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Please Donate Shoes for Our Special Maundy Thursday Offering

St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

PARISH IS CLOSED, again. The Town of Kent is in red status on the [Connecticut COVID Data Tracker](#). Therefore, *all worship services will be livestreamed (and also recorded, for later viewing) on our YouTube account*. In addition, *all other parish activities will either be suspended or move to online-only*; participants in those activities will be updated separately. The parish will remain in closed status until both Kent and a majority of the surrounding towns are less-than-red for two successive Thursdays.

From Fr Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I pray you are having a blessed and holy Lent.

As we bounce between being open for worship and then closed, and as we consider, for yet another year, how to adapt our sacred liturgies to the demands of a tenacious virus, we're in a season for trying on new things. With this in mind, I'm asking us to try on a new practice for Maundy Thursday this year. Since we cannot wash one another's feet, let us instead **donate new shoes, sneakers and socks for homeless people in our region, which we will bless and symbolically 'wash' during our Maundy Thursday liturgy**. I talk about this in more detail in this week's video message, which you can view [here](#), or if you prefer, you will find an article about all this, below.

Please consider donating a pair of shoes or a package of socks as a final Lenten practice ... and a way of serving and bringing comfort to those who have so little.

Also this week, please also be sure to check out Randy DiPentima's thoughtful reflection on a meditation from Russell Levenson's *A Path to Wholeness*.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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Weekly Schedule for 7 March

Sunday, 07 March	Morning Prayer (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:30 am
Sunday, 07 March	Holy Eucharist <i>(live-streamed and recorded)</i>	10:30 am
Tuesday, 09 March	Anti-Racism Study Group (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 10 March	Mid-week Holy Eucharist <i>(live-streamed, and also recorded)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 10 March	Parish Visioning Team <i>(via Zoom)</i>	7:00 pm

NEW FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY: Shoes and Socks for Homeless People

For some, the foot washing we perform during our Maundy Thursday liturgy is a deeply moving ritual in which we imitate Jesus' washing His disciples' feet at the Last Supper. For others, it is an uncomfortable—even undesirable—moment they're glad happens only once-a-year.

Well, this year, whichever camp you may be in, we have good news for you! During this time of COVID, even if we are open for in-person worship during Holy Week, there is no way we can safely wash one another's feet. But we *can* still engage in a deeply moving ritual that echoes Jesus' tender example. **We are now collecting new shoes, sneakers and socks, for women, men and children**, which we will donate to agencies that serve homeless populations in our region. Before we donate them, we will **bless and ritually 'cleanse' them, during our Maundy Thursday liturgy** ... a symbolic act of washing the feet of those who are poor, hungry and without a home.

Please drop off new shoes, sneakers and socks at the parish house or the breezeway behind the rectory before **5:00 pm on Thursday, 01 April**. If you would like to place a short message of hope or love or happiness or inspiration

in the shoes or socks you give, it will make your gift that much more personal. Thank you!!

OUR LENTEN PRACTICE: Weekly Reflection on *A Path to Wholeness*

Our parish's Lenten practice this year, for those who wish to participate, is reading the daily meditations in Fr Russell Levenson's wonderful new book, A Path to Wholeness: A Lenten Companion. This week, Randy DiPentima shares her reflections:

My reflection this week springs from Meditation #18 of Levenson's *Path to Wholeness*. In the meditation, Levinson quotes from Frederick Buechner's work, *Wishful Thinking*, to urge us to think deeply about our vocation, our calling. The line from Buechner that strikes me in particular reads "[t]he place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world hunger meet."

For years I have told those who asked that I became a judge through a combination of serendipitous events, kind people and fortunate timing. I can't imagine being happier with my career path; my professional life has brought me "deep gladness." And I now say, when asked, thanks be to God.

But what about "world hunger"? How does my calling meet the needs of the world? To always temper justice with mercy? To rule without creating more despair and always with hope? That is the way of life I continue to seek—to do good works as God has prepared me to do.

EVERY WEEK: Live Morning Prayer on Sundays

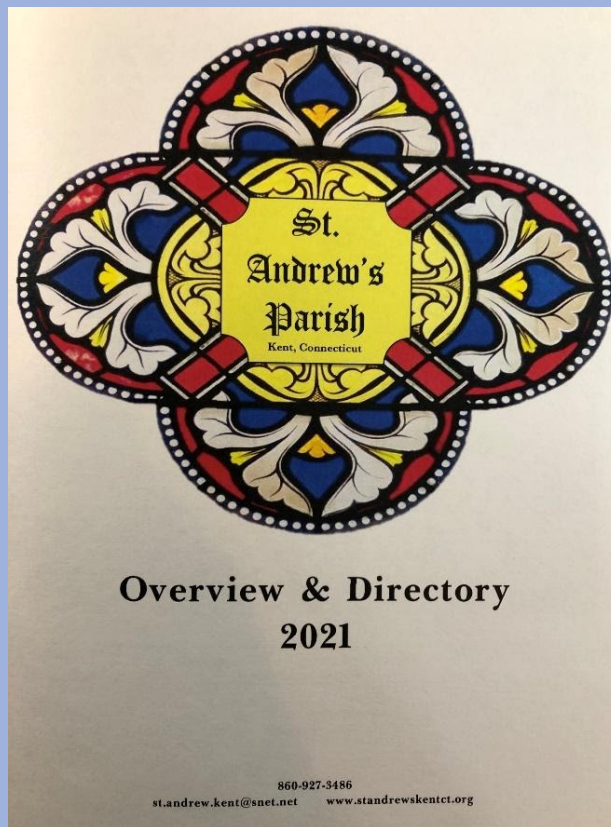
In order to avoid the 'gremlins' that sometimes terminate the live broadcast of our worship over the internet, in November, we moved to pre-recording all our services and uploading them to YouTube. We know, however, that for some parishioners, recorded worship is less meaningful. We also know that for some parishioners, spiritual communion—a service of Holy Eucharist without distribution of the consecrated bread and wine—is not a satisfying worship experience.

Therefore, **every Sunday, we will read the office of Morning Prayer, live, via Zoom, at 7:30 am.** This service will last about 30 minutes (a very brief meditation, but no sermon). We will then keep the Zoom session open for a while afterwards, so members can spend some time chatting with one another and with Fr Douglas, if they'd like.

The Zoom link for Sunday Morning Prayer is [here](#), and it will also be available through the parish web site and in the Saturday edition of the E-pistle. You can also obtain a copy of this week's Morning Prayer readings at both of those places, as well.

You will need a *Book of Common Prayer* for this service. If you do not have one, please contact Fr Douglas, and he will be happy to get one to you.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: New Parish Overview and Directory



We are delighted to announce the new edition of the St Andrew's Parish Overview and Directory—refreshed, revised and fully updated—has been printed, and copies are in the mail to every household in the parish, underwritten by a generous contribution from an anonymous donor. Keep an eye out for it in your mailbox.

HUGE thanks to Candace Conard, Lynn Perry and Laura Filippi who gave countless hours to this immense project. It would never have gotten done ... let alone so handsomely ... without them. Thank you!!

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE: The Phenomenon of the 'COVID Wall'

[This article](#) came up recently during a roundtable discussion. It's not spiritual or even Christian, but it names something many of us might be feeling, a year into COVID-19: pandemic fatigue. You may want to give it a quick read.

And if there's anything in your own experience of COVID that you'd like to talk or pray about, Fr Douglas is available, anytime.

FROM THE DIOCESE: Lenten Quiet Day



Saturday March 27, 2021 9 AM EST
[Lenten Quiet Day at Camp Washington](#)

Join us for a time of reflection and renewal in the midst of your Lenten journey. Our time together will be held outside in the chapel (weather permitting) while observing all physical distance guidelines. The day will consist of four sections: Each presenter will offer a reflection/meditation followed by an activity such as journaling, discussion, walking, and other hands-on activities. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy after the program. There is no charge for this program however registration is required.

[Click Here For Tickets](#)

All Recovery Meetings Are *Suspended*

While the parish is temporarily closed, all recovery group (AA and Al Anon) meetings have been suspended. They will resume when we re-open.

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 Laura 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

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.*

Lections for this Week

The Third Sunday in Lent

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Exodus 20:1-17;
Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22



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.

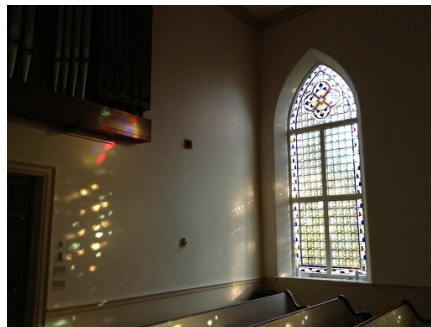
Thursdays
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)
suspended
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)
suspended

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
suspended



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