

E-pistle



Saint Andrew's Parish
Kent, Connecticut



Weekly Schedule

*Note: To attend any services please sign up beforehand
with Irene Connors:*

collageconnors@gmail.com

860.592.0030

Services are limited to 25 socially distanced attendees (with masks)

Friday, 16 October	Prayer and Meditation	5:30 pm
Sunday, 18 October	Holy Eucharist Vestry Meeting	8:30 & 10:30 am 11:45 am
Monday, 19 October	Holy Eucharist: <i>Feast of St Luke</i> Book Study (Parish House)	6 pm 7:30 pm
Wednesday, 21 October	Bible Study (Zoom) Holy Eucharist AA Meeting for Women (Zoom) <i>email for info.</i>	4:30 pm 6 pm 7 pm
Thursday, 22 October	AA Thursday Morning Meeting (Great Room) AA Anon Meeting (Great Room) <i>Suspended till Nov. 12</i>	7:30 am 7:00 pm

*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*

From Father Douglas



Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

Some weeks I write about spiritual, liturgical or theological topics, and other weeks more practical—but very important!—matters of our life together as the Body of Christ take precedence. This is one of those latter weeks.

First, our bishops have recently reminded us of the importance of having a plan in place just in case one of our liturgies ends up, God forbid, becoming an event through which COVID-19 is spread. Therefore, it is very important that we have list of everyone who attends our services. To this end, at our Sunday services, our greeters will now jot down on a form the names of worshippers who attend in-person (as well as the phone numbers and addresses of visitors whose contact information is not in the parish directory). At our weekday services, we will ask worshippers to write their own names on this form, as they enter. Please be assured, we are **not** in any way taking attendance! (We'll keep the forms on file for only a few weeks.) Rather, we just want to be sure we're prepared lest we need to do any contact tracing. (Also, please continue contacting Irene Connors if you plan to attend worship in-person. Irene very kindly and ably helps ensure we don't exceed our social distancing limits.)

Second, we both are aware and regret that online access to the Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 10:30 has been somewhat unreliable. Please accept my apologies for this. I have said to several people that just as we would not feel comfortable having someone drive to the church on a Sunday morning only to find it empty, neither can we be comfortable if our online worship presence isn't as reliable as it can be. To this end, we're planning to migrate to some more sophisticated hardware to broadcast this service. Very importantly, this will allow us to use a wired (rather than a Wi-Fi) connection. It will take us a few weeks to assemble all the equipment, but please be assured we are working on this! We want to welcome and include our online worshippers every Sunday, without fail.

In closing, as I gaze out the parish house window at Mt Algo, I have to remark: I don't think I've ever lived in a place where the colors of fall are richer or more abundant. Just one *more* reason Jim and I are so thankful we have joined you! Take good care.

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

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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Fall Clean-up Day



SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(come as long ... or as short ... as you'd like)

Please bring rakes, tarps, bags, etc to help clean up the fallen leaves and enjoy some good times with parishioners in a casual, outdoor, masked setting.

Costumes are optional so reach in that closet and embrace your inner kid

A pizza lunch will follow at 12:30

We'll also be taking candid photos for the parish directory – so come by just for

that, if you'd like!

COME OUT FOR A FUN TIME FOR ALL



Suggestions Welcomed for Upcoming Parish Elections

At our annual meeting in January, we will elect four members of the vestry; a new junior warden; and delegates and alternates to the 2021 diocesan convention. If you would like to suggest any names (including your own) to the Nominating Committee, please provide them to Chris Rehow, Charmian Place or Fr Douglas by *01 November*. The Committee will consider all of the names submitted as it compiles the slates for the election in January. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Charmian who is chairing this year's Committee.

All Souls' Day: Remembrance of the Dead



On Monday, 02 November, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate an All Souls' Day Eucharist at which there will be a reading of the names of the faithful departed. These names will also be printed in the bulletin for All Saints' Day, which is Sunday, 01 November.

If you would like to submit names of the departed, please let Fr Douglas know, by email or telephone. All names received by 01 November will be included in the All Souls' liturgy, but they must be received by 27 October to be included in the printed necrology.

Allhallowtide Liturgies

In the western church, All Hallows' Eve (31 October), All Saints' Day (01 November) and All Souls' Day (02 November) comprise Allhallowtide. The ancient origins of All Hallows' Eve seem to be pagan in nature—and, to be sure, Halloween has become thoroughly secularized—but it is also a night on which the Church explores human mortality and Christ's rendering that a moot issue for all believers. On All Saints', which falls on a Sunday this year, we celebrate the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ—that is, the Church—with special emphasis on those Christians who died on account of their faith (martyrs, for example). On All Souls', we celebrate *all* Christians who have died, and especially those known and beloved by the local parish.

This year, we will have a full rota of Allhallowtide services:

- **All Hallows' Eve — Saturday, 31 October at 7:00 p.m.** A unique service of some of the most dramatic non-Gospel readings in the Bible, as conceived by our own Ron Marasco ... followed by a quiet procession to the Close, where we will pray for God to protect and defend us as well as those who have preceded us in death
- **All Saints' Day — Sunday, 01 November, 10:30 a.m.** A festal service that will begin with a procession inside the church as we sing *For all the saints* and will dwell on the collective lessons we may glean from our predecessors in the faith, and particularly those who have given their lives for it (There will *also* be a Rite One spoken All Saints' service that day, at 8:30 am)
- **All Souls' Day — Monday, 02 November, 2:00 p.m.** A more contemplative mid-day spoken Eucharist which will include a reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Following the service, there will be a small reception in the church yard, adjacent to the Close (weather permitting)

Church Open on Election Day for Prayer and Meditation

On Election Day, Tuesday, 03 November, the St Andrew's church building will be open to the public during polling hours (6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.) for prayer and meditation. We will read the brief offices of Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.), Noonday Prayer (12:00 noon), Evening Prayer (6:00 p.m.) and Compline (7:45 p.m.); there will be no preaching this day. Otherwise, the nave will be a place for silent prayer and reflection, and Fr Douglas will be present throughout the day to provide assistance or care, as any needs arise.

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 set 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).

Finding Your Voice



Camp Washington

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
9 – 4PM

FINDING YOUR VOICE

READING SCRIPTURE, TEXT, & LEADING WORSHIP IN CHURCH

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.

Taught by professor, actor, author and speech-coach Dr. Ron Marasco, this program will teach how to bring your individual personality and expressive skills to sharing scripture and liturgy with an audience. It will be a day of learning new things about the word of God by embodying it in performance!

So come get out of the house for a day at camp! Where there is room to recreate, romp around the grounds, meet new friends, and find your voice as a scripture reader! Registration includes lunch, coffee, and snacks.

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

REGISTER NOW AT CAMPWASHINGTON.ORG/PROGRAMS

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

Notes to an Actor is the best acting book I've ever read." His biblical novel The Dog Who Was There reached the Christian Bestseller List in 2017.

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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Discernment Opportunity



discerning my path

An innovative, online community of holy listening, story, discernment, and spiritual practice to help **every** baptized person explore how God might be calling them to serve the world in God's name.

Zoom Informational Sessions:
Monday, October 19 from 7-8 pm
Saturday, October 24 from 9-10 am

For more information, contact:
The Rev'd Marcus Halley
Dean of Formation
mhalley@episcopalct.org



More information can be found on the Website:
<https://www.episcopalct.org/Find-Resources/General-Parish-Operations/region-based-discernment-groups/>.

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 24; Year A

Isaiah 45:1-7;

Psalms 96;

I Thessalonians 1:1-10;

Matthew 22:15-22



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.

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-

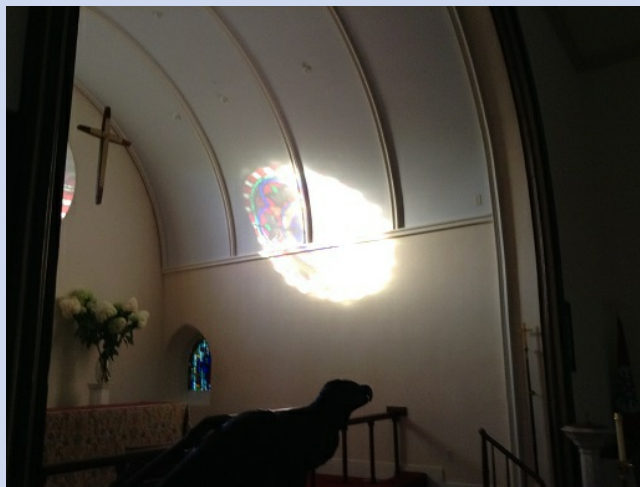
Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.
(25 people with masks)

-Holy Days-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.
(25 people with masks)



12 Step Meetings

Wednesdays

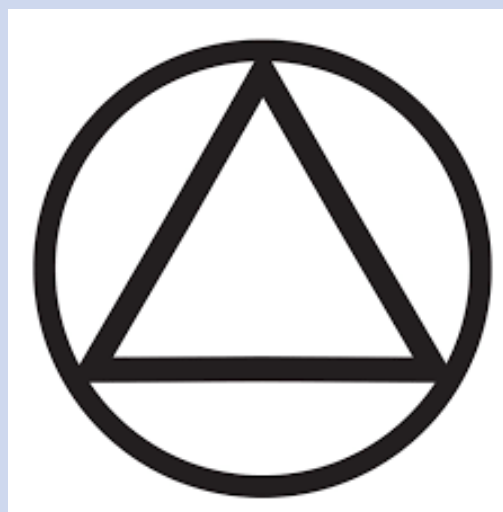
A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting
email us for info.

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Great Room)

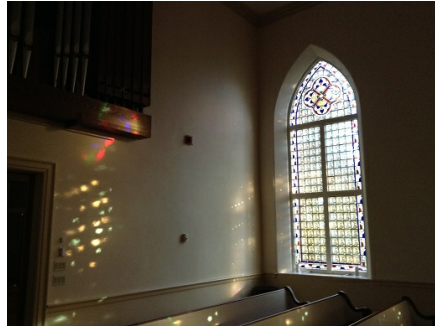
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Great Room)

Suspended until November 12



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