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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

Thursday, 2 April

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, 3 April Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m. Cancelled

Saturday, **4 March** Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Choir Room)*Cancelled*

> Sunday, 5 March The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday

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

**Pease note: Palm Sunday with Rev.
Stephen Klots
will be available on YouTube and through
our website
www.standrewskentct.org

Tuesday, 7 April
Parish Office Open 10.00 - 2 p.m.
Call or email only

Wednesday, 8 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

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

Letter from the Wardens

Dear Friends,

As we continue with Social Distancing in these unprecedented times, our faith brings us comfort. Much has been posted on social media from the Governor's Office and of course from our Bishops through the ECCT Media. With the directive to continue with Social Distancing through April 30, we will not resume with services in the church until at least the beginning of May. 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 current. 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 And our YouTube posting of last week's morning prayer and weekly recordings, with accompanying bulletin, will be on the website and also distributed by a Special E-pistle. Also included on the site are links to NWCT Regional Church News.

In an effort to reach out particularly to those at risk and are unable to get out, the Vestry has each taken a page from our directory and telephoned our local parishioners to touch base and make sure they are not in need of anything. Frankly, it was as much for our sense of well-being as for the folks we contacted. 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.

As we are keeping so many in our prayers during these uncertain times, please make note of how to add names to the Prayer List. Our celebrant for video services will add those names during the service.

Lastly, if you are in need of fresh air at 8:00 every evening, a stroll by the church to hear the bell-ringing with the interior softly lit, is quite inspirational. Our thanks to Ron Marasco and his merry band for making this happen.

Stay safe, The Wardens

Letter from the Treasurer

St. Andrew's Financial Condition During the Coronavirus Shutdown

Fortunately, our parish is in solid financial condition.

Joan I. Cassel Financial Secretary

> Bill McLaren, Sexton

Randy Osolin, Verger We need, however, to remind everyone that funds from our congregation's weekly donations and yearly pledges have declined due to our Church's closure.

I and the entire vestry are grateful, as always, for your continued financial support of St. Andrew's. At this moment, your contributions are more crucial than ever if we are to continue to operate and provide social outreach during this difficult time and into the future.

During the closure of St. Andrew's, we are encouraging people to mail their contributions because it is the safest way to maintain social distancing. If you want to have your donation go towards a specific purpose, please label it as such. St. Andrew's mailing address is:

St. Andrew's Parish P.O. Box 309 Kent, CT 06757 (860.927.3486)

Again, we so appreciate any offerings you are able to give.

Stephen Morocco, Treasurer

From Webmaster George Potts

Parish member Kristin Phelps has a great idea!

We would like the members of our worldwide St Andrew's Parish to share stories of how we each have been spending our time during the current pandemic:

Where are you spending your quarantine?

How are you keeping busy?

What are you reading?

What is the biggest change you are experiencing?

Are you attending any online services, both here and worldwide?

Please email your stories to George Potts at gpotts@snet.net and he will upload them to the parish website so that we can all see them. All of them will be viewable once the page is published at https://www.standrewskentct.org/membersblog.html

The Prayer List

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, that 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.

Easter Altar Flower Memorials

Requests need to be in by Tuesday, April 7th.

Please email the office if you would like to make requests for Altar Flower Memorials for Easter Sunday.

The names will be included in the Easter Service Bulletin sent through the Epistle to honor their memories.

You may also send requests to:

St. Andrews, P. O. Box 309, Kent, CT 06757.

st.andrew.kent@snet.net

The 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.

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.

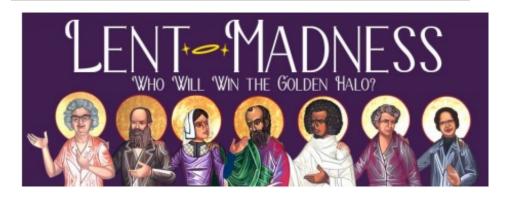
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Concluding Rites

Make the Sign of the Cross:

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

Lent Madness



Lent Madness ends on the Wednesday of Holy Week (8 April) with the winner awarded the Golden Halo. Thanks to all who added their presence, thoughts and votes to our first venture into this Lenten journey.

Marel Rogers

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 by clicking on

<u>Annual Report 2019</u>

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 Reverend Lisa Hanhneman's Homily for 29 April

click on **Homily**

The Lections this Week

The Sunday of the Passion Palm Sunday 5 April Year A

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-16; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 21.1-11