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ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE

From the Rector's Desk:

"...and I Want to be Confirmed."

On Sunday, April 26, five young adults from St. Andrew's Church stood before Bishop Mark Beckwith; each said, in turn, "My name is _____, and I want to be confirmed." After many weeks of reading and studying our text "My Faith, My Life", reading the Gospel of Mark, attending a weekend retreat, answering many questions from their Rector and asking many questions of their own, these five persons — Megan King, Skye Lyons, Theodore Morris, William Morris and Therese Patrosio, made their adult commitment to Jesus Christ.

Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral was standing room only that day, as seventy four individuals, almost all of them teenagers, made that same commitment, with their proud families present. Over the first weekends after Easter, there were six Confirmation liturgies at the Cathedral, allowing persons from all ten Districts of our Newark Diocese to make that same affirmation. More than four hundred individuals stepped forward.

As Bishop Mark said, "Confirmation is not graduation; it is, rather, the beginning of a new chapter in each person's relationship with Christ." Here at St. Andrew's, we celebrated that new chapter with a liturgy of thanksgiving on Sunday, May 3, when everyone present had the opportunity to pledge their support to our five Confirmands, who received individual copies of the Book of Common Prayer from the Parish. Our Wardens and Vestry hosted a fabulous, festive Coffee Hour to complete the celebration.

I was tremendously proud to present our Confirmands to the Bishop, and to stand beside them as +Mark prayed over each one in turn: "Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (Megan, Skye, Theodore, William, Therese) with your Holy Spirit; empower (him/her) for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of (his/her) life." For each of them, it was over in about 25 seconds, but it will last forever. I thank parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and the entire parish for their love and support in bringing our Confirmands to this wonderful day. I thank the many

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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

To everyone, a welcome in God's love

For everyone, joy and fellowship

in the Spirit's peace

With everyone, a chance to serve the world

members of St. Andrew's who prayed for them during the past eight months, and those who attended the liturgy and stood in solidarity as our youth were confirmed. It was a glorious day, glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ, and celebrating our young people.

Faithfully,
Diane+



Melinda Davis	5/03
Petrina Biskup	5/04
Connor Carson	5/05
Diane Rhodes	5/08
Marion Booth	5/09
Megan King	5/10
Barbara Djimopoulos	5/17
Desiree Fink	5/20
Brooklyn Grace Lazarski	5/21
Paul Shackford	5/25
David Rice, Sr.	5/27
Valure Churchill	5/28



Happy anniversary!

Suzanne and Bill Congdon 5/20
Barbara & Paul Shackford - 5/26
Irene & Jonathan Jackson – 5/29



03	10:15 a.m.	Andy Fowler and Miles Greer
10	10:15 a.m.	Shackford Family
17	10:15 a.m.	Deubler Family
24	10:15 a.m.	Cricket O'Neil and Barbara Hasse
31	10:15 a.m.	McGlone Family

90 Miles—and Going Strong



Congratulations to Miles Greer, who celebrated his 90th birthday on April 21st. His friends honored Miles with special celebrations following both the 9:00 am and 10:15 am liturgies on Sunday, April 19th. The inscription on

the cake said it all: "90 Miles!" Many happy returns, Miles!

Celebrate!

Confirmation Celebration Sunday, May 3, gave the entire congregation of St. Andrew's a chance to celebrate our five Confirmands. Following a brief liturgy during the 10:15 service, we presented each Confirmand with a personal copy of the Book of Common Prayer, signed by both Bishop Beckwith and Pastor Diane. The Vestry hosted a fabulous coffee hour to commemorate the day.



Now Meets on Tuesdays!

Join us on Tuesday evenings for a conversation around one of the stories of the Hebrew Scriptures. The "Genesis Group" (so named because we began with the Book of Genesis!) is a lively discussion, with more questions raised than answered, and lots of room for different interpretations and opinions. We meet at 7:30 pm and wrap up about 8:45 pm. Have coffee if you wish, or not—it's up to you. Magda, the Manager at Presto's, offers her best hospitality. It's a great conversation. Come and see—everybody's welcome!



Bible Study and more

Are you interested in making a longer term commitment to studying Holy Scripture and looking at its impact on your life of faith? Consider *Education for Ministry*. EfM is a four-year program that you commit to just one year at a time, with weekly sessions from September through May. There are several groups within our Diocese--a new one is starting in Hackensack this coming September. Learn more at an Open House at Christ Church-Hackensack on Wednesday, June 3, 251 State Street, Hackensack, NJ, at 7:00 pm. Or, talk to Paul Shackford or Barbara Djimopoulos for more information about EfM.

CLASS OF 2015

Graduation News Wanted!

If you know a young adult or adult member of this parish who is graduating from Middle School, High School, College or University (undergraduate or graduate program), please let us know so that we can celebrate their achievements in the June issue of *The Messenger*. We need to know the name, from what school he or she is graduating, interests and activities, honors awarded and what's on the agenda for next year. Please send this information to the Rector at rhodesdiane@msn.com by Friday, May 22, so that we can complete the article. We don't want to leave anyone out, so please send in this important information!



St. Andrew's spring cleaning happened on Saturday, May 2nd. Many thanks to everyone who planted, pruned, scrubbed, dusted and otherwise helped bring our campus to life for the spring and summer. Under Jim and Cathryn McGlone's capable direction, our space in the neighborhood looks great and our white Parish Hall chairs are white again. Thanks, everyone, for your help!



St. Andrew's will follow our regular worship schedule through the end of June. Beginning Sunday, July 5, through Sunday, August 30, we'll worship on our summer schedule. As in the past, there will be one service each Sunday. On the first and third Sundays of the month, we will celebrate our All God's Children liturgy at 9:00 am. On the second and fourth (and, in August, the fifth) Sundays, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist—Rite II at 9:00 am. Please sign up to host a coffee hour during the summer, so that we can meet, talk and keep one another informed of our "summer lives and activities." Thanks!



On the afternoon of May 3rd, Team St. Andrew's participated in the Family Promise Hike or Bike at Van Neste Square in Ridgewood. While the dollars are still being added up, rumor has it that St. Andrew's received a trophy for the highest dollar pledge raised by a single team. We'll publish the final details in the June issue of *The Messenger*. Way to go, team St. Andrew's!



CCHP Welcomes Pastor Diane

On Saturday, April 19th, Pastor Diane was the keynote speaker for the Annual Women's Communion Breakfast at the Community Church of Harrington Park. She talked about her personal faith journey, and about the surprises that God has in store for each of us. Many thanks to the members of St. Andrew's who attended the worship service and presentation.

Time For Some Recognition

Join us for some special recognition as we reach the "end" of our Program Year. On Sunday, June 7, we will celebrate the youth of our parish and the adults who teach, support and encourage them. On Sunday, June 14, we will celebrate our varied music ministries and the people who make them happen. The Spirit is alive in all that we do here at St. Andrew's—don't miss these opportunities to give thanks to the Source and to say "Thank you!" to everyone who makes these ministries happen!

JC Suáres' Art on Display!

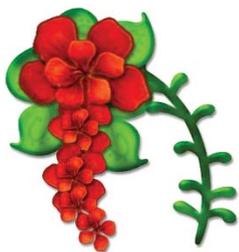
All through the month of May, come to Bidy O'Malley's on Paris Avenue in Northvale, and be delighted again by the art of our own JC Suáres. JC's widow, Nina Duran, has prepared and mounted this wonderful retrospective show of JC's work. It celebrates his creativity and amazing talent, and it reveals the wonderful, wry sense of humor he brought to his work, to his relationships with all his St. Andrew's family, and to his entire life. Don't miss this opportunity to see JC's work again at Bidy O'Malley's.



June 14th - Come join the Fun!

On Sunday, June 14th wear your play-clothes to church! Yes—really! After worship and the recognition of our music ministries, we'll gather in the Parish Hall and the side yard for lunch and fun at our annual Picnic! Bring some games for young ones (and older ones, too!) and sit on one of our beautiful, clean white chairs. Dorothea Mohrwinkel can tell you what we need in the way of supplies and goodies, or you can volunteer on the sign-up list in the Parish Hall. This is a great time to relax, chat with old friends, and meet some new ones. (Even the rector will be out of her clericals and in civilian clothes for the afternoon.) So come, play and party!

BRING A GERANIUM TO CHURCH SOME SUNDAY



Last fall, quite a few families provided winter homes for our St Andrew's Geraniums. These bright red plants gave our special flower bed around the church sign lots of colorful blossoms throughout

the summer (when the deer weren't munching on them.) It would be fun to see how our plants have made it through the winter. If you'd like, bring your geranium back to church some Sunday in May and you or one of the Weed Warriors will "replant it, water it and give it fertile soil," under our

St Andrew's sign for this gardening season. Geraniums can be VERY hardy plants, that add cheer to the flower bed after all the sunny daffodils have finished their blooming year after year.

Perhaps we'll even have some in the fall to winter-over again, back in your cozy home.

Now, the Weed Warriors understand that you may in fact have become very fond of your Geranium plant, and that parting with it, even for the church yard flower bed, may be too difficult a task. If that's the case, take a photo when it's in bloom and send it to us. Tell us about your plant. Keep up the good gardening.

"Tune your body & your brain to the music of the land."

Notes from the Choir Loft

It got quiet—but only briefly—up in the Choir Loft after Easter's festive music-making. Folders were cleaned out and music filed away. Now, though, the choirs are busy preparing for the next several



weeks, to celebrate Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity, Youth & Sunday School Recognition, Music Recognition Sunday, and a Service of Holy Baptism at the end of June.

On Sunday, June 14, we will celebrate the wonderful variety of music ministries here at St. Andrew's. We will recognize the Parish Choir and Youth Choir; also, we'll give thanks for our Instrumental Ensembles and Soloists, including our newest ministry—Intergenerational Family Song and Praise. And, we will give special thanks for the resurgence of the Hand Bell Choir, as we mark the 20th anniversary of the purchase of our Bells. We at St. Andrew's are blessed with such devoted musicians—a more amazing group simply doesn't exist. They are faithful in their ministry and devoted to each choir's rehearsal schedule. They lead, guide and inspire our time together in worship.
Cathie Ruppi, Music Director

Northern NJ American Guild of Organists

COMMUNITY HYMN FESTIVAL
Sunday May 17, 2015 - 7:30 pm
West Side Presbyterian Church
Ridgewood, NJ

Once a year, we church musicians organize a gathering to celebrate the gift of choral music and hymnody. Our chapter of the AGO awards 3 scholarships to student organists who are not only exceptional musicians, but also care deeply about the quality of sacred music in worship. The congregation gets to sing together with a massed choir assembled from church choirs across Bergen County, accompanied by Hand Bells, Brass Ensemble and Pipe Organ. The Festival also gives our choir members the opportunity to sing much larger choral works, this year including "He is Watching Over Israel" from Mendelssohn's Elijah.

Please Come Join this Memorable Evening of Hymn Singing.

Cathie Ruppi
Music Director

Happy 20th Anniversary!

St. Andrew's Hand Bell Choir was originally the dream of Marty and Jack Miraglia, back in 1995. Hearing a Bell Choir ringing at a church about the size of St. Andrew's inspired them to start our lovely Malmark Brass English Hand Bell collection. Each bell was given with love by some member of the congregation; the dedication is inscribed on the handle of each bell. The Spirit's breath has brought the Bell Choir to life again in this 20th anniversary year, with a new, intergenerational group of ringers embracing this wonderful tradition and adding so much to our worship. It is a tribute to Marty and Jack Miraglia's vision for the future of St. Andrew's. Cathie Ruppi

Dine at Presto's Restaurant!

Presto's Restaurant on LaRoche Avenue in Harrington Park is making it even more enjoyable for all of us to enjoy some time out there for lunch or dinner. When you visit Presto's, let them know that you are part of St. Andrew's Church. The managing team will keep track of what we spend there, and they will be giving back 10% of your bill to St. Andrew's!

If you have lunch or dinner at Presto's once a month, great! If you can make it more often, great! If you want to pick up some fabulous pizza, great! It's a win-win-win opportunity: we enjoy an excellent meal at the regular price; Presto's enjoys the patronage of our parish members and friends; and St. Andrew's receives a donation from the management at Presto's based on the total we spend there each month.

IMPORTANT DATES

2015 – Ongoing Through June

Holy Eucharist 10:15 am
All God's Children Services –
1st, 3rd Sundays at 9 am,
Song and Praise – 1st & 3rd Sundays: 9:45 am
Sunday School & Youth Choir 10:00am
Choir Rehearsal - Thursdays 7:45pm and 9:30
Sunday morning (warmup)
Vestry - 2nd Monday of the month 8:00 pm

Special Services And Events

May 10	Mother's Day
May 11	Vestry Meeting
May 24	Feast of Pentecost
May 25	Memorial Day
May 30	All God's Children—4:00 PM
May 31	Feast of the Holy Trinity
June 7	Youth Recognition Sunday
June 14	Choir Recognition and Parish Picnic
June 28	Holy Baptism
July 4	Independence Day
July 5	Summer Worship Schedule begins—9:00 AM
August 29	All God's Children—4:00 PM

This Psalm was written by Desiree Fink as response to a Sunday School lesson. Please read, be inspired, and know what kind of material and thoughts our students in Sunday School are experiencing.

A Psalm of Desiree

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to God with my whole heart in life.
Great are the works of the Lord.
God helps and creates.
The works of God's hands are beautiful and incredible.
Holy and forever is God's name.
God's works endure forever.
I will praise the Lord forever.
Amen.



Our Confirmands with Bp. Beckwith and Pastor Diane after the service



**Welcome to the Family of God
Amy Bienfang Wong!**



Earth Day: Recycling the right way helps everyone in R.I.



Matthew Jones and Jake Kruger, both Roger Williams University students, help clean up Snake Den Farm in Johnston.

Jacob Jubilee Kruger "In The News"



Happy Birthday Miles!



Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Danielle	Bill Krupp	Jeanne Dann
Brea	Christopher Haden	The Gardner Family
Terry	Paul Shaw	Madeleine Berenbach
Dick Ferdinand	Lindsey Moses	Deidre Bryant
Julia Young	Kelsi	Judy Atkins
Susan Beattie	Carl	Debbie Brown
Linda MacDonnell	Richard	The Elassar Family
Lisa	Eugene McCarty	Chris Fisher
Betty Gregory	Peter Binaghi	The Berniger Family
Charlie & Sally Preuss	Ruth Owens	Pat Scagliotti
Tom Saliemente	Margaret Eckhart	Bob and Mary
Shane Saylor	Sally Jones	Gladys Waski
Eric Arvin	Eugenia Brockius	Eugenia Bockius
Donald Campbell, Jr.	Halice Ruppi	Lauren Tordik
Fred Lethbridge	Donna Kerber	Melissa Stampoulus
Jill Jacobs	Pat Wallace	Peter & John Ramzi
Christopher	Carson White	Charles Dalio
Evelyn Ames	Michael Guidice	Elvia Patino
Tom Grieger	Paul Hall	John
Charlie	Eric Kerber	Ed A.
Mim Britton	Stephanie	Alba
Carol Wenman	Alfred Sappia	Joan
Ron, Maureen, and Crystal		Shameena and Shamir
Chuck, Vinnie and Gee		Joseph Costello



O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 461)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - May, 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Green Pastures Church 1:00-5:00 pm					Green Pastures Church 8:00 pm	Music Together 10:00 am
3 5th Sunday of Easter All God's Children - 9:00 am Song and Praise - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II- 10:15 am	4 Monnica, Mother of Augustine	5 Genesis Group 7:30 pm @ Presto's	6	7	1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	2 Athanasius, Bishop
10 6th Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II- 10:15 am	11 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	12 Genesis Group 7:30 pm @ Presto's	13	14 Choir 7:45 Ascension Day 	8 Dame Julian of Norwich	9 Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop
17 7th Sunday of Easter All God's Children - 9:00 am Song and Praise - 9:45 am Sunday School - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II- 10:15 am Vestry Mutual Ministry Review 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	18 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm	19 Dunstan, Archbishop Genesis Group 7:30 pm @ Presto's	20 Aicuin, Deacon and Abbott of Tours	21 Choir 7:45	22	16 Tenant Search Committee 9:00 am The ordination of Kenneth Boccino to the Sacred Order of Deacons St. Peters Episcopal Church, Morristown - 10:00 am
24 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday Holy Eucharist Rite II Healing Liturgy - 10:15 am	25 	26 Augustine, Archbishop Genesis Group 7:30 pm @ Presto's	27	28 Choir 7:45	29	23
31 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday Sunday School - 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II- 10:15 am						30 All God's Children 4:00 pm