St. Andrew's Church, New Paltz

Parish & Community News

November 19, 2026

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Feast of Christ the King

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) **Coffee hour** (following the service) **10:30 am – 11:30 am** – **Sunday School** on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (fall schedule begins October 4)		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** on Zoom **12:30 – 2 pm** – Body & Soul: The **Tuesday Book Group** on Zoom		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** on Zoom		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:
https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936

Church ZOOM link: https://zoom.us/j/570270415

A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS… The Rev. Allison Moore

"Every step of the way, I found grace. If I lead, or follow, change my pace.
I get tired, lose my way. My Lord, he knows me, every step of the way."

Jeannine Otis sang this song, recorded by Mavis Staples on *One True Vine*, at my installation 5 years ago. I find myself singing it when I'm not sure what to do next or that God and I have somehow parted ways. God meets us all the time, everywhere, every step of the way (though sometimes we don't see that for a long time). That's true for me as I move into retirement, and for St. Andrew's as you move into a new chapter of ministry. We may not always be sure that we're doing the right thing, we may take some detours, and every step of the way, we find grace.

It is pledge season again, when the vicar and vestry ask the saints of St. Andrew's to pledge a certain portion of their income to sustain the work of the church in the new year. It's especially important in a time of transition, when our faith is based not on a new clergy person, or more members, or any grants, but on God moving with us to a new place. What graces have you known at St. Andrew's? What hopes do you have for the future? What steps can you take now, in the present, to discover and share the grace you find?

We're doing something different this year to gather pledge cards. In the past we have sent a letter and a pledge card to homes. Then pledge ingathering Sunday arrives, and the pledge card is at home, and many people can't remember what they pledged the year before or how they might want to increase or decrease their pledged amount.

This year we're moving step by step. In the back of the church each person in our directory will find a note with the amount of money they pledged in 2026 and a 2027 pledge card. For the next three weeks you can pick up your envelope, review your pledge, and between the Peace and the Offertory you can complete the card in church, put it in an envelope, and put it in the offering plate. We will offer a short prayer each week, and one longer one on December 13, official "Pledge Ingathering Sunday." Of course we will still accept pledges after that date, and you can mail your card if you prefer—our hope is to make it easier for everyone to give what they would like.

Please remember three things:

1. Just as in your life, congregational utility and health care costs are rising.

2. In this time of transition pledges show the strength of our congregation to prospective clergy.

3. Stretching to give a bit more to the church in response to God, the congregation's gifts to you, and your hopes for the congregation, will help you grow in faith, step by step.

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SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (November 22)

LEM:	Jen Cutter
Lector:	Brenda Hush
Usher:	Annette Johnson
Altar Guild:	Jennifer McPherson
Music:	Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:	Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT

We will be decorating the church for Advent this Sunday after the service. Please help as you can.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Morning Prayer on Zoom on Thanksgiving morning, 10:00am



INSTALLATION OF THE REV. CANON NICOLE HANLEY,

Canon for the West Hudson and Small, Rural Congregations

The Installation of The Rev. Canon Nicole Hanley, Canon for the West Hudson and Small, Rural Congregations will be held this Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 at St. Georges Church, Newburgh. If you cannot attend, you can livestream it here.

UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ingathering of Blue Boxes November 29

If you can't make it to church on November 29, please bring your blue boxes in any time through the middle of December.

How UTO Works

Gratitude is a pretty simple concept, but is something that many people find hard to practice. Being grateful requires simply noticing something good in your life and responding with thanks. Noticing more good things, feeling gratitude for them, and thanking the people who made those good things possible builds positivity and happiness in both the grateful person and the thanked people. This creates a spreading circle of gratitude and kindness.

Because learning to be grateful requires practice, UTO provides materials and creates opportunities for anyone to begin or deepen a gratitude practice. There are many good things that happen in our lives that we can't say thank you for, such as a beautiful sunrise or recovery from illness. In these moments, UTO members make a thank offering either online or in a Blue Box as a way of sharing their gratitude.

NEXT CHILDREN'S SERVICE AT ST. ANDREW'S

In December the Children's Service will be on December 13th.



ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY

A few weeks ago, Hadassah Grimaldi and two other engineering students came to coffee hour to discuss "adaptive technology," meaning tools to help accomplish ordinary tasks when our bodies aren't willing or able. The energy in the room was great!

Here's one idea that came out of that conversation, in addition to tools to hold books open, open jars, hold playing cards, and perform other tasks (nothing to improve memory though!). If we are interested, we can ask the Mitzvoh Makers to make some for us, for a reasonable fee I don't yet know!



I Can - Drinking Can Opener

A 3D printed tool that helps users lacking fi
motor…

COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to make coffee, heat tea water, either bring food to share or see what we have in the kitchen cupboard., and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs near the kitchen counter--please help!

There are generous donors to coffee hour who can, from time to time, stock the fridge and bins with cookies and cakes, etc., so some Sundays it’s just about someone making coffee and helping to assist with cleaning up.

DIOCESE OF NEW YORK 250th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

Henry Weber and I attended the two-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the DIocese of New York. Representatives from all congregations, lay and clergy, discussed resolutions, shared ministry, heard inspiring addresses from Bishops Heyd and Shin, and had fun. We will present some highlights in church on Nov. 29, or they can be found soon on the Diocesan website.

Henry was also drafted as an auxiliary member of the diocesan Reparations Commission, as they celebrated 20 years with buttons, posters, and a 25 minute video of highlights from 2006 to the present. Yours truly has been one of the co-chairs of this Commission for about a year now, after about 10 years of active participation--important, challenging and exciting work. I hope the video will be available on the website soon too.

Meanwhile, here's a link to the summary the diocese just released.

And here are two links for the Reparations Committee videos (soundbites and the full video):

Reparations-Soundbites-from-Convention.mp4 - Google Drive

Reparations 20-Years.mp4 - Google Drive

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ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week

The Town of New Paltz Office of Community Wellness is reaching out to the community with a survey that will help them collect information that (a) will be used to create a special interactive component at this year's winter carnival, and (b) will be used to inform program planning and design for 2027. It is completely anonymous and the only demographic info they are seeking is age category so they can look for ways to create intergenerational programs wherever possible. Please help out by clicking this link: https://bit.ly/4iqFYvG

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Please join us for a Retreat Day





"MARY, JOSEPH, AND ME: WELCOMING THE CHRIST CHILD INTO OUR LIVES"

LED BY SISTERS E BROYLES AND SHANE PHELAN OF THE COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Mary and Joseph each had to stretch their minds and hearts to prepare for the coming of Jesus. We need to confront our fears, doubts, and hopes if we are to truly open to the miracle of Christ's coming. We get to do this each year Advent comes around.

Join us for an Advent Retreat day. Our time will include presentations, silence for reflection, and conversation. Bring a bag lunch. We will have access to a microwave. Beverages and soup will be provided.

DEC. 5 10 - 4 PM

ASCENSION HOLY TRINITY

1585 ROUTE 9W
WEST PARK, NY 12493

CONTACT E AND SHANE TO REGISTER, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION AT COMPANIONSMA@GMAIL.COM

IF YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE, OUR WEBSITE IS COMPANIONSOFMARYTHEAPOSTLE.ORG

The Episcopal Diocese of NEW YORK

November 14, 2026

Dear People of the Episcopal Diocese of New York:

The 250th Convention marks twelve and a half years of my ministry as Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. With a full and grateful heart, I share that I will retire at the end of July next year following General Convention.

May 17th will be the thirteenth anniversary of my consecration. So, on Saturday, May 15th, I invite you to the Cathedral for a Eucharist to give thanks and mark this transition. It will be in conjunction with the annual celebration of Asian Heritage Month. Dr. Kwok Pui-lan will preach. I hope many of you will join the celebration.

It has been an honor and a privilege to walk this journey which has been immensely gratifying and deeply humbling for me. It has truly been a journey of amazing grace.

I thank you for the many ways you have shaped my faith and ministry as a bishop. In your prayers, your patience, and your faithful witness, I have glimpsed the face of Christ again and again.

I am grateful to the members of the staff for their gifts, dedication, and commitment to God's mission, and to Bishops Andy Dietsche, Mary Glasspool, and Matt Heyd for their support and collegiality. I feel blessed to have them as companions in this ministry. I could not have asked for better colleagues.

I thank my wife, Clara, for her patient, generous, and steadfast love and support through all these years. I could not have done this without her.

Above all, I give thanks to God from whom every good gift comes. I am deeply grateful to God for calling me to this amazing ministry despite all my inadequacies and shortfalls. God has held me in every season: in the joys that lifted my heart and the burdens that weighed on my shoulder, in times of clarity and in times of unknowing. I did not choose this path by my own strength. I was led, sustained, and carried by grace. My heart overflows with gratitude, and I am humbled by the privilege of serving God's mission in your midst.

In the months ahead, I look forward to continuing this work with you. The harvest is plentiful, and there is much still to do. Let us keep laboring together, trusting in God who calls us, sustains us, and goes before us.

May God continue to bless this wonderful Diocese and all of you in your witness to Christ's love and justice!

Faithfully yours,



The Rt. Rev. Allen K. Shin
Bishop Suffragan

FROM COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Welcoming the New Year: A Twelve Step Retreat

As we understood...

December 30, 2026 @2:00 p.m to January 1, 2027 @ 1:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, NY
Registration fee of $340 includes Room, Program and Meals

For people who are members of any 12-step program of recovery

Our theme this year is "As We Understood . . ." Following the familiar pattern of "what it was like, what happened, and what it's like now," we will look at our relationship with a Higher Power. How has it evolved since you entered recovery? What is its role in your recovery today? Is there something that needs adjustment or deepening? Through presentations, quiet reflection, and group work, we prepare to begin again, fresh in a new year.

For more information and to register, go to the Holy Cross Monastery website:
holycrossmonastery.com

Please register only if you are in recovery through a 12 step program. This retreat is not meant for those who haven't been to meetings or are observers. Thank you for honoring this!

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SAVE THE DATE

November 26	**Thanksgiving Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00am**
December 5	**Advent Retreat Day at Ascension Holy Trinity, West Park**
December 13	**Pledge Ingathering**
	Children's Service
December 21	**Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church**

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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

Thank you to all who came to the Parish Summit and to those who offered opinions and asked questions. Allison will begin working on an Ulster County Housing Action Fund grant https://www.ulstercountyny.gov/Departments/Planning/Housing/Housing-Action-Fund for a warming center as the next step in this process.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Rae, Valerie, Annette, David, Janet, Noa, Anne, Jane, Bruce, and Dean. Thank you to those who help with the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

FREE FRESH FOOD!	Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim
Andy's Peeps	Online forum for St. Andrew's community https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/
Sunday School	**First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/)

Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene.***