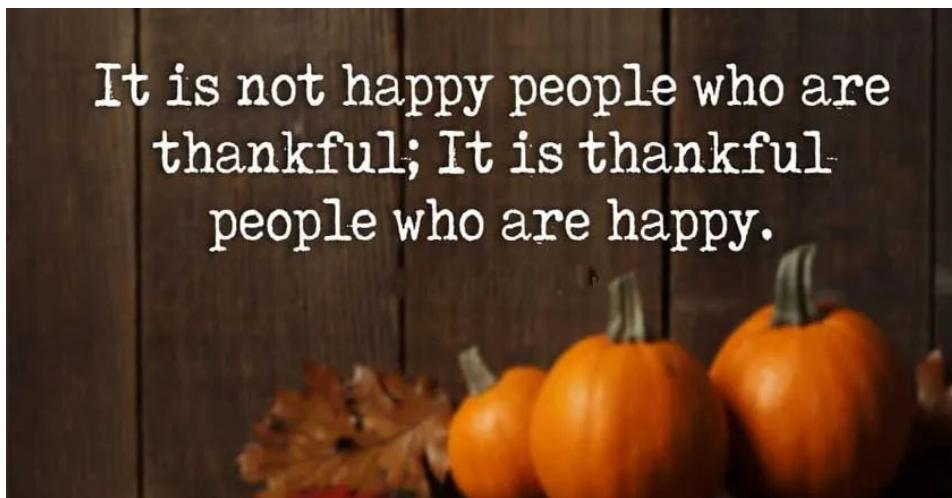


It is not happy people who are thankful; It is thankful people who are happy.



St. Andrew's Worship Service

Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am
Services are now conducted with Eucharist.

The Piper

November 2022



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A Message from Father Martin

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Dear Friends,

We begin November with our celebration of All Saints. As we hear in the Hebrews passage above, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – saints in history, persons who have inspired us on our journeys, and friends who encourage us day by day. This cloud of ‘saints’ past and present encourage us to run the races that our lives and to look to Jesus, our leader/pioneer, our model of faithful human living, and our companion and friend.

I am glad to be running the race that is set before us at St. Andrew’s over these past two months. I am eager to see how God will inspire us in welcoming and supporting one another and in serving God’s people here in the San Lorenzo Valley and beyond.

All of us are needed in the race that is set before us – no one is intended to be on the sidelines. All of us are needed in the ministries of St. Andrew’s: our prayers, participation in Sunday worship, service ministries, and our pledges of financial support. Each of us serves as we are able, as we can, looking to Jesus who sees our potentials and possibilities and is excited by whatever we can offer. (Last Sunday we heard how excited Jesus was with Zacchaeus as he pledged to follow and serve. Luke 19:1-10)

In this issue of the Piper you will see our Vestry’s Vision for Stewardship and Call to Pledge. Pledge materials will be distributed in church on November 6 and mailed soon after to those not present. We are invited to return our pledges by mail or in person on our Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20, to be blessed at the Altar.

Becoming Ordinary & The Practice of Centering Prayer

November 11-13, 2022 | 9:00AM Friday - 12 Noon Sunday*

All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Carmel-By-The-Sea

\$275 Commuter with meals/ Residential prices will follow**

Follow the link at www.allsaintscarmel.org/centering-prayer-retreat-2022-payment-info/ to register. . Contact Larissa Lavering at centeringprayer@allsaintscarmel.org or call 831-624-3883 with any questions. **Registration closes October 27, 2022.**

*The retreat will begin at 9:00am on Friday and end at 12noon on Sunday. Breakfast foods, snacks and lunch will be provided Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be breakfast only. Each day the retreat will conclude at 6pm and dinner is not provided. An evening meditation to do on your own will be given out. This is a silent retreat with several periods of Centering Prayer during the day, conferences, personal reflection time, and some group discussion.

Storied Pilgrimage with Race in 2023

Storied Pilgrimage with Race is our diocesan anti-racism curriculum, which you can find on the diocesan website. The completion of this program is required for all those in diocesan leadership, all clergy, and all Lay Eucharistic Visitors; it is strongly encouraged for those in parish leadership, such as staff and vestry. All are welcome.

We will gather once each month in 2023 over Zoom and journey through the curriculum together. There are two sessions, a morning session (9:30am to 11am) and an evening session (7pm to 8:30pm); you can indicate which session you’re signing up for when you register.

We will be meeting on: Jan. 25, Feb. 23, March 29, April 26, May 31, June 28, July 26, August 30, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 15, and Dec. 6.

Questions? Please email the Rev. Canon Martha Korianek - canonmartha@realepiscopal.org



Courage in the Wilderness

42nd Convention of El Camino Real SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2022.

Here is the link for Convention news and documents.
<https://www.realepiscopal.org/convention/>

You will find Budget information, Resolutions, Reports, and Nominations at this link.

Save the Date!
Diocesan Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 3 @ St. Francis, Willow Glen
 Saturday, December 10 @ St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo
 Saturday, December 17 @ St. Paul's/San Pablo, Salinas
 The retreat on December 17th will be bilingual, English/Spanish

All retreats will be 9:30am to 3pm
 Registration will open in November

On Saturday, November 19 at 4:00 pm, all are invited to the Kirking of the Tartans. We begin with a service of Evening Prayer in the Church, then continue with a dinner benefiting Valley Churches United. Think about who you can invite to join you.

There is a wonderful prayer called "A General Thanksgiving" in our Book of Common Prayer (p. 836) which brings together much of what we are about here as a congregation in Ben Lomond. You might reflect on it this month and share it around your Thanksgiving table in a few weeks.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

*Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. **Amen.***

Yours in Christ,

Martin+



If you have not received a pledge card, please return this one to the church on November 20th.

ORANGE EGG NOG

1 quart commercial egg nog
1 ½ cups milk
1 (16 oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
½ cup (or less) light rum
1/4 cup (or less) orange-flavored liqueur
ground nutmeg

In a large pitcher, mix egg nog, milk, orange juice, rum, and orange liqueur. Refrigerate for several hours or over night to blend flavors. Pour into small glasses and sprinkle with nutmeg and orange zest. (Or the orange zest can be added to the egg-nog when you make it.) For breakfast, I use very little of the liquors, just enough for flavor.

WINE GLOG

Combine: 1 quart hot water, 2 cups brown sugar, 1 teas. nutmeg, 4 sticks cinnamon, 24 whole cloves, 2 teaspoons Spice Islands orange peel or fresh orange zest. Bring to a boil and simmer 3 minutes. Add 1 gallon of red wine. Heat and serve.

A good way to heat this and keep it warm is in a crockpot.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 2022 Pledge of Financial Support

As a steward of all that God has given me, and in thanksgiving, I pledge the following amount to the Lord's work through St. Andrew's in the year 2022

\$ _____ Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____ Quarterly

\$ _____ Annually \$ _____ One time donation

Check here if you wish to have your pledge charged to your credit card. Other payment options: PayPal or electronic bank transfer (no fees apply), check by mail or offering plate.

Card # _____ Expiration date _____

Security code _____

Name (s): _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/Zip: _____

All information provided is strictly confidential.



St. Andrew's Birthdays

November Birthdays

- 2 Pat Whitby-Strevens
- 11 Ben Rooks
- 15 Randi Alves
- 20 Stefanie Erdman

December Birthdays

- 1 Jeannie Henry
- 7 Bob Wolfe
- 12 Madison LeRoux

Special Holidays

- Nov 1 — All Saints' Day
- Nov 8 — Election Day
- Nov 11 — Veteran's Day
- Nov 24 — Thanksgiving
- Nov 27 —First Sunday Of Advent
- Nov 30 — St. Andrew's Day

HeeHeeHee!!!

A minister dies and is waiting in line at the Pearly Gates. Ahead of him is a guy who's dressed in sunglasses, a loud shirt, leather jacket, and jeans. Saint Peter addresses this guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?"

The guy replies, "I'm Joe Cohen, taxi-driver, of New York City." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the taxi-driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and Enter the Kingdom." The taxi-driver goes into Heaven with his robe and staff.

Next it's the minister's turn. He stands erect and booms out, "I am Joseph Snow, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years." Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the minister, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi-driver and he gets a silken robe and golden staff. How can this be?" "Up here, we work by results," says Saint Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."

ON THE SCHEDULE

Join us at 10 am on Sundays

Watch the sermon on the St. Andrew's Facebook page.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join in on the Upcoming Church Activities!!

Kirking of the Tartans — November 19

This annual event is a fundraiser for Valley Churches and is held Saturday night complete with a bagpiper. Wear your tartans! The clans represented will be blessed.

Holiday Bake Sale — Saturday and Sunday, December 17 and 18

Here's the chance for all of St. Andrew's terrific bakers to share their favorite holiday goodies. Special raffle offerings!

Chili Cook-Off

Thank you to all of our chili cooks — and to everyone who voted and tasted and enjoyed all that wonderful chili. **Paul Balch was voted as the Best Chili Cook for 2022.**

Thank you to everyone who participated—it takes us all to make it work!!! And we raised \$600 for St. Andrew's while having a lot of fun.

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Steve Lefever, Senior Warden	Sheryl Mello
Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden	Sue Roe
Cindy Garay	Ray Wentz
Susan Greer	

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

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**Where will you be as polls close
for U.S. midterm elections?**

As polls begin to close on Nov. 8 for the U.S. midterm elections, all are invited to join an Election Day Prayers gathering online hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

Tune in from 8 p.m. to midnight **EST** via [The Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook page](#) or [The Episcopal Church Facebook page](#). Viewers do not need a Facebook profile to participate.

At the top of each hour, special guests from around the church will offer 10-15 minutes of reflection and prayer. Participants are encouraged to engage in prayerful conversation in the comments. The gathering will also feature simple video feeds from parishes throughout the U.S.

Scheduled guests include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris; the Rev. Charles Graves IV, missioner for Houston Canterbury; the Rev. Donna Gleaves, an Episcopal Public Policy Network ambassador; and Willis H.A. Moore, an Episcopal Election Activator.

“We welcome everyone as we reflect on this key process of our common life and on the importance of fair elections for our democracy,” said Rebecca Linder Blachly, director of the Office of Government Relations. “We hope many voters will join us that day to pray for our leaders, neighbors, and country.”

The Office of Government Relations offers a [2022 Vote Faithfully Midterm Election Engagement Toolkit](#) and other resources for parishes interested in voter advocacy.

**St. Andrew's Stewardship Vision
and the Vestry's Call to Pledge for 2023**

Thanksgiving

We give in thanksgiving for God's many blessings, including the blessings we receive through St. Andrew's. We are thankful for God's unconditional love, God's forgiveness and mercy, and God's presence with us even "in the valley of the shadow of death."

We give in thanksgiving for our blessings through St. Andrew's: for worship that grounds and inspires, for prayers, personal support and encouragement, for opportunities to serve together and play together, and to welcome all God's children.

Support

We give to support St. Andrew's continuing presence and ministries in our lives and in our community. Our pledges make it possible for St. Andrew's to continue to thrive and grow.

Looking ahead

Our Vestry will build a budget based on our pledges.

To support an Interim Pastor rather than a succession of supply priests

To support a musician for Sundays, the work of the Altar Guild, maintain our facility, office expenses, insurance and utilities, publicity, and our Fair Share of diocesan ministries.

To grow our outreach ministries, children's programs, and to continue our Interim Pastor's term until St. Andrew's can call a settled 1/2 time Rector.

Pledging for 2023

Pledges are confidential and may be changed at any time if your situation changes. We are encouraged in the Episcopal Church to give as a proportion of our income (rather than the same as last year). Please consider your monthly or annual income and what percentage reflects your gratitude and priorities. Our goal is 10% - a tithe - something to grow into. Every pledge is a good pledge.

If there are other ways you feel called to contribute to the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's in 2023, please share that with the Parish Office.

St. Andrew's Vestry – Steve Lafever, Senior Warden; Rochelle Kelly, Junior Warden; Pastor Martin Yabroff, Interim Pastor; Cindy Garay; Susan Greer; Sheryl Mello; Sue Roe; and Ray Wentz