

The Messenger - November 2015

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Parish Mission Statement:

As members of St Andrew's Episcopal Church, our mission is to:

GROW spiritually, rooted in Scripture and Sacraments,

BRING the love of Jesus Christ into the local and wider community

WELCOME all into the healing and worshiping family of Christ's Church

Good News from Fr Mike:

We as Episcopalians, along with our Roman Catholic and Orthodox brothers and sisters, are blessed with a three-fold ordained ministry – Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. Although the Perpetual Diaconate had been lost for centuries, it is come back in our time. We at St Andrew's have been blessed for more than 50 years now by the Deacons in our midst.

Just a few weeks ago, many of us attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of Deacon Al Moser's ordination. Dcn Al served here for 33 years, along with his wife Peg, and he did so with distinction. To be a Deacon is to be a servant. Dcn Al and Peg are all about serving. It has never been about them. Our thanks go out to God for raising him up.

Our thanks go out also for the many other Deacons who have served and are serving here – Barbara Crampton, Richard Lehmann, Jay North, Mary Carol Hart, and Ray Rockwell. The Diaconate is a critical ministry in the Church and we look forward to it blossoming even more in the years to come.

Please keep in mind that Bishop Love is coming to celebrate with us on our Patronal Feast – the Feast of St Andrew's – at 5PM Saturday December 5. At this service, he will also confirm and receive a number of our members. A pot luck dinner will follow in the undercroft. All are encouraged to attend.

Christian Education offerings for all

Church School & Confirmation Class – Sunday at 11:00AM

Adult Bible Studies –

Sunday morning Bible Study – 11:00AM – Sunday Lectionary readings

Sunday evening Men's Study group – 7:00PM (and occasionally at 5PM for dinner out)

Wednesday morning Bible Study – 9:30AM – Hebrews

Wednesday evening Bible Study – 6:45PM – Isaiah

Thank You From Deacon Al Moser

On Sunday October the 18th I celebrated my 50th Anniversary of ordination to the Diaconate. The word Deacon comes from a Greek word meaning Servant. The Deacon serves the Lord through His church, under the Bishop and with the supervision of the local parish priest. Fr. Derik Roy, rector at Christ Church in Ballston Spa, made arrangements for a party in our parish hall. In addition to our Ballston Spa family he also invited members from St. Andrews' parish, where it all began 50 years ago. I was privileged to serve as a Deacon at St. Andrews for 33 years before transferring, in 1998, to Christ Church in Ballston Spa. Peg and I still think of St. Andrews as our home church. It's where our lives changed completely in 1965 and I thank you all for the love and support we enjoyed during those years. Peg and I have maintained contact with many of the friends we made there. We were very pleased to see Fr. Mike and the large group from St. Andrews at the party. Thank you all for making the trip to Ballston Spa to help us celebrate this milestone in our lives. I pray that God will continue to bless us and our parishes as we strive to know more about Christ and make Him known to others. Deacon AL

Oaks of Righteousness in Troy

In November we once again will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to donate to Mother Hanna and Mother Christina who run the Oaks Café on 6th Ave. in Troy. Please look for the boxes to place your donations in. Thank you. Bob & Pat Hagen

From the Wardens: thoughts from Simone Rockwell

I hope you had the opportunity to experience God's artistic handiwork this fall in the beautiful foliage of the great northeast. Here's hoping God will also reward us with a mild winter. Keep the people in the rest of the country who have experienced some horrific floods in your prayers.

The Undercroft was finally completed and looks very nice. And as a result, the month of October began with a very successful Pulled Pork Dinner held in the undercroft. Many thanks to Wes for cooking the pork, and to Carol Kiddle, chairman of the event, and her fellow workers: Betsy Baxter, Vicki Ramotar, Karen Jarosz, Marji Edgar and Gail Noonan. Also thank you for all the donated items to the dinner and to everyone who helped out in any way. The dinner was a financial success and ran very smoothly. The next day we had the Blessing of the Pets which also was a success: well behaved animals and owners. The Corn Maze at Liberty Ridge was a lot of fun for both the kids and Fr. Mike.

November will be a very busy month. On the 7th, we will be having the Soup Sale. A nice, hot, bowl of soup is always welcome in the fall. The Sunday before Thanksgiving the ECW will be having their Bake Sale. Great time to get a few goodies for the holiday. Both these events need your donations! Watch the lounge door to sign-up for leaf raking day. There will also be signup sheets for the dinner on Dec. 5th which celebrates – the Bishop's visit, Confirmation, and St. Andrew's day.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, our new furnace for the Church will be installed and up and running. Thank you all for your patience and squeezing into the lounge for services. At least this year we will be nice and warm and not celebrating Christmas in the lounge. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Please note – For monthly Vestry minutes and Finance reports, see copies posted on the Vestry bulletin board.. As a member of the Parish, you are always welcome to visit Vestry meetings.

Next meeting – Thursday, November 12 at 6:45PM in the lounge.

Contact your Wardens: Simone Rockwell (370-3412; srockwe2@nycap.rr.com)

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Vestry members for 2015 – Deb Battista, Christine Bissonette, Chris Crouse,
Steve George, Karen Jarosz, Claudette Mayer, Jeri Vincent

Adopt-A Family

We will be adopting a family or two for Thanksgiving. Watch the bulletin and listen during announcements for more information. If your family needs some help for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas, please speak to Father Mike. Your identity will be confidential.

Church School News – from Carol Kiddle

12 members enjoyed a fun filled day at Liberty Ridge Farms. The highlights were the pumpkin canon and the various mazes. Hope you can join us next year.

The pre-K to elementary class is going well with 7 students attending. The older children have been working well with the younger ones and the age group is working better than expected. We are still doing the Miracles of Jesus, talking about prayer, and the seasons created by God. Soon it will be Advent, one of our favorite times in class. Have children 3 and above, we'd love to have them join us.

Pulled Pork - Carol Kiddle, chair of event

Pulled Pork Dinner A success-

Thank you to all who helped make the pulled pork dinner a huge success. Wes's pork was amazing and the rest of the food got very positive comments. We made over \$1,000.00 dollars.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St Andrew's

Note: There will be NO Nov. lunch due to it falling on Veteran's Day.

BAKE SALE - Sunday Nov. 22 will be our semi-annual bake sale to benefit the ministries of the ECW. As always we will need both bakers and buyers. Folks often ask what sells best and that is hard to predict but since it is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, pies, both large and small, seem to sell well. Your always support us and we do appreciate all the help we get. As most of you know we buy the wine for church, baptismal candles, stamps for home prayers and provide gifts of gratitude for our clergy at Christmas.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving to all, *Joan Acker*

from the Events Committee:

Take Out Soup Sale in the LOUNGE
Saturday, November 7th, 2014, 11 am - 1 pm

\$4.00 a pint, or 2 for \$7.00

Many types of home-made soup!

<https://www.facebook.com/scotiachurch>

Website: <http://www.jesuschristny.org/>



Veterans Day Sunday

Sunday 11/8/2015

Help us honor our veterans. Parishioners are encouraged to Invite any vets or active service persons that you know. There will be prayers during the services, and breakfast in between services. Please sign up on the lounge door if you can bring something for the breakfast.

Cookie Sale - Carol Kiddle, chair of event

The Holiday Cookie Sale was originally scheduled for December 5th but has been changed to December 12th due to the Bishop's visit. We need all kinds of cookies, candies, and other holiday baked goods. A few have asked if we would accept crafts for the event. The answer is yes. As we didn't have a chocolate festival this year, the bigger we can make this event the better. This is our 3rd year doing this and it has proven very popular with the community. Watch the lounge door for sign-up sheets

Upcoming in November & December see calendars for full schedule of services and events

Saturday, November 7 - Soup Sale

Saturday, November 21 - Leaf Raking

Sunday, November 22 - ECW Fall Bake Sale

Wednesday, November 25 - 5:30PM Thanksgiving Service

Saturday, December 5 - Bishop's visit and Confirmation

Saturday, December 12 - Cookie Sale

Other events will be listed in the Saturday/Sunday bulletin. Watch for additions

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