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This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

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www.standrewskentct.org

The Episcopal Church in Connecticut
www.ctepiscopal.org

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

Thursday, 26 March

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office Open 10.00 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Call or email only**
Tai Chi at 10.00 a.m. (Parish House) **Cancelled**
Al. Anon. at 7.00 p.m. (Vestry Room) **Suspended**

Friday, 27 March

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m. Cancelled

Saturday, 28 March

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

Sunday, 29 March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.**
Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. **Cancelled**
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.**

****Pease note: Morning Prayer with Rev. Lisa Hahneman**

will be available on YouTube and through our website
www.standrewskentct.org

Tuesday, 31 March

Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

Wednesday, 1 April

Holy Eucharist at 6.00 p.m. Cancelled
Lent Madness at 5.00 p.m. (Vestry Room) Online only
A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Parish House) **Suspended**

Letter from the Wardens

Wednesday, 4 March
March 4-April 8
Lent Madness
Online only

Sunday, March 22
The Kent Singers
Songs of the
British Isles
3.00 p.m.
****Rescheduled for**
June 14 at 3 p.m.
St John's Episcopal
Church in New Milford

Sunday, 5 April
PALM SUNDAY

Thursday, 9 April
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Potluck at 6 p.m.
Service at 7.30 p.m.

Friday, 10 April
GOOD FRIDAY
Sister Mary Lanning
Preacher at Noon
TENEBRAE
at 7.30 a.m.

Sunday, 12 April
EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, 3 May
Wykeham Consort
Concert
4.00 p.m.

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

Dear Friends,

We are experiencing unprecedented times but our faith and love for each other will see us through this. Much has been posted on social media and of course from our Bishops through the ECCT Media and they have ordered parishes to suspend worship for the time being to help with mitigation of the coronavirus in the state. This suspension will likely include Holy Week and Easter but to be confirmed at a later date. If any important additional information should be communicated, we will send out a special E-pistle as needed.

Now is also a good time to go to our website for updated information...George always keeps it au current. If you go to the website, you will notice that this week he posted:

For the benefit of our parishioners and potential "virtual attendees" who would like to hear the word while St Andrew's is closed, please know you can go online to the Washington National Cathedral and attend services that are being broadcast online from there.

The website is: <https://cathedral.org>

Our YouTube posting of last week's morning prayer was a success and we shall continue accordingly. Our weekly recording and accompanying bulletin will be on the website and also distributed by a Special E-pistle.

And posted this week is a video representing what is happening every evening at 8:00...bell-ringing with the church interior softly lift as a beacon of hope to Kent and the whole world. If you need fresh air at that time of the evening, it is truly inspiring to see in person...always with social distancing in mind. Our thanks to Ron Marasco and his merry band for doing this every evening. Please see below a shout out in the COVID 19 Update 4 letter from the First Selectman. She didn't specifically mention St. Andrew's but we are front and center!

Lastly is "An order of service for making your Spiritual Communion." This was passed on to us from a couple of friends of the parish. It originated from a parish in Washington DC...a very comforting way to celebrate at home.

In these uncertain times please keep in mind those unable to get out and those at risk. St. Andrew's doesn't have to "learn" how to be compassionate because that's what/who we are. This is a very good time to connect, by phone even, with those you haven't communicated with in a while. Don't be shy about calling friends if you need anything or just need hearing a friendly voice. That's what our Parish Community is all about.

Stay safe,
The Wardens

"Finally, I'd like to offer a small distraction.

For the past couple of evenings from 8:00 to 8:02pm, we've started a nightly community bell ringing. South Windsor started this a couple of weeks ago, and when I read about it, it immediately spoke to me. When I opened my window at Town Hall these past few nights at 8:00, it is a glorious sound to hear the churches in town, the schools further out, then all the many growing numbers of smaller bells - and even a couple of car horns tonight. :)

It has given me a sense of true community spirit; the feeling that even though we can't be physically near, we all are letting our neighbors know we're out there still close by.

I invite us all to join each night, whether to participate or listen, and share your photos and videos on social media."



we're all listening.

Tonight, and every night from 8:00 to 8:02, ring a bell - or whatever you have - to let your Kent community neighbors know that you are close, even in this challenging time.

**Post to your social media!!
#kentbelltogether
#bellsforkent**

Spiritual Communion



**A service order for making your spiritual Communion
for when you are unable to attend Mass.**

The Introductory Rites

Recite the following Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 80: 17

He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Sign of the Cross

Make the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Penitential Act

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned. I firmly intend, with your help, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

The Collect

Pray:

O God, who in the most wonderful Sacrament of the Altar has left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

Or

John 14:23

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."

Or

John 15:4

Remain in me, as I remain in you.
Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

After each intention make a pause then say:

Happy are those who are called to your supper, Lord.

Joyfully we make our prayer to Jesus Christ, the bread of life, and
we say:

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, on
the altar of the cross you offered a perfect sacrifice to the Father:
Teach us how to offer it with you.

Lord Jesus Christ, king of peace and justice, you consecrated
bread and wine as a sign of your self-giving: unite us as victims to
yourself.

Lord Jesus Christ, obedient always to your Father's will,
throughout the world the Church renews your offering from the
rising of the sun to its setting: unite in one body those who share
the one bread.

Lord Jesus Christ, as the manna came from the heavens, you
nourish your Church with your body and blood: in the strength of
your food we will walk in your paths.

Lord Jesus Christ, unseen guest at our banquet, you stand at our
door and knock: come to us, fill our hearts with your truth and
stay with us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Make the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Easter Altar Flower Memorials

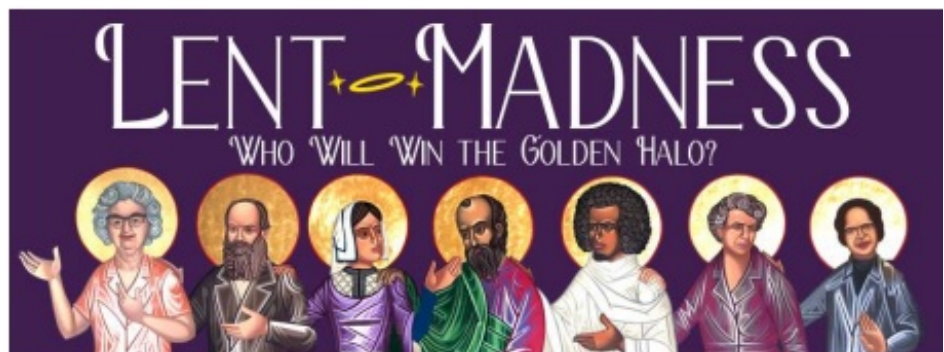
Please email the office if you would like to make requests for Altar Flower Memorials for Easter Sunday. The names will be included in a special Epistle to honor their memories.

You may also send requests to:

***St. Andrews, P. O. Box 309, Kent, CT 06757.
Requests need to be in by Tuesday, April 7th.***

st.andrew.kent@snet.net

Lent Madness



Lent Madness Has Begun!

In light of the Bishops' proscription, Lent Madness has retreated to The Cloud. Madness Mavens should

continue to vote online and cheer for the saints who are marching into the Sacred Sixteen this week. In lieu of our Wednesday meetings please email Marel (marelrogers@yahoo.com) with pithy comments or "reply all" to the daily email and let us all know your thoughts on the Candidates du Jour.

Stay well and enjoy the opportunity to pray read, garden, listen to music or binge watch!

Marel Rogers

Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. With its unique blend of competition, education, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saints over the generations.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a single elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout Lent. Here's how to participate: 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 coveted 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.

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. This year's saints include heavyweights such as Patrick, Harriet Tubman, Clare of Assisi, Hildegard of Bingen, Joseph, and Jude, along with many lesser known yet equally inspiring people of faith.

St. Andrew's participants will meet on ***Online***. Votes will have been cast online by then and our meetings will discuss the saints we voted for or passed over. Holy Eucharist or Evening Prayer will follow at 6 pm. We could all have dinner after the service if there's more to talk about!

Those who signed up last week have their Saintry Scorecards but we'll be happy to share with anyone who wants to attend. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

www.lentmadness.org

Coffee in the Commons Podcast



COFFEE HOUR AT THE COMMONS

is a podcast where faith meets daily life over a cup of coffee and casual conversations. Modeled off of the eighth sacrament of the Church, the Coffee Hour, your hosts Alli and Jasree, sometimes joined by guests, will engage in a variety of topics. All conversations center around hearing the stories of how people live out their faith in their lives.

Listen to the latest episode below!

<http://www.coffeehour.org/>

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

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***

[click on Homily](#)

The Lections this Week

**The Fifth Sunday
of Lent
29 March
Year A**

*Ezekiel 37.1-14;
Psalm 130;
Isaiah 55.6-11;
John 11.1-45*

Needed by The Kent Food Bank

**The Kent Food Bank is taking both monetary
and food donations
during this difficult time.**

**If you would like to send a check to help,
please send to:**

**Kent Community Fund
P.O. Box 262
Kent, CT 06757**

**Remember to put Food Bank in the memo.*

**At this 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!***

***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!

***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.***