



The Anchor

October 2011

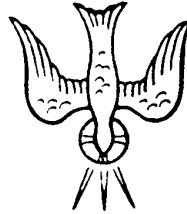
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow MA

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.

Celebration of New Ministry – October 16th

This celebratory event is the liturgical recognition of the covenant between our parish community and our new rector as we go forward together in ministry. It formalizes the bond between St. Andrew's and Fr. Derrick Fetz as we explore what God is up to next with St. Andrew's and the world around us. The event marks the official "installation" of Fr. Derrick as St. Andrew's seventh rector.



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Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, will preside and the Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman, Fr. Derrick's former field education supervisor and rector of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Dunedin, Florida, will preach at the service. We will be joined by clergy and friends from around the Diocese, as well as by community leaders. It will be the weekend's only service, and will be preceded by a "pre-reception" so that all parishioners and their families may celebrate this important event in our parish life.

Children are encouraged to participate in all of the festivities. Some special kid-friendly activities are being planned. Nursery care will be provided.

➔ *The parking behind the church is reserved for our senior saints and those with impaired mobility.*

Celebration of New Ministry Schedule

3 p.m. – Autumn Tea/Open House

5 p.m. – Celebration of New Ministry Liturgy

*No other services, except CWW at 12 noon,
will take place on October 15th and 16th.*

Bakers Needed for Celebration of New Ministry!

For the Autumn Tea/Open House on October 16th, we need sweets to serve with the tea. Specifically, we need cookies, scones and mini-cakes. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. You can also contact Crystal Diamond at 567-5583 or CDiamond@NEMoves.com. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP FORMATION TEAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Stewardship Formation Team has been meeting regularly. One of its first tasks was to determine the purpose and mission of the group. This is the statement agreed upon by the group:

Consistent with the Parish Stewardship Statement adopted by the Vestry and with input from and in conjunction with the Rector, Vestry and Parish members, the Stewardship Committee shall do the following:

A. Develop an annual Parish Stewardship Plan (the "Plan") that will be shared with the Vestry. The Plan shall provide, among other things, for the education of Parish members regarding the true meaning of stewardship and its importance as a foundation for individual spiritual growth and growth of St. Andrew's and will identify stewardship opportunities. As part of stewardship at St. Andrew's, the Plan will also provide sufficient detail with action steps in contemplation of a successful Fall Annual Pledge Drive;

B. Implement the Plan with the assistance of and in coordination with the Rector, the Vestry, other committees and Parish members. Implementation, of necessity, will require the recruitment of volunteers to assist with implementation;

C. Seek and encourage the active involvement of Parish members in stewardship programs and activities with Parish members sharing their stewardship experiences with the Parish as appropriate;

D. Report periodically to the Vestry and the Parish on stewardship at St. Andrew's; and,

E. Lay the groundwork for the development of a multi-year stewardship plan for St. Andrew's.

Stewardship Formation Team: Mary Breyer, Maggie MacElhiney, Dan O'Malley, Dean Rogeness and Wende Wheeler

Vestry Stewardship Statement

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God.

We are grateful for the generosity of God and the grace and blessings that he has bestowed upon each of us.

Stewardship is a process. It is a way of understanding what God means to us, and how that translates into the giving back of time, talent and treasure to God.

We believe that God is at work at St. Andrew's and continues to bless us abundantly.

We invite you to join us in growing God's ministry at St. Andrew's.

Adopted by the Vestry of St.
Andrew's
October 31, 2009

Meet and Greets are Back!

If you didn't have the opportunity to participate in a 'Meet and Greet' last Spring, three more have been planned due to popular demand! At a Meet and Greet, you will enjoy getting to know others in our parish community including Fr. Derrick and Jamie Fetz. Here are the dates and times:

October 23, 3-5 p.m. at the home of Dianne Tufts, Enfield, CT

October 26, 6-8 p.m. at the home of Charles and Susan Baldwin, Longmeadow, MA

November 9, 6-8 p.m. at the home of Cathy Doner, Enfield, CT

Please sign up by adding your name to one of the sign-up sheets in the Narthex, or by contacting the Parish Office (admin@st-andrews-longmeadow.org or 567-5901).

Pumpkins on the Hill

Saturday, October 15, 2011

10am – 2pm

Come pick your own pumpkins on the hill at St. Andrew's and enjoy this fall festival. Activities and games include:

- ◆ decorating pumpkins
 - ◆ fall themed cookies
 - ◆ arts and crafts
 - ◆ donuts on a string
 - ◆ pumpkin roll and other games



Home-baked pies and fall breads will be also be available for sale. Come enjoy the festivities, rain or shine. Admission is free, proceeds from the sale of pumpkins benefit Church World Service.



Please consider helping out with this fun event. **We need volunteers of all ages to help set-up, assist with cookie and pumpkin decorating, and baking pies and breads for the bake sale.** You can bake at home or why not join Carla and Lorie on Thursday, Oct 13, 2011 in the evening to bake pies in the church kitchen. Please contact Carla Gunn, c.gunn@comcast.net or Lorie Dixon, JLGLED4@comcast.net, or call the parish office. This event is brought to you by the Congregational Development Committee. See you there!

Chili! J2A adds a new element to Pumpkins on the Hill

The J2A class will be adding a new dimension to "Pumpkins on the Hill" this year. We will be hosting a Chili Cookoff where contestants will submit their "home-made" chili and tasters will cast their ballots. Who will be the St. Andrews Chili Master? Please come out on October 15 during Pumpkins on the Hill and support this event!



Do you have a great chili recipe that you think will beat all challengers? See Sue Lussier for details on getting into the action!

Proceeds will benefit the J2A class pilgrimage to Colorado (for more pilgrimage information please see page 5.)

Fall Adult Formation

The God-Shaped Community

Part I: A Parish Wide Study on Community

Throughout the duration of 2011 and 2012, some Christian Formation offerings will help us work toward our 2011-12 Parish Goal (please see page 1). The goal is to get as many people as possible involved in these courses through group discussions, Internet-based dialogue and other avenues. Some of the questions that will be raised in the fall session include:

What's God's idea for the human community throughout time? What does this mean for your life and our common life at St. Andrew's? Why is community important to our daily lives and our society? Also, we will learn more about God as a community, the importance of covenants, the values of a God-shaped community and Jesus' ideas about connectedness.

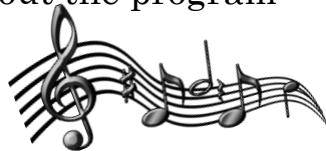
In addition to Scripture, other readings and videos will be used to enrich our conversation.

This course is open to all adults and no previous Bible Study/Christian Formation experience is needed to fully participate! Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the St. Andrew's Room. Although the study began on September 25th, participants can join at any point.

What (and who) makes our parish run?

We are blessed to have a thriving community of God's people who are committed to the life and ministry of St. Andrew's. But have you ever thought about just what it takes to keep us going week in and week out? This is just a small sampling ... take a look around and see just how many people are a part of St. Andrew's!

17 members of the choir bring glorious music to the worship of God throughout the program year.



18 Ushers and Greetingers provide a smiling welcome to familiar faces and guests alike.

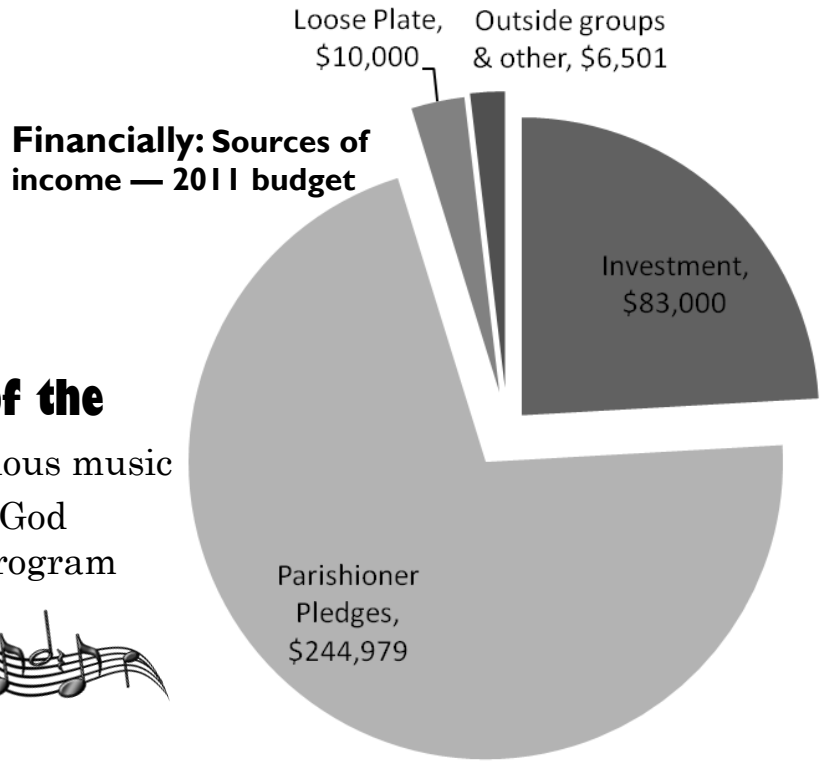
9 dedicated teachers work with our children, teaching them about God's love, and our faith and tradition.



17 Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers help to provide Word and Sacrament in our liturgies.

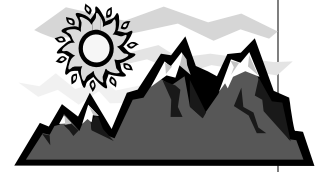


Between 5 and 8 people gather weekly to make sandwiches for the Church Without Walls



You do! (With God's help, of course)

Church School and Youth Formation News



Rename “Faith Flight” Contest: We are still looking for a new name for our JK-Grade 2 program in order to complete our transformation!!!

Faith Flight is looking for a new name and we need your help! We are trading in our rotation-based curriculum for a new lectionary-based curriculum by Spark. St. Andrew's International Airport will be transformed into a new theme with nets and fish, but we're looking for a “catchy” new name. We will be accepting ideas until October 9th. Please email Sue Lussier at formation@st-andrews-longmeadow.org.

J2A & R13 Sunday on October 2nd. We will meet for ‘Instrumental Change’ at the Longmeadow Community House at 4:30 pm and walk to St Andrew's for pizza at 6 pm. Pick-up will be at 6:30 pm at the church.

Sunday, October 16—Family Crop Walk and Church Without Walls opportunity. We are inviting all of our church school families to participate in our third annual Mission Day for J2A & R13.

On Sunday October 16th, meet at St. Andrew's at 10:30 to make sandwiches for Church Without Walls. We will then leave at 11:30 from the church to go to CWW at Court Square to participate in the liturgy and help in serving lunch. Those who are able will then participate in the Crop Walk. Carpooling for all phases will be coordinated.

This mission day is in place of our regularly scheduled class and we encourage families to participate together. After the Crop Walk we will return to St. Andrew's for the Celebration of New Ministry.

J2A & R13 Sunday on Sunday November 6th 4:30-6pm. “Mexican Pile-up” — an afternoon of tacos & games with Fr. Derrick.

Pilgrimage Planning

The St. Andrews J2A (Journey to Adulthood) church school class of 9th and 10th graders, as well as last year's J2A class, are planning a pilgrimage to Colorado in July of 2012. We are all very excited about this journey because it will be an opportunity for the youth to search for and experience God in new ways. They will be away from their normal activities and relationships and have the opportunity to look at their understanding of God and their need for His grace and presence in their lives. There will be a mission component to this trip where they serve others and there will be some outdoor adventures where we will experience the power and wonder of God's creation. The kids are responsible for raising the funds needed for this trip and have pledged to work hard to achieve our goal of \$15,000 for the whole group. Please help them in this endeavor!

Current opportunities to help support the pilgrimage:

The J2A class will be adding a new dimension to “Pumpkins on the Hill” this year. We will be hosting a **Chili Cookoff** where contestants will submit their “home-made” chili and tasters will cast their ballots. Who will be the St. Andrews Chili Master? Please come out on October 15 during Pumpkins on the Hill and support this event!

Buy flower bulbs for the spring: This is a great way to support the J2A class while making your garden beautiful! Or, if you would like to donate flower bulbs to beautify the St. Andrew's Church grounds, the J2A class will plant all donated bulbs. In either case, just go to the following website or ask Betsy Scuderi for an order form.

http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=8602

Prayer Chain Ministry

We are blessed to have a faithful group of people who make up the Prayer Chain Ministry. These dedicated individuals pray daily for the specific needs and concerns of members of our parish (all requests remain strictly confidential-). You may share your prayer concerns with them either through Jan in the Parish Office, or by contacting any one of the members of this ministry directly. They will pray for the person or situation for a week — they ask that if you wish their continued prayers, just let them know — it helps to keep the list manageable! The members are:

Chris Dolan	cdolan@spfldcol.edu_	860-745-6114
Joyce Dupont	<u>jdupontb@aol.com</u>	413-323-4274
Fr. Derrick Fetz	rector@st-andrews-longmeadow.org	413-567-5280 (h)
		413-567-5901 (w)
Karen Gladwin	karen_gladwin@yahoo.com	413-562-5512
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Dianne Sprinthall	sprinthall@juno.com	413-567-2402
Janet Walsh Young	jecwalsh@hotmail.com	413-567-0788
Jan – Office	admin@st-andrews-longmeadow.org	413-567-5901



Mingle with the St. Andrew's Staff

Jan Brega, Sue Lussier, Karen McCarthy, Sandy Saucier and Fr. Derrick invite you to two open houses on October 30 after the 10 a.m. service and on November 19 after the 5 p.m. service. At each open house, you will get to know the staff members more, learn more about their ministry areas, and see their work areas. Light refreshments will be offered. Join us!



St. Andrew's Participates in CROP Walk Sunday, October 16

The 34th annual Greater Springfield CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 16th this year. Registration will be taken at 1 p.m. and the walk will begin at the Methodist Church on Sumner Avenue in Springfield at 2 p.m. Once again, St. Andrew's is a sponsor and we encourage people to participate by picking up a pledge envelope in the Narthex and soliciting contributions to this worthy cause. Envelopes can be submitted at the time of registration or you can register on line at (www.cropwalkonline.org/springfieldma). Prizes will be given to those who raise up to \$150.

Please consider helping us make this important event a success by participating as a walker or a sponsor.

Community conversations ...
**Talking about challenging issues in
 The Episcopal Church**

Two upcoming forums will offer opportunity for parishioners to hear about and discuss a resolution that will come before Diocesan Convention in October. The resolution asks Convention to approve the blessing of same-gender relationships in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. Additionally, General Convention will consider a rite for these blessings for the national church when it meets in July.

Fr. Derrick will write to the parish shortly to provide more information about the issue. Community conversations have been scheduled on Sunday, October 23 at 9 a.m., and Sunday, November 13 at 11:30 to allow participants to talk about the resolution and its ramifications in a respectful environment where all recognize that people of good faith may bring differing viewpoints to the table. Fr. Derrick is also willing to have individual conversations with anyone who wishes to meet with him.



Church Without Walls Celebrates 4th Anniversary CWW members marked the fourth year of ministry on Sunday, September 11. The Church Without Walls meets every Sunday at noon year-round in Springfield's Court Square, rain or shine. CWW is a community of worship and fellowship which encompasses all who come, including those who are homeless or marginalized. Each week, those gathered begin with an informal Eucharist, and then share a simple lunch of sandwiches and chips. The Rev. Rick Bellows, second from right, is one of the group of clergy from area churches who preside at CWW.

**This year in our
 Nursery**

We're very pleased to welcome back Samantha Dean and Rosemary Pelletier, both sophomores at Baypath College. Rosemary and Samantha will alternate Sundays in the Nursery, which is being coordinated this year by Sharlene Lape. The Nursery is staffed each Sunday morning beginning at 9 a.m. Sharlene, Rosemary and Samantha have some great plans for the year — stop by to say hello! The Nursery is downstairs at the end of the church school hallway.

**CWW Featured in
 Street Church Blog**

On Sunday, September 4, CWW was visited by the Rev. Dr. Lee Anne Reat, vicar of St. John's Episcopal Church, Columbus, OH. The Rev. Dr. Reat is currently on sabbatical, and is spending three months traveling across the country, visiting street churches that are part of the Ecclesia network. She is writing about her journey on her blog Streetchurchacrossamerica.blogspot.com. Check out her entry on 9/6/11 to find out about her visit to CWW.

Birthdays in October

1	Heather Adams
	Joshua Stanek
2	Kaile Riess
3	Joseph Savaria
4	Carol Rossi
5	Carol Howland
	Patrick Kelly
7	David Howland
8	Catherine Doner
	Caroline Lussier
	Ross Purdy
11	Jeff Greim
	Grace Keyser
	Norma Sears
12	Harry Reynolds
	Ian Peloquin
14	Phyllis Bogert
	Sarah Padilla
15	Mary Strebel
	Mandi Williams
17	Laurie Flynn
18	James Laurenzano, Jr.
	Adam Lape
19	Ralph Brown
	Crystal Diamond
	Madyson Colbert
	Taryn Colbert
20	Merrie Wood
21	Terry Taylor
22	Michelle Blair
	Lorie Dixon
	Casey Thomas
	Cooper Thomas
24	Donna Burrall
	Tamie Kidess Lucey
	Sarah Oliver

28	Barbara Morrison
	Francis Zimmer
29	Harry Brill
30	Marion Butler
31	John Gallup

Anniversaries in October

6	Debbie & Brian Douville
	Krista & Robert Walker
8	Carla & Walter Gunn
10	Sue & Denis Lussier
14	Kathleen & Paul Pasterczyk
15	Melynda & Jon Peloquin
	Tammy & Jeremy Powell
16	Maureen & Rich Lewis
17	Carol & Jerry Rossi
21	Mary Ellen & Edward Brush
24	Nancy & Neal Churchill
28	Catherine & Ken Brill
29	Barbara & Brian Looney

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

Funeral

Janice J. Rosenkranz, wife of Fred Rosenkranz, died September 1, 2011. The funeral was held at St. Andrew's on September 7.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Mark Your Calendar!

October 10: Columbus Day
Parish Office closed

October 15: Pumpkins on the Hill — The third annual celebration of fall!

October 16: Celebration of New Ministry — see page 1 for more details

October 23: Community Conversation 9:30 a.m.
See page 7 for more details

October 30: Staff Open House 11:30 a.m. See page 6 for more details

November 5: Fall Clean-Up Day beginning at 8:30 a.m. Bring your rakes and gloves! Raindate: November 6.

November 19 & 20: Adopt-a-Family project begins Pick up your ornament with information on a family in need.

November 13: Community Conversation 11:30 a.m.
See page 7 for more details

November 19: Staff Open House 5:45 p.m. See page 6 for more details

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer,
page 830

Our Diocese to elect a new Bishop

In June, our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Gordon Scruton, announced that he would retire in December 2012. His announcement set in motion a series of events and actions that will result in the election of a new bishop for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. For those of us at St. Andrew's, having just experienced a period of transition and the process of calling a new rector, some of the steps will seem very familiar.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese has appointed Search and Transition Committees, which are charged with the search for candidates, communications, presenting a slate to the diocese, overseeing the election, and facilitating the transition between Bishop Scruton and our new bishop. One of the Search Committee's first duties is to create a Diocesan Profile. To that end, they are holding Focus Group/Listening Sessions to gather information and to seek input from people around the diocese about their vision for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. The dates and locations are:

Tues., Oct. 18 at St. Paul's/Holyoke;
Wed., Oct. 19 at St. Stephen's/Pittsfield;
Thurs., Oct. 20 at St. Andrew's/North Grafton

All sessions will last from 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Other important dates include the release of the slate of nominees on May 6, 2012; the "walkabouts" (opportunities to meet the nominees) May 21-25, 2012; the special electing convention on June 2, 2012; and, finally, the ordination of the new bishop on December 1, 2012. A website dedicated to the search for a new bishop in our diocese has been set up at <http://wmassbishopsearch.org/index.html>.

Bishop Scruton will be with us at St. Andrew's on at least two more occasions in the coming months – he will join us to preside at the Celebration of New Ministry on October 16, and will make his biannual visit to the parish on Sunday, January 22, 2012.

Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your Church. Empowered by your Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek the bishop of your choosing who will guide and equip our diocese in its mission, shepherd us as we seek to worship you and preach your Holy Gospel, and walk with us as we strive to be your hands and heart in the world. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Episcopal Church Primer

Why do we have Bishops?

While the average parishioner in the Episcopal Church probably has a great deal more contact with a parish priest, bishops play an integral role in our denomination. You even hear it in our name: "Episcopal" comes from the Greek word *episkopos*, which means "overseer." Beginning in the earliest centuries of the church, *episkopoi* (bishops) had oversight for geographic districts, and were supported in their work by *presbyters* (priests). Over time, this evolved into the system that we now recognize, with bishops as the ecclesiastic authority in a diocese, and priests presiding over parishes, but deriving their authority from the bishop.



Today, in the Episcopal Church, we recognize the diocese as the fundamental unit of organization, with the bishop exercising a ministry of vision for the diocese; connection to the wider church; and pastoral oversight for the parishes, clergy and people under his/her care. Only bishops may conduct certain sacraments and rites, including ordination of priests and deacons, confirmation and reception, consecration of churches and the installation of rectors in parishes.

Episcopal bishops are elected by the people of their dioceses at special electing conventions. Search committees made up of lay people and clergy from the diocese seek well-qualified nominees, and present a slate of candidates. The delegates – both lay and ordained representatives from all the parishes of a diocese – then gather to elect their new bishop. A bishop does not have a set term of office, but is required to retire at age 72.

Symbols of the episcopal office include the mitre – the distinctive pointed headgear worn by a bishop and said to recall the tongues of fire that rested on the apostles' heads at Pentecost – and the staff or crosier, representing the bishop's role as shepherd of the people of God.

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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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