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Please Donate Shoes for Our Special Maundy Thursday Offering

## St Andrew's Current COVID Closure Status

**PARISH IS CURRENTLY CLOSED.** The Town of Kent is in red status on the [Connecticut COVID Data Tracker](#). Therefore, *all worship services will be livestreamed (and also recorded, for later viewing) on our YouTube account*. In addition, *all other parish activities will either be suspended or move to online-only*; participants in those activities will be updated separately. The parish will remain in closed status until both Kent and a majority of the surrounding towns are less-than-red for two successive Thursdays.

The parish will, however, be **OPEN FOR WORSHIP** from Palm Sunday, 28 March, through the Second Sunday of Easter, 11 April. More details below ...

## From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I continue to pray you are having a blessed and holy Lent.

Last week, a mentor of mine lamented to me that I must be disappointed because my first Holy Week and Easter Week—"the pinnacle of the church year," he said (and accurately, I'd add)—as a priest will happen during the ongoing pandemic, with all its limitations and eliminations. His comment caught me a little off-guard: Until he mentioned it, I really hadn't been thinking about these sacred weeks in any negative way. As we're now more than a year into this altered way-of-living, I am simply thankful that we will be able to

experience the agony and the ecstasy, if you will, of these holiest days as a community ... in whatever way we are able.

These two weeks—and, in particular, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day (which lasts from Saturday evening through Sunday evening, by the liturgical clock)—are grounded in the *Paschal Mystery*. "Paschal," rooted in the Hebrew word meaning Passover, refers to (among many things) Jesus' death and resurrection. Much as the original Passover in Egypt involved salvation and new life emerging from death, so we, as Christians, are 'passed over' by God—granted eternal life in and through the death-and-also-new-life of Our Savior. (Volumes have been written on this, and I'm not beginning to do it justice in this short space, I fear.) "Mystery," which is a translation of the Greek word for sacrament, refers to the unknowable, illimitable and wholly divine nature of Jesus' *Pasch* for us. We cannot fully understand this Christly passover or use reason to completely unpack it. But, much like the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, we nevertheless 'know' what takes place, through our faith, our rituals, our spirituality and our lived experience as disciples of Christ.

Our worship on Maundy Thursday teaches us, again, Jesus' perennial call to selfless service and His blessing us with a ritual of bread and wine as our way of knowing Him, forever. Good Friday, of course, commemorates His life-giving, merciful death; and Holy Saturday those dark, dank hours He was entombed. And finally, Easter Day, beginning with the light of the New Fire at sundown on Saturday, celebrates His forever triumph, on our behalf, over the powers of sin and death. It is in and through *all* of this, and not only the joyful Alleluias of Easter morning, that we begin to grasp the totality of the Paschal Mystery that is the very core of our existence. I encourage you to participate in as many of these liturgies as you are able to this year, whether in-person or livestreamed.

I know that the Great Vigil of Easter, which we will celebrate at 7:00 on Saturday, 03 April, is not a tradition here at St Andrew's. To that end, in my video message this week, which you can access [here](#), I offer a high-level overview of this liturgy. I hope it will whet your appetite!

Finally, a few reminders of the season, if I may:

- Please do **contact Irene Connors** (860-592-0030 or collageconnors@gmail.com) if you plan to attend any in-person worship during Holy Week and Easter Week. To maintain social distancing, we will need to cap attendance at 30 persons / pods per service.
- Please remember that we will have **only one service on Palm Sunday, 28 March**, which will be at 10:00 am, when the outdoor palm procession will begin. The 'main' liturgy of the day, which will be both in-person and livestreamed, will begin at 10:30.
- Please keep dropping off **new sneakers and socks for our Maundy Thursday offering** for homeless people living in the South Bronx. (More details below ... )
- If you'd like to make a contribution toward flowers on Easter Day, please contact the parish office by Wednesday, 31 March.

And be sure to check out Janet Rivkin's reflection on a meditation about "Do Overs" from Russell Levenson's *A Path to Wholeness*.

In the peace and love of Christ,

Douglas+

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## Weekly Schedule for 14 March

Sunday, 21 March	Morning Prayer <i>(via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</i>	7:30 am
Sunday, 21 March	Holy Eucharist <i>(live-streamed and recorded)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 21 March	Vestry Meeting	12:00 noon
Tuesday, 23 March	Anti-Racism Study Group <i>(via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</i>	7:30 pm
Wednesday, 24 March	Youth Confirmation Class <i>(via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</i>	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 24 March	Mid-week Holy Eucharist <i>(live-streamed, and also recorded)</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 24 March	Parish Visioning Team <i>(via <a href="#">Zoom</a>)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 25 March	Holy Eucharist: Feast of the Annunciation <i>(live-streamed, and also recorded)</i>	6:00 pm

## NEW FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY: Shoes and Socks for Homeless People

For some, the foot washing we perform during our Maundy Thursday liturgy is a deeply moving ritual in which we imitate Jesus' washing His disciples' feet at the Last Supper. For others, it is an uncomfortable—even undesirable—moment they're glad happens only once-a-year.

Well, this year, whichever camp you may be in, we have good news for you! During this time of COVID, there is no way we can safely wash one another's feet. But we *can* still engage in a deeply moving ritual that echoes Jesus'

tender example. We are now collecting new shoes, sneakers and socks, for women, men and children, which Sr Mary Lanning has graciously volunteered to deliver to members of New York City's homeless population via the Abraham House community in Mott Haven in the South Bronx. Before we donate them, we will **bleed and ritually 'wash' them, during our Maundy Thursday liturgy...** a symbolic act of our washing the feet of those who are poor, hungry and without a home.

Still thinking about what to donate? Here is some guidance from Sr Mary: "SNEAKERS (colorful, diverse, sparkling new) are much more needed than business or dress shoes, although a 'lending library of dress shoes' would indeed be welcome for special occasions such as job interviews. Most of our people are not yet equipped to apply for jobs where shoes are a prerequisite; clean dress sneakers and trousers with a crease in them are the mark of readiness."

Please drop off new shoes, sneakers and socks at the parish house or the breezeway behind the rectory before **5:00 pm on Thursday, 01 April**. If you would like to place a short message of hope or love or happiness or inspiration in the shoes or socks you give, it will make your gift that much more personal. Thank you!!

## JUST ANNOUNCED: Our Holy Week and Easter Week Worship Schedule

All of these services will be open for in-person attendance *and also* livestreamed (and recorded).

*If you would like to attend in-person, please contact Irene Connors at 860-592-0030 or collageconnors@gmail.com.* Masks and social distancing will be required, which means that in-person attendance must be capped at approximately 30 worshippers. (People who live in the same home may sit as a pod; they count as '1 unit' and not '2+ people' for social distancing purposes.)

<b>Sunday, 28 March</b>	The Liturgy of Passion / Palm Sunday, with The Palm Procession and the Passion Gospel	<b>10:00 am</b> ( <i>only one service this day</i> )
<b>Monday, 29 March</b>	Holy Eucharist: <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday, 30 March</b>	Holy Eucharist: <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, 31 March</b>	Holy Eucharist: <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
	Holy Eucharist: <i>The</i>	

Thursday, 01 April	<i>Liturgy of Maundy Thursday and the Stripping of the Altar</i>	7:00 pm
Friday, 02 April	The Liturgy of Good Friday, with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament	12:30 pm
	Tenebrae in Stations: <i>A Reflective Service</i>	7:00 pm
Saturday, 03 April	The Liturgy of Holy Saturday	11:00 am
	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:00 pm
Sunday, 04 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter Day</i>	8:30 am (with hymns) and 10:30 am (with hymns and music)
	<i>During Easter Week, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated every day, Monday through Saturday, at 12:30 pm, and also at 6:30 pm on Wednesday</i>	
Sunday, 11 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 2</i>	8:30 am (spoken) and 10:30 am (with hymns and music)

## THIS SATURDAY: Directed by Jane Farnol



"This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle ... this earth, this realm, this England."

*Act 2, Scene 1*

Saint Andrew's own Jane Farnol's adaptation of Shakespeare's *Richard II* will **premiere** this Saturday, 20 March, at 7:00 pm. Produced by the Brookfield Theatre for the Arts, the production will be available via [video-on-demand](#) through 03 April.

*From the Brookfield Theatre's web site:* William Shakespeare's historical drama is adapted and edited by Jane Farnol, a veteran of the American Shakespeare Theatre, to appeal to modern audiences. In *Richard II*, a foolish king seizes noble lands and banishes his political rivals. Listening to his trusted advisors, Richard II is misled into poor government of the country, deepening the anger and dismay of his nobles. As Richard leaves for an

unpopular and ill-advised war with Ireland, his political enemy returns from exile  
...

Break a leg (as they say), Jane! And thank you for helping to bring some more 'normal' into our COVID lives.

## OUR LENTEN PRACTICE: Weekly Reflection on *A Path to Wholeness*

*Our parish's Lenten practice this year, for those who wish to participate, is reading the daily meditations in Fr Russell Levenson's wonderful new book, A Path to Wholeness: A Lenten Companion. This week, Janet Rivkin shares her reflections:*

This past year has been a new experience for all of us, trying, sad, confusing and dark. The winter has held little time for celebration and the word Zoom has become both a blessing and a curse.

The onset of Spring brings new beginnings, and for Christians the beginning of the Lenten season and the approach of the glory of Easter.

For me Lent has always been confusing. The conversation was always, "What are you giving up for Lent?" There was never anything positive just a perception of a superficial sacrifice. Nothing very purpose driven. Then, a simple phrase catches your mind and things appear clearer ... a new starting point.

The third of the daily devotionals in the gentle and engaging book *A Path to Wholeness* by Rev. Russell J Levenson Jr. was entitled "DO OVER" and it said it all for me. I had been that kid, good enough to be chosen for the team, but never in the first four. I had to work harder to make it from the outfield to second base and hope that when I failed to catch the ball or strike out I would have a "Do Over."

Now in my adult life I have far more to ask for Do Overs. As a member of The Racial Bias study group at St Andrew's it has forced me to examine the Do Overs for myself and the need for understanding for those with greater challenges than mine.

The forty days of Lent is my chance to examine my own Do Over, ask for forgiveness and seek the challenges that will guide me along a path to redemption and understanding. I'm not giving anything up, I am in fact seeking to add fullness and grace to my everyday life. I know that this is something that will not be complete in one season, or for the balance of my rich life. It is my daily task and a path to my spiritual fulfillment and I pray that I can gather strength to continue every day.

## NEW YOUTH FORMATION OFFERING: Confirmation Class Is Beginning

We are excited to announce that we will be starting a **newyouth Confirmation**

**Class on Wednesday, 24 March.** 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.

## NOW IS THE TIME: Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation toward this year's Easter flowers, either in memory or in honor of someone, please contact Laura in the parish office (860-927-3486 or office.sa.kent@gmail.com). The suggested donation is \$50.

All dedications received by **Wednesday, 31 March**, will be included in the worship bulletins for Easter Day.

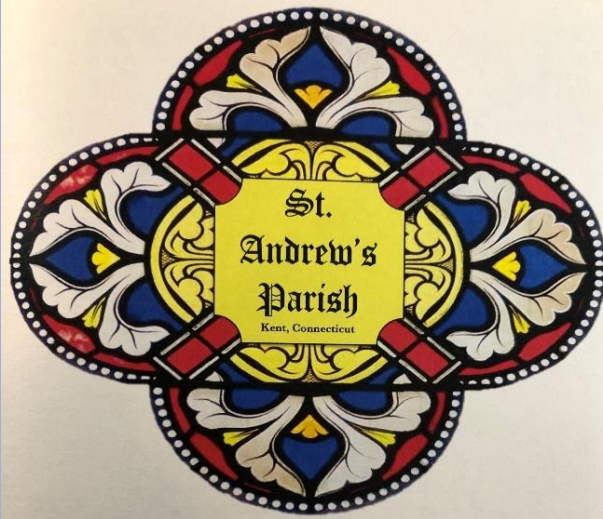
## EVERY WEEK: Live Morning Prayer on Sundays

We know that for some parishioners, spiritual communion—a service of Holy Eucharist without distribution of the consecrated bread and wine—is not a satisfying worship experience. Therefore, **every Sunday, we will read the office of Morning Prayer, *live*, via Zoom, at 7:30 am**. This service will last about 30 minutes (a very brief meditation, but no sermon). We will then keep the Zoom session open for a while afterwards, so members can spend some time chatting with one another and with Fr Douglas, if they'd like.

The Zoom link for Sunday Morning Prayer is [here](#), and it will also be available through the parish web site and in the Saturday edition of the E-pistle. You can also obtain a copy of this week's Morning Prayer readings at both of those places, as well.

**You will need a *Book of Common Prayer* for this service.** If you do not have one, please contact Fr Douglas, and he will be happy to get one to you.

## HOT OFF THE PRESS: New Parish Overview and Directory



## Overview & Directory 2021

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We are delighted to announce the new edition of the **St Andrew's Parish Overview and Directory**—refreshed, revised and fully updated—has been printed, and copies are in the mail to every household in the parish, underwritten by a generous contribution from an anonymous donor. Keep an eye out for it in your mailbox.

HUGE thanks to Candace Conard, Lynn Perry and Laura Filippi who gave countless hours to this immense project. It would never have gotten done ... let alone so handsomely ... without them. Thank you!!

## FROM THE DIOCESE: Lenten Quiet Day



Saturday March 27, 2021 9 AM EST  
**Lenten Quiet Day at Camp Washington**

Join us for a time of reflection and renewal in the midst of your Lenten journey. Our time together will be held outside in the chapel (weather permitting) while observing all physical distance guidelines. The day will consist of four sections: Each presenter will offer a reflection/meditation followed by an activity such as journaling, discussion, walking, and other hands-on activities. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch to enjoy after the program. There is no charge for



this program however registration is required.

[Click Here For Tickets](#)

## All Recovery Meetings Are *Suspended*

While the parish is temporarily closed, all recovery group (AA and Al Anon) meetings have been suspended. They will resume when we re-open.

## 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 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Year B*

Jeremiah 31:31-34;  
Psalm 119:9-16;  
Hebrews 5:5-10;  
John 12:20-33



# 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.

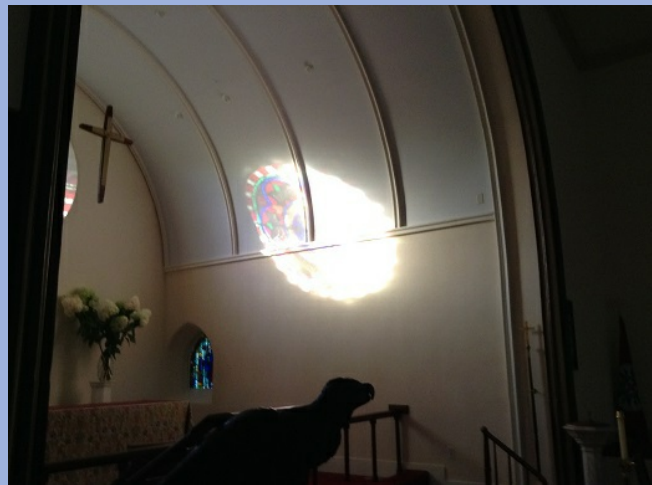
(25 people with masks)

**-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.*

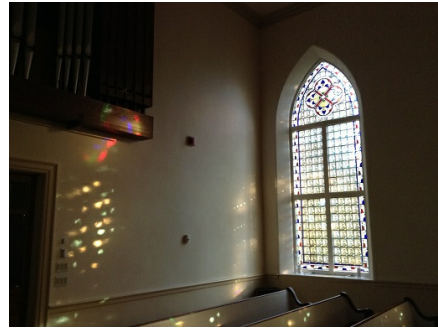
**Thursdays**  
A.A. at 7.30 a.m.  
(Great Room)  
*suspended*  
Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.  
(Great Room)  
*suspended*

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



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