

# The Saltire



## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### November & December 2019

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*The Saltire* is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

## NEW BISHOP FOR SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

By Rev. Connie Jones

**O**n September 21, the Rev. Susan B. Haynes was elected from a field of six candidates to serve as the 11<sup>th</sup> bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Four lay delegates from St. Andrew's and its four clergy joined hundreds of other electors from the 102 parishes of the diocese to pray, sing, and vote for the person they believe God is calling to this position.



Currently rector of St. Paul's Church in Mishawaka (South Bend), Indiana, Susan Haynes will be consecrated bishop on Saturday, February 1 in Williamsburg. St. Bede's Catholic Church has graciously invited us to use their very large sanctuary (and parking lot) for the event, so there'll be room for everybody who wishes to attend. The consecration of a bishop requires the hands of three bishops, chief of whom will be our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry, who is a spectacular preacher. (Do you remember him from Prince Harry's wedding?) The procession, the music and the celebration, as well as the preaching, will be over the top, and *you are invited!*

The diocese is the oldest geographic administrative unit in the Christian church, and is overseen by a bishop. (The biblical Greek word *episkopos* means "overseer" and is the root of the name of our denomination.) The Diocese of Southern Virginia stretches from Danville to Norfolk, the Eastern Shore, and Richmond south of the James.

A bishop, in addition to being most visible when visiting parishes for confirmation and when presiding at annual councils, is responsible for the process of identifying candidates for ordination and their training, along with the encouragement of lay ministry. In cooperation with parish vestries, she supervises the calling of new rectors, and all deacons answer directly to their bishop.

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## IT'S BEEN A BUSY FALL SEASON AT ST. ANDREWS!



*Kickoff Sunday • WSA Book, Bake and Holiday Boutique • Blessing of the Animals • Stewardship Parishioner Art Show  
Thank you to everyone who supports all of the ministries and activities that make St. Andrew's a home for everyone!*

### (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1) NEW BISHOP FOR SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

She oversees the budget and all the agencies and ministries of the diocese. She is both pastor to all the clergy of the diocese, and when necessary, their disciplinarian. Bishop Haynes will participate in the House of Bishops in the governance of the Episcopal Church.

While it may seem that a bishop is like a CEO, remote from ordinary Episcopalians, we have every sign that Susan Haynes will be a warm, approachable, intelligent and hands-on sort of leader – not just for clergy, but for youth and people in the pew. She's devoted to racial and interfaith reconciliation and lay ministry. She was a music major and has a nice sense of humor, too. Prepare to fall in love with her. And be all means, get out your 2020 calendar and circle February 1<sup>st</sup> for her consecration. You won't want to miss it!

## FOR OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

*By Sarah Frauenzimmer, Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministry*

The fall season of children's ministry offerings at St. Andrew's is well under way! In Sunday School, our children have been learning about significant characters of the Old Testament and the events that shaped their faith.

Our middle and high school aged youth have been adventuring into escape rooms and glow in the dark mini golf. They channeled their energies into caring for others by preparing over 200 bags of food for the homeless in our community.

As we look to December, it is time to be thinking about the **Christmas Pageant!** This annual production is for all children and youth, ages 3 to 18. We are casting Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Innkeeper, King Herod, Wise Men, Big Angels, Scribes, Shepherds, Little Angels, and Youth Choir. Sign-ups will begin December 1, with parts assigned based on age. Timid thespians are most welcome, as all parts are non-speaking and costumes are provided. Rehearsals will be on December 15 and 22 following the 10:15 service. For more information, please email [hbathel@standewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hbathel@standewsnorfolk.org)

We would also like to extend a special thank you to **Emily Goodman-Scott, Melissa Reece, Amber Pickrell, Robin Brady, and Sue Gates** for lending their hearts and time to Sunday School this fall.

**Would you like to be part of this incredible ministry?** We are still looking for teachers to complete our amazing group of volunteers for this fantastic program. To sign up visit the bulletin board outside of White Hall or email [hbathel@standewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hbathel@standewsnorfolk.org) or 757-622-5530.



Dear St. Andrew's Saints -

Wow!! Brett and I were completely blown away on Sunday, September 22 when you showered us with warm wishes, treasures, prayers, and love as we prepared for the arrival of our daughter, Page Marie Bathel. The celebration had so many beautiful touches from the perfect decorations, delicious food, and an amazing cake - no detail was missed! We have already enjoyed walks in our stroller that feels like it rides on air, great naps in our swing, and several of the sweet books you gave to us. Page has loved each so much.

Our family is so grateful to have you as our church family. We are so excited for you to meet Page! Again, thank you so much for making the welcome of our daughter so incredibly special. We are truly blessed. This day was a glimpse of God's love and grace and this celebration will always be remembered by our family.

Gratefully yours,

Harper, Brett, and Page Bathel



## VESTRY UPDATES

At the September Vestry meeting, we welcomed the new, incoming class of Vestry members and we elected the new wardens, **Penny Lewis** (Senior Warden) and **George Pegram** (Junior Warden). **Harper Lea** volunteered to serve as Register, and **Larry Brett** continues in the non-Vestry role of Treasurer, along with a team of Assistant Treasurers. New vestry members include **Mavis Benz, Bonnie Johnson, Harper Lea, Larry Pasquinelli, James Philput** and **Nate Rippel**.

All Vestry members lined up committee assignments, and we gathered the committees together for our second Quarterly Ministry Night at the beginning of October. Any church member is welcome to attend the Quarterly Ministry Nights to learn more about current parish activities and plug in as they are interested and able.

We also reviewed some staffing arrangements, notably the hiring of **Maggie Mahloy** to serve as our new Nursery Coordinator, and also the planned role for **Sarah Frauentzimmer** to serve as an Interim Director of Children's and Youth Ministry during Harper Bathel's maternity leave.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS!

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. Wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.

Rebecca and Jason Dorval  
*(Michaela and Kate)*

Joanna Garner

Drew Webb and Dan Gallagher

Robin Brown and Steven Maret

Christina and William Mux

Elizabeth Clark-Glynne and Declan Glynne  
*Connor*

Grace and Corey Gamage  
*Slone*

Caroll and Ted Smith

Nicole Drozd

Melanie and Nick Cornelisse  
*Riley and Nate*



## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast

November 6 at 7:30 a.m., White Hall

### Rector's Forum & Breakfast

(Episcopal Trivia with Doughnuts!)  
November 10 at 9 a.m., White Hall

### Veteran's Day

November 11 - Parish Office Closed

### Transitions

November 12 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

### 2 or 3 Fellowship

November 13 at 7 p.m.  
Location TBD

### Laundry Love

November 14 at 5:30 p.m.  
Soap N Suds, Colley Ave.

### Women of the Way

November 21 at 6 p.m.  
Location TBD

### ForKids Angel Tree Drive

November 25 - December 8

### Advent Wreath Making & Parish Breakfast

December 1 at 9 a.m., White Hall

### Contemplative Christmas Service

(formerly Blue Christmas)  
December 15 at 5 p.m.

### Youngish Adult Christmas Party

December 20 at 5:30 p.m.  
Home of Andie and John Rohrs

### Christmas Pageant

December 24 at 4 p.m.

### Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 10 p.m.

### Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 10:15 a.m.



## YOUTH CORNER

### OPEN TO GRADES 6-12

This November and December, the middle schoolers and high schoolers in our EYC have several excellent opportunities for fun, fellowship, and service.

#### November Weekend at Chanco

*Friday, November 22- Sunday, November 24*

Young people in grades 6-12 are invited to unplug and dig deeper into their faith at a diocesan retreat weekend at Chanco. The cost for the weekend is \$135.

Scholarships are available. To register, inquire about a scholarship, or volunteer to be a driver for the weekend, contact Sarah Fraenzimmer at [hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org)



#### Christmas Mission Project

*Sunday, December 1, 12 noon – 2 p.m.*

Join us for a quick afternoon of stuffing stockings for the Mission of the Holy Spirit Christmas Party and preparing care packages for deployed servicemembers this Christmas season. Lunch provided; bring a snack to share.

#### Mission of the Holy Spirit Christmas Party

*Sunday, December 8, 3 – 6:30 p.m.*

All youth are invited to come and create a night to remember for the members of Mission of the Holy Spirit as we gather for a Christmas celebration in White Hall. Join us as we create Christmas cheer, prepare and serve a home-cooked meal, have a visit from Santa, and share a gift with their children. Earn service hours!

## CHILDREN'S CALENDAR IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

#### November 10, 18 & 24

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

#### December 8

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
Pageant Costume Pick-Up

#### December 15

Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
Pageant Rehearsal

#### December 22

NO Sunday School  
Children's Activity for 10:15 service  
Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

#### December 24

Christmas Pageant at 4 p.m.

#### December 29

NO Sunday School  
or Children's Chapel

#### January 5

Sunday School resumes at 9:15 a.m.



#### ADVENT WREATH MAKING

#### December 1 at 9 a.m.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to join us for breakfast and Advent Wreath Making in White Hall. Families will enjoy a meal together and make an Advent wreath to take home. All supplies are provided.

## MISSION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

*Come Help Make the Holidays a Little Brighter*

**H**ave you ever wished there was an activity that would help children understand the true meaning of Christmas?

Well, friends, we have the perfect activity right here at St. Andrew's! It will warm your heart and offer your children a lasting reminder of the true heart of the holiday! This year, St. Andrew's will again host the family Christmas dinner and party for the families at the Mission of the Holy Spirit on the afternoon of Sunday, December 8. The children and families there look forward to this event each year.

While many children might consider gift giving to be the highlight of Christmas, for most of the children and families at MOHS it is the family meal at the table. Their afternoon begins with carol singing in the church. They then have Eucharist celebrated by our own Andie Rohrs. After the worship service, families come to White Hall for a wonderful traditional Christmas feast.

Volunteers are needed throughout the afternoon to: set up and decorate White Hall with the EYC, take down and clean up after the event, help prepare and serve food, sit at the dinner table with small children so their parents can relax and enjoy their meal, offer children's activities during and after the meal, childcare during the worship service and join the caroling before the worship service. Donations are welcome.

Please contact Deacon Marguerite ([margueritesr@gmail.com](mailto:margueritesr@gmail.com)) if you have any questions, suggestions or you would like to help!



## PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### Births

#### *Caspian McRae Rodriguez*

Born on September 5 to parents Mariah Dudley and Alex Rodriguez, grandmother Cathy Holley, and the great grandmother Jane Smith.

#### *Page Marie Bathel*

Born on October 10 to parents Harper (our Director of Children's and Youth Ministry) and Brett Bathel.

### Baptism

*Hudson Nicolas Szoke* on Sunday, October 6.

### Deaths

*Mary Agnes Daas*, the mother of Martha Daas and grandmother of Oliver Daas, passed away on August 28.

*Faye Holden Pearman*, the mother of David Pearman, mother-in-law of Cathy Pearman, and grandmother of Elise and Sidney, passed away on September 7.

# ANGEL TREE TO BENEFIT FORKIDS

In the coming month, we will collect new, unwrapped toys for children affiliated with FORKkids, a local service organization that works with homeless and at-risk children and their families. Please place your gifts either in White Hall under the Christmas Tree or look for the little red wagon in the Narthex of the church from November 25-December 8.

Some gift suggestions from the FORKkids staff:

**INFANTS & TODDLERS:** Aqua Doodle, Mozart Effect, Baby Einstein, Counting Toys, Fisher-Price Toys, Little Tikes, Magna Doodle, Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head

**AGES 5-8:** Arts & Craft Items, Dinosaurs, Disney's Frozen Items, Dolls, Multicultural Board Games (no Candyland), Diva Dolls, My Little Pony, Dress-ups, Girls Nail Decorating Kits

**AGES 9-12:** Arts & Craft Items, Jewelry Sets, Baking Sets, Slime Kits, Cameras, Dolls, Multicultural Hair Accessories, Legos, Musical Instruments, Skateboards, Bikes, Roller Blades & Scooters w/ Helmets

**TEENS, AGES 13-18:** \$10-\$15 Gift Cards WalMart, 7/11, etc., Art Supplies, Batteries, Video Games (non-violent), Nail Polish/Manicure Sets, Small Drones, Watches & Jewelry, Accessories, Purses, Belts Skateboards

A complete list of ideas and suggestions is available outside of White Hall!



## SENDING A BIT OF HOME TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!



The Women of St. Andrew's send care packages twice a year (at exam time) to our undergraduate college students. Contributions of cash (for postage) and goodies are greatly appreciated.

Individually wrapped baked goods, nabs, granola bars, nuts, candy, hot cocoa mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, gum and Pop Tarts are all popular.)

Please put your contributions of goodies in the church kitchen no later than Monday morning, December 2.

**PARENTS:** Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address, or call or email Ann Dodson, 635-0488 or [ann.dodson@cox.net](mailto:ann.dodson@cox.net)! If the address hasn't changed, let us know that as well. We don't want to leave anyone out!

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/ GREENERY ORDERS DUE BY DECEMBER 15

To donate flowers or greenery in memory or in honor of loved ones, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for \$10 per name.

Flowers/Greenery given to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory or In Honor:

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*A neighborhood church with  
a heart for the world.*

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## **St. Andrew's Mission Statement**

*St. Andrew's is a vibrant,  
inclusive parish, formed in the  
fellowship of Christ.*

*We strive to be a place of  
hope for all people, to reach  
beyond ourselves,*

*and to manifest God's love in  
the world.*

## **St. Andrew's Officers and Vestry**

Penny Lewis, *Sr. Warden*  
George Pegram, Jr. *Warden*  
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