



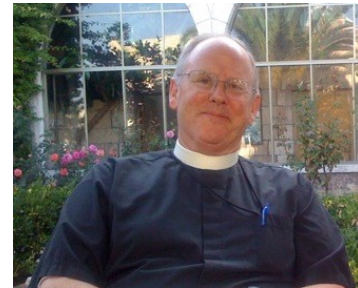
These days at St. A's!

A Reminder that Jane Dean's committal is tomorrow (Saturday).

In keeping with Jane's long tradition of a big 4th of July celebration, the committal will take place in the St. Andrew's Memorial Garden at 11 AM.

July 3, 2026

Well, here we go — yet one more transition for the people of St. Andrew's is in the offing. Thanks be to God for Cynthia Hubbard's faithful example these past thirteen months or more as our interim priest. Building on her good work, and that of our wardens, vestry, search committee and staff, I am grateful to be with you for this next leg of the journey in our time between what was and what is yet to be.



By arrangement with the wardens and vestry and with the approval of the bishop, we have agreed that I will continue in my capacity as 'bridge priest' through the summer or until a new rector is called. As during Cynthia's tenure, I will be on board for half-time and available in case of an emergency.

Office hours will remain the same as they have been: Monday - Wednesday - Friday from 9am - 1pm. In case of emergency, please call the church office (508) 627-5330 and my home phone (774)549-9154. I will check my home phone from time to time. Please leave a message and I will certainly return your call.

While it is true that I served here at St. Andrew's some years ago, let us not make the assumption that all the names and faces from that era are still with me St. Andrew's, as dynamic as ever, has new people whose names I look forward to learning and others for which I will need a gentle reminder! Either way I look forward to a summer with you all as we await the calling of our new rector, by God's grace and infinite mercy.

Faithfully,
Fr. Bob Edmunds



TOMORROW!

The first God Bless America Fourth of July patriotic sing-along at St. Andrews!

At 6:30pm on July 4th, directly following the parade, Vineyard Sound will be at St. Andrew's to lead us in song with their arrangement of the Star-Spangled Banner, followed by a community sing.

We would like to have some refreshments in the Parish Hall- lemonade and goodies. **If anyone is willing to bake something, please let us know!** Mccarman20@gmail.com

A message from Cynthia:

Thank you all so much for a wonderful sendoff. It was a terrific Sunday, a great party and I so appreciated all your heartfelt wishes. We are looking forward to enjoying a dinner at Atria, thanks to your generosity.

Blessings all for the next stage of your journey together.

A Meditation

I've come into the habit of giving something - even a few small coins - to people begging on the street. Irrespective of what they allegedly might do with it (buy alcohol or drugs, for example), it's my one small way to give "seven times seven."

The gesture, I think, helps the receiver. And it helps me, the giver. But I had occasion in New York City to see that God's generosity (which is what this is, make no mistake) can have a much wider, more powerful, effect.

I was in the Columbus Circle subway station when I saw a man begging, in the most wretched of conditions: Filthy, unkempt, broken. I pulled out a \$20 bill, offered it, and he smiled and thanked me.

A few steps later, I passed a couple of construction workers who had watched the exchange. I prepared myself for the inevitable "What-did-you-waste-your-money-for?" complaints.

Instead, I got this: "You did the right thing." And a pair of thumbs up. My heart filled with joy, I stood in line to buy a token (I didn't have a MetroCard!). Someone tapped me on the shoulder. It was a young man, clearly a professional.

"You know what you just did?" he said, almost rhetorically. "That was real good. Thanks."

Suffice it to say the rest of my day was transformed. I had the chance to act kindly. Someone - I hope - benefitted from that kindness. And at least three people's hearts were moved when they saw my action - and were bold enough to proclaim its value. It was a very, very good day.

Thanks be to God, who makes all things like this possible.

Pete Taft

Helping us meet our needs:

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners,

We have recently encountered two important expenses that were not included in our 2026 budget, and we are asking you to prayerfully consider helping us meet these needs.

Sound System Upgrade

Our current sound system is no longer providing the clarity and reliability our parish needs for worship. Unfortunately, replacing or upgrading the system is not within our current budget. If you are able to help support this project financially, we would be deeply grateful.

Rectory Freshen-Up

As you know, we are preparing to welcome our new Rector. To make the Rectory ready, several necessary repairs, updates, and general clean-up projects have been completed. These unexpected expenses were also not included in our 2026 budget. If you would consider contributing toward the Rectory freshen-up, we would sincerely appreciate your support.

If you would like to make a donation by check, you may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please note either "**Sound System**" or "**Rectory Work**" in the memo line so we can direct your gift appropriately.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support of the ministry of St. Andrew's.

Palmer Marrin and Barbara Rush, *Wardens*



Support our mission



An update from our Island Food Pantry:

With the high costs of rent on our island, we have neighbors in need of food assistance throughout the year. While the IGI Food Pantry is able to obtain basic shelf-stable foods for their clients, our help providing foods for seniors on special diets would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating gluten free, low-salt and/or low-sugar items when you come to church. Deb Edmunds will mark them as a St. Andrew's Church donation and take them to the Pantry.

Giving to St. Andrew's:

You may now make a secure contribution to the ministry and mission of our parish by scanning the QR code above with your smartphone camera. The code will take you directly to our online giving page, where you can make one-time or recurring gifts safely and conveniently.

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=3ZNAWBG5Z

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If you have questions, they may be directed to:
office@standrewsmv.org.

Your generosity supports the worship, outreach, pastoral care, and many ministries of this congregation. We are grateful for every gift and for all who share in the work of Christ through this parish.

Each must give as they decide in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. — 2 Corinthians 9:7

[Read more about the Island Food Pantry](#)

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