

E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish
Kent, Connecticut



Weekly Schedule

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

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

Friday, 25 September

Prayer and Meditation at 5:30 pm

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

Sunday, 27 September

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

*Note: The 10.30 a.m. Service is also available
live on YouTube*

*which you can access
through our website*

www.standrewskentct.org

or

the Saturday Epistle YouTube Live Stream link

Tuesday, 29 September

Holy Eucharist at 6 pm

Feast of St Michael and All Angels

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

Wednesday, 30 September

Holy Eucharist at 6 pm

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

AA for Women meeting at 7 pm (Zoom)

**email us for info.*

From Father Douglas



Dear people of St Andrew's parish,

There is no getting around it: We are a social people. In this time of pandemic, there are issues and griefs that only some of us bear, whether physically, emotionally, financially or otherwise. But every single one of us, I am willing to wager, is missing the free and frequent contact we were accustomed to having with other people just six or seven months ago. I am not a biologist, but I suppose that, over the millennia, we have been genetically 'programmed' to interrelate because our ancestors were more likely to survive when they banded together than when they isolated themselves. In some ways, the sense of loss and estrangement we may be feeling right now are biological reactions to our very unusual current circumstances.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be exploring and experimenting with ways to be 'with' each other as members of the St Andrew's family that are both safe and satisfying. We will continue to stream and record our 10:30 Sunday Eucharist each week, so that everyone can participate in the liturgical life of the parish. (If you need technical help accessing these services or the weekly online bulletins, please let us know in the parish office.) We have begun three study groups—a book study, a Bible study and a study of racism—that it's not too late to join, via Zoom. We are also beginning to think about

having virtual coffee hours and even weeknight suppers, with all participants safely at home, over Zoom. And finally, a small group of us has started thinking about the best way to provide pastoral care in times when a drop-in or bedside visit may not be possible.

My invitation to you: If you have a new or different idea for how we might 'be together' during these constrained times, please let me know. AND if, due to isolation, illness, grief or any other personal concern, you are feeling a need to 'be together,' *please* let me know that, too; we will work out the best way to make that happen.

We all, of course, hope and pray for the day when none of this will be necessary. In the meanwhile, let us use our connections, our resources and our imaginations to be 'with' one another safely, in the love of Christ our Savior.

May God continue to bless our parish, its people and their work.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Message from Presiding Bishop Curry





Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: What Did Jesus Do?

The following is a Word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and is also the text of his sermon at The Episcopal Church House of Bishops, which met virtually September 16, 2020. A WORD TO THE CHURCH September 16, 2020 The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry What Did Jesus Do?

[Read More](#)

St Andrew's Garden

St. Andrew's garden is closed for the season. Thanks to Marel for her assistance. We had a good season, our produce found its way to help feed many area seniors via social services. See you next year, all are welcome to help with the garden.

Jake Fricker
Garden Stewart

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, 04 October

Sunday, 04 October is the commemoration of St Francis of Assisi. Technically we will not observe that commemoration since it falls on the Lord's Day this year, but we will find ways to focus our worship that day on the beauty and wonder of creation, generally, and on the love and companionship we share with our domestic animals, more specifically. Two special events on that day you might want to be aware of:

First, following the 10:30 Eucharist, we will have a blessing of the animals in the church yard. (This will be COVID-compliant: no touching.) You are welcome to bring your pet(s) with you and sit outside for the service. Chairs will be provided, and we'll 'broadcast' the audio from inside the church over a speaker.

Second, our very own Tom Holcombe will be arranging a hymn for this day to include the names of as many of our St Andrew's pets as he can squeeze in. If you'd like to include your pet's name, please contact the parish office at st.andrew.kent@snet.net. (If we are over-subscribed, we'll hold a random drawing.)

Calling All Worship Volunteers!

We're in the process of firming up our roster of volunteers who serve at worship: greeters, readers, servers, etc. If you would like to be part of this ministry—either now or only after the pandemic is over (your choice)—and haven't already received a Google survey from Fr Douglas, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to include you.



Save the Date: Fall Clean-up on Saturday, 31-October

We will have our annual fall clean-up of the church and the grounds on Saturday, 31-October, so please save the date! More details will follow, but there is a rumor going around that costumes will be optional—so you may want to start thinking!

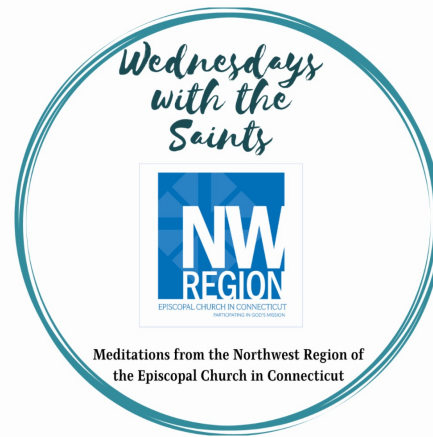


Wednesdays with the Saints

The Northwest Region of ECCT has a new Youtube Channel and is producing a *Wednesdays with the Saints* series, highlighting a saint on our calendar from the week!

Click on the video or [this link](#) to view the second episode in this Wednesday series. We hear from Lynn Curtis, sharing the lectionary and brief biography of Hildegard of Bingen.

Follow the NW Region on Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube!



Camp Washington

SAVE THE DATE: “Finding your voice” Workshop/Retreat at Camp Washington

A Day-Long Workshop/Retreat at Camp Washington focused on reading Scripture, Text, and Leading Worship in Church. Saturday, October 24, 2020, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

More information and registration to come!



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!

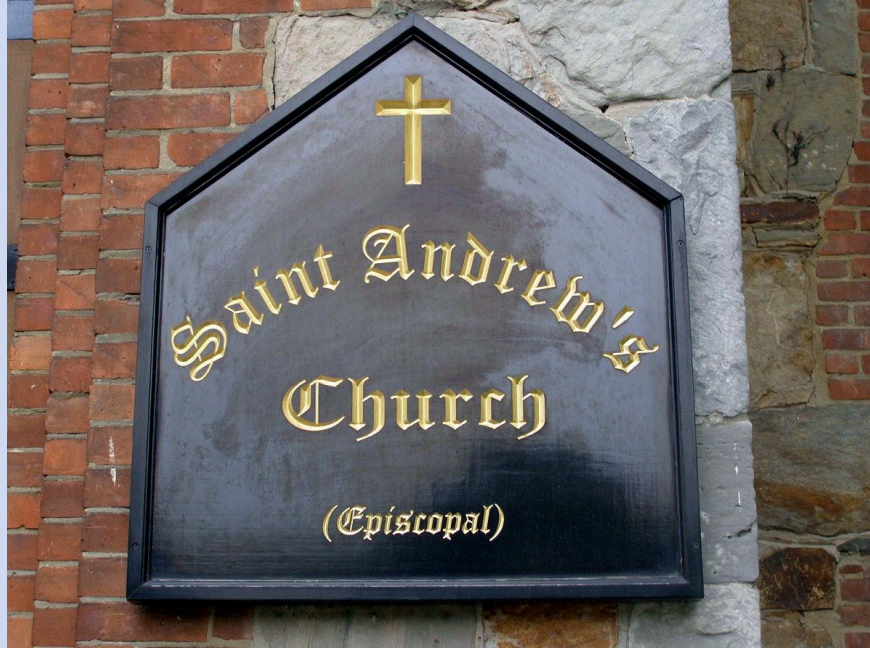
You may drop off food items on Thursdays
from 9.00 to Noon
*in the back of the Community House
on Main Street.*

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

Lectons for this Week

The Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost
Proper 21; Year A

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32
Psalm 25:1-8;
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32



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;
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.

(25 people with masks)

-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)

Resumed

AI-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Vestry Room)

Suspended

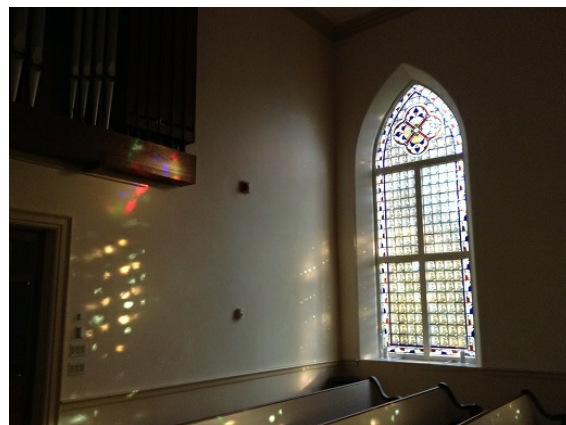
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