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Service Schedule

-Sunday-
Holy Eucharist
8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.
Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;
Healing Service at 8.30,
Third Sundays

-Wednesday-
Holy Eucharist
6.00 p.m.

-Friday-
Prayer & Meditation
5.30 p.m.

Holy Days as announced.

Calendar

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 5 February

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

Accepting donations for Yes! Solutions (Parish House) 7:30-6.00 p.m.

Thursday, 6 February

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)

Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room)

Accepting donations for Yes! Solutions (Parish House) 8:30-6.00 p.m.

Friday, 7 February

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Accepting donations for Yes! Solutions (Parish House) 7:30-8.00 p.m.

Volunteer Gathering for Yes! Solutions Valentine's Day Event to help organize donations (Parish House) All welcome! 6.00-8.00 p.m.

Saturday, 8 February

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)

Kristin Rekow's Memorial at 11.00 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church, NYC

Sunday, 9 February

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, 11 February

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, 12 February

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m.

Wed. 5, February
Donations accepted for
Yes! Solutions
7.30 a.m. -6.00 p.m.
Parish House

Thursday, 6 February
Donations accepted for
Yes! Solutions
8.30 a.m. -6.00 p.m.
Parish House

Friday, 7 February
Donations accepted for
Yes! Solutions
7.30 a.m.-8.00 p.m.
Parish House
&
Volunteers organizing
donations for Yes!
Solutions
6.00-8.00 p.m.
Parish House

Wed., 26 February
ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, 5 April
PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, 12 April
EASTER SUNDAY

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.
A.A. for Women

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

Parish Staff

Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of
Choirs

Margie O'Brien,
Director of the Children's
Choir

Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator

Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary

Bill McLaren,
Sexton

From the Properties Commission

Dear Parishioners,

As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the Rectory is undergoing some construction which is why you see the dumpster in the driveway. Now that the Rectory is empty, Properties has begun to analyze the building for needed upgrades and repairs since the last renovation was 20 years ago. The first change is to take the heating from oil to propane and the Vestry has approved that portion of the work. Construction has started and should be complete in 3-4 weeks' time. After completion we will project a budget for refurbishing the rest of the house. We will keep you posted as the work progresses.

Respectfully,
Charmian Place

Lent Madness

A New Program for Lent

Many of you are familiar with the organization Forward Day by Day and have used their booklet for your readings during Lent or at any other time of the year. You have undoubtedly heard of March Madness. But did you know there is Lent Madness? Visit www.lentmadness.org and/or read on!

If your new to this wacky online devotion, here's how Lent Madness works: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. Unlike professional and collegiate sporting events, there is no admission cost for Lent Madness, but souvenirs and study aids are available in the Lentorium. The Saintly Scorecard: The Official Guide to Lent Madness 2020 is now available as are Bracket posters.

Lent Madness officially kick s off **Ash Thursday, February 27**. There will be 10 copies of The Saintly Scorecard available at our first meeting, and we can get more if more people want to join!

That first meeting will be **Sunday February 16th at 9:30**. Yes, before Ash Thursday but this is to figure out when everyone can meet conveniently. If you are interested but can't make that meeting, email **Marel Rogers** (marelrogers@yahoo.com) for online negotiation. From Tim and Scott's postings all voting is done online, so our meetings during Lent will discuss the saints posted that week and our impressions of them. Voting is up to you.

See you on the 16th!

Memorial Service for Kristin Rehkow

A Memorial Service
for

Kristin Rehkow

will be held this

Saturday, February 8th

at

Calvary Episcopal Church

61 Gramercy Park N, New York, NY

at 11.00 a.m.

Reception to follow

Here is the link for Kristin's Memorial.

Please RSVP

on the link below:

[Kristin's Memorial Service Information](#)

The Annual Reports for 2019

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 26 January 2020, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on

[Annual Report 2019](#)

From the Junior Warden

It has come to the Vestry's attention that we need to be more diligent with updating our prayer list. Recently, a name remained on the list for several weeks after the person had passed away. In this E-pistle are directions about the Prayer List during this time of transition. Highlighted in red are suggestions on how we may maintain the Prayer List more effectively. We never want to remove someone when they should be in our prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to anyone on the Vestry or Heather and we will answer.

Respectfully,
Charmian Place

The Prayer List During the Time of Transition

During the transition time, Heather Scofield, our Administrator, will be maintaining the parish Prayer List. Please call her and ask

her to add names to the list, remembering to tell her at which service --8.30 or 10.30-- you would like the prayers offered. **And please remember to let her know when she may remove the name(s). Except for the names we know to keep on the Prayer List on a long term basis, we will remove names after 3 months and ask that you resubmit if the names should remain.**

You may also write to Heather at st.andrew.kent@snet.net Please be sure to provide her with a telephone number so that she may be able to ask if she has any questions.

We remember the faithful departed during the week after their deaths, and on those Sundays when you ask for their names to be included.

Sr Mary Lanning's Valentine's Day Event-February 8

Sr Mary always points out that the Three Loneliest Holidays for the homeless and the poor are Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day, when these people may have no one with whom to observe the day or may not have the means to do so. Therefore, her Yes! Solutions and the Street Corner Gourmets Thanksgiving dinner to some 2500+ on the streets of New York; hand out blankets and warm weather gear and food stuffs just before Christmas; and Valentine's Day sweets as well as comfort items (Chapsticks, &c.) early in February. And, it is now time for the Valentine's Event.

Donations are now being received in the NE corner of the Great Room in the Parish House:

Sweets (cookies, candies, brownies) packed in individual sandwich bags; comfort items (small packs of Kleenex, chapsticks, hand sanitizers, feminine products, &c., also packed in individual sandwich bags); and, as always, hard-cooked eggs, decorated if possible.

There is also a need for quart and gallon ziplock bags!

The Parish House will be accessible for donations:

Wednesday - 7.30 a.m.- 6.00 p.m.

Thursday - 8.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

&

Friday - 7.30 a.m.- 8.00 p.m.

(Please do not bring in the eggs before Friday, 7 February) and please put them in the refrigerator in the kitchen. Please do not cook them before Thursday if possible. Please do not leave them in the Great Room!

Soft hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens are also welcome donations, but please --no coats, jackets, or blankets as they are too bulky.

If you purchase in bulk or are not able to bag your donations in the small bags, volunteers will take care of this!

And so ...,

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

to help ready the donations for Karen Bussolini

(860.927.4122) and

to drive them down to NYC on the 8th.

Sarah Marshall (860.927.4246) is also helping to organise the evening.

Please come to the Parish House from

6.00 - 8.00 p.m. on

Friday, 7 February,

and lend a hand, join the fun!

Altar Flower Memorials for 2020

Please click the link below if you would like to make requests for Altar Flowers Memorials in 2020.

The Altar Guild requests a \$50 donation for each Sunday, but any amount greater or less is gratefully received.

[Altar Flower Memorial 2020](#)

Refreshments after the 10.30 a.m. Liturgy

There is a sign-up sheet on the pass-through into the kitchen for volunteers to be responsible for both brewing the coffee and bringing light refreshments.

Included with the sign-up sheet are Instructions on "How to do Coffee Hour"

with where to find supplies and instructions for coffee brewing...makes it really easy!!

During the time of transition between rectors, Coffee Hour is an especially important time for members of the parish to be together: please help by bringing in some coffee cakes, cookies, &..., to make the social time more enjoyable!

EVENTS in the NW REGION of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH in CONNECTICUT

St Andrew's Parish in Kent is one of the 28 congregations of Episcopalians worshiping in the NW corner of Connecticut. Our new Missioner, Dylan Mello, has begun to publish a bulletin that advertises events of interest, open to all, in these places, and we will notify you of at least some of them.

A Request from *FISH* 'Friends in Service Here'

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
FISH is very short-handed ...***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(new number: 860.539.9957)
if you can help!***

A Prayer for Change

This prayer has been used several times since this summer at Eucharist and several of you have asked that we reprint it again. It was developed by The Women's Prayer Circle of St John's Church in North Guilford, as a reflection on the state of the world and how to bring God's love. Their hope is, as more people and churches use and share it, the prayer will create an energy that will be a force for loving change.

A Prayer for Change

*Loving God,
You have made the whole of human life in your image;
each one of us shaped in love.
Your goodness is ever-present within us all.
But, there is so much evil and pain in our world,*

*it comes at us from every direction.
Teach us how to rediscover Your love within us,
to use that love as a force for good.
help us to turn our hearts toward the world in hope,
Praying for each other, regarding each other as treasure.
Join us all together in prayer, that we might be the light which darkness can never
overcome;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.*

Homily

***Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read***

Reverend Mark Nordskog's Homily for 2 February

click on [Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The Fifth Sunday after
the Epiphany
9 February
Year A**

***Isaiah 58.1-9a, 9b-12
Psalm 112.1-10;
I Corinthians 2.1-16;
Matthew 5.13-20***

At nearby Camp Washington
190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
860.567.9623

JOIN ME: SECOND SUNDAY @ CAMP
WASHINGTON

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: RETELLING SCRIPTURE

Cracking open Scripture together and reliving
the holy mystery of Communion.

**sunday, february 9, 4PM - camp
washington, 190 kenyon road, lakeside**

Join Maggie Breen, NE Region Missionary & Fr.
Brett Figlewski, St. Paul's, Bantam: come and see,
come and experiment, come and experience
together a new way to read, hear & inwardly digest
Holy Scripture.

SECOND SUNDAYS at Camp Washington at 4.30 p.m.

Guest clergy will offer a short program, followed by worship and then a simple meal, at Camp Washington on the second Sunday of the month. Those interested are asked to make reservations at 860.567.9623. and a \$10 donation for the meal is welcomed.

Further information is available at campwashington.org

A request from those who count the collection monies:

The counters ask us to help them by tagging our cheques so that they are certain as to how to receive them: as Pledge, as donations to the Capital Fund, donations to the Discretionary or Mission & Outreach Funds, etc.

Please remember that the loose offering on the first Sundays of the month

... is given to the Parish Discretionary Fund for those in any kind of need.

The Quality Thrift Shop

... at The First Congregational Church is very much an effort of the whole of our community to provide affordable clothing and household necessities to those who need them. Members of St Andrew's Parish and of Sacred Heart Church help out there, and more help is urgently needed! Whatever hours you can give will be appreciated, and so please call 860.927.3287 if you are able to assist!

Kent School Guild of Change Ringers



The ten bells of St. Joseph's Chapel at Kent School are hung for **change ringing**, a form of bell ringing first popularized in England during the 17th century. Ringers memorize striking patterns and practice putting them together into compositions.

- Guild practices are held the second and fourth Sundays of the month,¹ from 3-5 pm.
- Guild members also regularly travel to towers throughout the Northeast,² and occasionally overseas.³
- All levels of experience and ability are welcome! New ringers can join any regular practice.
- Contact Matthew Austin, Tower Captain, with any questions: austinm@kent-school.edu.



¹ Thanksgiving and Christmas occasionally intervene.

² There are ~48 towers in North America, 14 on the Northeast corridor.

³ There are ~5000 towers in England: in recent years guild members have rung towers in Amersham, Birmingham, Exeter, London, Oxford, Radley, Shiplake, and Worcester, among other locations.

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

This month, The Kent Food Bank is especially in need of
coffee, tea, sugar, nuts,
hot & cold breakfast cereals, canned soups,
canned or bottled fruit juices.
Please remember that the Food Bank accepts
pet foods as well!

Also: the Bank is interested its selections for personal care including supplies for adult incontinence, soaps, toothpastes, feminine products, etc.

Donations may be dropped off in the basket in the narthex, to the left of the

doors. And please: do try to make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past!