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The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the
Rector's
Desk

Dear Friends,

Here is a story from memory. It is an old Russian story:

One night men in a village, while drinking, wondered who could stand outside in the town square the longest during a very cold night.

When a deeply cold night arrived, the men, as discussed, gathered in the village square. Throughout the night, the men, one by one, left and went home. In the morning, one man was left standing.

He was approached by the other men who asked, "How were you able to stand all night?" He answered, "When I looked across the village square and I saw a candle in a window. I used it to keep me warm."

At this point, the men villagers said, "That's cheating. You must pay. You will cook us a meal." The dejected man responded, "Fine, come tomorrow night at 7 o'clock."

This next night, at 7 o'clock, as promised, he opened the doors of his house and greeted the other men. He said, "Please come in and make yourselves comfortable." The men walked into the living room/kitchen and noted a large pot hanging in the fireplace. Underneath the pot was a single candle." The host walked into the room, stirred the stew and said, "I do not think dinner will be long, after all, this single candle gives so much warmth!"

I love this story. I first heard it about 40 years ago – and I have never forgotten it!

What I love about this story is that it puts life into perspective. Each Sunday in Advent we light one new candle. We progressively move from darkness into light. If we would light all the candles at once, (like turning on a light switch) we would not get the same effect. Lighting one candle each week illustrates for us how we slowly move from darkness into light. In other words, how we slowly grow from darkness into light

until we light the Messiah Candle. Thus, the full circle is now of light - completeness. For this, we should rejoice. Our spiritual lives in the postmodern society should not be instantaneous or quick answers, but progressions where we take time to let material settle within us, to percolate, and brew! To use a contemporary image, in Advent we mix water, beans and heat and slowly hear and smell coffee brewing. The more we hear and smell, the more tantalizing it becomes. At Christmas, we rejoice with a rich, full-bodied and satisfying cup of coffee! On Christmas, come to St. Andrew's. I will not provide a cup of coffee. However, I will share the Bread of Heaven and Cup of Salvation. —*David* +

Worship News

Sunday, December 4

2 Advent

Birthday Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 11

3 Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, December 18

4 Advent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

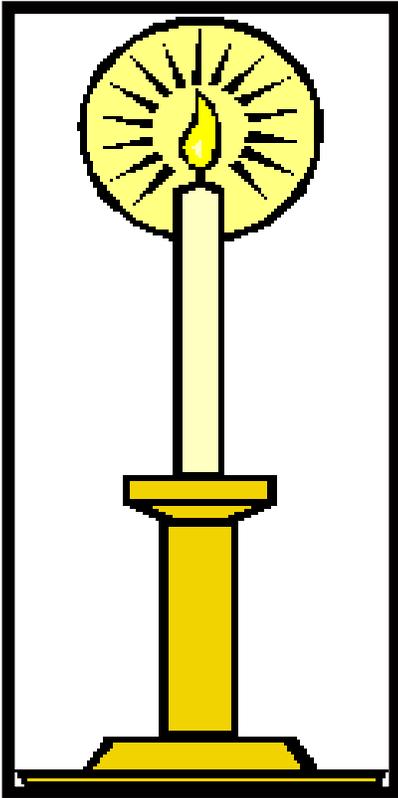
5:00 p.m. Family Service
11:00 p.m. Traditional Service

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I





A Service of Remembrance

*Saturday, December 10th
2:00 p.m.*

The death of a loved one is traumatic. The death of a loved one leaves empty spots in the lives of those who remain. Many find the Christmas season painful.

At St. Andrew's, we provide a low-key worship opportunity to help people address feelings of grief, loneliness, and loss. These emotions know no time!

Perhaps you, or **someone you know**, could benefit from this opportunity to worship and to be touched by God.

Our worship includes times of prayer, periods of silence, passages of scripture and the moving opportunity of lighting a candle. At the end of the service we offer the Laying-on-of-Hands and Anointing.

Over the years this pastoral service has touched many in grief.

For more information, please call the office **843-3868**.

Wednesdays — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

1st Wednesday of each month includes Laying on of Hands Healing Service

Annual Meeting

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS JANUARY 29, 2017

Our parish holds a meeting yearly to review the business of the church. The election of Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention will be part of this meeting. We meet in the church shortly following the 10:30 a.m. service, gathering for a pot luck lunch in the Great Hall after the meeting. The meeting is open to all members age 16 years and above.



Nominations for Vestry Members & Delegates

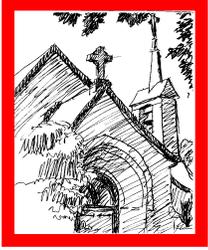
As part of our Annual Meeting, we elect new Vestry members and Delegates to our diocesan convention.

If you or someone you know might be interested in serving on Vestry, we need to fill five Vestry positions - three members for a three-year term; one member for a two-year term; and one member for a one-year term. If you are not sure or do not want to commit to three years on Vestry, there are one and two-year vacancies available.

Nomination forms are included in newsletter. The election of new Vestry members will be held on January 29th at the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with any Vestry member.

Convention Delegates are also elected at the Annual Meeting. Nominations are made from the floor. Four delegates and two alternates will be decided at the meeting. Delegates for 2017 will have responsibilities for attending a pre-convention meeting and the convention. The dates and location have not yet been announced.

Yours in Christ,
St. Andrew's Vestry



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Nomination Form for Vestry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, York, PA

A Vestry member is expected to be a church leader with a desire to serve the Lord in whatever fashion his or her gifts enable. It is expected that every person who is willing to serve believes in the Lordship of God, the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Vestry member must be a baptized Christian, at least 16 years old, and registered as a communicant of St. Andrew's for at least 12 months prior to election. By tradition, a husband and wife are not expected to serve on the Vestry at the same time.

A Vestry member is expected to attend all Vestry meetings. All Vestry members are expected to serve on a committee which shall meet during the year, as often as necessary, to fulfill its mission activity. Vestry members will allow themselves to be held accountable by their fellow Vestry members in the execution of their committee responsibilities.

The Vestry normally meets at 7:00 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings begin with prayer, teaching or discussion, continue with financial reports, business transactions, committee reports, future planning, and conclude with prayer.

A Vestry member accepts the responsibility of leadership by attendance at regular and special church services and other church events. A Vestry member must pledge to the financial support of the church, and it is assumed that he or she believes in proportionate giving and either is tithing or is working toward the tithe as a goal. Your support financially to the church, however, is between you and the Lord.

A Vestry member can be elected to a full three-year term or fill an unexpired term, and must retire for one year before serving again.

Vestry members must have an openness to grow in his or her understanding of God and God's power as known through his Son and the Holy Spirit. It is expected that this openness will be part of all Vestry meetings. Anyone accepting this position is accepting a ministry of leadership and eldership.

Understanding the responsibilities as outlined above, and after prayer and much thought, I allow my name to be placed in nomination as a Vestry person at St. Andrew's Church

(Signature)

(Date)

IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR ANNUAL REPORTS



Our Parish Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 29, 2017. All Committee Chairs and Groups, such as Christian Education, Altar Guild, Outreach, Youth, etc., are asked to submit a report to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, January 12th. This is a major project, so please help us by submitting your report by the due date. Thank you!

— *Paula*

Music News

WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN

The Adult Choir is in need of a few good men who love to sing who can lend their voices in praise of God for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Come join us for rehearsals at 12:15 p.m. Sundays December 4th, 11th and 18th. You will have a fun time and will get to praise God through music!

If interested, see Phil Cooper after the Sunday service or email philtc@yahoo.com

Holiday Party | J2A Auction

ECW Christmas Party and J2A Auction

The ECW Christmas Party and J2A Auction is almost here! Join us on Sunday, December 4th, at 6 p.m. The party begins at 6:00, with the auction beginning at 7:30. All auction proceeds benefit the J2A program. There is no charge for the event, but those wishing to participate in the live auction will need to purchase a \$5 paddle. There is no charge for the silent auction.



We are still accepting auction items, either goods or services. Here is a sampling of auction items donated so far:

- Tickets to 2017 pre-season Steelers game (\$100 value)
- Allegro Winery tour and tasting certificate for up to 10 (\$100 value)
- Car Care Package for Giambalvo Motors (\$275 value)
- Quilt from Lisa Gandy (\$250 value)
- Two homemade pies from Bill Drusedum (\$40 value)

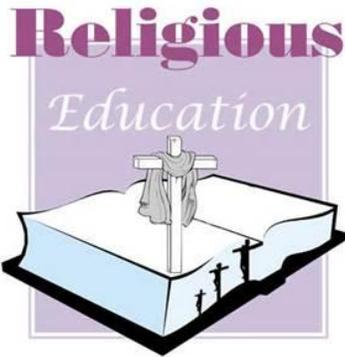
If you have something to donate, please contact Kelly Arcieri at 668-2824 (cell) or email at kellyarcieri@gmail.com. Those attending may sign up to bring wine and/or a dish to share. Indicate if you will need childcare, too. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

We look forward to seeing you on December 4th. Bring a friend or two. The more, the merrier!

The outer work can never be small
if the inner work is great.
And the outer work can never be great
if the inner work is small.

Meister Eckhart, 14th-century Christian mystic

Adult Education Opportunities



BIBLE AND BAGELS

Will not be meeting the month of December.
Classes will resume Sunday, January 8th at 9:00 a.m.
in the Great Hall.

Lectioary Scholars Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Godly Play Room

*Lectioary Scholars will meet Wednesdays,
November 30, December 7 & December 14
to discuss "Forward Day By Day" for Advent.*

*Classes for the New Year will resume
Wednesday, January 4th when the discussion will be
on the book "The Return of the Prodigal Son"
by Henri J. Nouwen*

*For further information, please contact
Eileen Sullivan at 804-248-7744*

or

Kathleen O'Malley at 571-228-2534.

All are welcome.

Children & Youth News



FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!!

The Christian Education committee is pleased to announce the dates for 2 Movie Nights in the Parish Hall:

Friday, December 9, 2016 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Elf and Polar Express

Unless there's a conflict, there will be a Family Movie Night the second Friday of each month. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Watch your Bulletins and Newsletters for further dates!

Contact Lee Ann Reardon with questions: leeannrdon@gmail.com or 717-659-3130.

Fellowship

“50 Shades of Grace”



Thursday, December 1st, all women are invited to share a fun, social evening with “50 Shades of Grace” at Dianne Newman's house, 2745 Loman Ave, at 7 p.m. Dianne decks her halls to the hilt with four Christmas trees! It will be a festive evening and surely put you in a Christmas mood.

You are welcome to bring your Christmas projects to work on OR, for those who want to, Dianne's chef friend, Margaret, will help us decorate an 8-inch Christmas cake with fondant frosting in a holiday theme - think Snowman. Cost is \$20. Please RSVP if you plan to decorate a cake.

Lynne Kearnan
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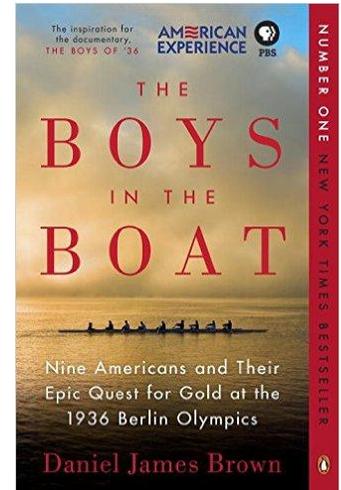
5-Book Club

St. Andrew's book club will next read **The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** by Daniel James Brown. It's a fast-paced, nonfiction book that reads like a novel. Anyone of any age who reads this book is welcome to join the discussion on Sunday, January 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Andrew's.

Lynne Kearnan

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Stewardship Message

In Colossians 3:23-24 Paul writes:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

As Christians in the 21st century, we need to embrace this larger biblical view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects, though important; it connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

We need to be faithful stewards of all God has given us within the opportunities presented through his providence to glorify him, serve the common good and further his Kingdom.

Thank you to those that have submitted your pledge cards already. For those who have not, please submit your pledge card so that the Vestry will be able to finalize the budget and make decisions based on accurate information.

Sincerely,

Dan Rooney & Lynne Kearnan
Stewardship Committee

Outreach News

Birthday Church Offering – November The United Thank Offering

Your gifts totaled \$115.84
Thank you for your generosity!

Birthday Church Offering – December Good Samaritan Fund

Your gifts will be received Sunday, December 4th.

The purpose of the Birthday Church is to supplement or support various identified ministry needs in the diocese, our community and congregation.

ECW Reaches out to the Episcopal Home



The Episcopal Home, part of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, is an affordable residence providing personal care while allowing residents to live as independently as possible.

Established in 1927, the Home is the oldest personal care facility in the Shippensburg area. Originally occupied by 3 ladies, by the mid-50s there were 6 women in residence. In 1959, the first addition was added allowing for 22 residents and for the first time, men. The newest addition in 1999 brought capacity to 32. The small number of residents enables the staff, volunteers, residents and their families and friends to develop close, friendly relationships.

As a non-profit residence, the quality of care is rarely compromised. Staff turnover is minimal. The Home employs nurses, cooks and aides, and enjoys having a number of volunteers from the community and the local Shippensburg University who are willing to help with food services, activities, and special events.

Residents receive assistance with medications, daily living tasks, meals, transportation to physician appointments within 20-mile radius, laundry services (excluding dry cleaning), housekeeping, 24-hour emergency response, planned activities and private room. The Episcopal Home is an important ministry of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. For over 80 years the Home has provided a warm and caring environment for seniors. Many residents still attend their home church and maintain memberships in civic organizations. What is particularly special about the Home is every resident can feel truly “at home” because of the individualized care provided by the dedicated staff. We are “Small Enough to Care.”

We encourage you to consider making a donation from their “wish list.” Beginning Sunday, December 4th, your gifts will be received in the collection basket located in the Lounge. An offering envelope is also available for those who choose to make a monetary donation. **Please make checks payable to “The Episcopal Home.”** Your gifts will be delivered by members of St. Andrew’s. If you have any questions, please contact Lou-Rene Myers at 347-7044.

Thank you for your continuing support of The Episcopal Home.

The Episcopal Home Wish List

- Large print Word Find books
- Greeting Cards with stamps
- Sponsor Monthly TV cable (\$23/month/resident)
- Phone cards for Tracfones
- Hand towels/washcloths/bath mats
- Bedside table lamps
- Kitchen towels & pot holders
- Costume jewelry—pins, clip earrings, necklaces 18” or longer
- Diabetic candy
- Small Knick Knacks
- Wingback Chairs

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St. Andrew's Men's Club continues to sponsor the **All Pro Dad's Breakfast for Phineas Davis School**. Twenty-six youth and their male role model were served in November. December's breakfast will be Thursday, December 1st. The theme for this breakfast is “Giving.”

All Pro Dad's Breakfast is a simple idea with a profound impact. This breakfast, served in the Great Hall once each month September through June, is held before school creating an opportunity for children and their male role model to meet with others. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

For more information, or if you are interested in helping with this outreach project, please contact Dan Rooney via email danrooney33@msn.com or phone 817-0530.

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HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE - THANK YOU!!!



Once again the Trick or Treat night was a lot of fun for the children as well as the adults! Approximately 350 children came through to receive glow bracelets, candy, cookies and drinks that evening. Many were appreciative of a bathroom stop as well.

I would like to offer a big thank you to all those who helped in any way - donating, distributing, greeting and being present to make the night fun and safe for all!

Susan Reardon

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Angel Tree for Bell Socialization

We will again be working with the staff of Bell Socialization over the holidays to provide toys, clothing and goodies to families who live there. With our help, all of the children and adults will receive gifts to brighten their Christmas!

Beginning November 27th, there will be a Bell Tree located in the front lobby. Each bell will have the name and age of a child or adult living in the shelter with his or her wish list. Please take a bell from the tree and purchase at least one or two items; it might be a good idea to pair up with another person for this ministry! PLEASE don't feel obligated to buy everything on the bell by yourself! Kindly return your items to the lobby, **UNWRAPPED**, with the BELL taped onto the bag or box.



If you don't want to shop but would like to help, please give donations to Susan or Lee Ann Reardon, and we'll shop for you. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated by the Outreach Committee and by the staff and residents of the shelter.

Please call Susan at 717-495-0178 if you have any questions. THANKS!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ARE NOW PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

If there is someone you would like to include in the Prayers of Intercession, please call or email the Parish Office by 12 noon the Wednesday before.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.



Scripture Readings for December



December 4	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
December 11	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:4-9	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
December 18	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:107, 16-18	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
December 24 & 25	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20

Bits & Pieces



Dear Reverend David,

“Thanking you” family and friends of St. Andrew’s for your visits, notes, telephone calls and cards.

During our convalescence Ralph (at home) and Emily (in hospital) your delicious prepared meals were much appreciated by Ralph. Enclosed is our donation for your kindnesses to pay it forward.

Our hearts are grateful. Your prayers are working, keep them coming.

*Lovingly,
Ralph & Emily Myers*

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*The Parish Office
Will be closed for the holiday
Monday, December 26th.
Have a blessed holiday!*



A Gift for That Person Who Has Everything

If you shop at **Giant** or **Weis**, or give gift cards as gifts, you can help St. Andrew’s by purchasing cards for groceries. You will receive face value for the cards and the church will receive five percent of the sales. Cards are available in \$25, \$50 or \$100 denominations through the parish office weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. or Sunday mornings during coffee hour.

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My Christmas Dream This Advent

I have a favorite Christmas song which most of you have probably never heard of. It's never played on the radio but you can hear it on iTunes or YouTube. It's *Christmas Dream* sung by Perry Como in a 1974 suspenseful mystery movie called "The Odessa File" and was actually an early collaboration of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber. My parents, bless their hearts, went on a quest searching for months and finally found a 45-rpm single of it in an offbeat record shop in Manhattan as a gift for me. I still have it.

Watch me now, here I go, all I need's a little snow.
Starts me off, sets the theme, helps me dream my Christmas dream,
Every year I dream it hoping things will change,
An end to the crying, the shouting, the dying,
And I hope you will dream it too.
It's Christmas, remember? We've got to remember!

So, light the light, I'm home tonight,
I need you to warm me, to calm me, to love me,
to help me to dream my Christmas dream.

Crazy things, said and done, every single day but one.
Every night should, I believe, be the same as Christmas Eve.
Nights should all be silent, days should all slow down.
An end to the hurry, the noise and the worry.
And I hope you believe that too.
It's Christmas, remember? Does no one remember?

The whole world needs a Christmas dream.
We need it to warm us, to calm us, to love us,
To help us to dream our Christmas dream!

Decades ago, I lived in Houston during the AIDS crisis. The Lutheran church I attended had a mid-week Advent service that was about a half-hour long. It was candlelit with quiet music and very contemplative. It was an oasis of solace and serenity in those crazy weeks of Advent when we all have too much to do and too little time. The point being to stop, catch your breath for half an hour and remember the "reason for the season". If you have children, you can celebrate Advent the way we did while I was growing up. Every night, gather your family together at the dinner table and light the candles on an Advent wreath, read a short Bible verse and say a prayer together.

At least some stores and malls are sensibly closing for Thanksgiving Day. Maybe people will be more well-behaved during the Black Friday shopping frenzy this year? But in this crazy, frantic Advent season you could think about my *Christmas Dream*. Or download and play it in your car. Sing along!

Lynne Kearnan



We really don't want to think about snow, but winter is upon us!

In the event of inclement weather, please turn to WGAL-News 8, WGAL.COM or the church website for up to the minute closings and schedule changes.



If you have not been receiving the newsletter electronically and have a current email address, please email the Parish office so that we may

update our records. Copies of the newsletter are also available for pick up on the table in the parish lounge. Thank you.

Paula

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NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

December 15th for January newsletter

January 15th for February newsletter

**Please mark your calendars
and be respectful of these deadlines.**

Parish Directory Updates

Address Change

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Phone Number

Aline "Lindy" Harrison

Cell: 717-309-3451
Remove home phone number

Email

Kevin & Melanie White

kevfwhite@gmail.com

Remove

Elizabeth Reeves

Transfer out of state

RECENT ATTENDANCE

October 30	8:00 a.m. 27	10:30 a.m. 76	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 7
November 6	8:00 a.m. 29	10:30 a.m. 61	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 6
November 13	8:00 a.m. 18	10:30 a.m. 88	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 8

December Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed, please call the parish office.

03 - Steve Weinrich
03 - Elle Fleming
03 - Philip Rooney
03 - Jolene Smith-Kingston
04 - Bill Brooks
04 - Terrance Kline II
06 - Leah Deroche
08 - Roberta Campbell
10 - Jean Whittles
10 - Tyler Raborn
11 - Leigh Dalton
11 - Steve Douglas
11 - Karl F. Rice, Sr.
11 - Henry Stambaugh
12 - Matthew Auterson
12 - Donna Peterson
12 - John Schmitz
12 - John Watson
18 - Ginny Sprenkle
18 - Susan Stiller
19 - Donna Welty
19 - Nicholas Chamberlin
21 - Lewis Myers
21 - Kara Stambaugh
22 - Noel Kraut
22 - Jean Tasco
23 - Kyle Stambaugh
23 - Ralph Dixon, Jr.
24 - Debbie Donoghue
24 - Elaine Douglas
25 - Alexandra Strausbaugh
25 - Ann Wallace
29 - Ed Stogoski
31 - Holly Weinrich
31 - Sallie Francis

December Anniversaries

If your anniversary is not listed, please call the parish office.

01 - Jennifer & Ronald Fimiani
14 - Hugh & Kitty Miller
30 - Stephen & Louise Manzella

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan Bishop Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Diocesan Mission Statement

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on our lips and in our lives.

Diocesan Web Site
www.diocesepa.org

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

It is our purpose to serve Christ and his people through faithful worship, study, ministry, and mission, so as to reflect God's love for all.

COMING SOON!

St. Andrew's
New Website!

Watch for further details!

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A newsletter by and for the St. Andrew's community

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Assistant Priest
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Organist/Choir Master
Lee Ann Reardon
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Lee Ann Reardon
Nursery Attendant
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Junior Warden (Vacant)
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Paula Beever
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Should you have any changes in your address, email or phone numbers, please call the parish office (843-3868) or email Paula at secretary@standrewsyork.org. We like to have our records as accurate as possible!