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YOU DID IT AGAIN - THANK YOU!!

St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

PARISH IS NOW OPEN. The parish is now open for in-person worship. At its meeting on 21 March, the vestry voted, with the recommendation of the priest-in-charge and the wardens, to re-open the parish for worship. This is a permanent decision, unless the pandemic takes another dire turn. Social distancing will be required. Therefore, attendance at all services will be limited to 30 people. (Those who reside in the same household count as one person ... but we will nevertheless be prudent about the total number of people in the nave.) Masks must be worn, and the nave windows will be opened to increase air circulation. There will be no congregational singing or distribution of communion at this time.

If you wish to attend worship in-person, you *must* contact Irene Connors (860-592-0030 or collageconnors@gmail.com). Irene will be compiling a list for each service, to ensure we do not exceed our capacity limits.

We will continue to livestream all of our services, as well, as there are many parishioners who are choosing not to be in group settings at this time—a decision the parish fully honors and supports.

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! I pray that you are celebrating a joyful Easter, the feast of which runs through this Sunday.

Holy Week at St Andrew's was marvelous and meaningful, and I hope you were able to join us, whether via YouTube or in-person, for some or all of it.

From the pageant and passion of Palm Sunday ... through the warmth and charity of Maundy Thursday ... the agony and shadowy darkness of Good Friday ... the long expectation of Holy Saturday, fulfilled at last in the 'omni-liturgical' celebration of the Great Vigil ... to the joyful singing of one Alleluia after another on Easter morning: It is a week unlike any other in the Church's calendar. And its importance lies is not in its busy-ness or endless detail, but in the gamut of the emotions it evinces (we are a people whose sorrow is transformed into joy—and the experience of this transformation is essential to knowing Jesus) and in the ultimate journey of Jesus that it traces, which is the genesis of virtually everything of faith that Christians hold dear. And now we pause, for the Great Fifty Days, to dwell in the celebration, the finality and the everlasting hope that is the Resurrection.



And we experienced a 'rising' of another sort last week, as well, when upon tables in front of the ambo and the font rose two veritable *mountains* of shoes, sneakers and socks that St Andrew's collected for the homeless people whom Abraham House serves in the South Bronx. In case you haven't yet heard: **We collected 132 pairs of new shoes and bushels of new socks! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!**

This is simply amazing to me ... and a testament to your love, your caring and your willingness to put into tangible, make-a-difference action the words and ideas of Jesus we are privileged to ponder as a parish family. It is, I am sure, also a testament to our love and affection for Sister Mary, God rest her soul, who got us all pointed in this Christ-ward direction. I am delighted to tell you that Mary's nephew Greg will be with us this Sunday at 10:30. I am sure many of you may wish to meet him and perhaps share with him a memory or two of Mary. Greg will then pack up all we have gathered in and deliver it to Abraham House—with Mary as his co-pilot, no doubt!—on our behalf.

(I also want to give a special shout-out to Joe Speranzo who owns Sun Dog Shoes on Main Street. Joe donated *more than three dozen pairs of shoes* from his inventory – and even delivered them personally. If you think of it, please stop by Sun Dog and let him know how grateful we are for his generosity.)



Finally, on Wednesday, the Rt Rev Ian Douglas, the Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT), announced that he will be retiring in October 2022, in what will be the thirteenth year of his episcopate. The wheels have already begun turning in the process to discern his successor, who, it is anticipated, will be elected at a special convention next May.

I have not known Bp Ian long nor do I know him well, but I must say that I find in ECCT a Church that is well-run, adequately and equitably financed, forward-looking and committed to speaking the Word, not just with its lips, but also through the lives of its people. And some great part of this, I suspect, is on account of Ian's vision and leadership.

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Weekly Calendar

Friday, 09 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:00 pm
Saturday, 10 April	Holy Eucharist: Saturday of Easter Week (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	12:30 pm
Sunday, 11 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter 2 (spoken) (<i>in-person only</i>)	8:30 am
Sunday, 11 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter 2 (with music) (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	10:30 am

Sunday, 11 April	Officer's Meeting	12 noon
Tuesday, 13 April	Anti-Racism Study Group (<i>via Zoom</i>)	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 14 April	Mid-week Eucharist (<i>in person and live-streamed</i>)	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 14 April	A.A. for Women (<i>Zoom meeting; email us for info</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 15 April	A.A. meeting (<i>Great Room</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 15 April	Al-Anon (<i>Great Room</i>)	7:00 pm
Friday, 16 April	A.A. meeting (<i>Great Room</i>)	8:00 pm

HELP WANTED: Parish Administrator

Regrettably, Laura Filippi has let us know that she won't be able to stay on as our Parish Administrator. She enjoys the work and, especially, the people of St Andrew's, but other factors in her life won't allow her to continue permanently, although she will remain to see us through a seamless transition.

We are, therefore, looking for someone to fill this eight-hour-per-week position (exact days and times are flexible). The duties are mainly administrative. Working knowledge of Word and Excel and comfort in using (and learning) computer applications and a photocopier are essential. Familiarity with Episcopal worship practices is helpful but not required.

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity or know someone who is, please contact Fr Douglas directly.

NEW YOUTH FORMATION OFFERING: Confirmation Class Is Beginning

We are excited to announce that we have started **anew youth Confirmation Class**. The class will meet, via Zoom, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. It is open to anyone age 13 – 18 who wishes to learn more about Christian faith and belief; the Church and its sacraments; and living life as a follower of Christ. The class is designed to prepare one for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but that is *not* a requirement. Participants are free to decide whether or not to seek confirmation at the end of the course.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Fr Douglas.

All Recovery Meetings Are *Resuming*

As the parish has re-opened, all recovery groups (AA and Al Anon) have been invited to resume their meetings. Please check with their organizers or the parish office for details.

Computer Help is Available



If you or someone you know is having difficulty accessing our online services, the weekly E-pistle or our web site ... or who would like to participate in our Zoom offerings but don't know how ... please let Fr Douglas or Laura know. We have parishioners who are willing to help you and also make sure your equipment and internet connection are working properly. We don't want anyone to miss an opportunity to be part of the life of St Andrew's!

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 Second Sunday of Easter

Year B

Acts 4:32-35;
Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20: 19-31



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.

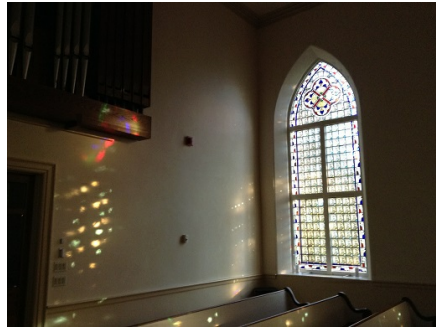
(Great Room)
resumed

Fridays
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)
temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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