



[Read last week's article in the Gazette about our new rector!](#)

Pray for our Rector

As Rev. Rita joins a small group of leaders to walk for several days from Kingston, Rhode Island all the way back to Boston, commemorating and reckoning with the 350th anniversary of King Phillip's War in our region.

(You can learn more about the journey and to follow the group on Instagram by clicking on the link below.)

[Find a Way Pilgrimage](#)

A Meditation

"A person who tries to practice trust in God while making backup plans is like someone who wants to learn how to swim but insists on keeping one foot on the ground." - Yosef Yozel Hurwitz

I'm a planner and a do-er. I like to envision the task, make a solid plan, and plow ahead. It's how I've built my life and career....

...and that seems to be precisely what God doesn't want. As Jewish author and thinker Hurwitz put it so well, God doesn't want me to constantly build a safety net around my life. God wants me to step out on the wire — to "let go and let God," as the saying has it.

And at least for me, that can be scary.

Mind you, I realize that there are always times when we have to take charge, to act in our own best interests. I love the story of the Vermont farmer whose horse suddenly bolted, dragging his carriage away at a frightening clip. "You must have been praying so hard to God!" said his pastor.

"Yep," said the farmer. "Then the harness broke, and I took over."

Clearly we have to make plans to get along in our daily lives. How else will Mara and I make it back to Princeton this week without our plans, lists and schedules?

But I think what Hurwitz is trying to tell us is that we can and should relax in those quotidian tasks, knowing that it's God who's ultimately in charge — a God who can transform any moment, any failure, into his glorious will. Keeping that idea front and center, we can't go wrong — even when we do!

Pete Taft

Notice of Service

To our brothers and sisters of our St. Andrew's family:

An interment service for Tom Wilson will take place in the Memorial Garden on Saturday, October 17th at 1:00pm.

All are welcome.
Faithfully yours,

St. Andrew's Church

MV Crop Hunger Walk:

Time is flying and the CROP walk for Hunger is less than 2 weeks away!

Thank you for your donations and for joining our team. There is still time to sign up and/or



donate. You do not have to walk- all are welcome to come join the cheering squad at St. Augustine's.

We are also looking for baked goods and snack donations. If anyone feels called to share some baked goods or snacks, please bring to the walk by 1:30, or bring to church on morning of 10/18 and I will bring it to the walk that afternoon.

[Support Team St. Andrew's!](#)

I hope you will join us for this fun and impactful community event!

Questions? Please email Sara at parishlife@standrewsmv.org

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.

Save the Date!

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!

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...
office@standrewsmv.org

St. Francis Day a great success!

In the Church, In the Garden, On the Farm!





Service Ministers for Sunday, October 11, 2026

Please let us know if you are willing and able to Lay Lead at this Sunday's service - thank you!

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds

Organist: John Totter

Lector and Prayers: Christine White

Ushers: Christine White and Tom Dunlop

Altar Guild: Barb Rush

Flowers: Ann Barnett

Video Op: Heather Anne Slayton

Coffee Hour: Barb Rush and Liz Huss

Counters: Ann Barnett and Susan Wilson

And more walking with St. Andrew's...

“Solvitur Ambulando” “It is solved by walking.”

Announcing ‘the Order of Damaris: a church walking club’

But, who, you ask, is *Damaris* and what does she have to do with this walking club?



Come to the Walking Forum with Rev. Rita at Coffee Hour on October 18!

[Read more about Solvitur Ambulando!](#)



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!
Stay tuned for a date and time!

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.



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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

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PLEASE NOTE: The Church offices are closed on Mondays

Photos: Cynthia's maple tree on Chappy; Betsy and Pip in Church, doggies galor in the Memorial Garden, blessed ponies at Jo-Ann's; bunch of beauties at the Llama Farm

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