



## Father Douglas' Christmas Message

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

It's neither a sacred song nor one, I think, that's particularly well written, but "We Need a Little Christmas" from the show *Mame* keeps echoing through my head. If ever there was a year that we all needed a little Christmas, this is it! Yes, the decorations and the presents and the cookies may all help raise our bedraggled spirits—and there's nothing wrong with that!—but we also stand in need of a good solid reminder of God's unshakeable love of us; Christ's abiding presence right here, among us; and the Holy Spirit's unending care of us. We need to see that bright star shine once again in the Christmas sky ... and the good news is: The time is almost here! Alleluia!

The final blessing for Christmastide asks God, among other things, to brighten our hearts, to fill us with joy and the give us God's peace and favor. I can think of nothing better, or more sufficient, to ask for this (or any) Christmas, and so that is my Christmas prayer for our parish and for the whole world: that in the once-again arrival of the Christ Child, our hearts may be lightened, our spirits filled with joy and our lives imbued with the peace of God.

To each and every one of you I wish a blessed, joyous Christmas and a reflective, restorative Christmastide.

In the peace and love of Christ,  
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P S While they were busy recording all the incredible music for our Christmas Eve service, George Potts and the Choir also made this little present just for you. Be sure to open it!



## Weekly Schedule for 27 December

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

[collageconnors@gmail.com](mailto:collageconnors@gmail.com)

860.592.0030

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

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Thursday, 24 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> (online; bulletin on parish website)	9 pm
Friday, 25 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i> (online; bulletin on parish website)	10 am
Saturday, 26 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Stephen</i> (online)	6 pm
Sunday, 27 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i> (online; bulletin on parish website)	10:30 am
Monday, 28 December	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St John the Apostle &amp; Evangelist</i> (transferred) (online)	6 pm

Tuesday, 29 December

Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the Holy Innocents* (transferred) (online)

6 pm

Thursday, 31 December

Service for the Eve of the New Year (online; bulletin on parish website)

6 pm

Friday, 1 January

Holy Eucharist: *Feast of the Holy Name / The Circumcision of Christ* (online; bulletin on parish website)

10 am

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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*

## 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!

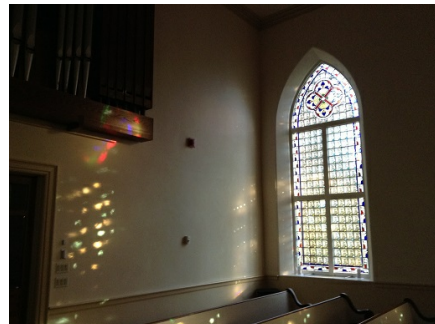
Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!

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.*

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