

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, 30 October	Prayer and Meditation Friday Night AA Group (Parish House) <i>Temporarily until First Church opens</i>	5:30 pm 8 pm
Saturday, 31 October	Fall Clean up Day <i>Pizza Lunch to follow</i> All Hollows' Eve Service	9 am -12:30 pm 7 pm
Sunday, 1 November	Holy Eucharist <i>All Saints' Day</i>	8:30 & 10:30 am
Monday, 2 November	Holy Eucharist: <i>All Souls' Day</i> Book Study (Parish House)	2 pm
Wednesday, 4 November	Bible Study (Zoom) AA Meeting for Women (Zoom) <i>email for info.</i>	7:30 pm 4:30 pm 7 pm
Thursday, 5 November	AA Thursday Morning Meeting (Great Room) AA Anon Meeting (Great Room) <i>Suspended till Nov. 12</i>	7:30 am 7:00 pm
	Prayer and Meditation	

*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*

From Father Douglas




Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me." Ps 23:4

This weekend—even as we **remember to turn our clocks back on Saturday night**—our liturgy carries us to a topic that some of may not feel comfortable with: those who have died. We will have three liturgies over three days. (You can find all the details appear later in this E-pistle.) On Saturday evening, we will begin by confronting our natural human fear of mortality and end in the assurance of eternal glory Christ graciously provides us. On Sunday morning, the Saints of the Church—those who have died for their faith and those whose faith has occupied their earthly lives in exemplary ways—will be the focus of our festal All Saints' Day Eucharist. And on Monday afternoon, at our Eucharist for All Souls' Day, we will remember and pray for loved ones who have departed this life and are seated at the banquet of God that Christ has prepared for us in heaven. (The 10:30 liturgy on Sunday will be streamed and recorded, as usual. We will record the Saturday night and Monday afternoon liturgies, as well, and then post them to the St Andrew's YouTube channel.)

Some of us may be uncomfortable with these liturgies for very personal



reasons. Our grief may be fresh or unresolved or even overwhelming. Perhaps it feels too soon to 'let go' just yet—however long it has been. Or maybe we still feel remorse or upset concerning our loved one or the circumstances of their death. And for some of us, the death of one so close to us may feel shattering, as if we haven't quite been able to put the pieces of our life back together again. The pain and grief a loved one's death causes are normal and natural, and the fact that we feel them in no way diminishes our faith or our joy that she or he now lives in the Resurrection of Christ. Prayer, however, can help, and during our All Souls liturgy we will pray by name for many of those who have died. We do this not because they need our prayers in any existential sense, but because they continue to be in communion with us. They remain actively engaged with us, not only in the memories we hold, but as fellow members of the Church in Glory in which we *all* participate and rejoice.

Some of us may be concerned that these liturgies are rather fanciful or even inappropriate. Why should we include the Saints in our prayer life? This skepticism is rooted in sound Anglican theology and doctrine. We do not pray *to* or *through* the Saints. (A piece of liturgical trivia: We "worship" God in Three Persons, but we say "devotions" to the Saints, if we do anything at all. Our tradition does not countenance the worship of anyone other than God.) As Christians, we have a full, clear and sufficient pathway to God, in Christ, and our prayers require no one to intercede or to bolster them. We can, however, pray *with* the Saints. Like our loved ones who have departed this world, they are in full communion with us. If, having admired their sacrifices in this life or having been buoyed by the lives they led, we feel drawn to them, it is perfectly appropriate for us to ask them to join us in our prayers ... much as we might ask prayers of a close friend, a priest or our parish. God hears even the faintest, weakest prayer, but there is a certain spiritual power and courage, even, that comes when many join in the same prayer.

Whether these traditions or these ways of thinking about the departed are new to us or are baked into the spiritual rhythm of our lives, I hope you will consider, if you are able, partaking in one or more of our liturgies this weekend. Regardless, I encourage us, over the next few days, to reflect upon and prayer over all the saints who have gone before us.

"I am Resurrection, and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in Me shall have life, even though he die." John 11:25

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Fall Clean-up Day



TOMORROW, 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



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.

A National Service for Healing and Wholeness

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will lead a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral, *Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness*, on All Saints Day, November 1, at 4:00-5:30 p.m. EST. In the midst of a pandemic, racial reckoning and a historic election, the live-streamed service will gather Americans for prayer, song, lament, hope and a call to love God and neighbor. The event will be simulcast in English and Spanish.

In addition to Bishop Curry's sermon, the service will include reflections from Father James Martin, a noted Roman Catholic commentator on American life and values, and Valarie Kaur, an inspiring Sikh author, filmmaker and civil rights attorney. The gathering will be officiated by Washington's Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Cathedral Dean Randy Hollerith and Reverend Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop.

Prayers for the nation will come from leaders like Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core (IFY); Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Rabbi Shoshana Conover of Temple Sholom, Chicago; and Shane Claiborne, speaker, activist, and best-selling author. Music from The Coro de la Cathedral of Christ Church Cathedral-Indianapolis and Washington National Cathedral will help to lift and open hearts.

A live prayer hotline in English and Spanish will be open during the service, staffed by Episcopal clergy and chaplains, in partnership with TryTank at Virginia Theological Seminary and General Theological Seminary. The hotline will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST from November 1 to November 5.

You can participate by navigating to [www.https://episcopalchurch.org/holding-hope](https://episcopalchurch.org/holding-hope) on Sunday, November 1, at 4 pm EST.

From the Stewardship Committee

We are well into our annual pledge season, and we have received just under 1/2 of the pledges we are hoping ultimately to receive. As with last year, we started the Canvass early in autumn, yet we very quickly approach the close of the Canvass. Help us stay on track as a parish community - if you have not yet made a pledge for 2021, please make and

send one today. Do what is comfortable for you in this challenging time.

We look forward to 2021 and the shared joy, solace and fellowship we each find in being part of our St. Andrew's parish family.

Thank you.

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)

All Souls' Day: Remembrance of the Dead

On Monday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate a more contemplative

spoken Eucharist which will include a reading of the names of all the faithful departed. If there is someone whom you would like to have remembered at this service, please give (or send) Fr Douglas the name by *Sunday, 01 November*. While it is too late to include additional names in the printed remembrance, we will be honored to include them in our prayers on Monday.

A Note from Our Treasurer

Dear Parishioners,

This note is written to see if there might be a volunteer to spend about 1 to 2 hours per month providing an important function to the parish. Each month, between 15 and 30 numbers need to be matched between two separate church accounts. Once a match is made, you simply put a check mark on a page and move onto the next numbers to be matched.

In order to test yourself to see if you are qualified, here's a quick quiz. Find two numbers in this string that match:

\$200.05; \$301.04; 440.34; \$1,201.05 and \$200.05.

If you correctly answered that \$200.05 was a match, you are totally capable of doing this necessary work. (For the record, as Treasurer, I am forbidden to do this matching as it is a "separation of duties" issue.)

If you think you can spare 1 to 2 hours per month, on your own schedule, then please send a note to Christine Beer at beercm@gmail.com, to let her know.

Thanks for your attention and consideration of this volunteer opportunity.

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!

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 Rehow, 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.

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.



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

All Saints' Day
Year A

Revelation 7:9-17;
Psalm 34:1-10, 22;
I John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12



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.

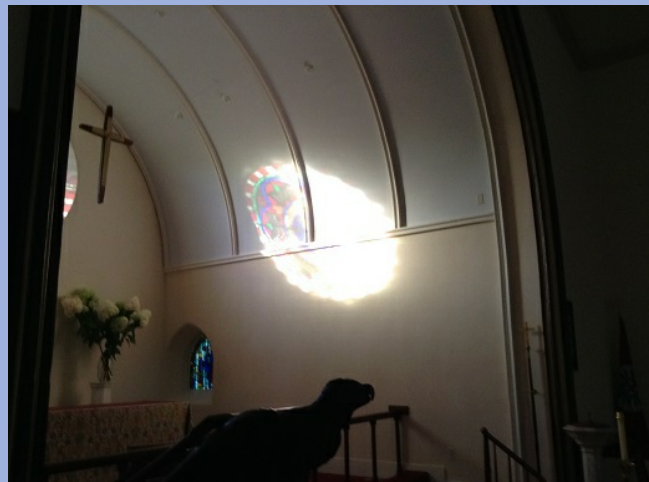
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-Friday-

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)

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)
Suspended until November 12



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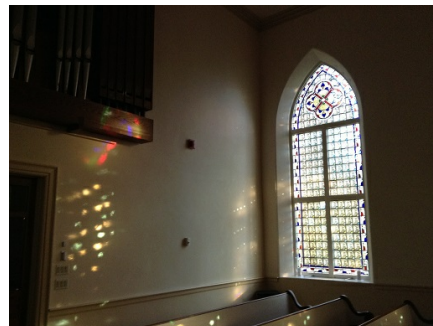
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