

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, August 23, 2015

## New service times start in September

Beginning the first weekend in September, we'll be introducing a Saturday evening service, and moving to two Sunday morning services, with a return to a dedicated time in between for discipleship for all ages, and a greater focus on fellowship.

This change, which we first announced earlier this summer, comes after much prayer and discernment, several years of discussion parish-wide, in small groups and one-on-one, and two member surveys. While the surveys alone did not reveal a clear consensus as to service times, there was general agreement surrounding the need for:

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## Orientation to St. Andrew's August 30

"Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's," an orientation to our parish, will be offered on Sunday, August 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Parish House Conference Room. This class, taught by **Fr. Ron Baird**, is an introduction to St. Andrew's, and is for anyone who is interested in joining the parish, or who just wants to know more about our mission and ministry.

In Class 101 you'll learn about Our Purpose: Why we exist as a church; Our Mission: How and where we fulfill our purpose; Our Faith: What we believe and what God has done for us through his son, Jesus Christ; and Our Commitment: Who God calls us to be and what he calls us to do.

You may register online at [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org), or by contacting **Judy Baird**, 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org). Child care will be provided for those families who need it, but we do ask that you let us know when you register so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

### Who should attend Class 101?

Anyone who is interested in joining St. Andrew's, or just wants to know more about our mission and ministry!

**I've been Anglican/Episcopalian all my life. Do I still need to take Class 101?**

If you want to join St. Andrew's, yes! Class 101: Discover St. Andrew's is our formal method of incorporation into the parish. We think it's important

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## The Bible and Bubbles!

Our toddlers enjoyed a sunny Sunday morning after their Bible lesson last week by spending some time outdoors blowing bubbles.

# The Daily Lectionary

## Week of the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16), August 23-29

**Sunday, August 23** — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; 2 Samuel 24:1-2,10-25; Galatians 3:23-4:7; John 8:12-20  
**Monday, August 24** — A.M.: Psalm 1, 2, 3; P.M.: Psalm 4, 7; 1 Kings 1:5-31; Acts 26:1-23; Mark 13:14-27 **St. Bartholomew** — A.M.: Psalm 86, Genesis 28:10-17, John 1:43-51; P.M.: Psalms 15 & 67, Isaiah 66:1-2,18-23, 1 Peter 5:1-11  
**Tuesday, August 25** — A.M.: Psalm 5, 6; P.M.: Psalm 10, 11; 1 Kings 1:38-2:4; Acts 26:24-27:8; Mark 13:28-37  
**Wednesday, August 26** — A.M.: Psalm 119:1-24; P.M.: Psalm 12, 13, 14; 1 Kings 3:1-15; Acts 27:9-26; Mark 14:1-11  
**Thursday, August 27** — A.M.: Psalm 18:1-20; P.M.: Psalm 18:21-50; 1 Kings 3:16-28; Acts 27:27-44; Mark 14:12-26  
**Friday, August 28** — A.M.: Psalm 16, 17; P.M.: Psalm 22; 1 Kings 5:1-6:1,7; Acts 28:1-16; Mark 14:27-42  
**Saturday, August 29** — A.M.:Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14); P.M.: Psalm 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117; 1 Kings 7:51-8:21; Acts 28:17-31; Mark 14:43-52  
**Next Sunday, August 30** — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 114, 115; 1 Kings 8:22-30(31-40); 1 Tim. 4:7b-16; John 8:47-59

### Next Sunday's Lectionary · August 30; Proper 17 (Year B)

**Collect:** BCP 233  
**Psalm 15** (BCP 599)  
**Gospel:** Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**First Reading:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
**Second Reading:** James 1:17-27

## Encouragement for your prayer time with God

From the cowardice that dares not face new truth, from the laziness that is contented with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, Good Lord, deliver me. — *Kenyan Prayer*. "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." (Psalm 25:5) "Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him." (John 7:18) — *St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries*

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop James Mathes** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of San Diego. Anglican worship in the area began around 1870 and the Diocese was formed by partitioning the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1973. The Diocesan boundaries extend from Sun City, California, to the Mexican border, and from the Pacific Ocean to Yuma, Arizona. The Diocese, with 22,000 members in 49 congregations, is heavily invested in education and operates 11 preschools, three elementary schools, and one high school. Please pray especially for the mission outreach to Sudanese, Burmese, and Iraqi refugees; for the Spanish-speaking congregations; and for the educational facilities and the students served.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Kevin Maney, Fr. Ron Feister, Fr. Ric Bowser, Fr. Philip Sang, Mother Nancy Stanton**, and for the people of **St. Augustine's**, Columbus, Ohio.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Michael, Rosa Maria, Sabrina and Sarita Seagrave; Alan and Kathy Seitz; Val Serback; the Menke Small Group; and Cub Scout Pack #139**. Please also pray for those in religious vocations: guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow You under vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your name.

## Prayer teams available on Sundays for intercessory prayer

Prayer teams are available to pray with you during Holy Communion at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. At 9:30 a.m. they are stationed to the left of the altar near the band equipment; at 11 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.

## Prayer service August 26

The bi-weekly prayer service will be this Wednesday, August 26, at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The more we pray, the more of God's power will be manifested in our lives. "I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done — by the power of signs and wonders, through the power of the Spirit of God." — *Romans 15:18-19*

## Young Saints teacher dinner Thursday, Sept. 3

Young Saints teachers, classroom helpers, and nursery care providers are invited to a dinner at the church on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The evening will be both a celebration of ministry, and a time to share information about the coming year.

Please come for as little or as long as you can. Children and spouses are welcome for dinner.

Please R.S.V.P. to **Tally Whitehead** at [etwhitehead@yahoo.com](mailto:etwhitehead@yahoo.com), or by text at 614-578-7897, by Sept. 2.

## Prayer for the election of a bishop

*All churches in the Diocese have been asked to pray for our retiring bishop and the bishop to be elected.*

Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father, we humbly ask for the grace of discernment as our Diocesan Standing Committee engages in the task of discerning and recommending to the ACNA House of Bishops the candidates for the next Bishop.

We lift our retiring Bishop Roger Ames up to you, thanking you for his faithful stewardship as the founding Bishop of our Diocese. Continue to bless him and Gretsie in these days of transition.

May you grace us in the Diocese of the Great Lakes with the wisdom to discern and embrace the next Bishop that you have planned for us. We pray this in the name of Jesus our Savior and Lord who is one with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever, *Amen*.

## New service times

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- all of our children, who now attend Sunday school at two separate times, to attend class together;
- greater fellowship opportunities between services;
- more time for parishioners and clergy to interact on Sunday mornings; and
- reduced “traffic noise” in the Narthex during the last service of the morning.

Fr. Ron and the Vestry believe the new worship service schedule addresses all of these needs.

### Children’s & Youth Ministry

Our children will benefit specifically by a more consistent class structure, which will allow teachers to plan for a 45-minute class period, including gathering time and closing prayer, which sometimes gets cut short under the current schedule.

In addition, all of our children — who now attend Sunday school at two separate times — will have an opportunity to explore the Bible, and learn about the liturgy of the Church, together with others their age, which will serve to strengthen the bonds of friendship among them.

For children in preschool through 3rd Grade, we’ll offer a Children’s Chapel during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service, beginning after the Gospel is read.

Fr. Ron encourages you to make both worship and Sunday school a priority for your family. Children’s Chapel differs from Sunday school in that it provides children a place to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them, while Sunday school is where they learn the stories of the Old and New Testament, about the sacraments of the Church, and the story of Salvation. Both are vital to our children’s spiritual growth and development.

Youth will also meet in between services, which hopefully will be more convenient for families with children of different ages, many of whom now attend Sunday school at different hours.

### Adult Discipleship

Having a time between services on Sunday mornings will expand our opportunities for adult discipleship. We’ll offer a variety of studies throughout the course of the year, which will be both clergy-and lay-led. Fr. Ron will teach the first study, which you’ll hear more about as we get closer to Rally Day and the kick-off of our fall program on Sept. 13.

### Fellowship

The new service schedule allows people to “meet in the middle,” and gather in fellowship in a less-hurried atmosphere.

### Worship

Our new schedule will look like this:

- Saturday, 5 p.m., Traditional liturgy and Holy Communion, with no music
- Sunday, 9 a.m., Traditional liturgy and Holy Communion, with organ and choir
- Sunday, 10:15- 11 a.m., Discipleship for all ages and fellowship time
- Sunday, 11:15 a.m., Contemporary worship with Holy Communion

A letter from Fr. Ron with further details was mailed to your home this week. If you didn’t receive a letter, you may download a copy from the Member Connection of our website, [standrewspolaris.org](http://standrewspolaris.org). Please contact Judy Baird at [jbaird@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:jbaird@standrewspolaris.org) if you need a login and password.

Watch “The Net” for more information about Rally Day and the kick-off of our new worship schedule and fall program.

## Join the Christy family at an Open House next Saturday!

**Mike and Tiffany Christy**, who moved to Louisiana earlier this summer, will be in the Columbus area next weekend, and would love to spend some time on Saturday afternoon with their parish family. You’re invited to join them from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Gathering Area at the church for a time of fellowship. Please bring a snack to share.

## Orientation

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to know a little bit about who we are before you join our parish family. This class focuses more on the mission and ministry of St. Andrew’s than it does on the Episcopal or Anglican faith tradition.

### I’ve been coming to St. Andrew’s for awhile now. Do I still need to take Class 101?

We welcome your presence with us in worship and other activities, regardless of whether you’ve made a formal commitment to membership at St. Andrew’s. We believe, however, that there are some important reasons to make a commitment to a local church community, and this class will help you decide if that is something you’d like to do. Making a formal commitment to membership also makes you eligible to vote in parish elections and serve in positions of parish leadership.

### If I take Class 101, do I have to join the parish?

Although you will be invited to join St. Andrew’s at the close of the class, you are under no obligation to do so. Once you complete the class, you may join the parish at any time simply by signing and returning the Membership Covenant that is in the Participant’s Manual that you will receive.

### I’d like to have my child baptized at St. Andrew’s. Do I need to take Class 101?

Yes! When your child is baptized at St. Andrew’s, he or she becomes a member of this parish. We believe it’s important that the parents be members too, since they are covenanting to raise their child in the faith.

### Should I attend Class 101 if I wish to be married at St. Andrew’s?

Yes! The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, the union of a woman and man in Christian marriage, is available at St. Andrew’s to couples who are members of the parish. If you are considering marriage, your first step is to attend Class 101. You should then set up a time to talk with Fr. Ron to arrange for marriage preparation, and call the church office at 740-548-5112 to schedule a date for the wedding. There is no cost for the services of the clergy, or for the use of the church, to church members.

## Harvest Festival Planning meeting July 31

The Harvest Festival Planning Team will meet Monday, July 31, at 7 p.m. at the Parish House. Plan to join us as we prepare to welcome our community to St. Andrew's for our largest outreach event of the year on Saturday, Oct. 24!

## Raffle announced

We will once again have a raffle in conjunction with the Harvest Festival, and this year there are even more ways to win!

The top prize will be a \$500 Visa Gift Card; second place will be a \$150 Kroger Gift Card; third place will be \$50 Bath and Body Gift Card; and fourth place will be a \$50 Max and Erma's Gift Card.

Tickets are \$5 each, or \$20 for a book of five. A maximum of 300 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held at the close of the Festival on Oct. 24, and a person does not have to be present to win.

Tickets will be available the first of September. Watch "The Net" and our website for further details!



## Women's Bible Study interest meeting Tuesday, August 25

Women of the parish who are interested in the possible formation of a Women's Bible Study group are invited to an information meeting this coming Tuesday, August 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish House.

Please contact **Tally Whitehead**, director of spiritual formation, at [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org) to learn more.

## Lunch on the Lawn August 30

Please join us on Sunday, August 30, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. under the trees at the Parish House for "Lunch on the Lawn." Bring a bag lunch for you and your family and come enjoy an informal afternoon of fellowship with your church family. As an alternative to a sack lunch, some families prefer to order food to be delivered. If you would like to take that route, please let **Tally Whitehead** know by contacting her at [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org) for help arranging take-out food. Beverages will be provided by the church.

The swing set area is open this summer for kids to play on, but feel free to bring any lawn games you have as well as lawn chairs and/or blankets to spread on the ground.



## Vendors sought for 2015 Harvest Festival

We're bringing back the popular Vendor's Market to this year's Harvest Festival, and there has already been considerable interest among local vendors. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in participating, now is the time to reserve your space, as the fee for a 10' x 10' space goes up from \$25 to \$35 on Sept. 1.

Fold-over cards with all the details vendors need to request an information packet are available in the Narthex. If you frequent area Farmer's Markets or plan to attend any festivals in the coming weeks, please help us spread the word by taking a handful of cards to pass out to your favorite vendors or crafters.

If you have any questions, please contact **Linda Smith** at 740-417-4702 or [festival@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:festival@standrewspolaris.org).

## Volunteers needed for children's games

In addition to the always popular hayride and pumpkin patch, we're planning a variety of games and activities for this year's Harvest Festival. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is available now at the Information Desk. Please take a moment to look it over and see where you might be able to serve on the day of the festival.

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Rachel Cherubini**, 740-971-7741 or [cherubiniachel@yahoo.com](mailto:cherubiniachel@yahoo.com).

*Please join us on  
Sept. 13 at 10 a.m.  
for Rally Sunday  
and the kick-off of  
our fall discipleship  
program!*

*See details in 'The Net'  
next week!*