From our Rector: Look at November!

November at a Glance:

November 1:
All Saints' Sunday
Daylight Saving Time ends – clocks fall back
Stewardship Month Commences
Baptism Elizabeth King 9am service
Vespers of the Dead for All Souls 4pm
Overnight Shelter begins in Parish House basement

November 15:
Liturgical Ministry Refresher – all service ministers plan to stay until noon – lunch will be provided.

November 19:
Honoring Ceremony (11am in OB) and lunch with The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher at St. A's at noon

November 22:
Ingathering Sunday: Stewardship and Gratitude

November 26:
Thanksgiving Service 10am with Cynthia Hubbard

November 29:
First Sunday of Advent

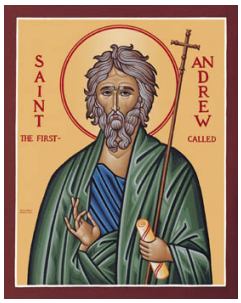
November 30:
St. Andrew's Day! **MONDAY** night – Vespers with Eucharist 5:30pm, followed by festive dinner in Parish Hall

Stewardship month conclusion and celebration

Evening Prayer

***Evening Prayer* is on the first Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm in the church.** Short and sweet and special. Join us - no experience necessary!

St. Andrew's Day is on Monday, November 30th!



Please contact Rev. Rita if you are able to help in any way on St. Andrew's Day, Monday, November 30.

Vespers is at 5:30 pm with a festive dinner following in the Parish Hall!

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Halloween in Edgartown was a great success!

Click for Meg's Halloween Album!

Who Knew?

A lay reader prepares to read Revelation 7:9-17 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on November 1, 2026.

First question: why is it called the Book of Revelation (singular) rather than the Book of Revelations (plural)? Aren't there more than one of them? You don't want to start with this question. You'll still be researching it while you're at the lectern reading it.

Isn't the Book of Revelation supposed to be scary? It doesn't seem like it if you go by this early passage, does it? No malignant sores, no seas of blood, no four horsemen.

No. What gives? Well, this book focuses on a completely different thing. To the writer, Christianity was a tribal faith. In this reading, he sees the first signs that it's growing beyond that. "John hears the twelve tribes of Israel being described," says one source, "but then [he] sees something far bigger, far more inclusive and global: the multitude."

Specifically? A "great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."

How about this for scariness? "'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. . . ."

You're hoping those "four living creatures" are the four horses of the Apocalypse, right? Well. It would be a Revelation.

Nope. You do NOT want to close with a pun when you're writing about the Book of Revelation.

Sources: Working Preacher, Bible Gateway, Wikipedia, GotQuestions.org, Merriam-Webster

-Tom Dunlop

Harbor Homes Winter Shelter is asking for clothing donations:

Read this! Link to Harbor Homes article MV Times

High in demand: All men's large and warm clothing, jackets, gloves, men's underwear and socks.

Drop off any time in the parish hall and thank you!

Stewardship: New Beginnings

Tomorrow, November 1, marks the beginning of St. Andrew's stewardship season.

Your stewardship committee has been hard at work and will be reaching out to people in church and beyond. Hard copies of all materials are currently in the mail and are always available in the church and hall. If you have a question, please contact the church office and we will forward your message to the committee member that can best assist you!

NEW BEGINNINGS: OUR 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thinking ahead...

Please think ahead to the holiday season and our second annual Ann Knight memorial toy drive. We will have a box for collections in the back of the church from November 29 - December 13.

Anyone interested in helping deliver donations to the Red Stocking folks can email Heather Anne or contact Meg Carman at 919-924-8327.

Service Ministers for Sunday, November 1, 2026

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Rita T. Powell
Organist: Rob Lehman
Lay Leader: Jo-Ann Taylor
Lector: Tom Dunlop
Prayers: Mathew Tombers
Usher: Tom Dunlop
Coffee Hour: Potluck
Altar Guild: Pam Monterosso and Susan Wilson
Flowers: Pam Monterosso
Livestream: Heather Anne Slayton
Counters: Mardi Moran and Susan Ostrowski

Calling all Cooking Angels!

Fall is officially upon us and historically, food insecurity and need for meals increases during the colder months. Last year, thanks to the generous support of our cooking angels, our freezer was filled to the brim. This allowed us to feed so many in our church and island community. I hope that together, we can make that impact again. No need to make a full meal. Please take home some containers which are now available in the Parish Hall, and the next time you make a meal, fill a small container with a portion or two, label and bring to church freezer. All food is appreciated, but we would be grateful to have alpha-gal friendly and gluten free options to share as well.

Thank you for helping care for your neighbors! Please feel free to reach out to Sara or Heather Anne with any questions, and/or if you are in need of meals.

Fall Cleaning

For the next few weeks, on Wednesdays from 10am - 1pm and Thursdays from 10am - Noon, a small group of parishioners will be working in the Parish House (and Parish Hall kitchen) cleaning and organizing. If you are able and willing to stop by at any point, just let the church office know. This is just one of the ***many*** opportunities this fall to lend a hand, giving our buildings some much needed love and attention.

There is something for everyone, including closet and kitchen organization.

Stay tuned for more dates and times...
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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

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.

https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=3ZNAWBG5ZM3NC

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

Support our mission

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

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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:
Vatican News; The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day
Barrington's on Main Street / Elizabeth and Christine
Halloween photos provided by Meg Carman and Betsy Young Buck
Preparing the mailing of the stewarship letters

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