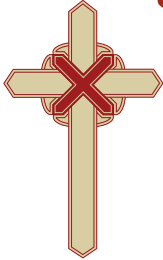


# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

December 1, 2013

## The Feast of St. Andrew



The Feast of St. Andrew, our parish's patron saint, is observed in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30.

Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman in Bethsaida in Galilee, in what is now present-day Israel. He was with John the Baptist when John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" It was then that he

began to follow Jesus, and when Jesus asked Andrew what he was seeking, Andrew replied by asking him where he lived.

Jesus said, "Come and see." Andrew then brought Simon Peter to Jesus, exclaiming, "We have found the Messiah!" The brothers left their nets to follow Jesus, who promised to make them "fishers of men."

Tradition speaks of Andrew carrying the Gospel message to Greece and Asia Minor following our Lord's ascension into heaven. He is said to have been put to death by the Roman authorities on an x-shaped cross, to which he was tied, rather than nailed.

He is supposed to have been buried in Patras in southern Greece. An x-shaped cross, or saltire (reflected in our parish's cross logo, is the symbol for St. Andrew, as are fish and fishing nets. Our parish's logo cross incorporates this "X" shape. The countries of Russia and Scotland have chosen St. Andrew as their patron.

All of these traditional symbols for St. Andrew are incorporated in the icon at right, by artist **David Raber**. Mr. Raber graciously gave us permission to print the icon in "The Net" and use it on our website. "I'm happy to hear you would

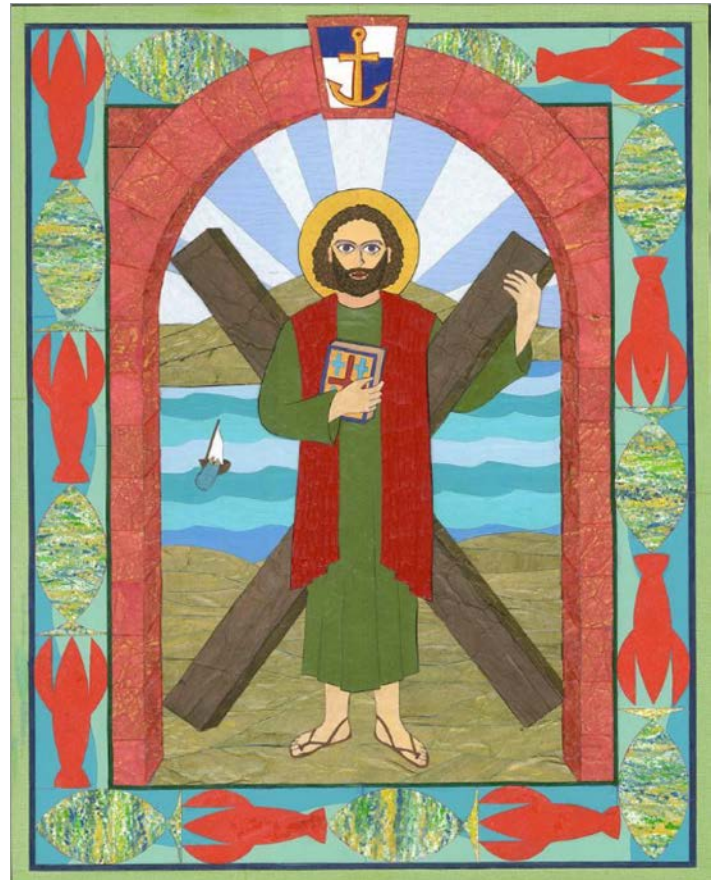
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## Two parishioners to present at 'Just for Jesus' event today

The 11th Annual "Just for Jesus" celebration is Sunday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at Alum Creek Church of Christ, 6256 South Old State Road, Lewis Center (just up the road north of St. Andrew's). Two St. Andrew's parishioners will be featured at the event; Larry Cooper will be giving a testimony about his experience with the Marriage Enrichment community, and Randy Smith will be singing.

Everyone is invited to come to this one-night-only special event, which will feature Bob Burney from WRFD Radio 880AM as the keynote speaker. The purpose of the event is

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St. Andrew by David Raber

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## A Prayer for the Feast of St. Andrew

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Where's the bulletin?

This Advent, St. Andrew's will be using the new *Text for Common Prayer*, approved this fall by the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America. A special service booklet with the Order for Worship is available in the Narthex or from one of the ushers; service music, hymns and Scripture

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## Advent devotional in your mail slot today

We begin our journey toward Bethlehem and the birth of our Savior on the first Sunday of Advent today. To help you prepare for that most holy night when God came to us as one of us, we're providing each family with an Advent devotional,

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## 2014 pledge drive at \$412,492

One hundred and eight (108) families have responded to the 2014 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$412,492 as of this past Friday. We are still waiting to hear from about 24 families. Our goal is \$473,250, which means we have \$60,758 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry can finalize the 2014 budget. To those of you who have already made your pledge, thank you for contributing to Christ's mission here at St. Andrew's Anglican Church.

## Youth to visit "Wildlights at the Zoo" Dec. 15

The Youth Group Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 15. Youth will meet at the church at 3 p.m. and head over to the Columbus Zoo to see the "Wildlights at the Zoo." They will do a gift exchange at the Zoo, and also have dinner there. Those who wish to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift valued at no more than \$15. Youth should return to the church no later than 9 p.m.

This event is for both middle- and senior-high youth. Chaperones are needed, so parents and other adults with a heart for our young people are asked to mark Dec. 15 on their calendars and consider chaperoning. Please contact Karen Osmond at 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com if you plan to attend, or if you are willing to chaperone.

## Bulletin

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lessons can be found on the inside of today's edition of "The Net."

The *Text for Common Prayer* includes "working" forms for the Offices of Holy Communion, Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, and Supplemental Canticles for Worship, as well as The Ordinal of the Province adopted and authorized by the College of Bishops for the ordination of bishops, priests and deacons.

A book form of *Texts for Common Prayer* will, God willing, be available from Anglican House Publishers, to be distributed by Amazon at \$7.95 per copy by Jan. 1. In the meantime, copies are available for download from the Member Connection of our website.

In a letter to parishes, Archbishop Robert Duncan says, "As has been true from the birth of the Province, dioceses and parishes are authorized to use all the rites common in the Province at the time of our foundation, limiting only anything 'contrary to the Word of God.'" The *Text for Common Prayer* will be used for Provincial gatherings.

## The Daily Lectionary

### Week of The First Sunday in Advent • December 1-7

**Sunday, December 1** — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 21:5-19

**Monday, December 2** — A.M.: Psalm 1, 2, 3; P.M.: Psalm 4, 7; Amos 2:6-16; 2 Peter 1:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11

**Tuesday, December 3** — A.M.: Psalm 5, 6; P.M.: Psalm 10, 11; Amos 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Matthew 21:12-22

**Wednesday, December 4** — A.M.: Psalm 119:1-24; P.M.: Psalm 12, 13, 14; Amos 3:12-4:5; 2 Peter 3:1-10; Matthew 21:23-32

**Thursday, December 5** — A.M.: Psalm 18:1-20; P.M.: Psalm 18:21-50; Amos 4:6-13; 2 Peter 3:11-18; Matthew 21:33-46

**Friday, December 6** — A.M.: Psalm 16, 17; P.M.: Psalm 22; Amos 5:1-17; Jude 1-16; Matthew 22:1-14 **Fest of St. Nicholas of Myra** — Psalm 145:8-13; Proverbs 19:17, 20-23; 1 John 4:7-14; Mark 10:13-16

**Saturday, December 7** — A.M.: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14); P.M.: Psalm 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117; Amos 5:18-27; Jude 17-25; Matthew 22:15-22

**Next Sunday, December 8** — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Luke 1:57-68



## Encouragement for your time with God

Give yourself some extra time to wait upon the Lord. Quiet yourself, and allow Him the opportunity to speak to you. He has many things He wants to say to you, but you must be quiet and still to hear them. Consider these verses, settle your heart down and let the Lord speak to you. Remember, "When it comes to prayer, it's not what you say to God, but what God says to you that really matters." — From <http://prayercentral.net/devotionals/abcs-of-prayer/>

*"He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."*  
(Psalms 23:2-3)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

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## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop W. Michie Klusmeyer** and for the clergy and people of the **Diocese of West Virginia** in The Episcopal Church. Anglicans have worshiped in the area covered by the diocese since 1740. The diocese itself was inaugurated in 1877 from the Diocese of Virginia (one of the original nine dioceses in the US) and now has some 70 congregations. Please pray especially for the diocese's outreach in education and to the unchurched.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray this week for **Fr. Tom Tirman, OSM**, and the people of **St. Michael the Archangel**, Anderson, Ind.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Cathy** and **David Allen**; **Mary** and **David Alvarado**; and **Chinaza, Jane** and **Phil Anosike**; the **11 a.m. Adult Bible Study Group** and the **Acolytes**.

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**Have a prayer request?** You may email your prayer requests to [prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org); call **Jacque Wallace** at 740-369-3963; or fill out the online form on our website, [www.standrewspolaris.org](http://www.standrewspolaris.org), under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu.

# The First Sunday in Advent

## December 1, 2013

Today's services are from the new "Text for Common Prayer," approved this fall by the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America. The Order for Worship may be found in the prayer booklet available in the Narthex or from one of the ushers. The service music, hymns and Scripture lessons follow.

Sermon • Fr. Ron Baird

### Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Lesson • Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122 • BCP 779

New Testament Lesson • Romans 13:11-14

The Gospel • Matthew 24:36-44

Offertory & Doxology • Hymnal 380, vs. 3

### Holy Eucharist • 8 a.m.

Processional • Hymnal 56, vs. 1-2

Sanctus • Hymnal S114

Fraction Anthem • Agnus Dei, Hymnal S158

Recessional • Hymnal 56, vs. 3-4

### Holy Eucharist • 9:30 a.m.

Processional • Hymnal 56, vs. 1-4

Gradual Hymn • Hymnal 550, vs. 1-3; Gradual Hymn • Hymnal 550, vs. 4-5

Choir Anthem • *Awaken Us, O Lord;*

words by John Parker; music by Mark Hayes

Sanctus • Hymnal S129

Fraction Anthem • *Behold the Lamb* (Words on screens)

Special Music • *On Eagle's Wing*; words and music by Michael Joncas, arranged by Mark Hayes; Elspeth and Gwyneth Nelson, vocalists;

Laurie Darke, accompanist

Recessional • Hymnal 56, vs. 5-8

### Holy Eucharist • 11 a.m.

Worship Music • *O Praise Him (All This for a King);*  
*40; O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

New Testament Lesson • Romans 13:11-14

The Gospel • Matthew 24:36-44

Offertory • *Mary, Did You Know*

Sanctus • *Sanctus* (Spanos Setting)

Communion Music • *Beautiful Lord*

Dismissal • *God with Us*

Today's loose offering goes to the Parish Discretionary Fund.

The Advent wreath is given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Oran Gough, by Donna Gough.

## This Week

### TODAY • DECEMBER 1

**Godly Play for toddlers - 5th Graders**, 9:30 a.m., Rooms 101, 102, 106 & 107; 11 a.m., Room 102.

**High School youth class**, 11 a.m., Parish House Conference Room.

**Middle School youth class**, 11 a.m., Parish House Room 201.

**Adult Bible Study Small Groups**, 9:30 a.m., Parish House Conference Room; 11 a.m., Parish House Chapel.

**Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group**, 11 a.m., Room 202, Parish House.

**Local Mission Offering**: Paper plates, cups, and bowls; plastic silverware.

### MONDAY • DECEMBER 2

**Twelve Voices of Christmas Rehearsal** for leads and chorus, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary.

**Daughters of the Holy Cross**, 6:30 p.m., Parish House Conference Room.

### TUESDAY • DECEMBER 3

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew**, 7 p.m., Parish House Conference Room.

**Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry**, 7 p.m., Parish House Chapel.

**Middle School Youth Group**, 7-8 p.m., at the church.

**High School Youth Group**, 8-9 p.m., at the church.

### WEDNESDAY • DECEMBER 4

**The Lord's Ladies Small Group**, 7 p.m., Parish House Conference Room.

**Contemporary Worship Team Rehearsal**, 7 p.m., Sanctuary.

### THURSDAY • DECEMBER 5

**Bell Choir Rehearsal**, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary.

**Choir Practice**, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary.

### FRIDAY • DECEMBER 6

**Marriage Enrichment Community**

**Christmas Party**, home of Mike and Tiffany Christy.

## Coming Up

### SUNDAY • DECEMBER 8

**Local Mission Offering**: Lemonade mix, coffee, sugar, trash bags, hot dogs and buns (please place the hot dogs in the refrigerator at church).

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 14

**Christmas Gifts and Packaging Class**, 1 to 3 p.m., Gathering Area. Call Linda Smith at 740-417-4702 for details.

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 15

**Youth Group Christmas Party**. See details elsewhere.

### SATURDAY • DECEMBER 22

**The Twelve Voices of Christmas**, 9:30 a.m. service.

### TUESDAY • DECEMBER 24

**Christmas Eve Service**, 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

## Worship Attendance

### SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 24, 2013

8 a.m. ....	32	Total .....	188
9:30 a.m. ....	118	Average YTD.....	195
11 a.m. ....	38	Uncntions.....	8

# Christmas Flower Memorials & Thanksgivings



The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note *Altar Guild* in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form.

Enclosed is a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward altar decorations for Christmas Eve.

**Please print all information exactly as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.**

This gift is given by (please print):

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Please contact me at the follow e-mail address or phone number with questions:

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In memory of (please print):

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In thanksgiving for (please print):

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For more information, please contact **Ellie Schramm**, 614-846-0711 or [ellieschramm@live.com](mailto:ellieschramm@live.com). **Deadline: Friday, Dec. 20.**

## Advent

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which is available in your mail slot in the Gathering Area today.

The booklet, "Sacred Space," features reflections and prayers for each day in Advent and Christmas, through Twelfth Night, The Eve of The Epiphany on Jan. 5. We're encouraging everyone in the parish to unify and participate in these daily readings. Our hope is that small groups will read the weekly portion together, and then read the daily devotionals individually. The booklet is also a great tool for families to use at home. You might want to read the weekly lesson on Sundays at dinner, and the weekday devotionals when busy schedules allow! Whether you read it by yourself, in a small group or as a family, this booklet is a wonderful reminder that we should all treat our time with God as "sacred space."

If you don't have a mail slot, please see Tally Whitehead, or contact her at [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org), to request a copy of "Sacred Space." Please also contact the Parish Office at 740-548-5112 or [mail@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mail@standrewspolaris.org) if you don't have a mail slot, and we'll provide one for you.

## December Birthdays

Parker Elder  
Christie Gales  
Marcia Johnson  
Sarah Fabian  
Larry Harper  
Austin Stout  
Jon Wallace  
Braeden Snead  
Harlie Moreland  
Burt Otani  
Rachel Cherubini  
Chris Haines  
Aiden Darke  
Avril Darke  
Alane Evans  
Alan Seitz  
Deryck Richardson  
Michael Seagrave  
Steve Darke  
Kerri Brock  
Robert Williams  
Benjamin Haines  
Steve Sattler  
Hope James  
Kristin Lowery

## December Anniversaries

Bill & Debbie Sterling  
Michael & Rosa Maria Seagrave  
Carlo & Rachel Cherubini  
Mike Christy & Tiffany Kennedy-Christy  
Steve & Jan Zacharias  
Bob & Alex Seyerle  
John & Chin Osmond  
Charlotte & Jesse Hall

## St. Andrew

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like to use my picture in connection with celebrating St. Andrew's feast — because that's what I aim for in the art I make, celebrating the lives of holy people and also teaching about them," he said in an email.

The artist's St. Andrew's icon, along with his other Christian works, is featured on [redbubble.com](http://redbubble.com) and [FineArtAmerica.com](http://FineArtAmerica.com). If you are interested in ordering copies of the St. Andrew's icon for your own use, please contact **Judy Baird** at [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 3, as Mr. Raber is offering special pricing to members of our parish.

## 'Just for Jesus'

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to bring together Lewis Center area churches to magnify the name of Jesus through songs of praise and worship; dance; drama; prayer; and hearing God's Word through testimonies to his grace and faithfulness. "Just for Jesus" is appropriate for all ages, and families are encouraged to share in this time together.