SALT 2019
Volunteer appreciation banquet Sunday, Jan. 27
The annual St. Andrew’s Leadership Touchstone (SALT) gathering is traditionally an opportunity for ministry leaders to come together to set goals, talk about servant leadership and explore ways to effectively shepherd others in ministry.

This year, Fr. Ron Baird and the staff of St. Andrew’s will use SALT as an opportunity to thank all volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the Lord as together we fulfill the mission God has given us to “transform the world through Christ, one heart at a time.”

If you serve in any ministry at St. Andrew’s, please join us on
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Food, volunteers needed for Common Ground Jan. 19
St. Andrew’s will serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are especially in need of volunteers and food for this visit, as sometime the weather can be unpredictable and not all volunteers make it to the store. Also, if you are unavailable in the morning, please consider coming from 1 to 3 p.m. that day to prepare the store for the next shopping day the following Tuesday. To volunteer or provide food please contact Diane Bobay, 614-846-6921 or bobayfamily@att.net, or Marty Scott, 614-284-
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Linda Smith
Service of Christian Burial for Linda Smith Feb. 2
The Service of Christian Burial in thanksgiving for the life of Linda Smith will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, at St. Andrew’s.
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The Daily Lectionary
Week of the First Sunday in Epiphany • Jan. 13-19

**Sunday, Jan. 13** — A.M.: Psalm 34; Genesis 13; John 6:41-71
P.M.: Psalm 35; Jeremiah 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

**Monday, Jan. 14** — A.M.: Psalm 36; Genesis 14; John 7:1-24 P.M.: Psalm 38; Jeremiah 13; 2 Thessalonians 1

**Tuesday, Jan. 15** — A.M.: Psalm 37:1-18; Genesis 15; John 7:25-52
P.M.: Psalm 37:19-42; Jeremiah 14; 2 Thessalonians 2

**Wednesday, Jan. 16** — A.M.: Psalm 40; Genesis 16; John 7:53—8:30
P.M.: Psalms 39, 41; Jeremiah 15; 2 Thessalonians 3

**Thursday, Jan. 17** — A.M.: Psalms 42, 43; Genesis 17; John 8:31-50
P.M.: Psalm 44; Jeremiah 16; 1 Corinthians 1:25

**Friday, Jan. 18 (Feast of the Confession of St. Peter)** — A.M.: Psalm 45; Genesis 18; Matthew 16:13-20 P.M.: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 17; 1 Corinthians 1:26—2:16

**Saturday, Jan. 19** — A.M.: Psalms 47, 48; Genesis 19; John 9 P.M.: Psalm 49; Jeremiah 18; 1 Corinthians 3

Next Sunday, Jan. 20 — A.M.: Psalm 50; Genesis 20; John 10:1-21
P.M.: Psalm 51; Jeremiah 19; 1 Corinthians 4:1-17

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Next Sunday’s Lectionary
Jan. 20 (Epiphany 2, Year C)

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5  
**Psalm:** 96  
**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:1-1  
**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

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Encouragement for your prayer time with God—

**Father God, I come into your presence so aware of my human frailty and yet overwhelmed by your love for me. I thank you that there is no human experience that I might walk through where your love cannot reach me. If I climb the highest mountain you are there and yet if I find myself in the darkest valley of my life, you are there. Teach me today to love you more. Help me to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**


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Linda Smith
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Linda, wife of St. Andrew’s parishioner Randy Smith, died on Tuesday, Dec. 4. She was an active member of our parish, participating in Bible study and fellowship activities, and the Sacred Grounds Kitchen Ministry. She was instrumental in introducing the Vendors Market, which she coordinated for several years, to our annual Harvest Festival, and was a dedicated volunteer at the Festival, as well as at our annual rummage sales. She also shared her skill and passion for making handmade greeting cards by leading card-making classes at St. Andrew’s.

The Sisters in the Spirit Small Group that Linda was a member of, along with the Sunday Mornings Apostles Small Group that Randy belongs to, invite others who wish to honor Linda in some way to join them in making a donation to the Kitchen Ministry in her name. Donations may be made payable to St. Andrew’s, with “Linda/Kitchen Ministry” in the memo section of a gift by check, or on the outside of an envelope with a cash gift.

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Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Bishop William Murdoch, his wife Sally; Bishop Andy Fairfield, his wife Sally; and Bishop-elect Andrew Williams and his wife Elena; and for the clergy and people of the Anglican Diocese in New England.

The current bishop was a rector in The Episcopal Church. He and most of his congregation left The Episcopal Church in 2007 and, for a while, were under the episcopal authority of the Archbishop of Kenya. Consecrated a suffragan bishop in Kenya by the Archbishop of Kenya in 2007, he was elected to be the first bishop of the new Anglican Diocese in New England in 2009. The diocese was officially recognized by the Anglican Church in North America in 2010.

The diocese contains several communities of Kenyan, Ugandan, and South Sudanese immigrants and maintains close connections with the Anglican churches in East Africa.

The diocese, based in Amesbury, Massachusetts, now has 23 congregations in six states: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Thirteen of those congregations are in Massachusetts. The Rev. Andrew Williams was elected to be the next diocesan bishop last year and will be consecrated in May 2019. (Sources: Diocesan website and Wikipedia.)

Please pray especially for the diocese’s missionary family serving in Uganda (the wife in that family was ordained a transitional deacon in the Church of Uganda last year); for the street church and outreach to the homeless, downtrodden, and outcast in Bridgeport; and for the church plants springing up.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** Fr. Brian Wolthuis; Fr. Brandon Grimm; and the people of All Saints Anglican Church, Holland, Michigan.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Chris and Cherie Bryant; Dick and Mary Alice Busick; the Sisters in the Spirit Small Group; and our Youth Group.

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Feast of the Baptism of our Lord reveals God’s power in Jesus

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. The reason that this feast stands in such a prominent position is because it was the first time that God manifested his power in Jesus in public.

When Jesus came to John to be baptized, John was appalled at the idea. He claimed he was not worthy to untie Jesus’ sandals. Why should he baptize Jesus for the forgiveness of sins when Jesus was obviously so much more righteous than anyone John had ever known?

John tells Jesus, “I need to be baptized by you …” (Matthew 3:14) But Jesus answers him, “Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Why does Jesus insist on this? Why does he need to be baptized?

The answer is one that John gave earlier in Matthew 3:11. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me … will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”

This is the baptism that Jesus receives. A baptism to be filled with the Holy Spirit. A baptism of the power of God. This the Father testifies, “This is my beloved son with whom I am well pleased.” God’s public testimony of the person and power of Jesus the Christ.

Other testimonies would come, at the Transfiguration, through signs and healings: The blind shall see, the lame shall walk, the deaf shall hear, the dumb shall speak. And then through that ultimate sign of the power of God: The Resurrection.

When we come to be baptized as Christians, we come not only to be baptized, but to testify to a sinful and broken world of the Good News of God’s salvation through Jesus Christ.

With the power of God with us, we are called to open the eyes of the blind, open the ears of the deaf, enable the dumb to speak and the lame to walk. In other words, we are to set those who are captive to sin free from the darkness to walk as the children of light! — By Fr. Ron Baird

Come and see what is believed to be the original site where John baptized Jesus when Fr. Ron Baird leads a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, planned for May 27 - June 6. See the flyer on the Information Desk in the Narthex for details.

Volunteer appreciation — Continued from the front

Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. here at the church for our first all-volunteer appreciation banquet. This event will feature a sit-down meal with a buffet from City Barbeque, good fellowship, and words of appreciation and encouragement from Fr. Ron.

We look forward to celebrating with you what God is doing through our volunteers. Whether you serve on Sunday mornings, at events such as the Harvest Festival, at Common Ground, or elsewhere in the church, we hope you’ll attend. To help us plan for food and set-up, please sign up at the Information Desk, online at standrewspolaris.org, or RSVP to Tally Whitehead at 740-548-5112, ext. 5, or twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org by Wednesday, Jan. 23. Please also contact Tally if you have any questions.

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

— Ephesians 4:11-12

Volunteers needed to serve in Nursery

We have a current urgent need for volunteers to serve our youngest members in the Nursery! We especially need volunteers for the first and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9 a.m. service, and the first Sunday of the month at the 11:15 a.m. service. Please contact Tally Whitehead at 740-548-5112, ext. 5, or twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org for more information or to volunteer.

Winter weather notice

Jack Frost has made his way to Central Ohio, and it’s cold out there! Please remember to check our website before heading out for events and activities at the church if weather conditions are deteriorating, if roads are in poor driving condition or if there are snow emergencies in Delaware or Franklin counties. (Please note that all events and activities at the church are canceled if there is a Level 3 snow emergency in Delaware County.) If a cancellation affects a majority of the congregation, we’ll send out a parish-wide e-mail. Church service cancellations will be posted on local TV stations, as well.

Ministry reports due Feb. 6

Ministry reports for inclusion in the 2019 Annual Report are due no later than Wednesday, Feb. 6. Ministry report forms are available at the Information Desk, or online at standrewspolaris.org. Please contact Judy Baird at 740-548-5112, ext. 3 or j Baird@standrewspolaris.org with any questions. The Annual Report will be made available to the parish on Sunday, Feb. 17, ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Common Ground

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0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org, or sign up at church at the Information Desk. When St. Andrew’s serves at Common Ground we not only provide food for shoppers to have a nutritious meal, but also staff the kitchen, check-in, hospitality, and check-out areas, and help with sorting clothes and stocking racks and shelves.

The store, located at 193 E. Central Ave., Delaware, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 9 p.m., and Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help is always needed on these days, as well. For more information, go to commongroundfreestore.org or e-mail volunteer@commongroundfreestore.org.
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