



# The Anchor

January 2012

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow MA

**Parish Theme:**  
Creating Caring  
Connections

**Parish Goal:**  
To develop, expand and  
deepen meaningful rela-  
tionships among St. An-  
drew's parishioners and  
those outside the parish  
through ministries that  
foster fellowship; en-  
courage spiritual devel-  
opment; and serve the  
common good.

Please plan to attend the

## Parish Annual Meeting

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

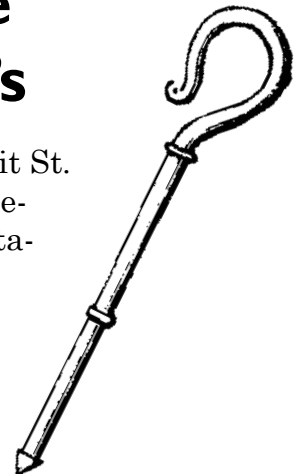
*See the Legislative Process of the Church in Action!*

Beginning at 9 a.m. on January 15<sup>th</sup>, we will launch this annual gathering with worship – an abbreviated Eucharist. Then we will reconvene in the Undercroft for our meeting, which will be followed by a potluck luncheon. Please bring a covered dish to share. At the Annual Meeting we will:

- review a video about Church Without Walls
- watch a slideshow featuring pictures of our exciting parish life from the past year
- distribute copies of the Annual Report (a collection of reports from different officers and committees)
- elect Vestry members, Wardens and diocesan convention delegates
- review the proposed 2012 budget

## Bishop Scruton to Make Last Visit to St. Andrew's

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bishop Gordon Scruton will visit St. Andrew's for the last time in an official capacity before his December retirement. At this annual visitation, the Bishop will preside and preach at the 10 a.m. worship service. In addition, some of our adult parishioners will be confirmed or received. Come help welcome the newest members of the Episcopal Church and say good-bye to Bishop Scruton.



## Nominating Committee Releases Slate of Nominees

After much prayerful discussion and input from the congregation through the nomination forms, the Nominating Committee nominated parishioners for different positions that enrich our community life. The committee is pleased to share the slate with the rest of the parish:

### Executive Committee

Larry Morrow, Senior Warden  
Carol Howland, Junior Warden  
Betsy Scuderi, Clerk  
Wally Rodger, Treasurer

### Vestry

Sandra Beals (two-year term)  
Crystal Diamond (three-year term)  
Bill Fisher (three-year term)  
Maureen Lewis (three-year term)  
Kathy Reiss (one-year term)  
Mary Rogeness (two-year term)

### Diocesan Convention Delegates

Yasmeen Najeebi (Youth)  
Ruth Reynolds  
Wende Wheeler  
Mike Young  
Larry Morrow (Alternate)

### Council of Churches Representatives

Kathleen Cordier  
Jeanne Butrick

At the Annual Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, parishioners will have the opportunity to elect these nominees to serve the congregation. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

The 2011 Nominating Committee consists of Larry Morrow, Cindy O'Malley, Kathy Reiss, Mike Young, Wende Wheeler and Fr. Derick.

## Church Without Walls

The CWW Core Team would like to extend a large **THANK YOU** to all those who have worked on sandwich-making for Sunday lunches, and those who have come down to Court Square to participate in the weekly service. Your assistance with this ministry of presence and hope is very much appreciated.

A new sign-up sheet may be found in the Narthex. We're continuing to look for people to help with sandwich-making on the first and second Sundays of each month (third Sundays are covered by Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, fourth Sundays by our Church School, and fifth Sundays by Church of the Good Shepherd in West Springfield) — sandwich making happens Sundays at 9 a.m. in our parish kitchen. We are also looking for individuals and families to come down to Court Square to lend a hand with our service Sundays at noon. So check your calendar and come sign up to be a part of the Church Without Walls for a day!

*Watch for our short video, premiering at the Annual Meeting on January 15 — it gives a great look at a typical day at the Church Without Walls.*

## December Vestry Meeting Highlights

At its December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Vestry:

- reviewed the proposed 2012 budget
- discussed the developing building use policy for outside groups
- reallocated the remaining \$6,000 from the Rector Search and Move to the operating budget
- discussed the need for a variety of worship styles

Want more information about Vestry meetings? Meeting minutes are posted in the Narthex for your review.

# Pledge Appeal 2012

**THANK YOU** to all who have made a pledge to St. Andrew's for 2012. Your support of the work God does through our parish is greatly appreciated! As of January 1, 2012, pledge commitments total \$233,279 from 116 households.

## *By The Numbers*

2012 Pledge range	Number Committed	Total		
\$10,000 and up	2	\$20,548	Number of new pledges	11
\$5,000-\$9,999	10	\$58,609	Number of increased pledges	34
\$2,500 -\$4,999	18	\$56,120	Number of level pledges	53
\$1,000-\$2,499	51	\$79,695	Number of decreased pledges	18
\$100-\$999	35	\$18,307		
TOTAL	116	\$233,279	TOTAL	116

**THANK YOU** to our team of callers who followed up the Pledge Appeal and In-Gathering Sunday with reminder calls to those who had not yet filled out pledge cards: Dan O'Malley, Dean Rogeness, Carl Breyer, Don Burnett, Larry Morrow and Betsy Scuderi.

## *We're Not There Yet*

The mission plan budget for 2012 proposed by the Vestry and Finance Committee foresees expenses totaling \$358,696. The coming year will be the first since 2008 in which we will have a full-time rector for the entire year. We also are facing significant repair to the exterior stonework on the chapel, as well as the first of a three-year amortization of debt in the wake of the projects completed as a part of the 2008 campaign. A total of \$259,000 in pledges is needed to balance this budget — we still have approximately \$26,000 to go.

## *A Word to Those Who Haven't Yet Pledged*

If you have not yet pledged for 2012, the Vestry and Finance Committee ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Our pledges are commitments to each other — to those with whom we share our community — to do God's work together, in this place. A pledge commitment — as opposed to contributing in the plate on Sundays — allows the Vestry to anticipate what resources the parish will have in the coming year to carry out our mission and programming, and to be good stewards of our property. Our ministry depends on all of our pledges — and every pledge matters.

***Complete information about the 2012 mission plan budget will be available at the Annual Meeting.***

## Ash Wednesday Worship

On February 22nd, Christians around the world will begin the observance of Lent with Ash Wednesday. This 40-day long (excluding Sundays) season invites us to reflect on Jesus' 40-day wilderness experience as we participate in acts of self-sacrifice, humility and penance. Also, Lent reminds us of our human limitations and our dependence on God. The observance of Lent concludes with the events of Holy Week when we will remember the betrayal and death of Jesus Christ. Then, we proclaim the hope of the resurrection as we celebrate Easter!

### Ash Wednesday Worship Schedule

Each service includes the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed from the Reserved Sacrament at the first 7 a.m. and 12 p.m. services.

7 a.m. (a 30-minute contemplative service)

12 noon (a 30-minute contemplative service)

7 p.m. (the principal service for Ash Wednesday)

Stay tuned for information about the 2012 Lenten adult formation!

### Deadline for February Anchor: Friday, January 20

Items may be emailed to  
Wende Wheeler at  
wende.wheeler@verizon.net

### Birthdays in January

1	Robin Bliven Gene Parker	28	Charles Baldwin Karen Hotaling
2	Elizabeth Vogel	30	Donald Agnoli Joanne Dupont Tracy Stanek
3	Brice Englert Sarah Toner	31	Catherine Bartlett Donna Liebman Joan Sizer
5	Richard Lewis		
7	Jean Blair Carey Lape		
10	Brooke Sellica		
12	Pierce Jusko Stephen Strebel		
16	Ingrid Janes		
18	William Toner		
21	Jamie Fetz Bobby Taylor		
22	Hilary Burrall Ryan Scarlett		
23	Dee Adams Don Burnett		
24	Mary Ellen Brush		
25	Jennifer Greim Ronald Morrison		
26	Ryan Flynn		

### Anniversaries in January

6	Laura & Phil Robichaud Charlene & Fred Sellica
18	Barbara & Ron Morrison

*If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or does not appear, please contact the parish office.*



## Family Game Night: Friday, February 10

The Congregational Development Committee will host a Family Game Night on Friday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the Undercroft. Bring your favorite board games and enjoy an evening of fun. Play old favorites, or learn a new game — a good time for all ages! Snacks and beverage will be provided.



## Update: Election of the next Bishop of Western Massachusetts

The first phase of the Episcopal Search Committee has been completed, and the profile of our Diocese — the document describing the diocese and our hopes and expectations of our next bishop — has been written and posted. Applications from those discerning a call to be our next bishop are being accepted during January 2012.

More information about the search process, the results of the diocese-wide "listening sessions," the timeline and the Diocesan Profile can be found at [www.wmassbishopsearch.org/](http://www.wmassbishopsearch.org/).

## Adult Formation The God-shaped Community-Part II: What Does it REALLY Mean to Be Church?

This class will focus on the Christian community in the book of Acts and how its practices can be applied to today's church. We will explore the Christian identity in the context of community and will consider the changing nature of Christianity. The class will include Bible study, group discussion, Christian history and practical application to personal and church life. The class will meet Sundays at 9 a.m. in the St. Andrew's Room beginning January 29. Please contact Fr. Derrick for more information (Rector@St-Andrews-Longmeadow.org).

## Looking Ahead ...

January 6: J2A Epiphany Gathering with Families

January 15: Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. (see page 1 for more information)

January 22: Bishop's Visitation and Adult Confirmation at 10 a.m.

January 29: Young Family Gathering (watch for more information)

February 10: Family Game Night—6 p.m. in the Undercroft

February 22: Ash Wednesday (see schedule at left)

April 1: Palm Sunday

April 8: Easter



## Church School and Youth Formation Notes

### January Church School Schedule

Sunday, January 1 — Activity bags are available in the Narthex for young children

Sunday, January 8 — Children's Chapel (younger children may go into the Chapel for supervised art projects during the service)

Sunday, January 15 — Activity bags will be available for children during the 9 a.m. service and Annual Meeting, followed by brunch.

January 22 & 29 — Regular classes resume

**THANK YOU** to all those who participated in our mattress sale event. We are \$1,900 closer to our goal! If you still are interested in a mattress, but missed the deadline, speak to Sue Lussier about options still available.



The J2A class will be taking orders for **home-made chili** which will be available for Superbowl Sunday, February 5. More information and sample will be available at church on Sunday, January 8.



**J2A Class Schedule Note:** Special dinner and meeting Friday, January 6 at the church at 6 p.m. to discuss the pilgrimage and fundraising. For students and their parents.

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***Schedule***

- Weekday Eucharist  
Wednesdays at 7 a.m.
- Holy Eucharist -  
Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sun-  
days at 8 and 10 a.m.
- Parish Office open Mon-  
day-Thursday 9 a.m. –2:30  
p.m.; Friday 9 a.m.-noon.

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