

ST. ANDREW'S MESSAGE

Our Mission Statement – “Inspiring Change by following Jesus”

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June

**Click below to see the latest addition of
mini church videos on
[St. Andrews webpage](http://www.standrewsyorktown.com)**

June 7 Service 10 a.m. via Zoom *
Annual Meeting

June 14 Service 10 a.m. via Zoom *

June 21 Service 10 a.m. via Zoom *
Father's Day

June 28 Service 10 a.m. via Zoom *

Join Sunday Zoom Service

Time: 10:00 AM Eastern
Every week on Sun,
Meeting ID: 894 9862 5665
Password: 455705



Service on Sunday

10:00 a.m.



Give Online

Your Prayers are requested for those:



In Need

Daniel King

Warren Ludvigsen

Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti
Kathy DeMaio
Julia Feile

Ingrid Frank
Bill Hamm
Joseph Knapp, Sr

Anne Latino
Linda Louie
Patricia McGregor

Robin Muller
Nicole Safron
Gemma Small

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Massimo Berardelli
Bill & Joan Borkowsky
Nancy Calandra
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Kim Dary

Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Vivian Hyde
Mike Lekhmus

Roseann Lella
Karen Livingston Bernardo
Mary Kay McNamee
Helen O'Brien
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz

Maria Quas
Edith Raspuzzi
Samantha Shores
Tony Susi
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler

Facing life's challenges

Adama Bamba
Alyssa Billingsley
Devon Crispell
Nathan & Rebecca Irwin-Diehl

Dominic Enriguez
Eric Enriguez
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family
Paul Kristoffersen

Carolyne Maulen
Sean and Sarah Prinz
Ann Robertiello

Joanne Saylor
The Small Family
Tom Tillstrand

Mourning the passing of

Michael Galea
Karen Haaland-Weyand
Edward V. Rohle
Lazzaro Peter Pellegrini
Donna Scimia

Henry Kulick
Gregorio Guerra
Deniece Clancy
Phil C. Novak
Gjina Bujaj

John Gordon
Mark Graff
Jean Farrell
David Diehl
Doug Knowles

Bruno Rohle
Gladys Rohle
Jackiel Diehl
Mary Sue Kasten
Maria Quas

Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon
Daniel Bendetti
Brandon Cintron
Paul Fosse Jr.

Gregory Gonzalez
Kenneth Holman
Michael Lawless

Anthony Lawrence
Randal Middleton
Will O'Brien

Michael J. Tillstrand
Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Our Missionaries

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

Bishop

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

Residents of Jan Peek House

Please call or email the office to place someone on or remove someone from the Prayer List.

Thank you.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

To all the Faithful at St Andrew's,

I find you amazing! I just needed to say it. Ya'll are great. I have heard from many of you about how you are living into our new normal of social distancing. I've listened to your struggles and your unexpected opportunities and I have learned about new found faith. For all the good work that you are doing, THANK YOU. The church of Jesus has lived through wars, famine, and pandemics before. We are growing and will continue to grow through this current time as well.

I wanted to share a couple of updates with you. Our financial situation is much more dynamic than most years. With the shut down we saw a substantial move from paper check offerings to online giving. We applied for and received a PPP loan through the government, which should be forgiven fully. We owe David Hamm a (socially distant) pat on the back for securing these funds. While helpful, these funds may not fill the contributions shortfall we are experiencing. The gap is about \$8,500, and we are concerned it may continue to grow. If you can make a special offering, it would be especially appreciated and helpful. You can send in a check to the church or you can give online through our website found at <http://standrewsyorktown.com/>

We have an upcoming congregational meeting on June 7th. This will happen virtually with Zoom. If you are not able to join with a computer connection, you can call in to "attend" the meeting. Our agenda is short. We need to approve the nominations placed forward for Church Council members and name next year's Nominating Committee. Our church council decided to expand its membership this year to decrease our need for new members in

Thank you
Financial Update
Congregational Meeting
Update on Restart

the coming years. Our council has also voted to extend David Hamm's term for one additional year which will ease transitions in this time of uncertainty.

Regarding coming together for worship. As you can guess, it's hard to say. New York has put forth its phased reopening plans. Churches are near the end of the list of places to reopen. We will come together only when it is safe for everyone in our congregation, including older folks and higher risk individuals. We will do so in ways that keep everyone safe. Your wellbeing (physical and spiritual) is the reason we exist. When we worship together again, it is going to be joyous, yet different. Right now, we are considering a variety of plans. Whatever worship may look like, we will continue a virtual worship service for those unable or uncomfortable with attending in person. You might have to reserve a seat, you will have to wear a mask, communion might not be possible. These are minor inconveniences when we consider the possibility of our lack of foresight spreading a virus that can be deadly. We are taking this very seriously.

Whether we are near or far, we are the Church. Sharing love, shining the light of Christ and spreading compassion—these things can be done in AND outside of our church building. Keep up the good work!

**See you online Sunday,
Pastor Dave Dockweiler**

CHURCH COUNCIL

May Highlights

- St. Andrew's received a \$30,000 Paycheck Protection Program loan (CARES Act) through Chase Bank. This type of loan can be fully forgiven. Council thanks David Hamm for his diligence in securing this loan. The guidelines for using the loan and preparing for loan forgiveness were discussed.
- In a recent newsletter, the MNYS Office of the Bishop recommends that churches remain closed until July 1. Council continues to discuss preparations for our eventual ability to gather together again while abiding by any government regulations and guidelines for reopening.
- Plans for the Semi-annual Congregational meeting in June were discussed.
- Confirmation will be postponed until September.
- Council approved Scout Alex Cignarella's proposed plantings for the back of the church. Alex is working toward the rank of Eagle Scout and has chosen to improve the back landscaping as his Eagle Project. Council is supportive of his efforts and thanks him for taking on this much needed project.



Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members

Linda Bohlk -

President

Judith Bailey-Hung -

V Pres.

Rita Nehmzow -

Secretary

David Hamm -

Treasurer

Tim Clark

Dominic Justo

Kristine Kallesten

Dora Morabito

Lynn Parlman

Steve Scalzi

Dale Sharp

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee

Kathy DeMaio

Sue Epting

Rob Granfors

Carol Holodak

Judy Jakubik

Gemma Reinkraut

Andy Sabol

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - APRIL

	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions ¹	\$ 67,000		\$ 72,600	\$ (5,600)
Other Income ²	27,300		35,200	(7,900)
Total Income	94,300		107,800	(13,500)
Expenses	91,000	\$103,000	96,400	(5,400)
Surplus	\$ 3,300		\$ 11,400	\$ (8,100)

1 - contributions compared to last year are \$7,500 lower since March 15

2 - we received April's \$8,500 rent check in May

Letter from our Bishop

Dear friends in Christ,

Here at the Office of the Bishop, we received news that President Trump has deemed churches and other houses of worship “essential” and has called on governors across the country to allow these places of worship to reopen this weekend. Meanwhile, New York Governor, Andrew Cuomo, has announced that beginning May 21st, religious gatherings of no more than 10 people will be allowed statewide. Social distancing measures must be enforced, and all participants must wear masks. Additionally, drive-in and parking lot services will be permitted. The Governor also informed us that New York is convening an Interfaith Advisory Council to discuss proposals to safely bring back religious services.

We realize that the information coming from our governing forces appear contradictory. However, OUR PRIORITY IS YOU and your well-being. Protecting the health and safety of ALL members of our community is both our truth and our precedence as the Office of the Bishop. Being at the epicenter of this pandemic and in order to protect our flock, we advise that congregations remain closed until more accurate and uniform information is provided. As Indiana-Kentucky Synod Bishop, The Rev. Dr. William O. Gafkjen, wrote in his recent response to President Trump’s statement, “The church does not need to re-open. The church – the body of Christ –

has been open and working all along.” We know we are essential, but it is not essential to gather in person at this time. One of our congregations lost over 44 members to the coronavirus crisis. We would like to protect our ministers, lay leaders, members and communities from also experiencing such abundant devastation, loss, and grief. This virus is a silent assassin that cannot be seen; we must protect each other and proceed with caution. We are monitoring this situation so that we may continue to make educated decisions and provide you with accurate information.

Thank you all for taking care of each other during these troubling times, for we are ALL God’s children and are united in love and in prayer. Let us continue to pray for the families and friends of those we have lost, and for the good health and welfare of all members of our communities.

Thanks be to God.

Have a blessed and safe
Memorial Day Weekend.

In Christ,

from the epicenter of the pandemic,

- The Rev. Paul Egensteiner
 - Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The Sunday School year is rapidly coming to a close and it was a great year until COVID-19 hit. Obviously, things did not go as planned but we made the best of the situation and hopefully we will be able to resume Sunday School in the fall. The number of children attending has grown over the year and we were so happy to welcome new faces! All of the children were eager to see their friends and teachers throughout the year and we are looking forward to seeing their bright, smiling faces again soon!

I hope that you have been finding the activities I've been sending via e-mail to help your children experience Sunday School remotely. Through research, I am now able to find simple coloring sheets, scavenger hunts, crafts, etc for the younger children as well as puzzles for the older group. I will continue to send them throughout the summer so the children can continue to learn about the teachings of Jesus even when we can't be together. Please let me know if you are finding the e-mails to be helpful.

Since we had to abort holding Sunday School classes in mid-March, several important celebrations were missed. In addition to not being able to celebrate the Easter season and Mother's Day, the First Holy Communion for our fourth graders needed to be postponed. No worries as we will reschedule that when restrictions are lifted. Since we still are not permitted to meet, the annual Sunday School Awards scheduled for June will also be postponed. We will keep you updated about these events.

If possible, Sunday School will resume with Rally Day on September 13. Information will be sent electronically in mid-August. If you do not use e-mail, please let me know so I can mail it to you via the post office.

We are always looking for more people to join our Sunday School staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. We'd love to have you! There are plenty of opportunities to become involved so please give it your prayerful consideration.

Thank you to the Sunday School staff, parents, members of the congregation, and especially to the children for a wonderful year of learning and sharing our faith! I think we all get back more than we give as this service to our children is so rewarding. And special thanks to Pastor Dave, Margy, and Sarah for all of your continuous support as it is deeply appreciated by all!

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can reach me via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail at epting.susan@gmail.com.

Have a wonderful summer and we hope to see you each Sunday at the Zoom services until life returns to the "new normal!"



**God Bless,
Sue Epting**

Getting to Know Our Council

Tim Clark has joined our council last year and is looking forward to his continued work with the group. Regarding his coming to St. Andrews he writes, "We joined three years ago but had also visited a few times before that. As I mentioned in my Stewardship Sunday talk, each year our family visited different churches on Christmas and Easter. When we attended St. Andrew's Christmas Eve service, we knew we had found our church home."



Tim, What are some things you love about this community

We love the people of St. Andrew's. The first Sunday we visited, we walked through the front door and immediately Donna greet-

ed us, and Ellie happily followed her to Sunday school. After service, many people came up to us and extended warm welcomes. Afterwards, Cathy saw us at Turco's and thanked us for visiting and invited us back. We were hooked!

And, What keeps you coming back

I'm not sure how to best phrase what Cyndi and I experience at St. Andrew's. The people, the worship, and the sanctuary itself all combine and amplify one another. We feel embraced and ready to start our week.

What got you interested in joining the church council

I had never served in any type of leadership role in a church so I was honored when asked to join. I'm a junior member and appreciate having this experience to learn from the other members while helping out. Cyndi and I see all the good that members and worship leaders do individually and as part of committees and we feel humbled but also inspired to do more.

Lastly, How would you like to see this church grow

In keeping with how our God works in mysterious ways, the quarantine which has divided us has also enabled Pastor Dave and St. Andrew's to expand how we spread the good word. Before we worshiped at a certain place and time. Now we can participate in service from wherever we are (hopefully also together again in person soon). Also, the Pastor's Mini Church videos enable anyone to receive Christian comfort and inspiration whenever they have a need. We now have new people attending service by Zoom and receiving pastoral care by YouTube. To me, St. Andrew's seems already to have become much bigger!

My hope is that we all do our best to participate in the life of St. Andrew's as best we can whether that's in person or by Zoom, YouTube, and Spotify. If we strive to do that, I think we will flourish.

Thanks Tim for sharing with us about your experiences of this place and a bit about what God is doing in your life. You, Cyndi and Ellie are such a blessing to our community!

(Lynn Parlman has been a long term member of this church. She first found St. Andrew's while driving around Yorktown with her relator looking for a house in 1986. She's been a faithfully connected person ever since. Here's some more about Lynn.

She writes, "I was born and raised in Long Island. God blessed me with a wonderful husband Peter, and sometimes wonderful son and daughter! Both Chris and Kaitlyn were baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's. While life is often too busy and difficult, I consider myself to be blessed!"

I think the St. Andrew's community is very caring and welcoming. There are so many dedicated members here that work tirelessly for the church and community. I keep coming back because Pastor Dave continues to deliver the most wonderful sermons each week. They are both biblical and practical, and amusing at times. It is obvious that they are spiritually inspired! I also love the music... Margy is a true blessing to our congregation! I enjoy seeing other members and I know I will experience at least one hour of peace each week as I worship the Lord within a terrific church!



I am a lifelong Lutheran and I love working at Fordham, a Jesuit University. My daily morning walk from the parking garage across campus is inspiring. Most of the buildings have crosses and I get a glimpse the University Church as I head to the library. The grounds are manicured beautifully. I am reminded that God is at work everywhere.

What does this church do that makes you proud

Our outreach to help others less fortunate has grown over the years and I think it is wonderful. I love St. Andrew's commitment to Jan Peek, holiday meals, Christmas gifts, Lutheran World Relief and our Missionary family. I feel confident this will continue!

What dreams do you have for this place
I want St. Andrew's to be strong and vibrant church in all possible ways. I would love to see our church grow financially so we can easily support our current infrastructure and then increase our outreach and internal programs. I hope we can grow and strengthen our ties to younger members so we can develop the next generation of committed Lutherans. I love the resurgence of small children running around. It gives me a lot of hope that St. Andrew's will be here forever! I think we are on the right path, thank God.



Thank you Lynn for telling us a bit more about yourself, your family and how your faith is at work. God bless you as you continue sharing your faith through the church council.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday

1	Jonathan Stock	16	Lynn Parliman
2	Robert Granfors	16	Linda Greco
2	Alyssa Ehlke	16	Anthony Forcina
3	Kenneth Holman	17	Robert M. Headley
3	Stephen Haglund	17	Richard Finger
4	Joseph Rohle	17	Ron Lyman
6	Ryan Martin	17	Lynette Van Tongeren
7	Paul Panik	17	Andrew Rohle
7	Judith Ellard	17	Summer Stahl
7	Rudy Bergstrom	18	Sandra Herbst
8	Jennifer BillingsleyRichardson	19	Robin Farrell
9	Gemma Small	19	Spencer Gustavson
9	Gabriella DosSantos	21	Dale Sharp
10	Ellen Ottstadt	22	Marc Petrero
10	Janice Anderson	22	Luke Chipoco
10	Alexis Hayes	23	Joseph Middleton
11	Katherine DeMaio	24	William Prebeck
11	Brenda Middleton	24	Jaimee Spinelli Hill
12	Margy Tillstrand	26	Virginia Shepard
12	Marissa Justo	26	Stoddard Hill
13	Robert Racanelli	29	Cheryl Badalamenti
14	Brandt Quinker	30	Joyce Bergstrom
15	Kristin Linahan		

Happy Anniversary

1	Linda & Edoardo Cuniberti	10	Lynne & Richard Semenza
2	Diane & Michael Peragine	10	Robin & Chuck Farrell
8	Tracy & Karl Blechner	11	Sue & Randolph Wagner
8	Simone & Ron Lyman	14	Jenna & Perry Shepard Sr.
8	Crystal & Jody Spiak	15	Beryl & Richard Zapp
10	Linda & Harry Fredericks	27	Jenna & Patrick Lancellotti

Happy Graduation

Hayden Mayer

Will be attending the University of Buffalo and likely majoring in something connected to psychology. During high school he enjoyed classes in psychology, forensic science, history and English. Hayden is an avid 4 wheeler and dirt biker.



Kyra Gustavson

Will be graduating from Lakeland High School and plans on attending SUNY Oswego in the Fall. She will be majoring in psychology.

She danced since the age of 4 at Darcys Academy of Dance. She did all type of dance but preferred Hip Hop. She was on their elite dance company



Tyler Campobasso

Tyler will be attending Seton Hall University in the fall and is so excited to dorm and meet new people. His major will be Political Science. He hopes to be “very successful”. He would love to get a job in Washington DC after he graduates SHU. He will also try out for the college baseball team or play club ball.

He played baseball for 5 years on the HS teams including being on the Freshman team in 8th grade. His favorite memories of High School are the trips he took with the Varsity Baseball team to Florida for tournaments.



Devon Rose Leaver

Devon Rose Leaver is a graduating senior at Yorktown High School and will head to Clark University, a small liberal arts research university, in Worcester, MA on a merit scholarship. Devon Rose plans to study biochemistry and microbiology.



One final achievement is Devon Rose's commitment to community service. From the summer preceding 9th grade through the summer before her senior year, Devon Rose performed 1,365 hours in service, a record that has not been set in over 10 years at YHS, and is more than double this year's second place senior. In addition to church organizations, Devon Rose volunteered at Teatown Lake Reservation and served at Ronald McDonald House.

Julia Ferone

Julia will be attending University of Buffalo to continue her education as she pursues her dream of becoming a residential architect. Throughout high school her was deeply involved in Field Hockey and Track, running a variety of sprints. She loved her science classes and took as many science classes as she could. At Buffalo she will also continue her Italian courses.



College Graduates

Amanda Falcone

Graduated in December 2019 with Bachelor of science in Visual Art Education from SUNY New Paltz. Lucky, she walked in May last year with her friends. She will continue at SUNY New Paltz for grad school, MEd in Visual Arts Education.

Summer Stahl,

Graduated from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing. She is going to attend graduate school at Sacred Heart University in the fall.

Happy Father's Day

God Bless all the fathers, grandfathers, step fathers, dad's in heaven and may they all enjoy this special day.



“By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.”

CHARLES WADSWORTH

“To the world you are a dad. To our family you are the world.”

—UNKNOWN



The righteous walk in integrity—
happy are the children who follow them!

Proverbs 20:7



MESSAGE June 2020

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63 Years Serving Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP on zoom 10:00 a.m. .

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Linda Bohlk, President

Judith Bailey-Hung, Vice President

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary

The Church office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



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