.

FISH clients must be ambulatory and able to get in and out of a vehicle on their own. The volunteer drivers are all vaccinated and ask that users be vaccinated as well. FISH provides rides when family members, neighbors, the NW Transit District bus and other options are not available—and when volunteers are available. Rides are provided Monday through Friday before 5:00 pm and not on holidays.

**Rides must be scheduled as early as possible and definitely at least three-to-five days before the need. To schedule a ride, call Carol at Kent Fabrics at 860 927-3640. *The best time to call is a weekday morning.***

For longer and more distant appointments, FISH will encourage use of the Northwest Transit District Dial-a-Ride program (860-489-2535).

## 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!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street. You may also place donations in the basket in the church Narthex or in the bin in the breezeway at the rear of the Rectory.

## Lections for this Week

**The Second Sunday After the  
Epiphany**

Year A

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-12  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42



## 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.

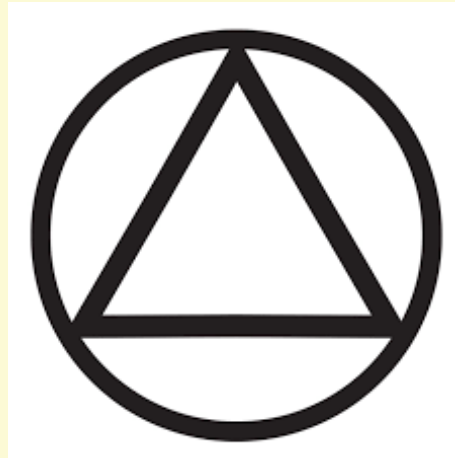




## 12 Step Meetings

**Mondays**  
LGBTQ+ A.A.  
(Parish House)

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



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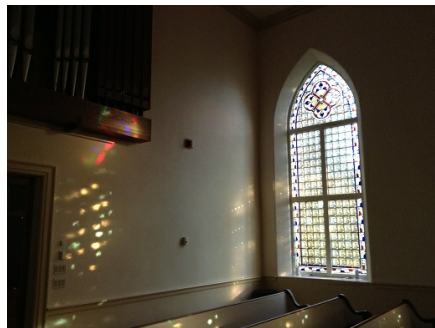
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Director of Education

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