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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

Saturday, 8 June
Memorial Service for

This Week & Weekend at St Andrew's

Wednesday, 5 June

Holy Eucharist for Wednesday in Easter VII
at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Thursday, 6 June

A.A. at 7.30 a.m. (Parish House)
Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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

Friday, 7 June

Prayer & Meditation at 5.30 p.m.

Saturday, 8 June

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)
Memorial Service for Jim Perkins at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 9 June

Holy Eucharist at 8.30 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal at 9.30 a.m. (Nave)

Holy Eucharist at 10.30 a.m.

Coffee & ... at 11.30 a.m. (Parish House)

M&O Meeting at Noon (Library)

Tuesday, 11 June

Parish Office open 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 12 June

Holy Eucharist for the Feast of St Barnabas
at 6.00 p.m.

A.A. for Women at 7.00 p.m. (Great Room)

Tara's Ordination

*It is a pleasure to be able to announce that
Tara Shelpey,
our Seminarian Intern last year,
is to be ordained a
Deacon*

Jim Perkins
at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 9 June
The Day of Pentecost
*If possible, please plan to
pray the Lord's Prayer in a
language that you know
other than English.*

M&O Commision Meeting
at Noon (Library)

Sunday, 16 June
Bible Study at 9.30 a.m.
(Library)

Saturday, 22 June
NW Region Convocation
(Trinity Conference
Center,
West Cornwall)
10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, 23 June
Vestry Meeting at Noon
(Library)

Sunday, 30 June
**Setting-Up of the
Tag Sale**
at Noon

Monday, 1 July
**Donations to the
Tag Sale begin to be
received.**

Saturday - Sunday
26 - 27 October
Diocesan Convention
Connecticut
Convention Center
(Hartford)

Twelve Step Groups

Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

A.A. for Women
(Great Room)

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

Parish Staff

The Revd Roger B. White,
Rector

Thomas W. Holcombe,
Organist & Director of

in Christ's Holy Catholic Church
on
Saturday, 29 June
at 3.00 p.m.
at Christ Church Cathedral,
at the corner of Church & Main Streets, in
Hartford.

All are invited!

The Mite Boxes

**Please know that the monies collected in
the mite boxes that many in the parish
used during Lent have been counted and
deposited, and that \$831.52 were gathered.
Bethania Kids, the Lutheran charity for
children in South India, and the Kent
Community Fund have each received
cheques in the amount of \$415.76.**

***Many thanks to all of those who
contributed through their mite boxes, and
to George-Ann Gowan and Marel Rogers
for helping with the counting and
wrapping of all the coins!***

**From George Potts,
Our Webmaster**

Dear Friends and Members of St Andrew's Parish,

As most of you know, our new parish website can be found
at www.standrewskentct.org. It contains a great deal of
information regarding St Andrew's!

In an effort to make sure the new site is both straightforward
and responsive to the Parish's needs, we want to make sure that
the most important information you may need there is available
quickly & easily.

Last week, you received an email with a link to
a very brief online survey -- along with instructions regarding
how to submit your responses. The 10 questions will take no
more than 2 to 3 minutes to complete, and your answers will be
used as the basis for future website improvements.

Please note that you will not need to share any personal

Choirs

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

**Heather Scofield,
Parish Administrator**

**Joan I. Cassel
Financial Secretary**

**Bill McLaren,
Sexton**

**Randy Osolin,
Verger**

information in order to complete the survey; all of your responses will be received and tabulated anonymously.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could complete the survey's questions as soon as possible. Once the results are reviewed, we will let you know of the changes we have made in a future edition of *The E-pistle*.

Respectfully,

George Potts

To date, more than 50 members and friends of the parish have taken the survey, and we are most grateful for their help! If you have not yet taken the survey, there are still a few more days in which to do this before George Potts begins to process the results.

From the Rector

Dear Friends,

We have entered the Ascensiontide, the final few days of Easter season, the ten days prior to the Day of Pentecost. Last Thursday was the fortieth day of Eastertide and was therefore Ascension Day, the commemoration of Jesus' final departure from his disciples' sight, after which they began to know his presence in new ways. In the Scriptures, 40 stands for 'a while'. Therefore the forty days after the Resurrection when the disciples saw and heard Resurrected Jesus was 'a while'. (And, the 40 years that the Hebrews were in the wilderness after their freedom from slavery in Egypt was 'a very long while'.)

Ascension Day is often overlooked because it always occurs on a Thursday, and Ascensiontide itself can pass pretty much unnoticed because it is so short, only ever contains a single Sunday, and is part of Eastertide anyway. But for St Augustine of Hippo, Ascension Day was 'the feast of feasts', the feast that is the culmination of all of the other feasts. It is the conclusion of the cycle that began on the Feast of the Annunciation (25 March) the year before, when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and announced that she would bear the Son of God.

Christmas Day is precisely nine gestational months later and is part of the sequence that then continues with the ritual circumcision of the infant on the appointed 8th day of his life (the Feast of the Holy Name on 1 January), the appearance at the manger of the Magi on the Feast of the Epiphany (6 January), and then the commemoration of the adult Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan River on the Sunday after the Epiphany. Forty days before Easter, we begin Lent, the commemoration Jesus' forty days ('a while') of temptation in the wilderness, followed at once by Passiontide, the commemoration of his final entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, his final meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, his arrest and crucifixion on Good Friday, and his Resurrection on Easter. The forty days of his post-Resurrection appearances

conclude with Ascension Day, when he in the flesh returns to the realms whence he came.

This whole fourteen-or-so-month cycle is about the insistence that God entered this world in human flesh, grew to a maturity as a human being, was rejected by (and suffered at the hands of) other human beings, experienced death, and then rose to new and changed life as human beings are called to do. God chooses when possible to be known in this world in and through human beings, in and through the human beings whom Jesus' words and actions move and inspire: human flesh is capable of embracing Divinity; and when its course in this world is run, it has the vocation in Resurrection to come into new and changed life with God in other realms. It, too, 'ascends' ... somehow, somewhere outside of time

And so I find myself more and more agreeing with Augustine: Ascensiontide is the culmination of a cycle that begins the year before and is the necessary preface to the season that begins each year on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples empowering them to proclaim the truth of Resurrection, of new and changed life and living. We have a purpose and a future --thinking and speaking and acting, in memory of Jesus Christ; and, coming more and more fully, in all that we are, into the presence of God.

The Feast of feasts, indeed

Faithfully,
Roger+

And please remember that on the Day of Pentecost, 9 June, we are hopeful that people will come to church wearing something red --reminiscent of the flames of the Spirit which descended up the first apostles on that day-- and also come prepared to pray the Lord's Prayer in a language other than English. When the Spirit descended, those first apostles found themselves able to speak in languages other than their own, to proclaim to entire world the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is always moving to hear a wonderful clamor of English, Spanish, Tamil, etc., etc., addressing the Most High in prayer

The Santiago Family

***Last week, we sent another \$720 to Norma, bringing the amount raised for this beleaguered family to just over \$4000!
Thank you to all of you who helped so generously!***

As many of you are aware, Tino Santiago, formerly a waiter at The Fife 'n Drum Restaurant and most recently the sous chef at Kingsley's Tavern, has been arrested and is in jail pending an appeal. Tino and his wife, Norma, have three children, and Norma may need to sell their house in South Kent and move to more affordable quarters: without

Tino's income they are struggling financially.

A number of people who have known Tino and Norma for years have asked how they may help, and the Rector invites those concerned to make donations to the parish Discretionary Fund which shall then be passed on to Norma. Cheques should be made out to St Andrew's Parish and tagged 'Santiago Fund'. They may be put in the collection plate or may be mailed in to Post Office Box 309, Kent 06757.

In addition Tino's and Norma's son Jason has serious medical issues and has been hospitalized in New Britain, and Leslie Levy is looking for drivers who are willing to drive Norma to visit Jason. It takes 90 minutes to two hours to make the trip, and those who can help are invited to be in touch with Leslie at leslielillianlevy@me.com

Faithfully,
Roger+

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

FISH provides rides for those needing to keep local medical appointments, local hair appointments, and to do local grocery shopping, and

***VOLUNTEERS
ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED,
IN PARTICULAR DRIVERS!
The sudden death of Jim Lovelett has
left FISH very short-handed***

***Please call Edith Altvater
(860.248.0316)
if you can help!***

SUMMER CAMP at CAMP WASHINGTON

The summer camping season is not all that far away, and Camp Washington has published their calendar for 2019.

Children's Camp (ages 7 - 12) will be from 30 June - 7 July & from 4 - 16 August. The one-week camp costs \$575 and the two-week camp \$1300.

Mini Camps (ages 5 - 10) will be from 14 - 16 July & from 17 - 19 July for \$275. There will be a Mini Day Camp from 15 - 19 July for \$300.

Please visit the Camp's website for more information and to register: www.campwashington.org or call 860.567.9623.

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.*

The Homily from Easter VII

*Please click on the link below in order
to hear or read
the Rector's Homily for 2 June
[HOMILY for 2 June](#)*

The Lections this Week

THE DAY of PENTECOST

Whitsunday

9 June

Year C

Acts 2.1-21

Psalm 104.25-35, 37

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17, 25-27

**Volunteers for Coffee & ...
after the 10.30 liturgy**

Those who have signed up to provide light refreshments for Coffee & ... in the next few weeks are

9 June

Margie O'Brien and Lynn Perry

16 June

George Potts and Melissa Schipul

23 June

???

From 30 June through Labor Day, we will once again be having iced tea and cookies after the 10.30 liturgy, and donations of cookies will be gratefully received. Please leave them on the pass-through into the kitchen!

The Annual Reports for 2018

The Reports presented at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, 21 January, are available in hardcopy form in the narthex or in the Parish Office, and may be view online by clicking on [Annual Report 2018](#)

St Andrew's Crafters

With the **Annual Christmas Bazaar** fewer than six months away, the St Andrew's Crafters will next meet on

Monday, 3 June
in the Parish House

and will continue to meet on the First Monday of the month through November.

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!

Announcements

The Bible Study will meet

... on Sunday, 16 June, at 9.30 a.m. in the Parish Library.

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!

At nearby Camp Washington

190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside campwashington.org
860.567.9623

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

On 9 June the Reverend Marilyn Anderson will present
'Whose Afraid of the Big, Bad Wolf'

Both in the Bible and in Western cultures the wolf is most usually appears as a threatening, rapacious, and calculating creature, the shadow of the angelic. We will look at how we have within ourselves both the wolf and the angel, and will look at Christian legends that present the wolf as a redeemed predator.



Welcome Camp Washington has been nurturing exploration and transformation for over 100 years! Established in 1917, Camp Washington's beautiful 300 acre campus in the Litchfield Hills welcomes people of all faith traditions to find God in nature, to relax and learn, to have fun and make life long friends! Camp Washington is the official camp and retreat center of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.
Camp Washington, a place of acceptance, joy and renewal for all God's people.

Summer Camps

CHILDREN'S CAMP (AGES 7-12) • JUNE 30 - AUGUST 5 & AUGUST 4 - 16
TEEN CAMP (AGES 12-16) • JULY 7-12 & JULY 21- AUG 2

All of the fun and excitement of summer camp in an open and nurturing environment. Hiking, campfires, arts & crafts, swimming, canoeing, theater, sports, exciting field trips & more! Camp offers age appropriate opportunities for exploration and growth.

MINI CAMP (AGES 5-10) • JULY 14-16 & JULY 17-19
MINI DAY CAMP (AGES 5-10) • JULY 15-19

Mini Camp is a fun filled program geared towards campers new to overnight camping. Campers will gain confidence in our fun and supportive community!

If you are *not* ready for an overnight experience... Mini Day Camp is for you! Join us as we pack in all of the camp fun between 9am - 4pm, including an exciting mid-week field trip!

Specialty Camps

WILDERNESS CAMP • JULY 14-19
TRACK 1, AGES 7-12 & TRACK 2, AGES 12-16

Wilderness Adventure Camp blends traditional camp with essential outdoor skills. Tent camping, outdoor cooking, and flashlight tag are just some of the Wilderness Adventure Camp activities that will foster a strong connection for you with both nature and God!

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CAMP (AGES 13-16) • JULY 14-19

Service Leadership Camp is a unique opportunity to give back and live God's mission of service. SLC campers will depart from Camp for three days to perform community outreach. Previous campers have volunteered at Shepherd Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center, The Salvation Army Hartford North End Corps, Hands On Hartford's Faces of Homelessness, and many others. Campers return each day, record their experiences with friends and counselors and further enjoy their camp experience on our beautiful campus.

A CERTIFICATE FOR 30 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WILL BE ISSUED UPON COMPLETION.

campwashington.org
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Music in the Nave

THE SHERMAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE *Summer Concert Series*

Fridays
9 August & 30 August
8.00 p.m.