



# The Church of St. Andrew



## CHRONICLES

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December 2019

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP & EVENTS

### **December 6, 2019**      **Rectory Advent Gathering**

Join Fr. Aaron & Dr. Brian for fellowship & holiday cheer  
Please bring wine or appetizer to share (*no hard liquor please*)  
7:00 – 9:00 pm

### **December 8, 2019**      **Ambrosian Recital Series**

Advent Lessons & Carols: 5:00 pm  
(Reception immediately following in Burch Hall)

### **December 15, 2019**      **Drop N' Shop Event**

Burch Hall: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

### **December 22, 2019**      **Youth Sunday**

Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 am

Christmas Caroling with Choir and Parish Youth: 12:30 pm  
(Meet in Burch Hall; Visit home bound parishioners & nursing home residents; Refreshments to follow)

Blue Christmas Mass of Remembrance & Hope: 7:00 pm

### **December 24, 2019**      **Christmas Eve**

Youth & Family Eucharist: 5:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Choral Service: 10:15 pm  
Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist: 11:00 pm

### **December 25, 2019**      **Christmas Day**

Christmas Morning Eucharist: 10:00 am

### **December 29, 2018**      **First Sunday after Christmas**

Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 am  
Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist: 10:00 am

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## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Evening Hours by Appointment

## Sunday Services

Sundays at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

## Parish Staff

**The Rev'd Aaron Hudson**

*Rector*

**The Rev. Deacon Fred Fausak**

*Deacon Emeritus*

**Dr. James Johnson, Organist-choirmaster**

**Ms. Karen L. Kelly, Parish Administrator**

*To arrange for weddings and baptisms, please contact  
the Parish Office.*

*For information regarding rental of Hemsley Hall,  
please contact the Parish Office.*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Please note the following upcoming events on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

### **DECEMBER:**

- 1    Around the Table**  
5:00 PM; Church
- 4    Family Formation Night**  
6:30 PM; Burch Hall
- 5    ECW Holiday Lunch**  
12:30 PM; Café Bella Vita (Hylan Blvd)
- 6    Rectory Advent Gathering**  
7 – 9 PM; Rectory
- 8    Ambrosian Recital Series  
Advent Lessons & Carols with The  
Ambrosian Collegium**  
5:00 PM; Church; Reception Following
- 11   Family Formation Night**  
6:30 PM; Burch Hall
- 12   Finance Committee**  
7:30 PM; Burch Hall
- 15   Drop N' Shop Event**  
12:00-3:00 PM; Burch Hall
- Around the Table**  
5:00 PM; Church
- 17   Vestry Meeting**  
7:30 PM; Hemsley Hall
- 21   Soup Kitchen - Christmas**  
Trinity Lutheran Church
- 22   Youth Sunday**  
**Christmas Caroling**  
12:30 PM; Meet in Burch Hall
- Blue Christmas Mass**  
7:00 PM; Church
- 24   Christmas Eve**  
5:00 PM: Youth & Family Eucharist  
10:30 PM: Christmas Eve Choral Service  
11:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass
- 25   Christmas Day**  
10:00 AM: Christmas Morning Eucharist
- 29   Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist at  
10 AM**

## DECEMBER PRAYERS

Let us remember to pray for each other and for those who have asked for our prayers:

✠ We pray for all who yearn for health, for people with disabilities, for those in mental anguish or spiritual turmoil, for the incurably ill, for all who live with cancer and HIV/AIDS, we remember especially all those on our Parish Prayer List.

✠ We commend to your mercy all who have recently died, including Marlene Guash-Martinez, sister of Tony Guash. We pray that they may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

✠ We pray for peace in the world and for an end to crimes of bias, hate, and terrorism, for people of Africa, Palestine, Haiti, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Afghanistan, Darfur, Egypt, Syria and Iraq.

✠ We pray for our divided and restless world, that those who hold power over others, especially Donald J. Trump, our President, Andrew Cuomo, our Governor, William deBlasio, our Mayor, and James Oddo, our Borough President, may be troubled and transformed by the demands of justice.

✠ We pray for the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church on Staten Island, We especially remember our Clergy, Vestry and our Staff, may we boldly proclaim the Gospel message in all that we do and say.

✠ We pray for those who, day and night, serve and watch over our country, especially those men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. May God watch over them and guide them and be with their families.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

*To all birthday celebrants, we want to ensure everyone is mentioned in the Chronicle. If you did not see your name, please call the office or leave a note for us so we can have ALL the names next year. Thank you and God bless.*

**The Parish Office**



- 03 Arlene Carragher
- 04 Diane Sorowitz
- 06 Pat Harstein
- 08 Charlotte Crovo
- 09 Ethel Holtermann
- 11 Lisa Rigolini
- 13 Stasia Krebushevski  
David Lee-Sam
- 24 Noel Wangenstein
- 27 Susan Torbyn
- 28 Steve Talvy





The ECW met on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and had a very productive meeting. After our service and lunch, we assembled holiday gifts for the homeless men who stay at our church. We made gift bags of hats, gloves, socks and personal items. We also prepared gifts for the parish shut-ins. Last month June Kelly gave us knitting lessons and this month June brought in over 50 hats and scarves she crocheted for the participants in the Lifestyles Greenhouse program. Thank you June!

Next month, on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:30, at Bella Vita on Hylan Blvd.**, the ECW will be meeting for our **annual Christmas luncheon**. All are welcome to attend. The **cost is \$30**. If you are interested, please see Nancy Vomero or Terry Fausak.

*Nancy Vomero*  
**President**



**CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW  
DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00 AM**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 AM**

**“Around the Table” at 5:00 PM in Burch Hall  
(a new service of adult study and Holy Eucharist)**

“Around the Table” will meet on the following  
Sundays at 5:00 PM in Burch Hall:

**Topic: Prophetic Spirituality**  
12/8 and 12/15

As we prepare to hear from the prophets in the Advent season, we will be studying prophetic spirituality with Sr. Joan Chittister’s work.



**BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS OF  
REMEMBRANCE & HOPE**

Please join us on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 PM**, for a service of remembrance and hope for all who have lost loved ones this past year and feel the burden of loss during the holiday season.

This service is designed to be peaceful, reflective, and hopeful. It is designed to help us be in community together to remember those we love and to have hope. Please prayerfully consider with your family how this might be an instrument for peace in this special season, and join us for Eucharist. Feel free to use this invitation to others around you who might find healing in this offering. We all might be surprised to find what a challenge this season is to those around us when we reach out a loving hand of invitation.

If you feel called to participate in the service through lighting a candle, offering a prayer, or doing a reading, please call the office for more details. We hope to see you there.



**PARISH OFFICE  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

During the holiday, if there is an emergency, you can contact the Rectory at 718-351-3735.

The Clergy, Vestry and Staff of The Church of St. Andrew wishes you and your families a blessed and Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Thank you for your understanding.



## **HOLIDAY FAIR BENEFACTOR**

### **THANK YOU!**

Personally, we would like to thank everyone who donated a basket, gift certificate, liquor, wine or gift cards during the *2019 Holiday Fair*. Without all of you, the tables would not have been the huge success that they all were. Our benefactors included:

Michael & Peggy Abbaticchio  
Nina Acunzo  
David & Donna Barr  
Marissa Klages Bombich  
Karen & Jean-Marie Bruzzese  
Eileen Burchsted  
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Catherine Lavender  
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Joanne Waglione  
Noel & Rita Wangenstein  
Jeff & Valerie Ward  
Verna Willis  
Robyn Zappola  
Ed & Nancy Vomero  
Joanne Waglione  
Noel & Rita Wangenstein  
Jeff & Valerie Ward  
Verna Willis  
Robyn Zappola

Also, Thank You to the following:

#### **Restaurants, Businesses, & Corporations:**

Big Ed's BBQ, Café Bella Vita, Canlon's Restaurant, Café Milano, Casa Verde Ristorante Italiano, Cole's Dockside, Dave & Buster, DeLuca's Italian Restaurant, Jimmy Max Bar & Restaurant, , La Fontana, Li Greci's Staaten, Lacey's Bridge Tavern, Lobster House Joe's (Hyland Blvd), Lorenzo's Restaurant Bar & Cabaret, Love Alex & Me, Mansion Grand, Mike's New Dakota Diner, Panera Bread, Pasticceria Bruno, Patrizia's of Staten Island, Project Brunch, Reggiano's Pizzeria, The Marina Café, Theodore Williams Construction Co. LLC., Waterside Restaurant

#### **St. Andrew's Church Organizations:**

Episcopal Church Women

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

If you know of someone in the parish that is homebound or in the hospital, please be sure to notify Fr. Aaron or the Parish Office (718.351.0900) so that arrangements can be made for a visit and communion brought.





## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Once again, this year, The Church of St. Andrew will be caroling at the homes of our parishioners that are unable to attend Sunday services on a regular basis. This will take place on **Youth Sunday, December 22nd at 12:30 PM. Please meet in Burch Hall.**

Immediately following the caroling, we will return to Burch Hall for **hot chocolate and cookies.**

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Mullane at 646-423-0359.



## ANNUAL DROP N' SHOP EVENT

The Church of St. Andrew will be hosting a Drop N' Shop event on **Sunday, December 15th from 12:00 - 4:00 PM in Burch Hall.**

Drop off the kids for pizza, crafts and lots of Christmas fun! And, you can have a free afternoon to finish up your holiday shopping!!

Please **RSVP to Pam Mullane** at 646-423-0359 or [pamelamullane46@gmail.com](mailto:pamelamullane46@gmail.com).



## GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

It's that time of year, time to start thinking of your gift card order for Christmas! This is a fundraiser for the Church at no additional cost to you. You can use the order form (found on Usher Stand) and return to Stasia Krebshevski with a check made out to St. Andrew's or you can set up an online account at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The church's code is **D421164824LL9** and give Stasia or the office a check for the amount. You can also pay for your gift cards through your Realm account. If paying via Realm, please make sure that you choose gift cards from the drop-down menu in the giving tab. If you choose to pay on Realm you can email me your order form. We will contact you when your order is ready.

## CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

For your convenience, Christmas donation envelopes and Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are included in this edition of The Chronicles. **Please note that Flower Memorials must be received by the Parish Office by Tuesday, December 17th in order to be included in the Christmas Bulletin.**

## PUBLISHING SCHEDULE OF THE CHRONICLES

The Chronicles will be mailed on the last Friday of each month. **All Parish Groups & Organizations are requested to have their articles submitted to the Parish Office by the 15th of each month.** It is preferred that groups submit their articles via email, but handwritten reports are acceptable.



## 2019 AMBROSIAN RECITAL SERIES

Join us for the final event of the 2019 Program Year for our exciting *Ambrosian Recital Series*! All recitals will be given in the Church.

Listed below are the programs that you can add to your calendar. We look forward to seeing you and your families and friends at these events!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 AT 5:00 PM**

The Ambrosian Collegium  
*Advent Lessons & Carols*

*with a reception to follow in Burch Hall*

***Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2020  
Ambrosian Recital Series artists!***



## HOLIDAY FAIR THANKS!

The 2019 Holiday Fair was a great success! We would like to take this time to thank everyone who donated his or her time and energy to this parish event. We cannot thank all of the parishioners who ran the tables enough!

A big thank you to Terry Fausak and Lorraine Muller for organizing and running the *Breakfast With Santa*. All of the children had a wonderful time with Santa at this special event!

Nina Acunzo and Pam Mullane's luncheons on Friday and Saturday were a huge success! And we cannot forget to thank Valerie Ward, Jeff Ward and the Men's Club for a wonderful Saturday Night Dinner to end our parish Holiday Fair. Having a 2-day Holiday Fair event is a huge undertaking and we sincerely thank all of our volunteers!

Lystra Ann Lee Sam and The Bake Table wanted to thank all of the "elves, helpers, bakers and church ladies" who donated their time to staff the Bake Table. She could not have managed without your help! She would also like to thank all of our baking elves for their wonderful baked goods. Without your contributions, we would have nothing to sell.

We cannot forget to thank everyone who helped set-up and clean-up! Your "behind the scenes" efforts did not go unnoticed.

The Fair would not have been such a success without everyone's efforts!

Sincerely,  
**The Holiday Fair Committee**