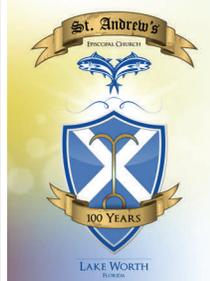




# ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATING OUR PAST SHAPING OUR FUTURE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

December is a weird month for church folk. The season of Advent means we are beginning a new church year and at the same time we experience the last month on this year. Endings and beginnings all at once.

It is also a time of great expectations as we look to the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the start of a new calendar year. Both are filled with hope and promise. We have the picture of a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger and the symbols of an old man ringing out the old year and an infant bringing in the new.

My prayer is that 2019 will be an exceptional year in the life of our parish. We will be carrying on the already established ministries and looking for new opportunities to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The possibilities are endless.

There is one important way for each of us to ensure that these ministries, new and old, continue to flourish. That way is for us to prayerfully and generously think about our commitment of time, talent, and treasure to the furthering of God's kingdom in the world around us.

What way may we better use the time we have each day, week, and month? What talent have we let lie dormant that could be put to better use? Finally, can we be generous with the treasure God has given us so that we are doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our God?

Pledge cards for 2019 are either in your mail box or will be shortly. Your commitment is essential to the Body of Christ as it is manifested in our parish life and work. My hope is that we can transform generosity into a positive attitude in all that we do and say.

God's generosity is beyond measure and we are called to respond appropriately to the grace and mercy we receive on a daily basis. I believe that we are a faithful people and a generous community of faith. May God's riches continue to rain down upon us and may we in return be generous toward the work of God's kingdom here in our city, our country, and the world.

*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
- 6— Janet Kinder  
Blair Sloyer  
Alison Albury
- 7—Marie-Christine Regard
- 8—Christie Ragsdale
- 11—Uwe Haarman
- 14—Simone Harrison
- 15—Andrew Fuleki
- 16—William Hamilton
- 17—Ben Lowe
- 19—Brenda Rasmus  
Lee Powers
- 21—Sandy Bell
- 22—Ron Richard  
Henrietta Pemberton
- 23—Martine Fulton
- 24—Jim Kreucher
- 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

Wednesday 10AM—Holy Eucharist & Healing.

Thursday Choir Rehearsals at 7pm

Fridays in Lent 6pm: Stations of the Cross

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### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 1st 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 9th 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: 6pm—Holy Eucharist**  
**9:30pm—Carol Service**  
**10pm—Midnight Mass**

**December 25: 10am—Holy Eucharist**

### WAY CAFÉ

The feeding program here at St. Andrew's Church is every Tuesday of each month. We need to have 12 volunteers each Tuesday at 12:30PM in order to serve the meal at 1:00 P.M. We will be serving on Christmas Day and ask if you might bring in travel toiletries to fill up gift bags for our clients. Call Joy Bayrouy if you can help or have any questions.(762-3837).

## 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

31—Elizabeth & Stewart Hurline

### 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.

### DECEMBER TAIZE WORSHIP

On the third Saturday of December the 15th our 6pm service offers the beauty of contemplative Taize music with healing prayers and communion. All are invited and welcome.

### VOICES OF PRIDE HOLIDAY CONCERT

Voices of Pride will present their Holiday Concert on two evenings in December, Thursday and Friday December 13th and 14th at 7:30PM. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or online at voicesofpride.org. Tickets are \$25 with \$5 benefiting our TRUE Fund.

### VESTRY NEWS

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 18th at 7PM.

A reminder that our financials are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall hallway each month.

We are working on budget for 2019.

Please remember St. Andrew's in your will/estate planning.

## JUSTICE ISSUES

We heard some powerful stories from our members of various issues of injustice in our community and have chosen the issue of Community Policing as our new issue. Community ID's is about to come to fruition and we continue our work on Homelessness. There is a meeting for all our issue committees on Monday, 7PM December 3rd at St. Ann's Catholic in downtown WPB. Your participation is very much needed..

## ESPESSIVO CONCERT

There is a very talented group of music teachers in our county who have put together a choral group called "Espresso". They will hold a concert here at St. Andrew's on Saturday, December 1st at 3PM. All are welcome to come and enjoy their beautiful music. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

## COFFEE CLATCH AT COMPASS

First Monday of each month 10:00 am – noon

**Coffee Clatch** at Compass meets the first Monday of each month, 10:00 am – noon, at Compass, 201 N. Dixie Hwy., Lake Worth, FL 33460. A social group focusing on the mature LGBT+ community in Palm Beach County, providing a relaxed environment for meeting friends, discussing interesting topics, and engaging in community projects. For more information, [joekolb@compassglcc.com](mailto:joekolb@compassglcc.com)

## BLOOD DRIVE RESCHEDULED

The Blood Mobile is returning to St. Andrew's on Sunday, December 2nd and will be here from 8AM to 1PM. This is an opportunity for those who can to donate life-saving blood for those in need of it in our community.

## COMING IN JANUARY

**Core Ensemble—Sunday, January 20th**  
**Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 27 at 11:15AM**  
**Lecture—Sunday, January 13th at 4PM**

## INTEGRITY OF PALM BEACH HIATUS



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.*

Save the date of Saturday, December 8th for our envisioning workshop from 12 noon to 4PM. This is an important meeting and we need as many that can to attend.



## 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.

## YOUTH NEWS

Youth Night Friday, December 7th at 6:30. We continue to be in need of acolytes. Please talk to Debra Carter if you have a child interested in serving in this vital ministry.

Contact Debra Carter at [debracarter01@gmail.com](mailto:debracarter01@gmail.com) for further information.

## VIGIL AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE

Members of various faith communities will gather at the MLK Memorial in West Palm Beach on Wednesday, December 5th at 6PM in a vigil to protest gun violence everywhere. Please join us for this important witness to save lives from needless violence.

# ARTS

AT ST. ANDREW'S

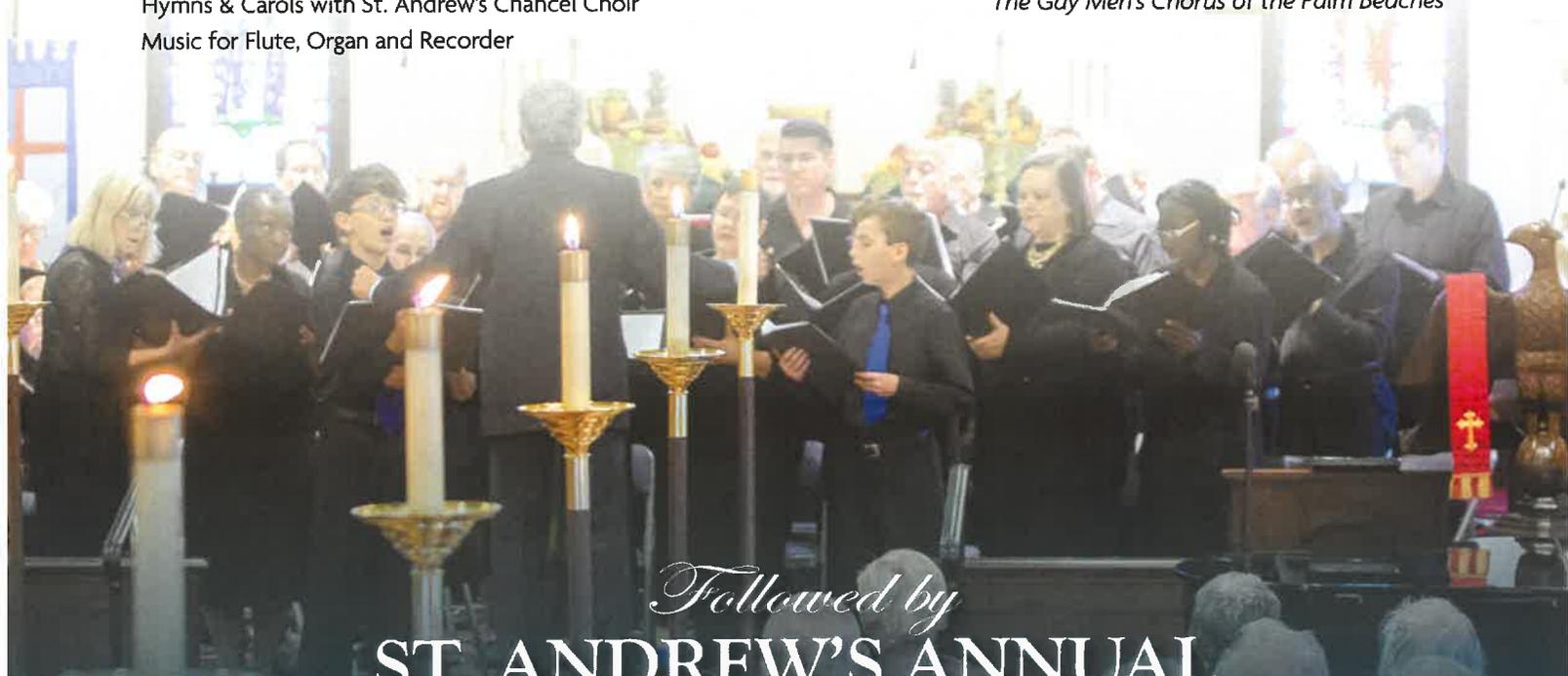
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Short Seasonal Bible Readings  
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Music for Flute, Organ and Recorder

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*Cookies galore, eggnog, punch!*



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# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1 World AIDS Day</b> 12pm—Christmas Luncheon 3pm—Espressivo 6pm—HE
<b>2 Advent I</b> 7:30 & 10am—HE 8am—Blood Drive	<b>3</b>  7pm—Justice Issue Committee Night	<b>4</b> 1pm—Way Cafe	<b>5</b> 10am—HE & Healing  6pm—Vigil Against Gun Violence	<b>6 St. Nicholas</b>  1pm—EFM  7pm—Choir	<b>7</b>  6:30pm—Youth Night	<b>8</b> 12pm— Integrity Visioning Workshop  6pm—HE
<b>9 Advent II</b> 7:30 & 10am—HE  4pm—Lessons and Carols	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 1pm—Way Cafe	<b>12</b> 10am—HE & Healing	<b>13</b> 1pm—EFM  7:30pm—VOP Holiday Concert	<b>14</b>  7:30pm—VOP Holiday Concert	<b>15</b>  6pm—Taize
<b>16 Advent III</b> 7:30 & 10am—HE	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 1pm—Way Café  7pm—Vestry	<b>19</b> 10am—HE & Healing	<b>20</b> 1pm—EFM  7pm—Choir	<b>21 St. Thomas</b>	<b>22</b>  6pm—12 Step HE
<b>23 Advent IV</b> 7:30 & 10am—HE	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>  6pm—HE 9:30pm—Carols 10pm—HE	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 10am—HE  1pm—Way Café	<b>26 St. Stephen</b> 10am—HE & Healing	<b>27 St. John</b>	<b>28 Holy Innocents</b>	<b>29</b>  6pm—HE
<b>30 Christmas I</b> 7:30 & 10am—HE	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>					

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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](mailto: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.

Parish Website: [www.standrewslw.net](http://www.standrewslw.net)

#### Clergy & Staff

**The Rev. Paul A. Rasmus**  
*Rector*

**The Rev. Charles Laskin David**  
*Assistant*

**The Rev. Tony Valovich**  
*Deacon*

**The Rev. Sheila Acevedo**  
*Deacon*

**Donna Westbrook**  
*Parish Secretary*

**Evan Farrer**  
*Organist*

**Mark Lynch**  
*Choir Director*

**Lee Powers**  
*Sexton*

**Blake Crane**  
*Chancellor*

#### The Vestry

**Brian McDonnell**  
*Senior Warden*

**Steve Ragsdale**  
*Junior Warden*

**Bama Lutes Deal**

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**Karen DeLucas**

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