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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

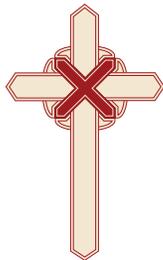
November 28 & 29, 2015

Bishop's Visitation

Donn Ross, at right, was received into the Anglican Church in North America last Sunday by the Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith, assisting bishop in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, while Susannah Reeves, below, renewed her baptismal vows before the Bishop.



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

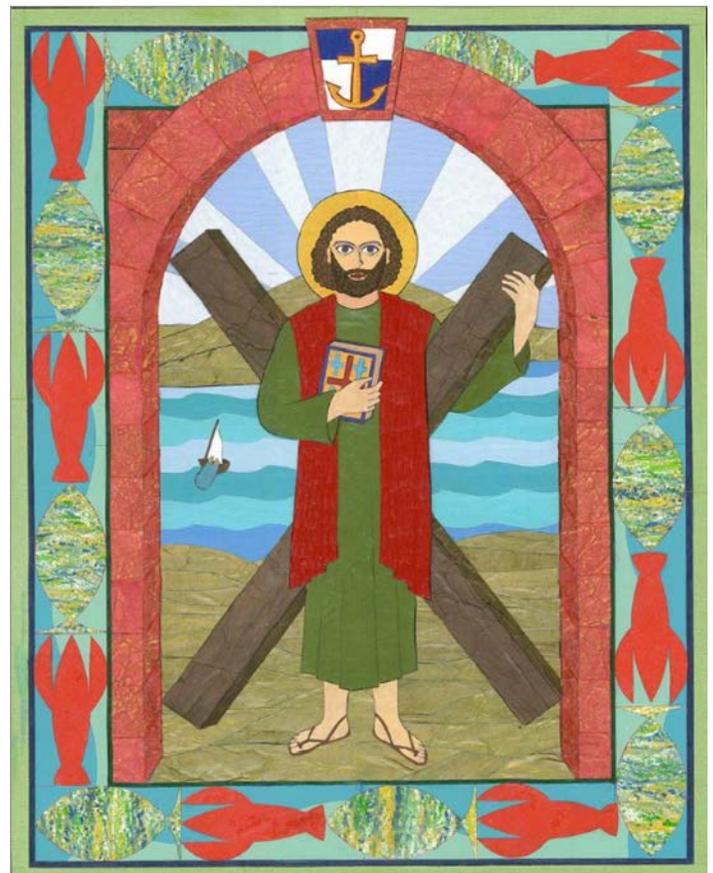
began to follow Jesus, and when Jesus asked Andrew what he was seeking, Andrew replied by asking him where he lived.

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

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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.*



St. Andrew by David Raber

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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):

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

In memory of (please print):

In thanksgiving for (please print):

For more information, please contact **Ellie Schramm**, 614-846-0711 or ellieschramm@live.com. **Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 20.**

Women continue study of joy this Tuesday

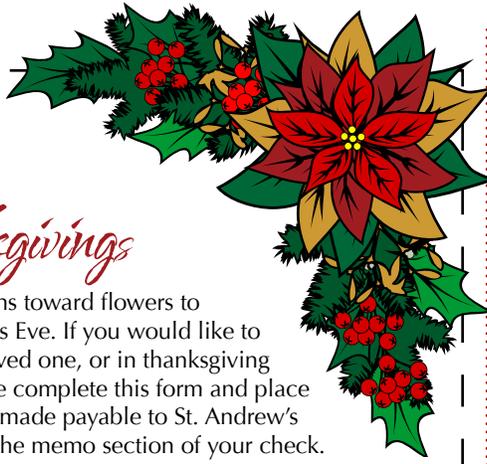
The women's weekday Bible Study will continue this coming Tuesday, Dec. 1. **Tally Whitehead**, director of spiritual formation, is leading this group, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House.

The women are exploring "Fight Back With Joy," a six-week study by Margaret Feinberg. All women are welcome!

The series is designed to help you embrace a life that's richer and fuller than you've ever known before — a life radiant with joy. Learn to practice joy, defiant joy.

Sooner or later, we find ourselves on the battlefield of life and struggle to know how to respond. Come learn to celebrate more; regret less; and stare down your greatest fears.

For more information, please contact Tally at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org.



Advent devotional available

We begin our journey toward Bethlehem and the birth of our Savior today, the first Sunday of Advent. To help you prepare for that most holy night when God came to us as one of us, we're making available an Advent devotional. The booklet, "The Living Gospel: Daily Devotions for Advent 2015," by Theresa Rickard, O.P.

The Living Gospel series of prayer books for Lent and Advent offer practical insight and spiritual wisdom from popular preachers and homilists. A new voice each season and the popular five-step format helps Christians pray, join their lives to the living Word of God, and take small steps toward spiritual growth each day.

Theresa Rickard, O.P., president and executive director of RENEW International, brings her diverse ministry experience, theological training, and the Dominican charism of preaching to these seasonal devotions. Each day offers a simple, five-step blueprint with brief gospel verses, prayers, incisive reflection on the Word of God, and a specific challenge for ongoing spiritual growth.

The booklet is available at no charge at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

December Birthdays

Candy Tracy
Christie Gales
Sarah Fabian
Donn Ross
Jon Wallace
Braeden Snead
Burt Otani
Rachel Cherubini
Aiden Darke
Avril Darke
Peter Vanderhoff
Alan Seitz
Deryck Richardson
Michael Seagrave
Steve Darke
Kerri Brock
Steve Sattler
Kristin Lowery

December Anniversaries

Bill & Debbie Sterling
Mike & Amy Romey
Michael & Rosa Maria Seagrave
Carlo & Rachel Cherubini
Ryan & Diane Bobay
Bill & Marsha Weber
Steve & Jan Zacharias
Bob & Alex Seyerle
Frank & Jo Edda Habeker
John & Chin Osmond



The Daily Lectionary

Week of the First Sunday in Advent • Nov. 29-Dec. 5

- Sunday, Nov. 29 (Advent 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, Nov. 30** — A.M.: Psalm 1, 2, 3; P.M.: Psalm 4, 7; Amos 2:6-16; 2 Pet. 1:1-11; Matt. 21:1-11 **Feast of St. Andrew** — A.M.: Psalm 34, Isaiah 49:1-6, 1 Corinthians 4:1-16; P.M.: Psalm 96 & 100, Isaiah 55:1-5, John 1:35-42
- Tuesday, Dec. 1** — A.M.: Psalm 5, 6; P.M.: Psalm 10, 11; Amos 3:1-11; 2 Peter 1:12-21; Matthew 21:12-22
- Wednesday, Dec. 2** — 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, Dec. 3** — 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, Dec. 4** — A.M.: Psalm 16, 17; P.M.: Psalm 22; Amos 5:1-17; Jude 1-16; Matthew 22:1-14
- Saturday, Dec. 5** — 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, Advent 2, Dec. 6** — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; Amos 6:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Luke 1:57-68

Next Sunday's Lectionary • Dec. 6; Second Sunday in Advent (Year C)

Collect: BCP 211
Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4
Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishops Ng Moon Hing, Charles Samuel, and Jason Selvaraj and for the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of West Malaysia, one of the four dioceses in the Church of the Province of South East Asia. Anglican worship in what is now the Diocese of West Malaysia was first celebrated in 1805 and the first bishop for the area was consecrated in 1855. The Diocese of West Malaya was created in 1971 by the division of the Diocese of Singapore and Malaya.

The Diocese joined the Dioceses of Sabah, Sarawak, and Singapore to form the Church of the Province of South East Asia in 1996. (The Church of the Province of South East Asia has some 90,000 members in churches in Malaya, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Brunei, and Nepal. Although the Province exists under a sometimes unfriendly Muslim government, it has experienced spiritual renewal and has sent out its own missionaries to spread the Good News.) Please pray especially for the missionaries, their work, and for the people they meet; for the on-going outreach to youth; and for fewer governmental restrictions.

In the Anglican Church in North America, please pray for Bishop William Murdoch and the people of the Anglican Diocese of New England.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Deacon Andrea Orchard and for the people of 62:12, Wadsworth, Ohio.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Steve and Sue Allen; Mary and David Alvarado; Chinaza, Phil and Jane Anosike; and the St. Andrew's Vestry.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Prayer of St. Teresa: "Dear Lord and Great Healer, I kneel before you. Since every great gift must come from you, I pray: Give skill to my hands, clear vision to my mind, kindness and meekness to my heart, give me singleness of purpose, strength to lift up part of the burden of my suffering fellow men, and a true realization of the privilege that is mine. Take from my heart all guile and worldliness that with the simple faith of a child, I may rely on you." (From *A Simple Heart*, by Mother Teresa. Published by Ballantine Books, 1995)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Kroger Community Rewards earn parish \$322 in quarter

Many thanks to the 22 St. Andrew's households who earned \$322.11 for our parish through the Kroger Community Rewards program for the quarter ending Oct. 31! Remember, regardless of how often you shop or how much you spend at Kroger, your participation helps our parish earn free rewards. Sign-ups are accepted anytime throughout the year. Simply go to krogercommunityrewards.com with your Kroger Plus card handy and register with "St. Andrew's Anglican Church," or our number, 80910.

St. Andrew

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 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 on the front page, by artist **David Raber**. Mr. Raber graciously gave us permission to print the icon in "The Net" and use it on our website.

Intercessory prayer

Prayer teams are available to pray with you during Holy Communion at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services. At 9 a.m. they are stationed to the left of the altar near the band equipment; at 11:15 a.m. they are stationed to the right of the altar, near the piano and organ. You may seek prayer for personal cares and concerns, concerns for others or offer thanksgivings for God's blessings. The prayer team will also offer the sacrament of Holy Unction — the anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing — upon request. All prayers are confidential.



Bishop Peter Beckwith, above with Mother Nanci James and Fr. Ron Baird, celebrated the Holy Eucharist at the 9 a.m. service last Sunday, and preached at all three weekend services.

At right, Bishop Beckwith greets Dave and Carol Warner at the close of the 5 p.m. Saturday service.



Below, Bishop Beckwith greets Bill Joseph before the 9 a.m. service last Sunday. Bill and the Bishop are childhood friends.



The Bishop greets a young boy with a blessing during the Peace at the 9 a.m. service last Sunday.

Prepare ye the Way of the Lord



In this Advent season, prepare a place in your heart and life for the coming of God in the flesh: Emmanuel! Make a commitment to yourself and to God to come to church each and every Sunday in Advent, to confess your sins, to hear his Word preached and to receive him into your very life in the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood.

By keeping a Holy Advent we open the way to make a joyful Christmas for ourselves. It serves to keep the hustle and bustle of December and the commercialism with which the world hypes Christmas in perspective.

It serves as a reminder to us that Christmas is not about presents under a tree, but about the greatest gift the world has ever been given: The gift of the Son of God en fleshed by power of the Virgin Mary. Emmanuel: The gift of God with us. The salvation of

the world! This advent let us heed the cry of John the Baptist and of the prophet Isaiah before him: Prepare ye the way!

Children of St. Andrew's will have a visit from a very special Advent saint next Sunday, Dec. 6! Be sure to come out for pictures and a treat from St. Nicholas!



The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the Winter solstice — that time of year when the sun reaches its Southern-most point in the heavens and the days are darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens, in their celebration hall.



There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought. Celebrations culminated in the "nativity" of the sun — the turning point of the year.

As Christians, we use the same meaningful custom to anticipate the feast of light and life: The nativity of the Savior. We add one light on the wreath for each Sunday in Advent. We think of the darkness after Adam's sin and watch the growing hope and light as the prophets and the Virgin help us prepare for the saving birth.