

Weekly Schedule

*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, 02 October

Prayer and Meditation at 5:30 pm

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

Sunday, 04 October

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Blessing of the Animals in the Church Yard
following**

the 10:30 am Service

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

*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

Wednesday, 07 October

Holy Eucharist at 6 pm

*In person for 25 people (with masks)

AA for Women meeting at 7 pm (Zoom)

**email us for info.*

From Father Douglas



Dear people of St Andrew's parish,

"The Blessing of the Animals." I realized the other day that this phrase can be read two ways. It can mean, as we usually intend, the blessing we provide our animals, usually in a brief liturgy like the one we will have in the church yard this Sunday, following the 10:30 service. It can also mean, it dawned on me, the blessing our animals provide *to us*. Those of us who have pets know what a source of joy, play, laughter and companionship they can be, without asking very much in return. (This is surely true for Jim and me with our dog Joe Joe, and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting several of your pets, too!) And the care they require from us ... even the grief their illness or death can bring us ... are emblems of how our relationships with our pets are a form of ministry: a way in which we take on added responsibility and emotional vulnerability in order to help steward and blossom the fullness of God's Creation.

As with any other constant presence in our lives, we may come to take our 'non-human-life-companions' for granted. But the role they play in our daily rhythms is far more—far deeper—than feeding, exercising, cleaning and vet appointments. In our sometimes sealed-up, scrubbed-down culture, we may

not have a lot of opportunity to experience nature up close and personal. As we struggle to complete tasks and achieve goals, there may not be a lot of time to appreciate both the wonder and the magnificence of God's creation. And, if we are candid, most of us are guilty, at least some of the time, of subconsciously thinking that the creation that really 'matters' stops at the tips of our fingers and the bottoms of our feet. Our furry, feathered or finned companions are an important antidote to these ways of thinking. Indeed, may they not even be part of God's plan to keep us mindful that we exist only as part of a larger, more beautiful whole, a whole of God's sole creating?

If you have a pet(s), I both cordially and pastorally invite you and yours to this Sunday's Blessing of the Animals. Yes, it will be a liturgy, and yes, each pet will receive an individual (socially distanced) blessing. But it will *also* be a moment in which each of us can pause and reflect upon all the many blessings our animals give us, so generously and so faithfully; a moment, perhaps, even to catch a glimpse of Christ in the glint of their eyes.

May God continue to bless our parish, its people and their work.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Goodbye from Rebecca Trautmann

Dear Good People of St. Andrew's Church,

In the Before Times I probably would have hosted Coffee Hour and tried to talk to you individually, but given the Now Times, I am writing you through the E-pistle. (This also saves me from crying through all those conversations!) As some of you know, I have recently, and rather suddenly, decided to move to St. Louis to help care for my 97-year-old mother, who is gratefully in good physical and mental health, but now blind and needing extra help. I am delighted that I am in a time of my life when I can do this! As you may have noticed, Leila moved there in August and is doing really well with her new job and her new apartment, quickly making new friends.

But I am enormously sad leaving all of you! Since I had my "conversion" experience (because I don't know what else to call it) about 20 years ago in St. Andrew's Church, I was sure this would be my forever spiritual home. And it has been home to me, with you all my beloved family. I have loved knowing you through all the many ways our community offers: tag sales and bazaars, fall clean-up, committees and commissions, the vestry, being Senior Warden, coffee hour conversations, and especially, worshipping and praying together. Probably most precious of all, though, have been those moments when I could look in your eyes and offer you "The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

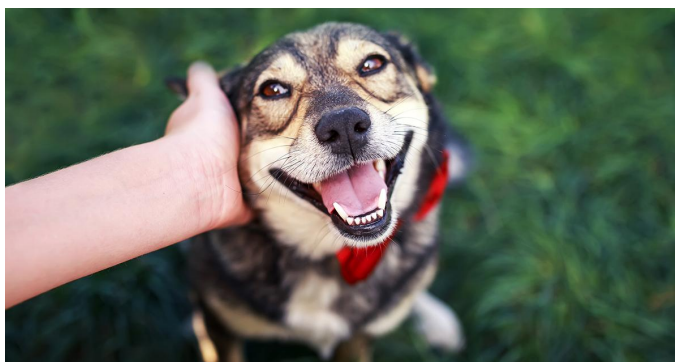
What a powerful experience of bonding with you in God's inordinate Love! Just thinking of it brings tears to my eyes!

I will hold you in my heart and in my prayers, forever grateful for the love and acceptance you have shown to me and to Leila. Thank you! Thank you!! I wish you God's richest blessings, especially as you create a new church in these Now Times and with the guidance of Fr. Douglas. I know you will be for others what you have been for me, and that is surely the work--and gift--of a Beloved Community!

With deepest love and affection,

Rebecca

Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, 04 October



Sunday, 04 October is the commemoration of St Francis of Assisi. Technically we will not observe that commemoration since it falls on the Lord's Day this year, but we will find ways to focus our worship that day on the beauty and wonder of creation, generally, and on the love and companionship we share with our domestic animals, more specifically. Two special events on that day you might want to be aware of:

First, following the 10:30 Eucharist, we will have a blessing of the animals in the church yard. (This will be COVID-compliant: no touching.) You are welcome to bring your pet(s) with you and sit outside for the service. Chairs will be provided, and we'll 'broadcast' the audio from inside the church over a speaker.

Second, our very own Tom Holcombe will be arranging a hymn for this day to include the names of as many of our St Andrew's pets as he can squeeze in.

A New Prayer Writing Team is Now Forming

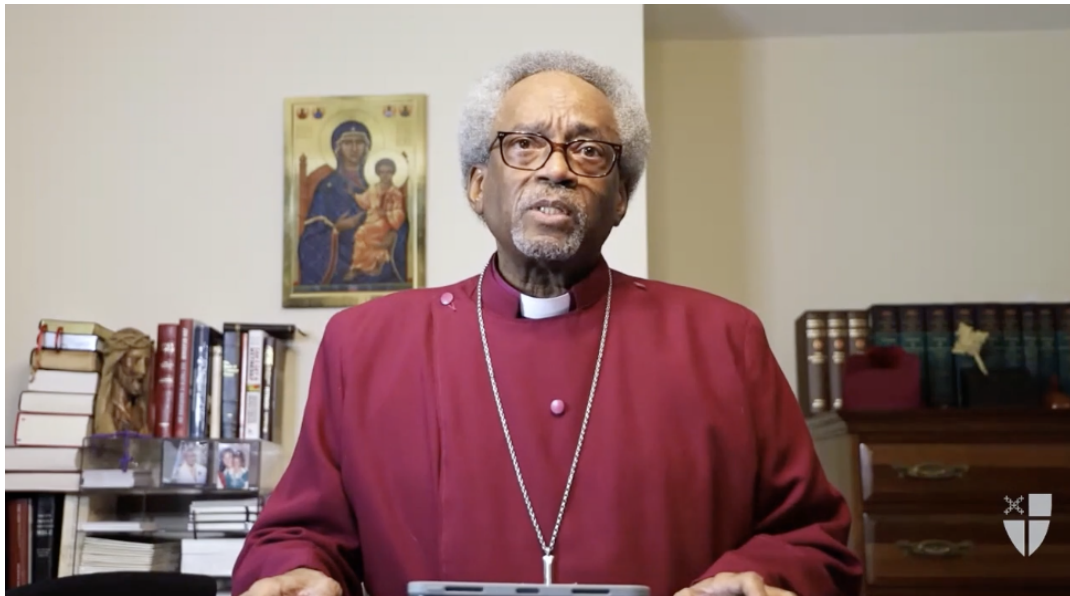
Do you like to pray? OK, that was a bit of a loaded question! Hopefully, we *all* like to pray. But if you are especially interested in prayer, we may have a new opportunity for you. We are bringing together a group of people to write the Prayers of the People for our Sunday liturgies. The prayer book provides a general outline of what we should pray for each Sunday, but we are then called

to use our skills, creativity and awareness of what is happening in our lives—as a parish, as a community, as a nation and as a world—to craft prayers that truly come from the hearts of the people of St Andrew's. (This is, by the way, why the Prayers of the People are traditionally read either by a parishioner or by a deacon, who serves the people.)

This will *not* be a heavy burden, we promise! We will probably create one sets of prayers for each liturgical season from Advent through Eastertide, and then one set of prayers per month during Ordinary Time, the season after Pentecost. Writing may be done individually or in groups ... and can all be done remotely. Father Douglas will work with this group, to help them along, as needed.

If you are interested, please let Fr Douglas know with a phone call (860-595-0171) or email (frdouglas.sak@gmail.com).

Message from Presiding Bishop Curry



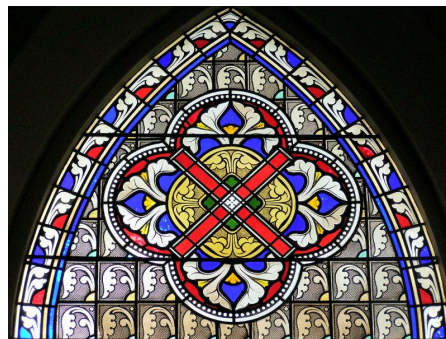
Presiding Bishop Curry's Word to the Church: What Did Jesus Do?

The following is a Word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, and is also the text of his sermon at The Episcopal Church House of Bishops, which met virtually September 16, 2020. A WORD TO THE CHURCH September 16, 2020 The Right Reverend Michael B. Curry What Did Jesus Do?

[Read More](#)

Last Call for All Worship Volunteers!

We're in the process of firming up our roster of volunteers who serve at worship: greeters, readers, servers, etc. If you would like to be part of this ministry—either now or only after the pandemic is over (your choice)—and haven't already received a Google survey from Fr Douglas, please contact the church office and we'll be happy to include you.



Save the Date: Fall Clean-up on Saturday, 31-October

We will have our annual fall clean-up of the church and the grounds on Saturday, 31-October, so please save the date! More details will follow, but there is a rumor going around that costumes will be optional—so you may want to start thinking!



St Andrew's Garden

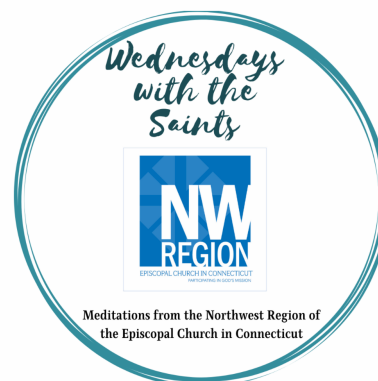
St. Andrew's garden is closed for the season. Thanks to Marel for her assistance. We had a good season, our produce found its way to help feed many area seniors via social services. See you next year, all are welcome to help with the garden.

Jake Fricker
Garden Stewart

Wednesdays with the Saints

The Northwest Region of ECCT has a new Youtube Channel and is producing a **Wednesday with the Saints** series, highlighting a saint on our calendar from the week!

Click the below video or **this link** to view the third episode in this Wednesday series. We hear from Ron Marasco, of



Meditations from the Northwest Region of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut

Kent, sharing the lectionary and brief biography of Lancelot Andrewes.

Please email dmello@episcopalct.org if you are interested in joining this project! Follow the NW Region on Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube!



Camp Washington


SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
9 – 4PM



FINDING YOUR VOICE

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If you are someone who has always wanted to try your hand at reading scripture in church, or someone who is already a Lector and interested in honing your skills, or if you have considered leading Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer or Compline- come join us for a lively, informative, day-long workshop at beautiful Camp Washington.

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COST: \$30.00 FOR ADULTS, \$20.00 FOR STUDENTS - OPEN TO ALL- LAY PEOPLE, YOUTH, AND CLERGY

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ABOUT RON MARASCO



Ron Marasco, Ph.D., was a Professor for 27 years in the College of Communication and Fine Arts at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. In addition to teaching in the Department of Theatre, he was a public speaking mentor, coached all the university's valedictorians, and developed a class in "public presentation" for up-and-coming attorneys at LMU's Law School.

As an actor, Ron has appeared on dozens of TV shows—from West Wing to Bones to Entourage to Freaks and Geeks to, most recently, a long stint on Major Crimes. His book Notes to an Actor was given the American Library Association highest rating and named by them an "Outstanding Academic Book of 2008." Screen legend Kirk Douglas once said in an interview: "Ron Marasco's Christian Bestseller List in 2017.

Notes to an Actor is the best acting book I've ever read." His biblical novel The Dog Who Was There reached the

Ron now works as a private coach, both on-line and in-person. He has a B.A. in English from Fordham University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Theatre from UCLA and is a member of St. Andrew's Parish in Kent.

Please note that while at Camp Washington, we will be distancing, wearing masks, & washing hands. Plans for the day will utilize outdoor space whenever possible & safe alternative indoor space, if necessary. Your safety & health are of utmost importance to us.

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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.

Lectons for this Week

The Eighteenth Sunday

after Pentecost

Proper 22; Year A

**Isaiah 5:1-7;
Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46**



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)**

Resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.

(Vestry Room)

Suspended

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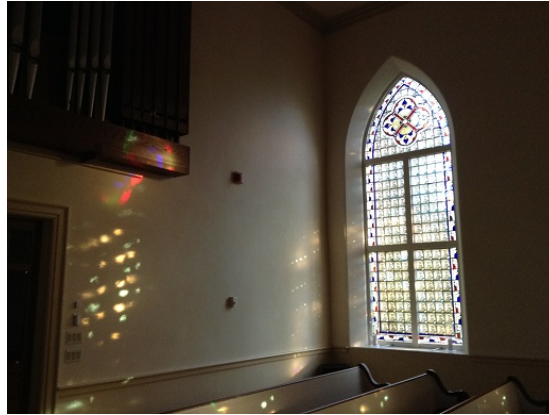
Margie O'Brien,
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