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ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew November 19, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Iain Massie, piper Processional Hymn 435 "At the Name of Jesus" King's Weston The Word of God **Opening Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer p. 355 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Celebrant People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. Collect for Purity BCP p. 355 S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal) William Mathias Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

PeopleAlmighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he read-
ily 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 with-
out 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.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Moses said to the people of Israel, "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the

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People Thanks be to God.

sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

Psalm 19:1-6

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to an other, * and one night imparts knowledge to an other.
- 3 Although they have no¹words or¹language, * and their¹voices¹are not¹heard,

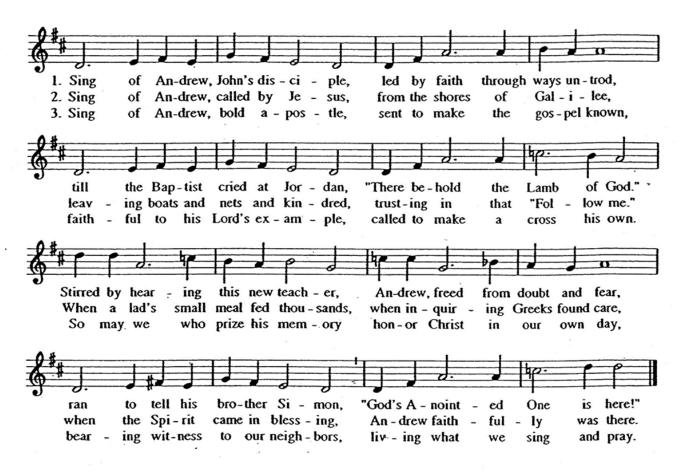
- 4 Their sound has gone out into 'äll'lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pa'vilion for the sun; * it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it a gain; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-18

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in

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whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."



Gospel: Matthew 4:18-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he

ClergyThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.SermonVicene Creed

went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

> Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. *The People reply,* Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Let all the world in every corner sing,

Offertory Anthem Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King

Gerald Near (1942) text by George Herbert (1593-1632)

"My God and King!" The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low. God's praises there may grow. Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!" The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out. But, more than all, the heart *must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing,* "My God and King!" Doxology Hymn 380 v 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Eucharistic Prayer A

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

BCP p. 361 Richard Proulx

Old 100*th*

BCP p. 360

Breaking of the Bread <i>Celebrant</i> Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.			
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!		
S 151 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) David Hu			
Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.			
Communion Anthem <i>Thou visitest the earth</i> Maurice G		Greene (1695-1755)	
Thou visitest the Earth, and blessest it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.			
Communion Hymn 290 "Come, ye thankful people, come"		St. George's	
Thanksgiving after Communion		BCP p. 365	
Blessing			
Recessional Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!" Coronation			
Dismissal			
Clergy	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!		
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!		
Postlude		Iain Massie, piper	

Please join us for coffee after the service, hosted by Ginny Snow.



If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome! We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



Serving Today

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Andrew D. Elia, MD, Dimetra T. Elia, MD and Lloyd T. Howells by Dorothy Howells

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Becky Hamlin, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan, Linda McCammond, Debbi Monti, Caren Parker, and Liz Rogers *Flowers* the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov *Ushers* Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Emmy Svedlund; and Torch, Katherine Svendlund Broadcast Tech Volunteer Jeff Eagan Greeter Lauren Murphy Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, Meg Harris, Suzy Littlefield, and Paige Manning Readers Paul Merry and Megan Burns Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton St. Thomas' Church, Taunton Trinity Church, Wrentham



St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

2024 Stewardship Campaign Givers 212 of target 300 givers through November 15, 2023

Every effort has been made to be as current as possible. If you have questions about your name on the list, please reach out to Joanne Butler

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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. -2 Corinthians 9:7

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Icon of the Week St. Andrew the Apostle

Most biographical notes on this apostle begin "Andrew was Simon Peter's brother," and he is so described in the Gospels. Identifying Andrew as Peter's brother makes it easy to know who he is, but it also makes it easy to overlook the fact of Andrew's special gift to the company of Christ. The Gospel according to John tells how Andrew, a disciple of John the Baptist, was one of two disciples who followed Jesus after John had pointed him out, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:29). And rew and the other disciple went with Jesus and stayed with him, and Andrew's first act afterward was to find his brother and bring him to Jesus. We might call Andrew the first missionary in the company of disciples. Though Andrew was not a part of the inner circle of disciples (Peter, James, and John), he is always named in the list of disciples, and appears prominently in several incidents. And rew and Peter were fishermen, and Matthew's Gospel records Jesus' calling them from their occupation, and their immediate response to his call. Andrew was the disciple who brought the boy with the loaves and fishes to Jesus for the feeding of the multitude. We hear little of Andrew as a prominent leader, and he seems always to be in the shadow of Peter. Eusebius, the Church historian, records his going to Scythia, but there is no reliable information about the end of his life. Tradition has it that he was fastened to an X-shaped cross and suffered death at the hands of angry pagans. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland.

His feast day is November 30.

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.

Family Advent & Christmas Events

Gathering of the Greens

Saturday, December 2, 9:30am Join us, rain or shine, at the home of Luisa Hunnewell, 845 Washington Street to cut some greens. Bags will be provided but bring your own gloves and clippers. Dress warmly. Hot chocolate will be served in the parish hall for all who come back to church to help set up for the wreath making

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3, 11:15am

Everyone is invited to make Advent wreaths in the parish hall following the 10am service with local evergreens. Please bring your own wire wreath rings and candles or these can be purchased (\$12 for the ring and \$5 for the candles,) cash or check preferred.

Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols

Friday, December 8

One of St. Andrew's best-loved traditions is the Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols night. There's something for all ages: while the children shop, adults are welcome to some child-free, stress-free Christmas cheer and cookie swapping in the parish hall.

Little Angels' 5:30pm to 6: 30pm

No adults allowed! Children (pre-K through grade 5) are invited to purchase small gifts for family members at this beloved gift shop, held in Room 2. Kids in grades 6 to 12 will assist with gift wrapping.

Cookies & Carols 6:30pm

Bring your favorite cookies to share. No time to bake? Come anyway! Pizza and drinks will be provided from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Finally, at 6:30pm caroling! Dress warmly, as we will be caroling door-to-door along Denton Road, spreading Christmas cheer!

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17, 9am

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 17. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.



Christmas & Epiphany Services

Advent Taizé-style Service Sunday, December 3 at 5pm

Join us for 100 flickering candles, chanted prayer, and holy silence. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France (taize.fr/en).

Advent Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 4 at 5pm

The senior choir will sing the music of Boris Ord, Elizabeth Poston, John Joubert, and Orlando Gibbons among others, as well as hymns. This is a candlelit service with Thomas Handel as guest organist. There will be a reception following.

Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm

If you, or someone you love has had a hard year, come rest in the promise of God's love. Join us in the Transept Chapel.

Christmas Eve Services Tuesday, December 24 (3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)

Children's Service at 3pm

Family Eucharist at 5pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cupcakes.

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Holy Eucharist Choral Service at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner Sunday, January 7 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

St. Andrew's Day

After the service **today** there will be a special coffee hour serving SHORTBREAD for the reception, which is a St. Andrew's tradition. **There will be no church school or Rite-13 on St. Andrew's Day: come to church instead! Kids' Place will be open.**

Thanksgiving dinners for St. Stephen's Please join Herb Manning and crew to help pack up the Thanksgiving dinners for St. Stephen's. Come to Room 2 after the 10am service today for a busy, fun time assembling the bags. You can still give to this effort by giving online, with a check, or through the envelopes in the pews!

9am Christian Learning

Our 9am Christian learning class will be in **the parish hall**. Join us in person or online (Zoom link here and in the e-Pistle).

Today, November 19, David Guydan will teach *The Work You Give Us to Do: Vocation.* Which work in your life is a vocation for you? On Sunday, **November 26**, Adrian Robbins-Cole leads a class called *Spirituality in the Second Half of Life.* Everyone is welcome; come for every class or just ones that interest you. We have babysitting at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join our class.

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Christmas Pageant!

Today, November 19, is our first rehearsal for our pageant from **11:15am to 12:15pm**. Please meet in the sanctuary. There will be auditions for speaking parts and costume fitting for all participants.

There will be **two mandatory rehearsals on December 3 and 10 right after the 10am service**. Snacks will be provided, but children with dietary restrictions should bring their own snacks. All children are welcome but children who are five or younger must have an accompanying parent. The pageant will be on **Sunday, December 17 at the 10am** service.

Confirmation Class

Today, November 19, the confirmation class is meeting **at 5:45pm**. We will start out in room 202. We will be learning about what it means to learn about the Old Testament.

Youth Group

Today, November 19, at 6:45pm to 8pm the youth group will be meeting in the parish hall, and we will be making holiday treats! There may even be some holiday trivia involved. **Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist** Join us on **Thursday, November 23, at 10am** for a Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist. Many blessings are all around us, let's give thanks!

Parking on Denton Road

In this holiday season, please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!

Turkey Trot—Sign Up/Show Up

Join our St. Andrew's Team for the 2023 Turkey Trot! So far 60 of us are running. We trot on Thanksgiving morning at 8am! <u>Register</u> to run in person: click "Join a Team" and sign up for "St. Andrew's." That's us! The money we pay as a 5K registration fee will go to local charities. **Meet in front of Qdoba, 185 Linden Square, at 7:45am sharp** to be in the group picture. Al & Zebby Dubé are staffing our water table; contact them if you can/want to help pass out water during the race. Happy Thanksgiving! —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Christmas Remembrance Flowers

We hope you will consider a contribution in memory of a (deceased) person, or in thanksgiving for a (living) loved one. The list will be published in the Christmas Eve bulletin. We solicit names now to make the deadline for publication. Regardless of how you donate, please fill in the form you got in the e-Pistle or by mail, and submit names electronically to Harriet at <u>altarflowers@stan-</u> <u>drewswellesley.org</u> by November 27, 2023. Additional forms are in the narthex.

Good Sports Service Outing

There will be a service trip on **Wednesday**, **November 29**, **at 3pm** to Good Sports in Braintree. Good Sports provides new sporting equipment to underserved youth who would otherwise not be able to afford uniforms, gear, and equipment. Youth who are 12 years old and up are invited to attend. Please sign up on Realm.

Boxwood Christmas Tree Workshop

With Christmas right around the corner, it is time to start thinking about decorating. Have you ever wanted to learn



to make a boxwood Christmas Tree? Come join us on **Thursday, November 30, 10am to noon, in the parish hall** as we make and decorate boxwood trees and have a little holiday cheer. The cost is \$40 for a tree and decorations. This event is limited to 24 participants. **Please register for** <u>Boxwood Christ-</u> <u>mas Tree Workshop</u> **on Realm by Wednesday, November 22**. <u>Becky Hamlin</u> and <u>Lynda Sperry</u>

Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • <u>dbhamlin@comcast.net</u>

common cathedral

You are invited to join a group going to Boston **Sunday**, **December 3** to serve lunch and worship with *common cathedral*. This is a congregation of mostly unhoused people. You can make bag lunches beforehand, too. <u>Please contact Cam McCormick</u> to sign up.

Taizé-style Service on First Advent Join us on Sunday, December 3 at 5:45pm for 100 flickering votive candles, chanted prayer and holy silence. The service is shaped by the worship of the <u>monastic Taizé</u> <u>Christian community in Taizé, France</u>. – Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Lessons & Carols

The senior choir will sing the age-old service of Lessons & Carols on **Sunday, December 10 at 5pm.** This service will include seven readings from the bible followed by advent hymns and anthems. Thomas Handel will be our guest organist. There will be a reception following the service.

Village Church Luncheon

Wellesley Village Church women are inviting the women of St. Andrew's to attend their **Christmas Tea and Piano Concert on Tuesday, December 12th at 1 pm**. "Please join us for a special piano concert performed by Alexander Xhoja, a talented young musician who received the 2023 Most Valuable Player award from the Massachusetts Association of Jazz Education. He is currently studying at the Berklee School of Music on a full scholarship. The performance will be followed by our annual Christmas tea with light refreshments. **Please RSVP by December 5th** to <u>normajeankamar@gmail.com</u>."

Blue Christmas Service

Join us on Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm. If you or someone you care about has had a hard year and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace endures. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or hard time we are acknowledging.

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Open Bible Study, December

The Gospel of Mark is the oldest, shortest and most breathlessly told Gospel. Only 16 chapters long. This month, join us to read and consider Chapter 4. We meet on <u>Tuesday, December 12 at 11am</u> and <u>Wednesday,</u> <u>December 13 at 7 pm</u>. Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. (Zoom links above and in the e-Pistle) —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Books referred to in Sarah's sermon Last Sunday I referred to Dr. Gordon Flett and his book, *The Art of Mattering: Understanding the Human Need to be Significant*. I also referred to a commentary in my sermon. It is actually an online resource that others might enjoy. It is called *Working Preacher* from Luther Seminary <u>and here is</u> <u>the link to this coming Sunday's readings</u>.

Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact Katharine Clark

Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices to complete your pledge(s):

- Stock donations: Please have stock donations processed by December 9 and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2023 Pledge, 2024 Prepaid Pledge, Capital Campaign, etc.)
- **In-person**: Drop in the collection plate **by December 25** or at the church office by noon on December 29.
- Online Realm or website: If paying by credit card, please process your request by December 26. If paying by ACH, process by December 27. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2023 statement if received in 2024.
- By mail: Please mail by **December 15** to allow for holiday mail delays.

For your 2023 pledge balance, log in to *Realm* and go to "Giving" where your payments and balance will be listed. For 2024, you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's! —Joanne Butler

St. Andrew's Outreach Season of Thanks and Giving 2023

- Feeding our friends in St. Stephen's parish and youth programs throughout November
- Packing bags for **St. Stephen's Thanks**giving dinners, Sunday, November 19
- The Giving Tree will be put up on December 1
- The Alternative Gift Fair will be on Sunday, December 10 at coffee hour.
- Calling all cookie bakers for **gift bags for seniors** in December

First Aid Kits

We have first aid kits in all the church school classrooms and both kitchens. We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room. If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should of course call 911, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes as needed.



Gratitude

From Ruth Hubert

Thank you for making my retirement celebration so special. It was wonderful to see so many of you that I worked with over the years. The Simon Pearce bowl is a beautiful addition to my dining room. Thank you very much.

Vestry

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 Please let the clergy know of names that 	should be added to our prayer list.
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Assistant Sexton Bill Clover	

Weekly Calendar

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am (also online) and 5pm. Morning Prayer online is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:30am on our website, our YouTube Channel (use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel), and on Facebook.



- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish office hours are (generally) Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm, unless otherwise noted or announced. Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- 12-Step Programs Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.

Sunday, November 19

The Feast of St. Andrew 8:55am Kids' Place 9am Christian Learning 9:45am NO Church School 11am Coffee Hour 11am Holiday Dinner Packing 11am Pageant Rehearsal 5:45pm Confirmation Class 6:45pm Youth Group **Thursday and Friday, November 23-24** *Parish Office Closed*

Sunday, November 26 8:55am Kids' Place 9am Christian Learning 9:45am Church School 11am Coffee Hour 11am Pageant Rehearsal

Monday, November 20 7pm Finance Committee



