



Weekly Schedule for 8 November

*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, 6 November	Prayer and Meditation Friday Night AA Group (Parish House) <i>temporarily until First Church opens</i>	5:30 pm 8 pm
Sunday, 8 November	Holy Eucharist	8:30 & 10:30 am
Tuesday, 10 November	Anti-Racism Group (Parish House)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 11 November	Holy Eucharist AA Meeting for Women (Zoom) <i>email for info.</i>	6 pm 7 pm
Thursday, 12 November	AA Thursday Morning Meeting (Great Room) Al-Anon Meeting (Great Room) <i>resumes on this day</i>	7:30 am 7:00 pm
Friday, 13 November	Prayer and Meditation	5:30 pm

*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,

Uncertainty. It is one of the most challenging circumstances for us to deal with. If something good happens, we know how to rejoice and be thankful ... to cherish the moment. If we receive bad news, we can begin to think through our options and decide how to deal with it. We tend to be action-oriented people. While we'd rather respond to good news than bad, even with bad news, the very act of responding begins to process of healing and adjusting. It gets us on our way.

I am writing this column at mid-day on Wednesday, when we find ourselves, as a nation, in yet *another* great uncertainty. As if a global pandemic, with its medical mysteries and as-yet unknown prevention, and its attendant economic disruption—restaurants, shops and other businesses seem headed toward more restrictions, after a summer of increasing normalcy—were not enough, we don't know who will be president come next January ... or even *when* we will know that. (Getting all the votes counted is the first step. Then come the inevitable objections that both sides will raise.)

We ourselves cannot resolve this uncertainty, but there are several things we can do to help cope with it. For one thing, we can **restrict our exposure** to it. Events will happen over the next few days (and weeks) whether or not we are watching them hour-by-hour or downloading updates every fifteen minutes. Reading a daily newspaper (in-hand or online) or listening to a daily newscast keeps us as up-to-date as most of us need to be, most of the time. Why compound our stress by keeping up with every minute (and often

inconsequential) detail in real time?

For another thing, we can **talk about the uncertainty** we're feeling. I tend to get 'in my head' a lot. I think about things ... game out probable scenarios ... anticipate other people's reactions ... and sometimes get myself all wound up. But if I share my concerns with someone else, the very act of talking about them shows me they're less dire than I'd convinced myself they were. And getting someone else's perspective is often a healthy antidote to 'self-think,' or at least reassures me that I'm not going through this all by myself.

Finally, I suggest **prayer**. That's not surprising, is it?! Ideally, we share our entire lives with Christ in prayer, and moments of crisis are usually right at the top of our prayer list—and so they should be. But I'll offer a suggestion: Instead of (or in addition to) praying about this uncertainty from a posture that seeks human certainty ("Dear God, let this be over soon" or "Loving Jesus, please, please let my candidate win"), offer the *uncertainty itself* up to God. Open your arms and your heart to Christ and tell Him how stressed the uncertainty is making you; ask Him to relieve your burden. In truth, Our Savior already bears your pain, and when we lift it up to Him in prayer, it lightens the load we feel. It also calls to mind the fact that whenever and however this present uncertainty resolves, that, like everything else in this world, will happen under the grace and in the mercy of our All-loving God.

Whatever the days ahead may have in store: Turn off the TV, put down the device. Phone a friend, write an email to a family member, get in touch with your priest. And pray ... pray for your own uncertainty, for your own stress ... and know that He holds you as you hold them. And His hands are big enough for all of that, and much more.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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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.

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.

Computer Help is Available



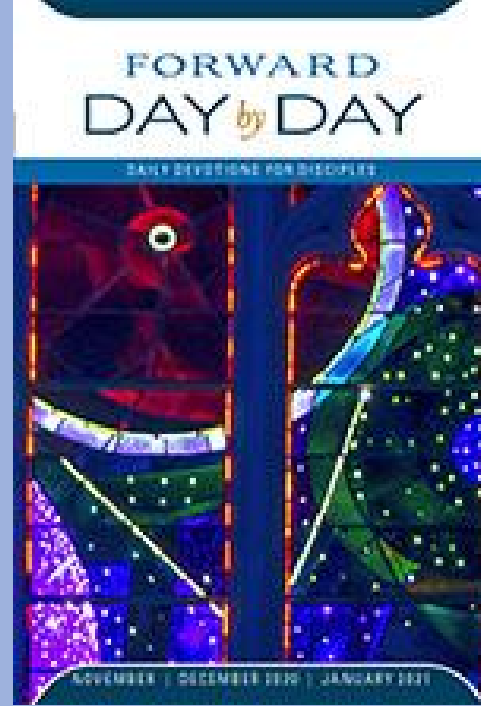
If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Heather know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure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

Forward Day-by-Day Booklets Available

The parish subscribes to the quarterly booklet called *Forward Day-by-Day*. Published by Forward Movement, which is affiliated with the Episcopal Church, *Forward Day-by-Day* contains daily inspirational

meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage. The passages are chosen from the Church's lectionary readings, either for Eucharist or the Daily Office, as listed in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

If you attend worship in-person, you can pick up a new booklet every quarter in the narthex. If you would prefer, we would be happy to mail you a new booklet each quarter. Just let Heather know, and she'll add your name to the mailing list.



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

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27, Year A

Amos 5:18-24;
Psalm 70;
I Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13



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)

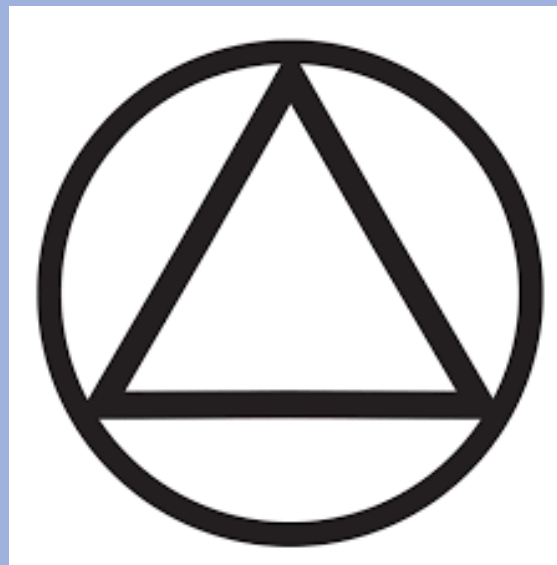


12 Step Meetings

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)

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)
Resumes this Thursday, 12
November



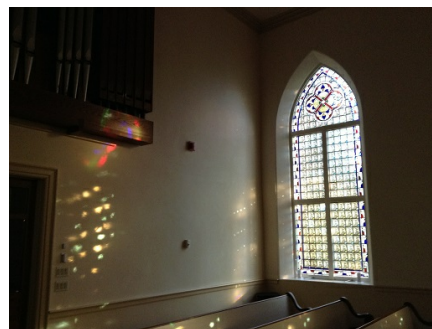
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