



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Burke, Virginia



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Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Easter joy we look at the continuing action of the Resurrection. The death and Resurrection of Jesus is not

simply an event in time, but it is an event which continues. This does not mean the absence of those evil things in this world that draw us away from God but it does mean that they may no longer have power over us. What if each day we awoke with the joy of Easter as we continued in the joy of the Resurrection?

In this Eastertide, we pray for our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters as they mourn the death of the Pope. Prior to his death, we recall the words he gave during his Easter proclamation. "With you, O Lord, everything is new. With you, everything begins again," Pope Francis declared. He then prayed with a message of renewal, "cleanse us, O God, from the sad dust of habit, tiredness, and indifference. Give us the joy of waking every morning with wonder." What an Easter message to proclaim until his last breath!

We observe Easter liturgically for the next 50 days. Each burial service is an Easter service and we exclaim the joy of the Resurrection every Sunday. We are continually being made new in the Resurrection and we receive the gift of grace and hope each day. The candy is disappearing (at least in our house) and the setting in of what many call this busy period "MayCember." This is the busyness of December in May prior to the end of year activities. The human fallible trap of slipping into the mundane and forgetting the joy of that Easter morning may occur. Life goes on, right? Yes, life continues as does our mourning. Yet, each day we arise to the joy of the Resurrection!

In this Eastertide may we settle into habits which enable us to proclaim the Resurrection year-round and envision our lives with this knowledge. As we know the end of the story, the hope of eternal life and conquering of death, may we live into this truth. I wonder how we might explore this reality as worshipping community dedicated to being "a place for all to worship, serve, and belong?" Where might we go and continue to go as a people of the Resurrection?

I pray that you may have a holy and joyful Eastertide and experience the continual renewal of the Resurrection!

Faithfully yours,

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Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM Saturday @ 6:00 PM Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday @ 5:00 PM (Youth) Thursday @ 7:00 PM (Adult)

AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM Friday @ 8:00 PM

ESOL

Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday 9-4
Tuesday 9-4
Wednesday 9-4
Thursday 9-4

Net Submissions

If you have an article for the Monthly Net, please email it to Emily (emily@standrews.net) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.

VESTRY NEWS



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Easter season is a time of renewal, hope, and transformation. In that spirit, this season offers us a fresh

opportunity to reflect on how we, as a church family, are living out our mission. It's a time to ask, "What might God be calling us to see with new eyes? What practices have served us well, and what may need reimagining? Where is the Spirit nudging us to grow, stretch, or even begin again?

Over the coming months, the Vestry will prayerfully consider these questions as we undertake a visioning process for the mission and future of St. Andrew's. We look forward to engaging in dialogue with the congregation and hearing your thoughts as we embark on this important journey together.

We had a wonderful Holv Week, and I would like to extend a special thanks to Fr. Will, Mtr. Maria, Deacon Susie, Seminarian Anne Alexis, and all who served, read, sang, arranged the altar and flowers, ushered, greeted, and contributed in countless other ways to all of the services leading up to and including our Easter celebration. Your dedication and efforts made this Holy Week truly special! And a huge shoutout to the Cohen family and everyone who supported this year's Easter Egg Hunt. Your generosity and energy brought smiles to the faces of so many children and created lastina memories for all.

Our Commission Synch on April 2nd was a terrific success. Members from each of our commissions and ministry teams came together to connect, share their vision for the year ahead, and start planning upcoming to the events. Thanks commission leads and all who participated. Your leadership and collaborative spirit bring new vitality to our shared ministries. If you are not yet involved but feel a call to serve, there are many ways for you to share your gifts. There's a place for everyone, and we'd be thrilled to help you find yours!

Thanks to our Jr. Warden Anne Brannam and all who attended our Spring Clean-up. Despite having to dodge a few raindrops, we managed to freshen up both inside and outside the church. It was a great day of teamwork, and the results look fantastic!

Thank you to the 16 members of Team Believe who participated in his year's Relay for Life at Woodson High School. The weather forced the event to be held indoors, but that didn't dampen the spirit of our dedicated group of ladies from St. Andrew's who have participated in the event for the past 16 years. They come together to celebrate those fighting cancer, remember those we've lost too soon, and fight back by raising funds for research to prevent and treat cancer. For more information and to learn how you can support the Team Believe and the 2025 Relay for Life, please visit their team page at: http://tinv.cc/5vvf001.

It's clear that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in our parish, moving through every person and every act of service. As we continue through this season of renewal, let us give thanks for each other.

OUTREACH

ECHO: Letter Carriers Food Drive Will Help Fill Urgent Need

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community. Recent disruptions of the federal work force seem to be having an impact on requests for food. Also, a number of people who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program had their EBT cards hacked in April, so they lost access to food stamps. Instead of having this vital assistance restored, they were told to rely on local food banks until the new cards come out in May. This has put enormous pressure on groups such as ECHO.

The Stamp Out Hunger drive is a major boost for ECHO's food pantry. All members of our community can help on **Saturday**, **May 10th**, by leaving a bag with any amount of non-perishable food by their mailboxes before their letter carrier delivers mail. Food received from the West Springfield, Burke, Central Springfield, and North Springfield post offices will be given to ECHO.



Sweet Treats to Support ECHO Moms

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This Mother's Day, help us sweeten the day for Mothers who need a little extra treat.

St. Andrew's will be collecting chocolates (i.e., Godiva/Lindt or your special Chocolate treat, individually wrapped) for ECHO to deliver throughout May to mothers supported by ECHO services.

Your donations can be placed in the ECHO Bin in the Hallway at St. Andrew's. The last day to drop off chocolates will be **Mother's Day, May 11th**.

ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others, an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) charity, gives food and financial help to people with short-term emergencies and provides clothes and household items to people with low incomes.

Prayer List

Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Sally Heyer
Claudia Dugan
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy
Ron Mason
Susan Scott
Barbara Klix

Julie Morgan

Andrea Hellier

Jeff Dutton

Sarah Lillard

Laura Sabo

Dustin Parson-Schwartz

Andie Hardin Mary Richardson Dj Cortés-Gunning Rosemary Phillips Kate Chipps Marifran Bustion Bill Hartig Olivia Felix Eddie Fortune Bishop Shannon Johnston Elaine Askew Bill Armour Wally Morgan Benn Crandall Gary Nash Cathy Withers Mike de Cardona

Kevin Linehan

James Brice P. Patrick Samuel Phillipa David Humphrey Doffie Crabb Ro & Rob Africano Karen Brannam Jacqueline Turner Frank Winfield Cari Gulley Jean Gulley Cathy Patsy High **Bob Turner** Annie Hughes Millie Nash

Dan Dellapenta

Carol Payne Frank Traglia Athalee Williams Jack Williams Donna Fortune Ellie Davis Sarah Waite Jan Wouters Pam Mowry Henry Anderson Rick Harra Paula Mike Columbus Dennis Williams Carol & Kelsey Gene Tom & Beth C. Jim Myhre

Jane Hoge Georgiann McDaniel Peggy Nordin John Sandy Patrick Sandy Avi Zahedi Marla Cook Gene Rose Departed

Jim Jones (friend of Deborah England)
Stephen Edwards (former parishioner)

William Hardy (friend of Chad and Lauren Kenny)

Mukthalata Somanath (friend of Elsie Varughese)

Marilyn Philipp (aunt of Kent Morgan)

Neal Boeshore (nephew of Chris Umberger)

Ann Shannon

Stacy Testa

Let's Get Connected: Realm Training for Group Leaders

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Drum roll, please...The Realm Connect roll-out team is thrilled to introduce... (wait for it!)... our brand-new **Church Directory**!

We know, we know—you've been asking for **years**. And while we'd love to hand you a crisp, printed directory, the reality is: **those days are over**. So we are rolling out a **virtual directory** instead.



Now, before you sigh and say, "Not another tech thing!"—hear us out. We **promise** to make this as easy (and dare we say... fun?) as possible.

So, what do you need to do?

- Watch your inbox for an email invitation to Realm.
- Click the link and start creating your profile.
- Follow our simple step-by-step directions (sent in another email) to get set up.

Want to do it on your own? **Go for it!** Just make sure you complete every step.

Prefer to learn in a group? We've got you! Find a training session that works for you on Signup Genius. (link)

If you've ever left church wishing for **more connection and community**, **Realm Connect** is here to make it happen. Think of it as your **one-stop hub** for staying connected with our parish family. It's where you'll find our **brand-new church directory** (finally!), but it's also so much more. With Realm Connect, you can

- update your contact info,
- find and message fellow parishioners,
- · register for events,
- · manage your giving,
- and stay in the loop on everything happening at church,

all from one simple platform. No more searching for old emails or wondering who to contact!

We know new technology can feel daunting, but **you've got this—and we've got you!** We'll walk you through it every step of the way, whether you prefer a **DIY setup** or a **hands-on group session**. The important thing is that you **get connected**, because church isn't just about Sunday mornings—it's about building relationships that support and strengthen us all week long. And Realm Connect is here to help us do just that.

Let's get started together!

St. Andrew's Name Tags

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Did you know you can order a St. Andrew's name tag anytime? It's easy! Simply fill out an envelope—available on the welcome table in the Narthex (under the TV screen)—and return it to the office. Once we've gathered a few requests, we place a "bulk" order, and the name tags are mailed to us within a couple of weeks.

But wait, there's more! Thanks to a generous donation, we're offering name tags for free to anyone who orders one between April 23rd and May 21st. To take advantage of this, please email Michelle:

- how you'd like your first and last name to appear on the tag
- if you prefer a magnet or pin backing (pin backings are recommended for those with pacemakers).







Minister of Music Update

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

Our search for our Minister of Music and Organist continues and thank you to our team, Marietta Mason, Andrew James, Karan Wright, Mary Hartig, and Sarah Demy. In addition, we thank our choir for their endurance and flexibility during this period of transition.

We are grateful for the successful surgery of Dj Cortés-Gunning and his recovery is ongoing! We are also grateful for our many supply organists and choirmasters including Laura Henderson (Great Vigil of Easter), Jane Bourdow (Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday), Dan Meyer (everything in between!), and especially to David Williamson who stepped in last-minute for Holy Week and Easter Day when our supply organist suddenly broke her arm. Thank you David!

We will continue to keep you updated on the search process. We had anticipated a calling of our next Minister of Music by now and recognize we need some more time.

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat – Registration is Open!

Betsy Cotten | shrinemont@standrews.net

Shrine Mont is where time slows, community deepens, and the soul exhales. Tucked in the Shenandoah Valley, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration offers a quiet retreat from the noise of daily life. Each fall, we set aside our to-do lists and step into something richer—the gift of being together.

Mornings begin with worship and prayer that lingers. Afternoons bring adventure, rest, and connection—hiking, golf, wineries, or a book on the porch. Evenings glow with campfires, music, and conversations that stretch into the night. Meals are shared family-style, rich with tradition and laughter.

For many, Shrine Mont is where friendships grow, faith deepens, and silence speaks the loudest. No expectations. Just good food, good company, and a chance to breathe. Come as you are. We'd love to welcome you.

Join us for our **Parish Retreat**, **October 24th-26th**—a weekend to rest, reconnect, and recharge in the beauty of the mountains. Whether it's your first time or a beloved tradition, we'd love to have you there.

Registration (on Realm) is open now through July 1st! (http://tiny.cc/smretreat2025) Lodging options include single or double rooms, with children's pricing available. Space is limited, so sign up soon. A \$100 deposit per adult is required at registration, with full payments due by September 15th. Need financial assistance? Reach out to Father Will.

For details, visit <u>shrinemont.com</u> or email the Shrine Mont team (<u>shrinemont@standrews.net</u>) with any questions. We can't wait for another amazing weekend together!



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Meet St. Andrew's Stewardship Commission

Stephanie Meadows | stewardship@standrews.net

YOU BELONG! As noted by Father Will in his Easter sermon, we all belong to the resurrection. We are in a partnership, where we share in Christ's life and in the power of his resurrection. The St. Andrew's mission statement reflects this position with the words: "A place for all to worship, serve, and belong." It follows that this year's Stewardship Commission has selected to focus on belonging to the church and emphasize the importance of giving one's time, talent, and monetary gifts as key parts of the loving partnership with Christ.

The parish members assisting me as the Vestry representative on the Commission are Andrew James, Kevin Rozelsky, Dan Shearer, and Darren Williams. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or comments at stewardship@standrews.net, and then look forward to learning more about the numerous opportunities to feel the strength of belonging to this incredible church community!

We have selected the following prayer to help guide us through our entire Stewardship season.

Bless Our Parish, Strengthen Our Faith

Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent, and treasure to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the community. For this, we pray to the Lord. Amen.

2024 Audit - Volunteers Needed

Jack Ramsdell | fac@standrews.net

The Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) needs 2-4 volunteers (outside of the Vestry) to help run some testing procedures over controls at the church (annual audit). There is a step-by-step checklist of all the audit procedures that is easy to follow. We are looking for people with a high attention to detail, but no accounting background or experience is required (though it wouldn't hurt). The FAC will offer guidance if/when needed. The plan is to start the audit process in June. Please contact Jack if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Worship Commission Spotlight: Acolytes

Lori Foster | worship@standrews.net

The Acolyte Ministry is comprised of the youth in Grade 3 through High School. These children/young adults serve during our regular Sunday services, assisting the Clergy with the Liturgy and Eucharist. They also assist our priests with additional services, including weddings, funerals, ordinations, and other special services.

With several of our acolytes stepping down in the coming weeks, we are actively looking for more young parishioners to join this important ministry. It's a meaningful way to serve during worship, and we have a fantastic team of experienced acolytes who are excited to mentor and support new members!

Training sessions will be offered for all interested individuals, whether new to this ministry, or those desiring a refresher. If you have any questions, or are interested in learning more, please email us at worship@standrews.com, or speak with one of our Acolyte Coordinators (Gloria Spaans & Jennifer Koerner) or Associate Rector Mtr Maria Maguire. Thank you!

Childcare Help

Katie Campbell | formation@standrews.net

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Pre-K & K class every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (or 10:00 to 11:15 if there is no Sunday School). While we have a paid staff member, we need an additional volunteer helper to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children. Teenagers (14+) can earn service hours for their time. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here: http://tiny.cc/babywatch-spr25 (April to June dates).



Coffee Hour Ministry

Lori Foster | coffeehosts@standrews.net

Do you enjoy stopping off in the Parish Hall after the service for a cup of coffee and a few minutes of conversation with your fellow parishioners before Formation time? With a few of our coffee host volunteers stepping down, we're looking for new people to help keep things running! It's a great way to get involved and connect with others! If you're interested in helping out once every couple of months and would like more information, please contact Lori Foster.

Vacation Bible School

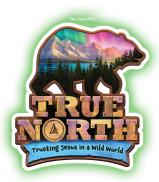
Kat Benjamin | vbs@standrews.net

Vacation Bible School this year is **July 28th - August 1st**. Mark your calendars for an intergenerational, summer camp experience designed to help children love God, neighbor, and self more fully! This year's theme is True North, an adventure into the Alaskan wilderness. We will need junior counselors, adult leaders, and campers!

Registration is now open! Campers and volunteers can sign up by going here: http://tiny.cc/north2025.

Camp costs \$30/camper with a \$70 family max. T-shirts are an additional \$10 and optional. Registration and t-shirts are free for volunteers.

The deadline to sign up is June 1st. If you have any questions, please contact VBS Director Kat Benjamin.



Coffee Hour Donations

Pam Hardin | fellowship@standrews.net

If you enjoy having goodies with your coffee (or tea) each week, we rely on volunteers to provide these snacks! If you would like to provide some baked goods, crackers, fresh fruit, etc. please sign up here: http://tiny.cc/3avjzz.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 9, 2025

Men's Fellowship: Coffee to Go or Stay!

Darren Williams | mensfellowship@standrews.net

Please stop by the West Springfield Panera (Rolling and Old Keene Mill Rds) on your way to work, or stay and have coffee and a bagel. Be it 5 minutes or an hour, we'd love to see you for some fellowship on **Friday, May 9th**, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.!

Upcoming coffee meet-ups: June 13th, July 11th, and August 15th.

MAY 13, 2025

FACETS Breakfast

Donna Daugherty | facets@standrews.net

A Breakfast Benefit is coming up on **Tuesday, May 13th**, from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, Falls Church, VA. Donna Daugherty will be our table host, contact her to get on the attendee list for this complimentary breakfast to learn all about how FACETS makes a difference in our community.

MAY 18, 2025

Youth-Led Worship

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Young people are invited to lead worship together at 10:00 a.m. on **Sunday, May 18th!** All the lay service roles are open to older children and youth on any given Sunday, but this Sunday we will intentionally stack the line up with children and youth readers, chalice bearers, ushers, and even a youth preacher!

Let us know if you have an older child (3rd-6th grade) or teen (7th-12th) who wants to read or serve in any capacity! Please sign up here: http://tiny.cc/laai001.

MAY 18, 2025

FoMA Concert: The Main Street Chamber Players

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Join us for our last concert of the season on **Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 p.m.** with the Main Street Chamber Players, with guest artist Harold Levin. MSCP is a mixed instrumental chamber ensemble whose collective experience spans more than 30 years and is comprised of members of Main Street Music Studios and various guest artists. MSCP performs works from the standard repertoire, as well as works by women, composers of Color, and living composers. Concerts by MSCP have included performances at the John Kendall Recital Hall in Takoma Park, Maryland, and The Lyceum in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, all members of MSCP are full-time private teachers at Main Street Music Studios.

JUNE 8, 2025

Parish Picnic: Music, Food, & Fellowship!

Pam Hardin | fellowship@standrews.net

Save the date for our Parish Picnic on **Sunday**, **June 8th**. The picnic will begin right after the 10:00 a.m. service and will be held out front in the parking lot (or Parish Hall if it rains). More info soon. If you would like to help, please send an email to Pam.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MAY 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

MAY 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

MAY 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

MAY 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 5:1-9

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Connor Flanagan Garrett Cone | 2 Susan McWilliams Alice Redman | 3 Michelle Ramsdell Ali Wiedeman Sarah Winfield Megan Proctor |
| 4 Barbie Nein Ethan Groves | 5 Forrest Browne Roxie Dillon | 6 Janet Crooks Alison Fedio | 7 | 8 David Nies Jacob Baird | 9 | 10 Elizabeth Corbett Fred Bubenhofer |
| 11 MOTHER'S DAY Chuck Sleeper Tom Horan Libby Packard | 12 Stacey Peters Meghan Groves | 13 Mary Hartig | 14 | 15 Catherine Browne Brian Tollie | 16 Kathleen Boster | 17 Johnny Rollo |
| 18 Linda Leong Annette Wright | 19 Natalie Chrosniak Chris Runkel | 20 Jun McKeever | 21 Christian Locke Sadie Wood Beth Van Beek | 22 Kelly Stuck Cole Arnott Gavin Heyer Sandy Rogers | 23 Randy Cotten | 24 |
| 25 | 26 MEMORIAL DAY Hunter Ridge Andrew Cruickshank | 27 Bill Sears | 28 Jennie Koss Anna Nedelka Rhys Spitzer Elise Humphrey | 29 | 30 Michael Slawski Meredith Stuck Joshua Kirkham Abby Thompson Benjamin Limbaugh | 31 Marlene Taggart Jack Ramsdell Christopher Chrosniak Ellery Cone |

Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!

Contact Emily (emily@standrews.net) and we'll get you added to the list.

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