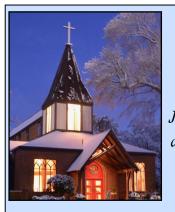


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Our Parish Family



Those Whom God Has Joined Together Let No Man Put Asunder.

Josephine Strandberg and James Desmond October 1, 2022







The Men's Club is meeting Saturday, November 5th at 8am.



Every Sunday after services, we will be packing food bags for the students at Winstead Elementary.

On November 20th, we will pack bags for the food pantry after the 10:30am service.

St. Elizabeth's Guild
Monday November 7, 2022
Parish Hall 12-1pm
Celebration of Thankfulness for our church staff;
Fr. George, Sarah Katherine, Dot, Ruff, and Jamie.
Lunch will be provided.
Please join us in celebrating the Church Staff.
ALL WOMEN WELCOME

We are collecting money for Thanksgiving food bags. \$20 per bag. We will pass out bags on Thursday, November 17th from 9-11am.



St Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, November 8th, at 10:00 o'clock at the church. We will be discussing, The Personal Librarian, by Marie Benedict.



Invite your friends and come join us on Friday, November 4th at 6pm for Shrimp, Cocktails, and heavy hor dourves out on the Front Patio and in the Commons. Call or email the office to register.

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people."



St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Rocky Mount, NC

Loving our Neighbor

By The Rev. George H. Greer

We have heard Jesus' great commandment, to love God and to love our neighbor many times. The hard part is figuring out how to put it into practice. Loving God is perhaps the easier part, for we can focus on God's goodness. But that neighbor business is not so easy.

Some of our neighbors are easy to love. There is something about them that we truly enjoy. But there are many folks in our community whom we take little to no pleasure at all. Someone once gave love a two part definition. The first is what we usually think of when the people we love come to mind: our willingness to take delight in them. The second is harder: being willing to suffer with and for another person. That's the kind of love Jesus was talking about and he said that there is no greater love to lay down one's life for someone.

Giving just a tiny piece of our life only takes a little bit of thoughtfulness, standing for a minute in someone else's shoes, offer a word of support for another person's troubles.

The funny thing is that making those little efforts can change the way we see someone who is hard to love. We may even find reasons to enjoy that person, as God takes delight in all of us. Amen.



November 2022

Sundays

8:00a.m. 10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rt. I Holy Eucharist Rt. II

Wednesday

10:30a.m. Healing Service Cancelled on Wednesday, Nov. 23

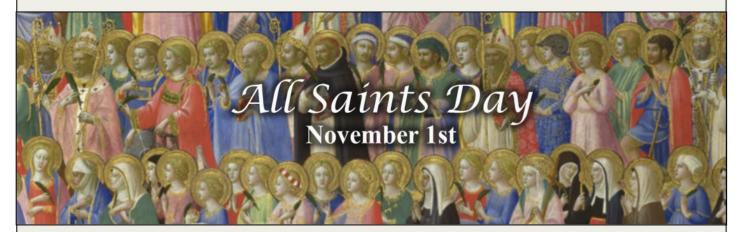
A Wednesday Reflection and Sunday worship are offered online via our website.

www.standrewsrmt.com

Dates to Remember

Nov. 46p.m.
Nov. 6 All Saints8 & 10:30a.m.
Nov. 8
Nov. 16Sp.m. Meeting6p.m.
Nov. 20Food Pantry Bag Packing Party

Saints Alive



It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November first originated in Ireland, spread from there to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis "the Pious," urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

However, the desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the "Wonder Worker"), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome — originally a pagan temple dedicated to "all the gods" — was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

All Saints' Day is classed, in the Prayer Book of 1979, as a Principal Feast, taking precedence of any other day or observance. Among the seven so classified, All Saints' Day alone may be observed on the following Sunday, in addition to its observance on its fixed date. It is one of the four days recommended in the Prayer Book (page 312) for the administration of Holy Baptism.





Oktoberfest 2022











Friends preparing food for the children of Winstead Elementary.

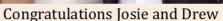
Photos around the church during the month of October.













Pet Blessing October 1

TRUE STORY:

By The Rev. Richard Donovan

Christians believe that God will resurrect them from the dead and take them to heaven. People who don't believe in the resurrection are trying to find other answers. A number of people have had their bodies frozen in the hope that the day will come when someone will thaw them out and restore them to life. Some people, who can't afford \$150,000 to freeze their bodies, pay \$80,000 to have their heads frozen.

David Pizer went two steps further. First, he and his wife arranged for both of them — and their dogs — to be frozen. Second, Pizer devised a will in which he left himself \$10 million in a "personal revival trust." He figures that, with compound interest, he will be the richest man in the world when someone finally unfreezes him.

But the biggest attraction of cryogenics for Pizer is that he doesn't want death to separate him from his wife. He says, "I want to be with her forever. I mean it!"

Something to Think About

The sole difference between hell and heaven is that in heaven the forgiveness is accepted and passed along, while in hell it is rejected and blocked.

In heaven, the death of the king is welcomed and becomes the doorway to new life in the resurrection.

In hell, the old life of the bookkeeping world is insisted on and becomes, forever, the pointless torture it always was.

Robert Capon

HYMN STORY:

By The Rev. Richard Donovan

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain #199

John of Damascus (7th Century) had an unusual childhood for someone who would be remembered for writing Christian hymns. John's father was a Christian who served as the chief financial adviser to the Caliph Abd-el-Melik, the man who built the magnificent Jerusalem mosque, the Dome of the Rock. John grew up in a wealthy household and, when his father died, assumed his father's role as advisor to the Caliph.

However, John felt a spiritual call that led him to renounce his wealth and retire to Mar Saba, a Greek Orthodox monastery overlooking the Kidron Valley near Jerusalem. He spent the rest of his life there, and became famous for his writings, preaching, and hymns.

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" is one of two hymns written by John of Damascus that are still found in many hymnbooks today (the other is "The Day of Resurrection"). We have both of these hymns available today because of the work of John Mason Neale, who translated them into English in the 19th Century — a thousand years after John wrote them.

This hymn begins with a celebration of the Exodus — the great miracle that freed Israel from slavery in Egypt. It speaks of God bringing "Israel into joy from sadness" and recounts Israel's journey through the Red Sea to freedom. It then moves to a celebration of Christ's resurrection — the freedom that he achieved from his tomb of death. It then calls us to sing "Alleluia" in praise of Christ, "our King immortal," God the Father, and the Holy Spirit.



Congratulations Mary Kimbrell for having been chosen Homecoming Queen



St. Andrew's Memorial Garden





NOVEMBER









USHERS



LAY/LEM READERS

November 6 8:00 Lee Dawson

Jamie Pollard

Jeanie Armstrong Elizabeth Pope Jamie Pollard 10:30

November 13

George Earp Tim Knapp 8:00

Gene Arnold Leslie Hall Tom Drew 10:30

November 20

Ramona Orzell Albert Corinth 8:00

Martha Lamm Jamie Pollard Tom Drew 10:30

November 27 8:00 Jamie P

Jamie Pollard

Jamie Pollard Linda Hutcheson Sandy Suggs 10:30

Acolytes

November 6 8:00 Jamie Pollard, Crucifer

10:30 Wade and Walker Wells

November 13 8:00 Jamie Pollard, Crucifer

Jamie Pollard, Crucifer November 20 8:00 Jamie P

10:30 Kate Hudgins

10:30 Mericle Family

November 27 8:00 Jamie Pollard, Crucifer

10:30 Landon Newcomb

Pantry Distributers

Wednesday—Tommy Parker Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter Tuesday—Patty Kennedy

Pantry Volunteers

Rita Coggins Rosemary Clark Missy Fillietaz



Steve Thurkill

November 6 Jan Arnold

November 13

Lord God, our hearts are crowded with gratitude as we celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving. We have come to this our feasting table with great joy and eagerness, for we are truly grateful to you, our God, for all that we have been given.

Edward Hays

Linda Hutcheson November 20 Jan Arnold Angela Reid Tom Drew

November 27 Billy Suggs Steve Thurkill

Kitchen Clean Up

Rita Coggins



Tommy Parker Michele Richwalski

Lay Eucharistic Ministry George and Mary Earp

