

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

November 28, 2021



Above, Bishop Mark Engel confirms one of our youth.



Above, Fr. Ron Baird pours water into the font as Bishop Mark Engel prepares to baptize a young girl while her grandmother, St. Andrew's parishioner Carol Neague, looks on.



At left front row, from left, are Natalie Clark, who was received; Bishop Mark Engel; Liddy Schmitz, who was confirmed; and Pat Schmitz, who was received. Back row, from left, are one of our youth confirmands; confirmands Elizabeth Sylvester and Kelsie Meyers; Fr. Ron Baird; and confirmands Mason Thomas, and three more of our youth confirmands. Not pictured are confirmands Dawson and Ellen Vosburg and one of our youth, and Nancy Forman, who renewed her baptismal vows.

## Inside 'The Net' today

A Christmas Eve Service Survey, Rector Search Survey results available, & Advent and the Feast of St. Andrew are here!

# The Daily Lectionary

## Week of the First Sunday of Advent • Nov. 28-Dec. 4

**Sunday, Nov. 28** — A.M.: Psalm 74; Ecclesiasticus 9; Acts 22:23—23:11 P.M.: Psalm 77; Isaiah 41; Luke 8:1-21

**Monday, Nov. 29** — A.M.: Psalms 75, 76; Ecclesiasticus 10:1-24; Acts 23:12-35 P.M.: Psalms 79, 82; Isaiah 42; Luke 8:22-56

**Tuesday, Nov. 30 (Feast of St. Andrew)** — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-18; Ecclesiasticus 11:1-9,18-28; John 1:35-42 P.M.: Psalm 78:19-40; Isaiah 43; Luke 9:1-17

**Wednesday, Dec. 1** — A.M.: Psalm 78:41-73; Ecclesiasticus 14; Acts 24:1-23 P.M.: Psalm 80; Isaiah 44; Luke 9:18-50

**Thursday, Dec. 2** — A.M.: Psalm 81; Ecclesiasticus 17; Acts 24:24—25:12 P.M.: Psalm 83; Isaiah 45; Luke 9:51-62

**Friday, Dec. 3** — A.M.: Psalm 84; Ecclesiasticus 18:1-26,30-33; Acts 25:13-27 P.M.: Psalm 85; Isaiah 46; Luke 10:1-24

**Saturday, Dec. 4** — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87; Ecclesiasticus 21; Acts 26 P.M.: Psalm 88; Isaiah 47; Luke 10:25-42

**Next Sunday, Dec. 5** — A.M.: Psalm 89:1-18; Ecclesiasticus 34; Acts 27 P.M.: Psalm 89:19-51; Isaiah 48; Luke 11:1-28

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## Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary The Second Sunday in Advent • Dec. 5

**First Reading:** Malachi 3:1-5 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); 1 Corinthians 4:(1-21 (11:15 a.m.))

**Psalm 126** • BCP 444 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 4:1--21 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6 (All)

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Bishop Neil Lebharr, his wife Marcia, and the clergy and people of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. Almighty Father, we pray that they may be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and empowered by your Holy Spirit to serve you in the world.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** Transitional Deacons and Seminarians: Deacon John Betz, Deacon Donna Purkis, Deacon Jonathan Wylie, and Deacon Sue Bliese.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Chinaza, Jane and Phil Anosike; Jason, Trina, Justin and Jake Anthony; and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

### A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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## Encouragement for your prayer time

God will cover you. "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand—I who set the heavens in place, who laid the foundations of the earth, and who say to Zion, 'You are my people.'" (*Isaiah 51:16*) "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock." (*Psalm 27:5*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team*

## Congratulations to the Knott family!

Congratulations to Tommy and Carmen Knott on the birth of their son, Christian Charles Knott, on Friday, Nov. 12! Christian weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth. He was welcomed home by big brother Adrian.

Please pray for the Knott family as they begin their new life as a family of four!

## Prayers sought for the Casbarro family

We're sad to share with you news of the death of Peter Joseph Casbarro, father of Shaun Casbarro, on Monday, Nov. 22.

Please keep Shaun, Shelley, Kade, Reed and Laine in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their beloved father, father-in-law and grandfather. And pray also for Peter as he enters his new life in the nearer presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May his soul and the souls of all the saints rest in God's peace and may light perpetual shine upon him.

## December Birthdays

Kerri Brock  
Reed Casbarro  
Rachel Cherubini  
Sarah Fabian  
Burton Otani  
Deryck Richardson  
Steve Sattler  
Alan Seitz  
Braeden Snead  
Candy Tracy  
Minna Varkey  
Cindy Verhoff  
Jon Wallace

## December Anniversaries

Ryan & Diane Bobay  
Carlo & Rachel Cherubini  
Frank & Jo Edda Habeker  
John & Chin Osmond  
Bob & Alex Seyerle  
Steve & Jan Zacharias

## Make your Christmas Eve reservations now!

Week by week we're welcoming more and more people back to church, with our 9 a.m. Sunday service in particular quickly filling up. With the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord just over a month away we've been considering whether we need to return to three services on Christmas Eve.

Currently we're looking at offering services at 5:30 p.m., with carols led by "Calling of Levi," our contemporary worship band and a children's sermon; at 8 p.m., with full choir and organ; and at 10:30 p.m., with organ and congregational singing. While seating won't be quite as limited as last year we are asking that you make reservations so that we can determine if it's feasible to bring back the late service. Please go to [app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/71](http://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/71) to sign up for the service you plan to attend.

Making your reservations early will help us make an informed decision about Christmas Eve services!

## And the Survey Says ...

Wondering how the rest of our St. Andrew's family completed the Rector Search Survey last month? The results are now online on the St. Andrew's public website under the Rector Search link.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey. We are incorporating the results from your answers into the profile which we will be releasing at the end of the year.

If you would like or reach out to the search committee please email us at [search@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:search@standrewspolaris.org).

## Anglican Traditions class concludes next Sunday

The Adult Forum on Worship in the Anglican Tradition, led by Fr. Ron Baird, will conclude next Sunday, Dec. 5, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Newcomers breakfast Sunday, Dec. 12

New to St. Andrew's and want to get to know a little more about us? If so, we invite you to join Fr. Ron Baird for "Breakfast with the Priest" and Q&A on Sunday, Dec. 12, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House. Just contact us at 740-548-5112, ext. 3, or [mail@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:mail@standrewspolaris.org) to let us know you'll be there!

## Devotionals for Advent available

The season of Advent is upon us! Advent begins this Sunday, and we are offering devotionals to take home this year. We have selected two choices to meet the needs of our parish family. The more traditional, adult devotional will be "The Fullness of Time: Inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen," printed by Creative Communications. This daily devotional will guide readers with a Scripture reading, a quote from Henri Nouwen, a reflection and a prayer for each day of Advent.

The second option we are offering this year is "Countdown to Christmas," also published by Creative Communications. This devotional includes stickers and a paper advent wreath enjoyed by kids of all ages, but especially geared toward 3- to 10-year-olds. It is a short and easy devotional to read at the dinner table or even in the car and the paper wreath takes the stress out of lighting real candles with young ones!

Both devotionals can be found in the Narthex. Feel free to take one of either complimentary booklet per family. Quantities are limited, but parents of young children are welcome to take one of each.

## Festival of Lessons and Carols Dec. 19

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be presented on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19, at the 9 a.m. service. This marks the fifth year our church will participate in this Anglican tradition of Scripture readings and carol singing. We hope to bring back our Nativity tableau featuring children and youth of St. Andrew's this year, and would like to hear from families by Sunday, Dec. 5, as to whether their children or grandchildren will be participating. We do need a minimum number of children and youth for the drama part of the program.

You may sign up at [app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/69](http://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/69), or contact Tally Whitehead at [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org) or 740-548-5112, ext. 5 to sign up or for more details. A dress rehearsal will take place on Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.

As in past years, toddlers through children in 1st Grade will be our animal representatives. The outfit for animals will be black bottoms, which can be pants, tights, leggings, etc. Your child will also need a long sleeve top or turtleneck. Sheep will wear white, oxen will wear brown, and donkeys will wear gray. When you sign up please include which color top your kiddo will be wearing to help us keep the animal numbers even.

Children in 2nd through 5th Grade will be angels and shepherds. Angels should wear a white long sleeve top and black pants. The parts of the three wise men, Mary, Joseph, and Gabriel will primarily go to middle school students, but we may move 5th graders up if the need arises. We have costumes for these parts set aside at church. When you sign up, please include your first and second choice for parts and we will accommodate the best we can.

Reading parts usually go to college-age young adults and high school students. Christine Brill, our director of choirs, will be helping with music organization. Anyone who is interested in playing strings for the service or singing in the choir should contact her at [goosebrill@msn.com](mailto:goosebrill@msn.com) or 614-579-8586.

We would like to involve as many children, youth, college students and young adults as possible and look forward to hearing from you soon!

# Prepare ye the Way of the Lord

**I**n 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 attend worship services—in person or virtually—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 Communion.

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.

Advent serves as a reminder 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 enfleshed by power of the Holy Spirit in 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!

## 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 the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun's light and life, the ancients stopped all



The prayer table in one of our Gody Play classrooms is set for Advent with a simple Advent wreath, shown here lit for Christmas with the Christ candle in the center.

usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens, in their celebration halls. 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.

## The Feast of St. Andrew

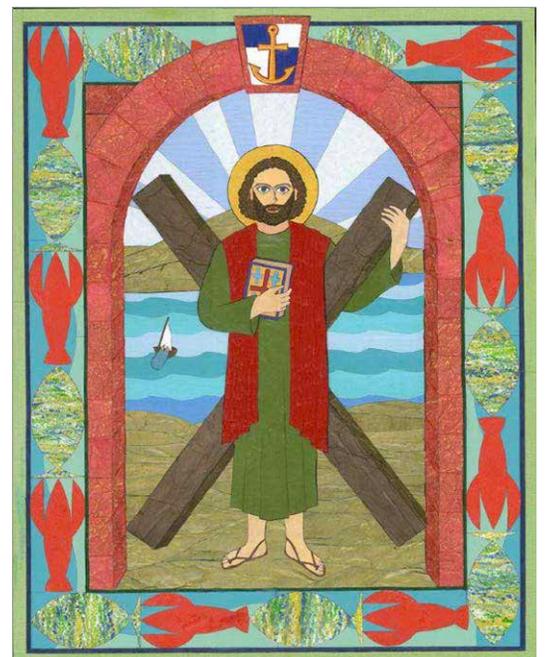
The Feast of St. Andrew, observed in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30, celebrates the life of our parish's patron saint. Like his brother Simon Peter, Andrew was a fisherman in Bethsaida in Galilee, in what is now present-day Israel. He was with John the Baptist when John pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold 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, 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.



St. Andrew by David Raber

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