

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2017

Prelude

Processional Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

Coronation

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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Gloria S 280 (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

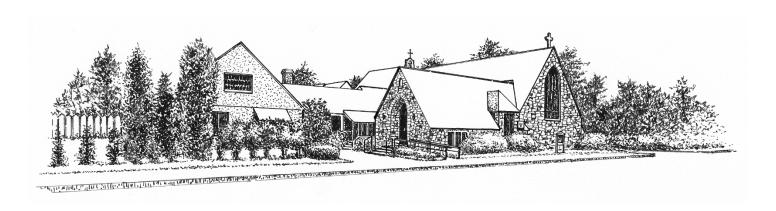
Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever. Amen.



First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his fatherin-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

- Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; * make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, * and speak of all his marvelous works.

and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

- 3 Glory in his holy Name; * let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; * continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, * his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, * and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; * he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, * and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, * and Aaron whom he had chosen.

45 Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the

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lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gradual Hymn 484 "Praise the Lord through every nation"

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them

The Gospel of the Lord. Clergy

deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Catherine Healy

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 644 "How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" St. Peter

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

BCP p. 361 **Eucharistic Prayer A**

Sanctus S 125 (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell

Breaking of the Bread

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 541 "Come, labor on"

Ora Labora

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



We welcome and thank Leonardo Ciampa as our guest organist today.

Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Diane B. Feist, C. Kirkham Rand, and Miriam K. Rand

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Molly Aitken, Margaret Blackwell, Laura Brown MacKinnon,
Elsie Deane, and Heidi Harper
Flower Guild Cynthia Ballantyne
Greeters Barbara Bergstrom and Sandra Rigney

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Michael Kemp Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Chalice Bearers Meg Harris and Paul Shackford
Lay Readers Randy Parker and Anne Prensner
Ushers Carter Houghton, Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner
Terri Rawson, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Neponset River Deanery
Trinity Church, Stoughton
Parish of the Epiphany, Walpole
Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury
St. John's Church, Westwood

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About the Readings

From Preparing for Sunday http://standrewswellesley.org/worship reading.html

Exodus 3:1-15 This passage records Moses' life-changing encounter with God. Here God's name and character are revealed as Moses is commissioned as God's agent. The fiery bush signifies God's presence and activity. In response to God's presence, Moses hides his face, for in Hebrew thought it was fatal to see the Lord directly. God is revealed as the transcendent Other who chooses to be in a relationship of commitment and even intimacy with God's people. God is One who sees, hears, knows and has come down to deliver. God's transcendent holiness does not preclude divine immanence and compassion. God sums up the mysterious, divine character by revealing it in a personal name, YHWH. As a form of "to be" it can be understood

as present ("I AM"), future ("I WILL BE [with you]") or the causative ("I CAUSE [things] TO BE"). When speaking, God says simply "I AM." When speaking of God, we use this verb form as God's proper name. This suggests a dynamic and outgoing concept of God, reflecting God's activity in history rather than simply describing God's eternal being as self-contained and changeless.

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c This hymn praises God who promised the land of Canaan to the covenant people and then kept the promise. The people are invited to praise God and seek God's presence (vv. 1-6) The whole story of the land—from the original promise to Abraham (vv. 7-11), to the ancestors in Canaan (vv. 12-15), Joseph

in Egypt (vv. 16-22), Israel in Egypt (vv. 23-38) and Israel in the wilderness (vv. 39-45)—reveals how faithful God always was to the original promise.

Romans 12:9-21 In the preceding passage (12:3-8), Paul delineated the diversity of roles and tasks within the Christian community. The standards he sets forth in today's reading should prevail regardless of each member's "function" (12:4). Love for one another must be without hypocrisy, characterized by humility, generosity and sympathy. Christians should earn a reputation for meekness, moral uprightness, peacefulness and patience. They should recoil with loathing from evil and embrace all that is good. Their passion for prayer and service should not diminish over time, but continue to result in blessing and a willingness to give themselves in humility to whatever tasks God presents. Revenge belongs to God alone. In verse 20, Paul quotes Proverbs 25:21-22 to illustrate the overcoming power of kindness. Such acts of goodness may or may not lead to the enemy's repentance, but they have an intrinsic power that is stronger than evil and will, finally, prevail.

Matthew 16:21-28 Jesus responds to Peter's confession (16:16) by foretelling his own passion and by teaching on discipleship. Matthew emphasizes that Jesus' death and resurrection are part of God's plan—indicated by the word "must"—in fulfillment of the scriptures (26:54). The anticipation of suffering and death was totally at odds with what was expected for and of the Messiah. Peter expresses this, once again speaking as the disciples' representative. Matthew makes Peter's response more vivid than Mark did by putting it into direct speech (Mark 8:32). Jesus responds to Peter's rebuke as a continuation of Satan's temptations in the wilderness (4:10). As Peter has been called the rock of foundation for the Church (16:18), so here he is a "stumbling block" (Greek, skandalon) because he has his mind set on human goals and priorities. There is another side to the promise of 16:17-19. Jesus teaches the disciples that, as suffering is the price of messiahship, so it is also the cost of discipleship. The disciples must "deny themselves" renounce all human things that keep them from following the example of Jesus. The word "life" (Greek, psyche) means also "self." To save one's life/self in the world's terms is to lose it in God's and vice versa. The disciple must choose again and again between Satan's offer (4:8-9) and Jesus' (5:3-12).



Notices & Announcements

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

Welcome to Jane Money

While Amanda Kern is on maternity leave (through December 2017), Jane Money will be the interim children's music director. Jane is the founding artistic director of the Boston City Singers and is happy to be returning to St. Andrew's, where she has led the children's music ministry in the past. Junior Choir starts on **Sunday**, **September 10**.

- Wardie Mannix
- wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Parish Picnic — Date Change!!

Please plan to attend the St. Andrew's annual All-Parish Picnic at the home of Luisa Hunnewell after the 10am service on Sunday, September 17! This not-to-be-missed fellowship event is a wonderful way to connect with the parish community while enjoying great food and fun activities for all ages, including lawn games, cotton candy, and a moon bounce! Casual attire is encouraged at both Church and the picnic.

As always, we count on many volunteers to make this event a success, and working together is another great way to get to know one another. Please sign up for a shift or donating a baked good (or both!) by going online to the St. Andrew's website, clicking

on the SERVE tab and clicking on SIGN-UP. If you prefer, you may also contact Jenny Sawyer •jennysawyer10@gmail.com

• 781-820-6483.

Episcopal Relief and Development: Hurricane Relief

I'm sure many of us are keeping the people in Texas affected by the hurricane in our prayers. If you want to send money to support the relief effort in Texas this week, we encourage you to use Episcopal Relief and Development, an excellent and effective charity which is part of our National Episcopal Church system. Please see the insert or make a check out to St. Andrew's with "Harvey" in the memo.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
- Adrian@standrewswellesley.org

Welcome to Baby Scott Kern

We are delighted to announce the birth of Scott Edison Archer Kern, born August 21, 2017. Parents Amanda and Dave and big sister Lucy are tired but happy!

- Wardie Mannix
- wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Coffee Hour Hosts

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Coffee hour is a great opportunity for parishioners to better get to know one another better, build a network, and strengthen the St. Andrew's sense of community. You can host alone or with a friend, or with your family, or we will set you up with a co-host, on a snack or a coffee-only day, in the fall, winter, or spring, with the cat or wearing a hat. You will like it—you will see. The community will appreciate your efforts.

Please sign up online by going to the St. Andrew's website, clicking on the SERVE tab and clicking on SIGN-UP, or notifying Hillary Madge • hmadge@mandhgroup.com

Apply Now: Youth Leadership Academy for Grades 9-10

Youth entering grades 9-10 are invited to apply for the Youth Leadership Academy of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. YLA applications are due **Wednesday**, **September 6**, at **5pm**. To apply, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

• catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Youth Group Camping Trip

All high school youth are invited to join our fall camping trip on **September 8-9** at Lake Dennison Recreation Area in north central Massachusetts. We'll depart from church on **Friday afternoon at 3:30pm** and return on **Saturday around 2:30pm**.

To sign up, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

• <u>catherine@standrewswellesley.org</u>

Confirmation Parents' Meeting

Parents and guardians of eighth-grade confirmation students are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, September 10, at 9am** in the Rite-13 room. We'll discuss class logistics and plans for the year. At least one parent from each household should attend.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Confirmation Prep

All eighth-graders are invited to join the St. Andrew's confirmation prep. The first gathering of the year will be **Sunday**, **September 10**, **from 4 to 5:30 (girls) and 5 to 6:30 (boys).** For more information, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

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New Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study led by the rector will recommence on **Saturday**, **September 9 at 8am in Room 2.** We are starting a new series, exploring St. Paul's theology through reading and discussing St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. All are welcome. No homework, just bring a bible with you—coffee and donuts will be provided. *Please note that we will now be meeting on the second Saturday of the month—the dates until the end of 2017 will be: October 14, November 11 and December 9.* If you would like further information contact me. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Junior Choir

The St. Andrew's Junior Choir will have its first practice of the year on **Sunday**, **September 10**, **at 9am** in the parish hall. All children in grades 1-8 are invited to sing! While Amanda Kern is on maternity leave, the junior choir director will be Jane Money, founding artistic director of the Boston City Singers and past director of children's music at St. Andrew's. — Wardie Mannix

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Rite-13 Family Coffee

Rite-13 (sixth- and seventh-grade) youth and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday**, **September 10**, after the 10am service in the Rite-13 room. Come meet the Rite-13 leadership team and learn more about what the year will hold!

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Flower Guild Meeting

The flower guild has a luncheon scheduled on **Thursday**, **September 14 at 12pm** in the **Harvey Room**. Please feel free to join us. BYOLP (Bring your own lunch please!) and a calendar: we will sign you right up!

- Katie Barrack • <u>katwfb@comcast.net</u>

Reading Mavens

Reading Mavens resumes on Monday, September 11 in the Harvey Room at 7pm. During the summer break we read the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu's, The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World. Optional reads are American classic The

Farm in the Green Mountains by Alice Herdan-Zuckmayer and John Le Carre's partial memoir, The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole • Adrian@standrewswellesley.org

Acolyte Training

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to become acolytes in Sunday worship. Training for eighth-graders will be **Friday**, **September 15**, **at 6pm** (before confirmation class lock-in); training for high school students will be **Sunday**, **September 24**, **at 6pm** (before the youth group meeting). — Jen Olivetti

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Confirmation Overnight Lock-In

Eighth-grade confirmands are invited to an overnight lock-in on **September 15-16**. We'll meet at church on **Friday night at 6:30pm**; pickup time is **Saturday morning at 8am**. Parents, join us as chaperones, or help out with dinner or breakfast! — Rev. Catherine Healy • <u>catherine@standrewswellesley.org</u>

Church School Teacher Training

New church school teachers are invited to a training session on **Sunday**, **September 17**, **at 9am** in the second-grade classroom. We'll explore the curriculum, learn how to foster a safe and peaceful classroom environment, and tour the all-important craft closet!

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- <u>catherine@standrewswellesley.org</u>

9am Christian Learning Series

Our 9am Christian Learning Series will begin on **Sunday**, **September 17**, **in Room 2**. We hold adult classes every Sunday of the month except the first Sunday, when our 8am service hosts a coffee hour. Please stay tuned; our fall schedule of specific classes will be published soon.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Bible Circles

Our Bible Circles will resume on the morning of **Tuesday**, **October 10**, **at 10:30am** and the evening of **Wednesday**, **October 11**, **at 7pm.** Each class lasts for an hour. This year, we will read and discuss the Gospel according to John. More information will be in future Sunday leaflets and on the bulletin board outside of Margaret's office. All are welcome to join our lively and informative discussions. — Margarethe Kulke

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Rite-13 Overnight Lock-In

Rite-13 (sixth- and seventh-grade) youth are invited to an overnight lock-in on **September 22-23**. We'll meet at church on Friday night at 6pm; pickup time is Saturday morning at 8am. Parents, join us as chaperones, or help out with dinner or breakfast!

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Kids' Place Family Coffee

Kids' Place (preschool and younger) children and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday**, **September 24**,

after the 10am service in the Kids' Place rooms. Come meet the membership committee and get to know your fellow parents.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

High School Youth Group

After the fall camping trip, the first high school youth group gathering of the year will be **Sunday**, **September 24**, **from 6:45-8pm.** Join us for games, worship, and a cookout! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Wellesley Turkey Trot

Remember how much fun the Wellesley Turkey Trot was last year? We are organizing a team from St. Andrew's again this fall, and you and your family are invited to join! Runners and walkers alike are invited to join us Thanksgiving morning, November 23 (3 miles/5K for teens and adults, less than one mile for children under age 10). Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, with all proceeds donated to fight cancer and help end hunger. There is a registration link available from the calendar or the home page of our website, or you can look for the link in the e-Pistle. Make sure to choose "Join a Team" and select St. Andrew's Church from the list. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Italian Pilgrimage

A subcommittee of our adult formation and learning committee continues to meet as we plan our Italian pilgrimage. We will be traveling to Italy on **May 14 and returning May 25, 2018.** We will be visiting Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We anticipate that parishioners will be able to sign up for the trip in early October. Please email me if you are considering joining the pilgrimage and haven't contacted me yet. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Join the Altar Guild

We happily welcome any member of the church who would be interested in joining us "doing God's dishes" or "setting the props for the show." The time commitment is low (generally one service a month), but the rewards (and fellowship) are great. New members work alongside experienced members as they train, and there is much flexibility to work around your schedule. For more information, please contact Cynthia Scott

• <u>cc.scott@verizon.net</u> or Laura Brown MacKinnon • <u>laura@brown-mackinnon.com</u>

Newton-Wellesley Hospital Seeking Volunteers for New Program

Newton-Wellesley Hospital is seeking volunteers for a new program it will soon be introducing to help provide comfort and companionship for patients during end-of-life care. *No One Dies Alone* is a program that trains volunteers to become "compassionate companions" who offer end of life presence and support to patients who are near the end-of-life. The program, first implemented

at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield, Oregon, is now a model for compassionate end of life programs in hospitals across the country. If you would like further details about this program please contact me. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Parish Directory

The directories are available for pick-up anytime —ONE PER FAMILY. They are in the narthex and the administrative hallway. If you cannot find them, please ask in the parish office. Remember that the directory is also available on our website: look for "Directory" on the top right of the site and follow the instructions to sign-in. —Katharine Clark

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Nametags

Nametags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Deadlines for Weekly Leaflet and e-Pistle Announcements

Announcements and gratitudes (and anything else) for inclusion in the weekly leaflet or e-Pistle are due on Tuesdays at noon. Please limit your announcement to 50-100 words. — Katharine Clark

• kate@standrewswellesley.org

Illness and Off-Hour Emergencies

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

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Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am & 10am. The 5pm service will restart on September 10. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. We offer healing prayer at this service. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered weekdays at 8:45am.
- **Senior Choir** will restart on **Thursday**, **September 7** and rehearsals most Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** will restart on **Sunday**, **September 10** and has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- **Parish Office** the hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, September 3

See service schedule above **No 5pm Service**

Monday, September 4

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

7:30pm Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 6

7:30pm Membership Committee

Thursday, September 7

10:30am Church School Committee 7:30pm Senior Choir Begins

Saturday, September 9

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, September 10

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9am Confirmation Parents' Meeting
9am Junior Choir Begins
9:45am Kids Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11am Rite-13 Parents' Coffee Hour
4pm Girls' Confirmation Prep
5pm Boys' Confirmation Prep

