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September 11, 2026

On this, the 25th anniversary of 9/11, we wish to share this beloved poem by Yeats. Sorrow and loss and fear met by the promise of Christ in the end...

The Second Coming

[W. B. Yeats](#)

1865 –1939

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.
Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of *Spiritus Mundi*
Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know

That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

Celebrating St. Francis Day

Do you have a cherished animal companion or house pet that might like to be visited and blessed by our new rector in the spirit of St. Francis de Assisi?

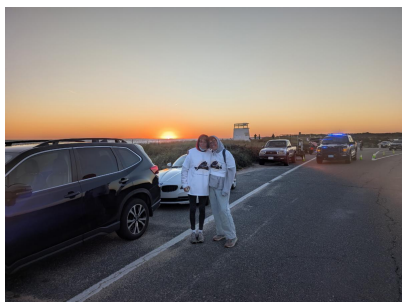
Rev. Rita will be making house and barn calls on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th.

Reply to this email with your physical address and best phone number and when you will be home on those days.

A special way to honor the Saint that considered all living creatures his brothers and sisters!



Walking with St. Andrew's - 3 opportunities



Darkness into Vineyard Light

The 9th and final annual Darkness into Vineyard Light Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk will take place on **Saturday, September 19, 2026, in Edgartown around 5:00 am.**

We will gather together at the Bend in the Road on State Beach before sunrise and continue until after daybreak - symbolic of coming out of the darkness of depression and mental illness, into the light of hope and healing.

This is a community-led initiative by a group of dedicated individuals whose mission is to bring 'bright light' to an issue that is often considered taboo and rarely spoken of by publicly addressing suicide and suicidality. The event has received great support from the community, raising much-needed funds raised

from sponsorships and registration. Please help spread the word and come out to support the walk if you can. Yes, it's early – but a great reason to get up and see the sunrise! You can register ahead of time, or simply show up the morning of the 19th.

Would you be interested in joining St. Andrew's walking team?

Please contact Meg mcarman20@gmail.com

Event Details

- Date: Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Time: Early morning, starting before sunrise and ending after daybreak.
- Locations: Bend in the Road/Beach Road, State Beach in Edgartown.
- Parking & Shuttles: Park at the Edgartown Park & Ride Parking Lot at 12 Dark Woods

MV Crop Hunger Walk:

The 2026 Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger Walk takes place on **Sunday, October 18th starting at 1:30pm at St. Augustine's Church in Vineyard Haven.**



SUPPORT YOUR TEAM!

You can support our St. Andrew's Team by joining our walking team, contributing funds to support a walker, or just cheering us on! Every donation counts, no matter the amount.

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/marthasvineyard>

This is a great way to get out there (literally or figuratively) and support efforts near and far to combat hunger and food insecurity.

Questions? Please email Sara at parishlife@standrewsmv.org



And NEW!

Walk with Rev. Rita through one of our island treasures: the **Mytoi Garden on Chappaquiddick**. Enjoy this beautiful and peaceful garden of both native flora and exotic plants. Not to be missed!

Date and time TBA

A basket of goodies for sweet Elizabeth



We're putting together some baby gifts and gift cards for Elizabeth Claire King, born to Levor and Shannalee on July 14th. Elizabeth joins her big brother, (little) Levor, who was recently baptized at St. Andrew's.

If you'd like to help celebrate this sweet new addition, please bring your gift to the parish hall and/or deliver to Heather

Anne or Sara.

Thank you for helping us celebrate our growing parish family!

Faces of St. A's!

We're creating a "Faces of St. A's" bulletin board in the Parish Hall featuring photos of our parishioners near and far. It's a fun way to get to know one another a little better!

Please send a photo to parishlife@standrewsmv.org, or text it to Sara at (508) 496-8919 with your name(s) and correct spelling. I'll also be taking photos during coffee hour.

Couples and families are welcome to send or take a photo together.

Thank you for helping us put faces to names and build our parish community!

Blessings!
Sara Barrington

Please note that by sending your photos to us, you are giving St. Andrew's permission to post it. If you have any questions or concerns or special requests, contact the church office during office hours or reply to this email. Thank you!

Giving at 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.



Support our mission

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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

Office Hours

The Rev. Rita Teschner Powell

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Heather Anne Slayton, Office Administrator

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Tuesday through Friday 8am – 1pm

Sunday 8am – Noon

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PLEASE NOTE: The Church offices are closed on Mondays

Photos:

St. Andrew's Church, by Michael Blanchard

Princess, Rev. Rita and Buttercup, by Jo-ann Taylor

Heather Anne Slayton and Meg Carman at last year's Darkness into Vineyard Light

Our small but mighty St. A's team at last October's CROP Walk

Mytoi Garden, Chappy

Elizabeth Claire King, by Shanalee King

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