



ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING OUR PAST SHAPING OUR FUTURE



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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lake Worth, Florida

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Of all the months of the year, this month is especially one of anticipation. We await the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we look to the end of a year and the beginning of a new one. It is a busy time and can put everyone into a state of anxiety.

The season of Advent is one way in which the church helps us to combat this anxiety by offering us Scripture readings of assurance that God is working out God's plan of salvation. To that end, when we are able, we can let go of our fears of the future and rest in God's grace and peace.

In the meantime, there are so many ways that we can work with God to bring about the fulfillment of God's kingdom here on earth. We can pray as individuals and we can gather in prayer as a faith community. We can reach out to those in need through the Way Café and participating in the Angel Tree project which benefits children through the Adopt-a-Family program.

We can also do simple things like smiling at over-worked store clerks or remembering to hold open the door for shoppers weighed down with packages. A little extra courtesy and patience on our over-crowded roads will probably help as well. I'm sure each of us has our own way of being heralds of the season and the good news of God in Christ.

The birth of Jesus to poor parents in a small town in a stable is also a reminder of God's love for all people. God taking on human flesh to live and die as we live and die is God's way of telling us how much we are loved. It also tells us that our lives are precious in God's sight and that God's love for us is never ending.

May this month and this season be for us a time of joy and peace. May we be ambassadors of Christ in everything we do and in every place that we go. As God has blessed us, may we be a blessing to all we meet. May we be bearers of God's love and a non-anxious presence wherever we go.

May the star of Bethlehem lead and guide us every step of the way in these beautiful seasons of Advent and Christmas. Be blessed!

Father Paul+



Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Sue Olson
- 5—Natasha Cameron
- 6—Janet Kinder & Blair Sloyer
- 7—Marie-Christine Regard
- 8—Christie Ragsdale
- 11—Uwe Haarman
- 14—Simone Harrison
- 15—Andrew Fuleki
- 16—William Hamilton
Andrew Cameron
- 17—Ben Lowe
- 19—Brenda Rasmus
Lee Powers
- 21—Sandy Bell
- 22—Ron Richard
Henrietta Pemberton
- 23—Martine Fulton
- 24—Jim Kreucher
- 26—William Hargett
- 27—Gordon Broom
- 29—Donna Bragel & Leo Lombardi
- 31—Anne Pascone

Schedule of Services

Saturdays	6PM—Worship and Communion
Sundays	7:30AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I 10AM—Holy Eucharist Rite II 10am—Church School (Elementary)
Wednesday	10AM—Holy Eucharist & Healing.
Thursday	Choir Rehearsals at 7pm

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 2nd at Noon at Atlantis Country Club. Tickets are \$30 and available in the Parish office.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXTRAVAGANZA

This beautiful service of Lessons and Carols will take place here on Sunday, December 10th at 4PM. It features our own Chancel Choir and the Voices of Pride. Please join us for this spiritual respite in this very busy season. See the flyer in this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY SERVICES

December 24: 5pm—Holy Eucharist
9:30pm—Carol Service
10pm—Midnight Mass

December 25: 10am—Holy Eucharist

DECEMBER TAIZE WORSHIP

On the third Saturday of December the 16th our 6pm service offers the beauty of contemplative Taize music with healing prayers and communion. All are invited and welcome.

VESTRY NEWS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 19th at 7PM. A reminder that our financials are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall hallway each month.

ANNIVERSARIES

O gracious and everliving God, look mercifully upon the couples who are celebrating their anniversaries this month and assist them with your grace, that with true fidelity and steadfast love they may honor the vows they have made through Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14—Donna Bragel & Ron Bukley
19—Winnifred and Selvyn Spence
20—Nicole & Mario Weaver-Vojkovic
24—Leo Lombardi & Gene Smalling
28—Christie & Steve Ragsdale
31—Elizabeth & Stewart Hurline

VOICES OF PRIDE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Voices of Pride will present their Holiday Concert on two evenings in December, Thursday and Friday December 7th and 8th at 7:30PM. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or online at voicesofpride.org. Tickets are \$25 with \$5 benefiting our TRUE Fund.

WAY CAFÉ

The feeding Program at Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church is every Saturday of each month. We need to have 12 volunteers each Saturday at 12:30PM. We are grateful that this program will continue to feed hungry people in our community. Call Joy Bayrouy if you can help (642-1527).

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Keep an eye out for the Angel Tree in Church and take an ornament and buy a gift for a child in need living in the Adopt-a-Family program here in Lake Worth. Help a child in need have a joyful Christmas.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thank you to everyone who played and helped with our Golf Tournament which realized about \$5,000 for the work of our parish.

JUSTICE MINISTRY UPDATE

All of our issue committees will meet on the same night in December, which is Monday night, December 4th at 7PM. The meeting will be held at First Congregational, 14th and North K Street. This is a great way to learn more about our issues in order to incite enthusiasm among our people.

We are preparing for the Nehemiah Action Assembly to be held on Monday, April 16th at the PBC Convention Center.

WORLD AIDS DAY

There will be a ceremony commemorating World Aids Day at the Compass Community Center on December 1st at 6:15pm. Also the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be at Compass from December 1st through the 12th located at 201 North Dixie Highway.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Ann's Place, a homeless outreach in West Palm Beach needs volunteers to help distribute clothing to clients, assign showers, pass out supplies, and give mail to those who use St. Ann's Place as their mailing address, and other duties. There are two shifts per day, Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 11:30/noon and 1PM to 4-4:40PM. If you would like to help, please call Virginia Jens at 561 568-0124 or email her at vjens2483@gmail.com to arrange a tour.

COFFEE HOUR

We are always in need of folks to host our coffee fellowship following the 10AM service on Sundays. Hosts can be reimbursed up to \$50 for expenses.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth & Family Night: on Friday, December 1st at 6:30PM.

Contact Debra Carter at debracarter01@gmail.com for fur-

COMING IN JANUARY

Core Ensemble—Sunday, January 15th at 2PM

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 21st at 11:15AM

Lecture—Sunday, January 28th at 4PM

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INTEGRITY OF PALM BEACH DECEMBER MEETING



Integrity—Palm Beach, a parish activity open to all, invites everyone to join us on the second **Saturday, of each month at 7:00PM**. Integrity-Palm Beach is the first and only chapter of Integrity in Palm Beach County. Throughout its ten years of existence, it has welcomed a number of speakers and guest clergy at monthly meetings.

Integrity has also been a consistent presence in the community, inviting all people into the life of St. Andrew's and thereby fulfilling the parish's stated mission: *To Share the Love of Christ in Word and Deed with all God's Children.*

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, December 9th following the 6PM service. Potluck supper and program by Yolanda Sheppard from Celebrity Cruises.



MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program is growing in the Lake Worth area and more volunteers are needed. The commitment is to deliver meals to homebound seniors one day a week. Call Debbie Emerick at 561 802-6979 to volunteer or get further information.

STEWARDSHIP 2018

Pledge cards for the coming year have been mailed out so that we can prayerfully consider our support for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's Church for the coming year. Your support is essential in order for us to carry out the work God has given us to do in 2018. Your support enables the Way Café and our Justice Ministry. You keep the lights on and the choir singing. You help provide a meeting place for a number of 12 Step Recovery meetings. None of these things happen without your support. God has blessed St. Andrew's in so many ways and we have the chance to multiply those blessings through our generous support of time. Talent, and treasure.

ARTS

AT ST. ANDREW'S

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 10
4:00 PM

100 NORTH PALMWAY
LAKE WORTH, FL 33460

Please join us for an
**ADVENT SERVICE
OF LESSONS & CAROLS**

Short Seasonal Bible Readings;
Hymns & Carols with St. Andrew's Chancel Choir

Mark Lynch, *Choirmaster*
William Hargett, *Organist*

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE: Voices of Pride



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SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 World Aids Day 6:15 –World Aids Day 6:30pm—Youth & Family Night	2 Noon—Christmas Luncheon 12:30—Way Café 6pm—HE
3 Advent I 7:30 & 10am—HE	4 7pm—PEACE Issue Committees	5 7pm—Choir	6 St. Nicholas 10am—HE & Healing	7 7:30pm—VOP Holiday Concert	8 7:30pm—VOP Holiday Concert	9 12:30—Way Café 6pm—HE 7pm—Integrity
10 Advent II 7:30 & 10am—HE 4pm—Lessons and Carols	11	12	13 10am—HE & Healing	14 7pm—Choir	15	16 12:30—Way Café 6pm—Taize HE
17 Advent III 7:30 & 10am—HE	18	19 7pm—Vestry	20 10am—HE & Healing	21 St. Thomas 7pm—Choir	22	23 12:30—Way Café 6pm—12 Step HE
24 Advent IV 7:30 & 10am—HE 5pm—HE 9:30pm—Carols 10pm—HE	25 Christmas Day 10am—HE	26 St. Stephen	27 St. John 10am—HE & Healing	28 Holy Innocents 7pm—Choir	29	30 12:30—Way Café 6pm—EP & HE
31 Christmas I 7:30 & 10am—HE						

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FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

The office is open from 9AM to 1PM Monday through Friday. The deadline for notes and/or announcements for the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday at noon. If it is after noon, you can leave a message on the church telephone, 582-6609 or leave an e-mail at saepiscopal@aol.com. The bulletin is printed on Thursday and the wonderful "Church Ladies" come in and fold and stuff them on Friday mornings.

Keep in mind that the Prayer request list will begin anew each month. If you want the prayer requests to stay on the list for longer, just indicate that when getting the information to the office.

The newsletter deadline for the January newsletter is December 20th. If you know of any events you would like to put in the newsletter or articles of interest, please e-mail them to the office.

The Altar flower memorial and bequest form is in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation for this is \$60. Thanks to all of you this year for your generosity and dedication for sponsoring the altar flowers.

If you would like to have envelopes for your donations, please let the office know. Writing your envelope number on your check helps the accuracy of our bookkeeping.

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