



# Saint Andrew's **CALL**

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## Parish News, Music & Events

### Advent Lessons & Carols

Circle your calendars—our annual service of Advent Lessons and Carols is on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This is a perfect time to step aside from the whirlwind of holiday shopping and parties to experience the beauty and inspiration of seven bible readings anticipating the birth of the Christ Child followed by seven anthems sung by our Senior Choir. There will be a candlelight reception in the parish hall following the service.

— Wardie Mannix • [wardiemannix@gmail.com](mailto:wardiemannix@gmail.com)



### Christmas Pageant

The Christmas pageant is right around the corner and we need you! Please keep these dates in mind as you start making your holiday plans:

- Auditions for speaking roles will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a mandatory rehearsal for all children with speaking roles only, from 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>—big pageant rehearsal 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. for everyone involved in the Christmas pageant.
- Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> — Christmas pageant 8:45 a.m. call for participants; 10:00 a.m. pageant.

Do you have an interest in volunteering behind the scenes? —Amanda Hammond • [amanda@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:amanda@standrewswellesley.org)

### Alternative Christmas Gift Fair

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Andrew's will hold its Alternative Christmas Fair at coffee hour in the Parish Hall. There will be items priced at all levels. These will benefit programs that St. Andrew's Outreach actively sponsors; support for our 2012 Senior High Mission Trip Fund as well as fund specific projects initiated by young parishioners John Prensner and Rachel Criswell. Here are just a few of the wonderful gifts we have in store — check out the websites ahead of time — we think you will agree that the impact you can have will last longer than the average store bought gift. A streamlined purchasing process this year will make this truly “one-stop shopping.” Gift cards from you will let your recipients know what a difference their gift will make. Here are some of the gifts on offer.

- Episcopal Relief and Development offers Mosquito Nets and Training to “squash the threat of Malaria” for \$12 for one net, or \$120 for 10 nets. It's a simple insecticide-

treated net to protect families. Your gift provides both nets and vital information to effectively use the nets as well as critical care to people suffering from malaria.

- Part sponsor education for a child at El Hogar ([www.elhogar.org](http://www.elhogar.org)) or
- Our Little Roses ([www.ourlittleroses.org](http://www.ourlittleroses.org)) in Honduras. Sponsor a girl's monthly expenses @ \$60; Purchase a new book for their school's library @ \$10; \$15 provides 250 oranges or bananas at El Hogar; \$30 provides 100 lbs of flour; \$50 provides 100 lbs of beans or rice.
- Purchase a \$10 “Mama Kit” to give to Liberian mothers to keep them healthy. Rachel Criswell, a graduated member of the St. Andrew's Senior Youth Group is living in NYC now but still strongly connected to Liberia and Africare.
- Support the Senior High Mission Trip by purchasing specially packed Oil/Dipping Salt combos - \$25

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## Christmas Memorial Name Reminder

Gifts to provide Christmas Poinsettias to decorate the Church for Christmas can be made by submitting names to the Parish Office for the memorial list by December 12<sup>th</sup> along with a check made payable to St. Andrew's Church and in the memo line, please specify Christmas Flowers. Please submit your names even if you think Janet knows, because Kate might not! Email is fine. Thanks. — Janet Ellis  
• 781-237-0665  
• 781-235-7310 or  
Katharine Clark • [kate@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:kate@standrewswellesley.org)

- Fund project in rural, impoverished Hagley Gap, Jamaica (John Prensner's University of Michigan's 7-year-old non-profit organization ([www.BlueMountainProject.org](http://www.BlueMountainProject.org)). \$25 covers clinic utilities for one month; \$100 staffs the After School Program for one month; \$500 buys piping for the Water Program.
- Purchase Christmas gift cards requested by families at MIHN at \$15 and \$25 to Sears, Target or Toys R Us or \$18 for Movie Tickets. \$25 to Give the Gift of a bag of food for a family through the Wellesley Food Pantry.
- Heifer International: surprise your grandchildren with a Flock of Hope \$60—chicks, ducklings/goslings [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org), or Tree Seedlings \$60, or a Gift of Honeybees \$30, all from Heifer.  
— Ann Johnson • [Aegjohnson@aol.com](mailto:Aegjohnson@aol.com)

## Saint Andrew's Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and the annual reports deadline will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

—Katharine Clark • [kate@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:kate@standrewswellesley.org)



## Nominations for Church Vestry/ Parish Leadership Positions

The Nominating Committee of St. Andrew's meets throughout the year to identify candidates for positions of leadership in our parish. We seek to include members of our community from across a broad spectrum of talents, interests, and experiences. Leadership positions usually require a two or three year commitment; our elections are staggered, meaning that about one-third of the positions are voted on each year. At our next Annual Meeting (January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012), we will hold elections to fill the following positions whose terms will end:

- Warden (currently held by Anne Prensner)
- Vestryperson for Outreach (currently held by Joanna Horobin)
- Vestryperson for Personnel (currently held by Earl Kivett)
- Vestryperson for Worship (currently held by Michael Vanin)
- Treasurer (currently held by Meg Harris)
- Church Clerk (currently held by Linda McCammond)

- Convention Delegate (currently held by Art Geissler and Margaret Zusky)
- Nominating Committee Members (currently held by Dave Boghosian and Lynda Sperry)

The Nominating Committee is developing a slate of candidates for these positions and we welcome and encourage your input. If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions or would like to nominate yourself or another parishioner, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. We also encourage you to speak with those who are currently serving in these roles to get a first-hand account of their experience. It's a wonderful way to serve and connect with St. Andrew's! Thank you for your consideration.

Nominating Committee: Dave Boghosian, Erica Gelser, Peter Lull, Lynda Sperry, Joann Tuytschaevers, Randy Parker (Warden) and Addison Hall

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## Convention Margaret Zusky

The 226<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts was held at St. Paul's Cathedral November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The central initiative announced is the Together Now Campaign—Answering God's Urgent Call, an effort expected to raise \$20 million to address a host of needs and programs in the Diocese. Some initiatives we are already deeply involved in supporting, such as the B-Safe program. B-Safe is a year round program serving children in after school programs as well as the summer camp experience. There is a goal to expand with Mission Hubs—programs across Eastern Massachusetts, across parishes in a cross-deanery project aimed at strengthening the whole. Other goals of the campaign include expanding campus ministries, particularly at community colleges and smaller colleges, and providing grant support for parishes wishing to invest in energy efficiency.

St. Paul's Cathedral needs extensive renovation. Hidden on the shady edge of the Boston Common, the Cathedral serves a broad constituency from the neighboring communities, including a large Chinese population (most of the hymnals are in Chinese) as well as the ever-present and growing homeless population, many of whom "live" on the steps of the Cathedral. The interior is tired and worn, much in need of freshening. The pews from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century are no longer suited to the needs of the parish. A more flexible, open floor plan will offer far greater opportunities for gatherings and worship, much like our National Cathedral.



Paul Shackford and Addison with Wally at the Fenway celebration for our Bishop Cedarholm.

A resolution calling all parishes to focus increased attention on the needs of the elderly prompted considerable discussion. While generally acknowledged that this ministry is rooted in our baptismal covenant, there was concern about resources for the initiative and the potential overlap into work done by social service agencies. A simplified version of the resolution was passed by the convention.

Henry Thayer was acknowledged for his many years of service chairing the Qualifications Committee as he rotates off this committee.

In conclusion, there was a joyful celebration of the ministry of Bishop Bud Cederholm whose retirement commenced with the closing of the convention. In his honor, a house on the grounds of the Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center will be refurbished as a retreat for clergy and their families. In keeping with Bud's stalwart position on the need to "go green", the house will be an eco-friendly haven. Additionally, given his great fondness for the Red Sox, a brick in his honor from the Diocese will be placed in the walkway at Fenway Park.

St. Andrew's was represented by Karen Budney, Edie Dolnikowski, Addison Hall, Brian Rebholz, Art Geissler and Margaret Zusky.  
—Margaret Zusky • [mzusky@wiley.com](mailto:mzusky@wiley.com)

## Gifts & Securities

A number of members of St. Andrew's have chosen to fulfill their pledge to the parish with gifts of securities. We thank you! Gifts of appreciated securities such as shares of stock, mutual fund units, bonds or other securities offer significant tax advantages and are easy to make. Generally, contributions of appreciated securities held for more than one year are deductible at fair market value for up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income and do not trigger any capital gains taxes on the appreciation. If you intend to make a gift of securities prior to the end of the year, please allow 3 weeks processing time. Please see the website for more information: <http://standrewswellesley.org/securitiesgift.htm>. Your contact for making a gift of stock or securities: Ruth Hubert, Financial Secretary.  
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# Rector's Letter

## How Can This Be?

The Reverend Addison Hall



*And the angel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called the Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word."*

— Luke 1:30-38

Advent is a season of dramatic contrast between endings and beginnings. The scripture passages in early December include prophecies of the end of the world, and the assurance that God will be faithful to those whom he loves, even under radically altered conditions. In the middle of the Advent season the focus shifts to John the Baptist, who calls us to renew our commitment to God and to justice among all people. We are summoned to a fresh beginning of our life in faith.

As Advent turns to Christmas, winter comes upon us. The sun has retreated, and darkness and cold assert themselves. The early followers of Jesus fixed the anniversary celebration of his birth just at this point in the calendar, partly to counteract pagan solstice rituals, and partly to celebrate the hope of a new beginning as the old year ends.

When fearfulness can be intensified by darkness and cold, "in the bleak midwinter," we remember the angel's words to Mary: "Do not be afraid."

We remember also, as we celebrate Jesus' birth, God's faithfulness in bringing new life and salvation, and renewing it, day after day, year after year. Each Christmas we are facing new challenges, and God is always with us, to comfort and strengthen us. When we meditate on the vulnerable infant and his inexperienced young mother, we remember that God always provides nurture and growth to our new efforts, and stays with us as we engage them. That sense of renewal is integral to our celebration of Christmas, and we give thanks for it. —Addison Hall • [addison@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:addison@standrewswellesley.org) ✝

### Special message from Addison

After careful deliberation with parish leaders and my family, I have decided to retire at the end of August in the coming year, after twenty-two years of deeply meaningful and rewarding work. Jody and I will move then to our house in Ashfield, in western Massachusetts. Though we are sad at the prospect of leaving this vibrant community, one which has given us so much, retirement is a big adjustment, and this seems the right time to make the transition. The wardens, Anne Prensner and Randy Parker, will be the executive officers of the parish between rectors. Edie and Brian, along with our present staff, will provide pastoral continuity. They will be joined by an interim rector in the early fall of 2012. More information about this transition and my retirement plans is contained in letters most of you received from the wardens and me this week. I look forward to the coming months, in which we can reflect on our time together and prepare for the adventures that lie ahead. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of sharing in the many ministries of St. Andrew's with you; it has been a great joy. — Addison Hall • [addison@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:addison@standrewswellesley.org)

# Wardens' letter

## Seasons come with anticipation

Randy Parker & Anne Prensner

Seasons come with anticipation as we remember familiar and much enjoyed past celebrations. St. Andrew's begins this Advent with shared memories of just such community traditions. It is a busy but beautiful time which includes, among many events, our Advent Lessons & Carols, Advent candle lightings and wreath-making, Alternate Gifts Fair, Epiphany Fireside service and supper and the decorating of our sanctuary for Christmas Eve services. We hope you participate in as many of these as you can.

However, there is a change this season as we learn that Addison, after twenty-two years as our Rector, is planning to retire at the end of August, 2012. As you read in his letter mailed to all active parishioners, he has given this decision a great deal of thought. He and Jody will be moving to Ashfield, in the western part of the state.

During these years with us, Addison has built strong foundations within St. Andrew's at the staff, lay leadership and program levels. These will all remain in place during the transition and allow our worship, education and other programs to continue without hesitation. The Episcopal Church has guidelines for churches experiencing a rector retirement and we will follow these closely. Additionally, Bishop Shaw has offered to be involved in a direct way in this discernment and transition phase for St. Andrew's. For the moment, the only thing required of us is to support Addison and Jody in their decision, to take time over the next few months to say our goodbyes and to celebrate the time we have with them still.

As we approach the new year, we will also focus on the routine business of setting the budget and the Annual Meeting, which

for us will be January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Just prior to the meeting, the annual report will be issued and it will contain the nominations of new vestry members and new nominating committee members. There are also reports from all the committees describing events of the past year. There has been a great deal of activity this past year in addition to our many worship services and special events—new sanctuary carpeting, remodeling of our rental property, the calling of a new Assistant Rector for Christian Learning and a youth mission to Jamaica, to name a few. It takes many hands to do all these things and we are thankful to have the leadership in this parish contributing their talents to us.

Have a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmastide,

—Anne Prensner • [amprensner@gmail.com](mailto:amprensner@gmail.com) ✠

## Worship

### Epiphany Fireside Service & Supper

Please join us for our annual Epiphany Fireside Service Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. This informal communion service with candles and a roaring fire in the Parish Hall is an intimate and peaceful way to mark the closing of the Christmas season. A simple meal of soup/sandwiches will follow the service. Please bring a salad, bread or dessert to share. —Rev. Brian Rebholtz • [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

### Christmas Eve Worship

On Christmas Eve, St. Andrew's offers a variety of worship services. Our special children's service begins at 3:00 p.m. This thirty-minute service is particularly appropriate for young children and includes a children's homily, several easy Christmas Carols, and placing animals in the Christmas Crèche. This service is followed by a brief celebration in the Parish Hall. Our 5:00 p.m. service includes Holy Communion, a full sermon, and musical selections by our youth choir. Professional childcare is available for younger children in the Toddler Rooms during this service. Our 10:30 p.m. service is our "Midnight Mass" and is preceded by a thirty-minute musical prelude. The worship includes adult choir, guest musicians, and a full sermon. No childcare is available at the 10:30 p.m. service. If you have questions about which service might work best for your family, please ask a member of the clergy. — Rev. Brian Rebholtz • [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

### Interested in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism?

For churches that follow the traditional liturgical year, there are four feast days set aside as particularly appropriate for Holy Baptism: All Saints, Epiphany, Easter and Pentecost. As Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Epiphany this year, all families considering baptism are invited to speak to a member of the clergy. Please know that adults and older children are especially encouraged to inquire about Baptism. If you would like more information, or would like to ask a question, please contact —Rev. Brian Rebholtz • [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

### Parish Register

*Burials* Matthew Grape,  
Janet Thompson

*Baptisms* Brooks Mitchell,  
Ashley McCaslin, Molly  
Dodson, Emma Beswick,  
Sommer Morrison

# Christian Learning

## Adult Programs

### December Christian Learning Series: In Glorious Majesty: Praying the Collects of Advent and Christmas

In Christian worship, collects are brief, formal prayers that serve to “collect” the individual prayers of worshippers after the presider has invited all to a brief period of silent prayer. At the time of the Reformation in England, Archbishop Cranmer translated the Latin collects of the Sarum Rite into beautiful and melodic English, and they remain one of the great spiritual treasures of our church. This Advent, we invite you to come and explore the collects used for Advent and Christmas, and to allow their depth and beauty to help you prepare the way of the Lord in your own heart this year. These will be the focus for three illustrated sessions in the Christian Learning Series December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. in Room 2 and all are welcome.—Rev. Brian Rebholtz  
• [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

### January Christian Learning Series: Peter Fergusson on Canterbury

Our Christian lineage descends through Canterbury. In 597 Pope Gregory the Great launched a mission to re-Christianize England. Led by St Augustine, it established a community inside the Roman city of Canterbury. From these beginnings and later branchings, our Episcopal church derives. Thus Edie and Chris started their April, 2010 England pilgrimage with twenty parishioners at the Cathedral. Canterbury enjoys a large literature. Adding to it is a recent book by a parishioner, Peter Fergusson. Titled *Canterbury Cathedral Priory in the Age of Becket* (Yale University Press—London, 2011), it recovers the rebuilding undertaken at the start of Plantagenet rule in the mid-1150s. Seen in human terms, the rebuilding can be organized around issues of health, hygiene, law, hospitality, and liturgical change. These will be the focus for three illustrated sessions in the Christian Learning Series: Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, led by Peter himself. Sessions begin at 9 a.m. in Room 2 and all are welcome. — Addison Hall  
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### Bible Circle Sirach—Wisdom’s Teacher

At our December Bible Circle meeting, we will continue this year’s theme, “Wisdom and the Word: Discovering the Riches of Biblical Wisdom Literature.” Our December session is entitled “Sirach—Wisdom’s Teacher” and will be led by the Rev. Edie Dolnikowski. We will meet Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the Harvey Room. We will discuss Chapters 1, 2, 4, 16, 24, 26, 40, 42, 44, & 45 of the Book of Sirach, which is in the Apocrypha. If you have a study Bible or a personal Bible please bring it with you for our discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all Bible Circle meetings! —Margarethe Kulke  
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## Youth Programs

### St. Andrew’s Church School Schedule

After Christmas, Church School classes do not resume until Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. However, there are still children’s programs available! On January 1<sup>st</sup> there will be no church school, but childcare will be available in the Toddler Room. On January 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a special program in the Parish Hall

for K-5 during worship (Toddlers/Pre-K will go to their normal classrooms). On January 15<sup>th</sup> elementary-aged kids will be invited to a children’s chapel program during the first half of the service, and childcare for younger kids will be available in the Toddler Room. —Rev. Brian Rebholtz • [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

### Behold the Spirit: Exploring Confirmation at St. Andrew’s

Our fall semester for Confirmation Class finishes up in December; after the December 4<sup>th</sup> class with our Advent party and reflection on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please note that Confirmation will not start up again until January 22<sup>nd</sup>! The Rev. Edie Dolnikowski will join us as our guest teacher on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, so be sure to mark your calendars. —Rev. Brian Rebholtz  
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## Youth Group Sunday Night Dinners

Our December Youth Group dinners will continue December 4th, and 18th; to combine fun, food and faith! If you're in high school and want to join us, just show up in the parish kitchen on Youth Group nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. January 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our first youth group of the Spring term. Please RSVP ahead of time, when possible, so we know how much food we will need. —Rev. Brian Rebholtz  
• [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)

## Youth Mission Trip Planning Has Begun!

The time has come to start planning and preparing for our Summer 2012 Mission Trip! The trip is open to all High School students (9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) who attend St. Andrew's. If we have room, friends of St. Andrew's students may also be able to attend. If you missed the Mission Assembly meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup> and would like to come on the trip, please contact one of the clergy immediately! —Rev. Brian Rebholtz  
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## High School Overnight at Grotonwood Camp

All High School students are invited to a Youth Group overnight on the Saturday and Sunday of MLK weekend, January 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. Grotonwood camp has beautiful grounds, great food and a gym with a climbing wall, volleyball and basketball courts, and a recreation lounge. This trip will be a great chance to relax, have fun and take in a change of scenery! Cost is \$120 per person. Adult chaperones are also needed. Grotonwood requires advanced reservations and a minimum group of eight, so please RSVP for our Overnight no later than Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. —Rev. Brian Rebholtz • [brian@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:brian@standrewswellesley.org)



## Church School Events and Activities

### Sunday, December 4—Advent 2

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13  
11:30 a.m. Wellesley Student Brunch (Meet in Narthex)  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit (Confirmation)  
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group & Dinner

### Sunday, December 11—Advent 3

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13  
10:00 a.m. Rite-13 Ceremony  
5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

### Sunday, December 18—Advent 4—All Parish Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. Church School for Toddler–Pre-K Only (No Rite-13)  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit (Confirmation) & Advent Party  
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group: Dinner & Advent Party

### Saturday, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. Children's Service  
5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist; (Childcare Available)  
10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist

### Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day

No Church School or Rite-13

### Sunday, January 1—The Holy Name

Christmas Lessons & Carols at 10:00 a.m.  
No Church School or Rite-13; (Childcare Available for 4 and Under)

### Sunday, January 8—The Baptism of Our Lord—Epiphany I

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. Church School for Toddler–Pre-K Only (No Rite-13)  
9:45 a.m. K-5 Special Program, No Rite-13  
5:00 p.m. Epiphany Fireside Service

### Sunday, January 15—Epiphany 2

(Morning Prayer) with K-3rd Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. No Church School or Rite-13; (Childcare Available for 4 and Under)

### Sunday, January 22 Epiphany 3

9:00 a.m. Christian Learning Series  
9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit (Confirmation)  
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group & Dinner

### Sunday, January 29—Epiphany 4

9:45 a.m. Church School for All & Rite-13  
Annual Meeting Directly Following 10:00 a.m. Service (Childcare Available)

# Outreach

## December's Mission of the Month is the "Gift of Giving"

St Andrew's has many ways to help your family experience the "Gift of Giving" this year. Thank you to all the Church School families who already brought shoeboxes full of gifts for Operation Child. Here are more giving opportunities that cannot be found at the Mall and can truly make a difference in peoples' lives around the globe, as well as closer to home. We have many ways for everyone, young and old, to engage—giving their time and talent as well as their dollars.

- November 28<sup>th</sup> - December 1<sup>st</sup> - **The Mitten Tree** Everyone loves to decorate a Christmas Tree! Adorn ours with warm mittens and hats for babies and children and keep little fingers cozy this winter—Arline Wahn will collect and distribute.
- December 4<sup>th</sup> - **Alternative Christmas Gift Fair** at coffee hour in the Parish Hall . Please see the article on the cover for details. — Ann Johnson  
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- **Christmas Boxes for St Stephen's Seniors – COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED!**  
Did you know that every year Jill and Jack Whiting assemble much anticipated Christmas Gift Boxes for distribution to 50 seniors at our sister parish St Stephen's, Boston? Yes, FIFTY! They need fresh baked cookies to include. They also welcome new ideas for

low-cost small items to include – and where to source them. — Jill & Jack Whiting  
• [jswmfw@hotmail.com](mailto:jswmfw@hotmail.com)

- Continuing to provide the Gift of Giving throughout December.
  - **The SoxBox** – new, large white athletic socks for homeless women. See the other article on this page.
    - **Coats for Kids** – donate new or gently worn warm coats for all ages.
- December 27<sup>th</sup> – **Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen** —Tim Phillips  
• [timphillips59@yahoo.com](mailto:timphillips59@yahoo.com)

The Outreach Committee wishes you all much joy as you receive as well as give the gift of giving this Christmas – thank you for the difference you make in many lives locally and around the world through your participation in our programs.

— Joanna Horobin • [jhorobin@Syndax.Com](mailto:jhorobin@Syndax.Com)

## Why Socks?

For some years now, St. Andrew's, through the Sock Ministry and the Knitting Ministry, has generously supported *Women of Means*, an organization which offers immediate and compassionate health care onsite in shelters throughout the Boston area. With autumn here and winter coming there is no shortage of requests for clean dry white socks. Dr. Roseanna Means tells us that we would be astonished by the quantity of clean white socks that they go through.

The women that they treat are on their feet constantly, and many have old shoes which harbor infections like athlete's foot, and since changing shoes is not an option for

them, changing socks is one of the few ways to help protect their feet. Many diabetics are found in the homeless community, and for them foot care becomes even more important, since infections take hold more easily and can become life and limb threatening. Why do the socks need to be white? Well, the primary reason is that if an individual develops a foot ulcer or sore, any drainage is easier to spot on a white sock, so it will likely come to attention sooner.

So why socks? Hopefully, the above explanation helps, but socks because ... "it is the right thing to do". It is easy for each of us to participate in this vital ministry and to

make a difference. Please feed the Sox Box, located outside the Parish Office, with size L or XL new white men's cotton socks. Packets of ten are generally available at Dicks Sports (and elsewhere) on route 9 in Natick. If it is easier to send a check (made out to St. Andrew's with "sox" in the memo) to Ruth Hubert, I will happily make the purchase for you. We are hoping to deliver socks to Dr. Means along with knitted hats and scarves to be distributed to women at Rosie's Place, On The Rise, and The Women's Lunch Place in mid-December. Thank you for your continuing generosity. It is in the giving that we receive. Blessings,  
— Donna Kell for Outreach • [kell9@verizon.net](mailto:kell9@verizon.net)

# St. Andrew's December Calendar

The Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (except where noted below). The Holy Eucharist is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Thursday at 8:40 a.m. All are welcome! Parish office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Thursday, December 1

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Friday, December 2

6:30 p.m. Cookies & Carols

## Saturday, December 3

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## Sunday, December 4

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir  
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
9:45 a.m. Rite-13  
11:10 a.m. Wellesley Student Brunch  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit: Exploring Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

## Monday, December 5

7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

## Tuesday, December 6

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Church School Committee  
7:30 p.m. Membership Committee

## Wednesday, December 7

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

## Thursday, December 8

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Saturday, December 10

10:00 a.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir  
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
9:45 a.m. Rite-13 Ceremony  
5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons & Carols

## Tuesday, December 13

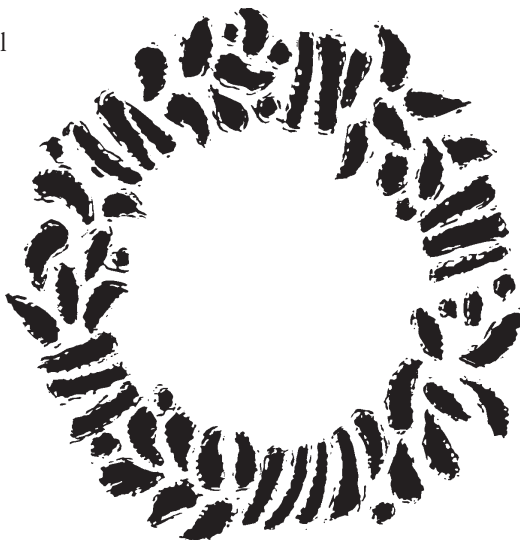
7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Bible Circle

## Wednesday December 14

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir



## Sunday, December 18

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir  
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit: Exploring Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

## Monday, December 19

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

## Tuesday, December 20

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

## Wednesday, December 21

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday, December 22

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Saturday, December 24

*Christmas Eve*

## Sunday, December 25

*Christmas Day*

No Services at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## Monday, December 26

*Parish Office Closed*

## Tuesday, December 27

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
5:15 p.m. Service at Salvation Army  
Miracle Kitchen, 35 Concord Street  
Framingham, MA

## Wednesday, December 28

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Sunday, January 1

*New Year's Day*

No Service at 5:00 p.m.

## Monday, January 2

*Parish Office Closed*

## Tuesday, January 3

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
9:30 a.m. Church School Committee

## Wednesday, January 4

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

## Thursday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Saturday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

## Sunday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
5:00 p.m. Epiphany Fireside Dinner

## Tuesday, January 10

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
10:30 a.m. Bible Circle

## Wednesday, January 11

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

## Thursday, January 12

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

## Saturday, January 14

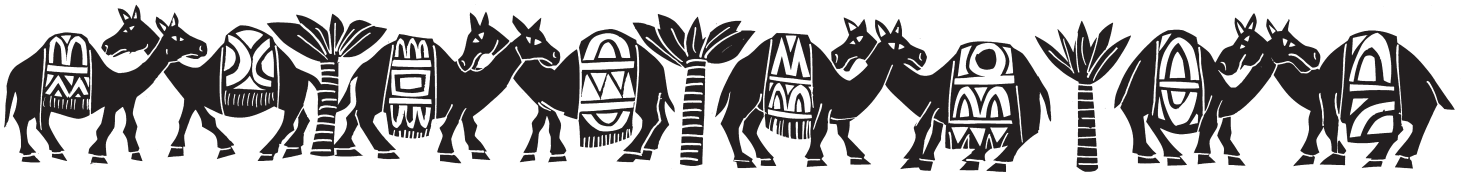
Overnight at Grotonwood Camp

## Sunday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir

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**Monday, January 16**

Martin Luther King, Jr's Day  
Parish Office Closed  
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

**Tuesday, January 17**

*February CALL Deadline*  
7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday, January 18**

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Thursday, January 19**

8:00 a.m. Cooking for Rosie's Place  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

**Sunday, January 22**

9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
11:30 a.m. Budget Forum  
5:00 p.m. Behold the Spirit: Exploring  
Confirmation

**Monday, January 23**

7:30 p.m. Finance Committee

**Tuesday, January 24**

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting  
5:15 p.m. Service at Salvation Army  
Miracle Kitchen, 35 Concord Street,  
Framingham, MA

**Wednesday, January 25**

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Thursday, January 26**

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

**Sunday, January 29**

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir  
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir  
11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, January 31**

7:30 a.m. Wardens Meeting

**Wednesday, February 1**

9:20 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Men's Book Club

**Thursday, February 2**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist at North Hill  
7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

**Saturday, February 4**

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, February 5**

9:00 a.m. Junior Choir  
9:00 a.m. Senior Choir