



## Weekly Schedule

*Note: To attend any services please sign up beforehand  
with Irene Connors:*

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860.592.0030

Services are limited to 25 socially distanced attendees (with masks)

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Friday, 23 October	Prayer and Meditation <b>Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St James</i></b> Friday Night AA Group (Parish House) <i>Temporarily until First Church opens</i>	5:30 pm 6 pm 8 pm
Sunday, 25 October	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	8:30 & 10:30 am
Monday, 26 October	Book Study (Parish House)	7:30 pm
Tuesday, 27 October	Anti-Racism Group (Parish House)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 28 October	Bible Study (Zoom) <b>Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Simon and St Jude</i></b> AA Meeting for Women (Zoom) <i>email for info.</i>	4:30 pm 6 pm 7 pm
Thursday, 29 October	AA Thursday Morning Meeting (Great Room) Al-Anon Meeting (Great Room)	7:30 am 7:00 pm

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*Note: The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available  
live on YouTube  
which you can access  
through our website  
[www.standrewskentct.org](http://www.standrewskentct.org)  
or  
the Saturday Epistle YouTube Live Stream link*

## From Father Douglas



Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

It is neither novel nor overstated to observe that *all* of us are living in a challenging, difficult period. In normal times, over the course of a given day or week, when we ask people how they are doing, many will say they're fine, but only a few—perhaps those we're closest to or the most candid with—might volunteer that things aren't going that well. Since March, however, we have *all* been living under the pall of COVID-19: the threat it poses to our health, both individually and collectively; and the disrupting effect it's had on our lives and livelihoods—on some of the most basic patterns and activities of our lives. None of us, I'd venture, is doing 'fine.'

The pandemic has put many people's social lives on hold, which leaves them at greater risk for loneliness. This is a concern especially for older people and those whose health is compromised. Knowing they face a higher risk of developing severe symptoms from COVID-19, they choose to stay home. Without theatres, museums, shops and restaurant to frequent and with limits on visitors (for some), it's very possible to feel lonely or isolated. And these feeling can affect our physical health and may lead to the development

of some unhealthy habits.

Saint Andrew's would really like to help our parishioners and friends who may be experiencing any of these effects of living under COVID. Each week in the E-pistle we let you know about our services and classes that are available online, and everyone is always invited to join them. But we know that using the internet is a challenge for some people. If that's true for you, *please let me know*, and we will connect you to a parishioner who can help you.

We also know that for other folks, 'virtual' worship or 'Zoom' classes are not a substitute for personal contact. That is, after all, the way God made us: to be in regular, close contact with other human beings—not always at the other end of a screen or a phone. If you are feeling isolated from St Andrew's ... if you would like someone to talk to ... if you're able to have an in-person, socially distanced visit ... *please, please be in touch with me* I would like to do whatever I can to help you stay as closely connected to your parish family as possible, while we wait out this virus and the advent of a vaccine or treatment.

Jesus knew the power of human contact: He touched people to heal them; gathered crowds around Him to preach and teach; and ate countless meals with His disciples, with tax collectors and sinners, and, on occasion, with crowds of four or five thousand. In these times when we can do none of those things, I think He encourages us to do whatever *else* we can to make up for the 'touch' we have lost for the time being. Please let us know how St Andrew's might be the touch of Jesus for you, during this season.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Heather know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want

anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

## Fall Clean-up Day



**SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

*(come as long ... or as short ... as you'd like)*

Please bring rakes, tarps, bags, etc to help clean up the fallen leaves and enjoy some good times with parishioners in a casual, outdoor, masked setting.

Costumes are optional so reach in that closet and embrace your inner kid

A pizza lunch will follow at 12:30

We'll also be taking candid photos for the parish directory – so come by just for that, if you'd like!

**COME OUT FOR A FUN TIME FOR ALL**



## Suggestions Welcomed for Upcoming Parish Elections

At our annual meeting in January, we will elect four members of the vestry; a new junior warden; and delegates and alternates to the 2021 diocesan convention. If you would like to suggest any names (including your own) to the Nominating Committee, please provide them to Chris Rehkow, Charmian Place or Fr Douglas by *01 November*. The Committee will consider all of the names submitted as it compiles the slates for the election in January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charmian who is chairing this year's Committee.

## All Souls' Day: Remembrance of the Dead



On Monday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate an All Souls' Day Eucharist at which there will be a reading of the names of the faithful departed. These names will also be printed in the bulletin for All Saints' Day, which is Sunday, 01 November.

*If you would like to submit names of the departed, please let Fr Douglas know, by email or telephone. All names received by 01 November will be included in*

the All Souls' liturgy, but they must be received by *27 October* to be included in the printed necrology.

## Allhallowtide Liturgies

In the western church, All Hallows' Eve (31 October), All Saints' Day (01 November) and All Souls' Day (02 November) comprise Allhallowtide. The ancient origins of All Hallows' Eve seem to be pagan in nature—and, to be sure, Halloween has become thoroughly secularized—but it is also a night on which the Church explores human mortality and Christ's rendering that a moot issue for all believers. On All Saints', which falls on a Sunday this year, we celebrate the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ—that is, the Church—with special emphasis on those Christians who died on account of their faith (martyrs, for example). On All Souls', we celebrate *all* Christians who have died, and especially those known and beloved by the local parish.

This year, we will have a full rota of Allhallowtide services:

- **All Hallows' Eve — Saturday, 31 October at 7:00 p.m.** A unique service of some of the most dramatic non-Gospel readings in the Bible, as conceived by our own Ron Marasco ... followed by a quiet procession to the Close, where we will pray for God to protect and defend us as well as those who have preceded us in death
- **All Saints' Day — Sunday, 01 November, 10:30 a.m.** A festal service that will begin with a procession inside the church as we sing *For all the saints* and will dwell on the collective lessons we may glean from our predecessors in the faith, and particularly those who have given their lives for it (There will *also* be a Rite One spoken All Saints' service that day, at 8:30 am)
- **All Souls' Day — Monday, 02 November, 2:00 p.m.** A more contemplative mid-day spoken Eucharist which will include a reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Following the service, there will be a small reception in the church yard, adjacent to the Close (weather permitting)

## Church Open on Election Day for Prayer and Meditation

On Election Day, Tuesday, 03 November, the St Andrew's church building will be open to the public during polling hours (6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.) for prayer and meditation. We will read the brief offices of Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.), Noonday Prayer (12:00 noon), Evening Prayer (6:00 p.m.) and Compline (7:45 p.m.); there will be no preaching this day. Otherwise, the nave will be a place for silent prayer and reflection, and Fr Douglas will be present throughout the day to provide assistance or care, as any needs arise.

## Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Tree Sale

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to cancel our annual Christmas Bazaar this year. As with so many other cherished events, we did

not see a way to hold the bazaar in a way that was safe and responsible, both for our guests and our many volunteers. Next year!!

We will, however, be having our annual Christmas Tree Sale, beginning the Saturday after Thanksgiving – many more details to follow. We are planning to sell small items (such as ornaments) in addition to our fine trees. If you are interested in donating or making any items for sale, please be in touch with Marel Rogers.



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Camp Washington

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## ABOUT RON MARASCO



Ron Marasco, Ph.D., was a Professor for 27 years in the College of Communication and Fine Arts at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In addition to teaching in the Department of Theatre, he was a public speaking mentor, coached all the university's valedictorians, and developed a class in "public presentation" for up-and-coming attorneys at LMU's Law School.

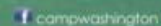
As an actor, Ron has appeared on dozens of TV shows—from West Wing to Bones to Entourage to Freaks and Geeks to, most recently, a long stint on Major Crimes. His book Notes to an Actor was given the American Library Association highest rating and named by them an "Outstanding Academic Book of 2008." Screen legend Kirk Douglas once said in an interview: "Ron Marasco's

Notes to an Actor is the best acting book I've ever read." His biblical novel The Dog Who Was There reached the Christian Bestseller List in 2017.

Ron now works as a private coach, both on-line and in-person. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Theatre from UCLA and is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Kent.

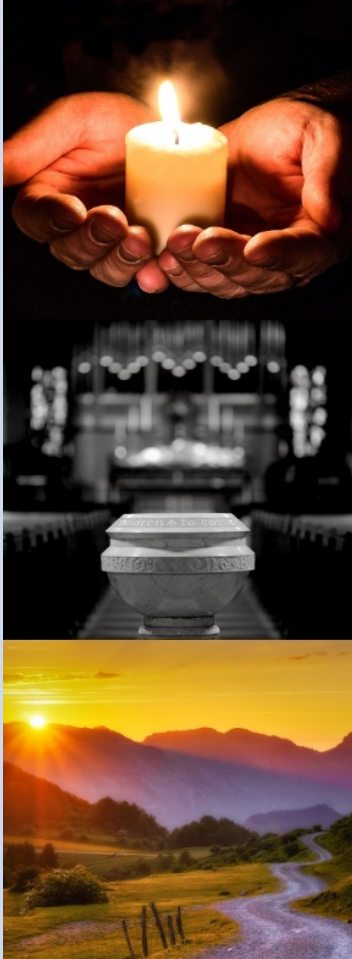
Please note that while at Camp Washington, we will be distancing, wearing masks, & washing hands. Plans for the day will utilize outdoor space whenever possible & safe alternative indoor space, if necessary. Your safety & health are of utmost importance to us.

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Discernment Opportunity





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# discerning my path

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An innovative, online community of holy listening, story, discernment, and spiritual practice to help **every** baptized person explore how God might be calling them to serve the world in God's name.

Zoom Informational Sessions:  
Monday, October 19 from 7-8 pm  
Saturday, October 24 from 9-10 am

For more information, contact:  
The Rev'd Marcus Halley  
Dean of Formation  
mhalley@episcopalct.org



More information can be found on the Website:  
<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/region-based-discernment-groups/>.

## Kent Food Bank



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

Kent Community Fund  
P.O. Box 262  
Kent, CT 06757

\*Remember to put Food Bank in the memo of your check.

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of our town's Social Services Director,

Leah Pullaro.

The Kent Food Bank is also taking food donations during this difficult time.

The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of:

*Staples such as beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna*

Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

You may drop off food items on Thursdays from 9.00 to Noon  
*in the back of the Community House on Main Street.*

*Please DO NOT come into the Food Bank, but leave outside the door.*

## Lectons for this Week

### **The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

*Proper 25; Year A*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18;  
Psalm 1;  
I Thessalonians 2:1-8;  
Matthew 22:34-46



## 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.

## Worship Services

### -Sunday-

#### Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;  
Healing Service at 8.30,  
Third Sunday  
In person  
for 25 people with masks at  
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.  
(10.30 a.m. available live  
stream on YouTube)



### -Wednesday-

#### Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)

### -Friday-

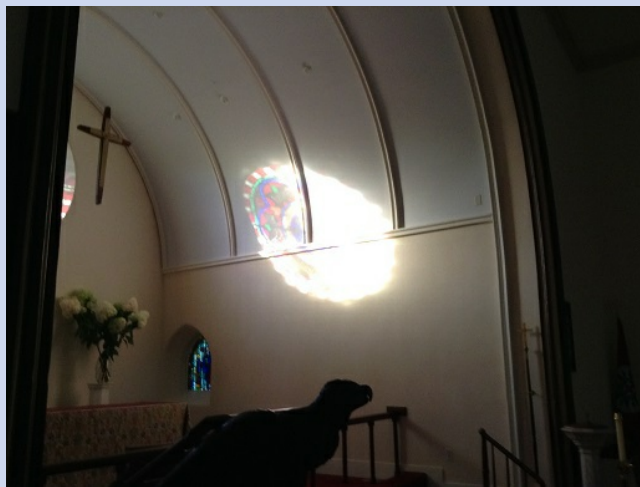
#### Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.  
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### -Holy Days-

#### Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.  
(25 people with masks)



## 12 Step Meetings

### Wednesdays

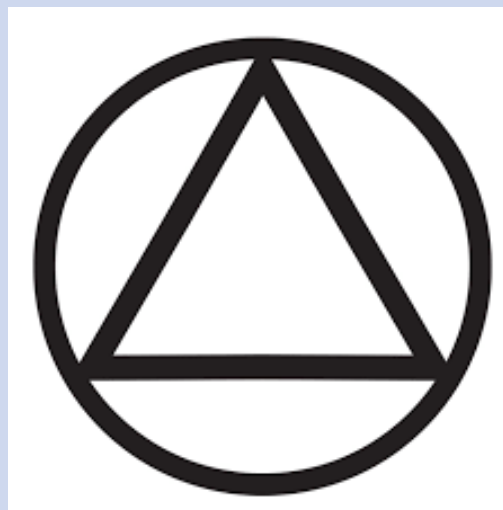
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.  
*Zoom meeting*  
*email us for info.*

### Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)

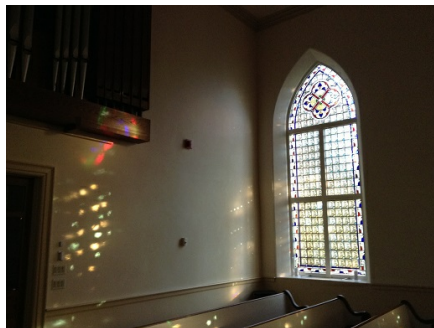
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)

*Suspended until November 12*



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