



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, December 2

10:00am - Christmas Lessons & Carols (Church)

11:15am - Annual Meeting w/ Covered Dish Lunch (Great Hall)

Monday - Friday

8:00am - Morning Prayer (Chapel)

6:00pm - Evening Prayer (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 5

12 noon - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Wednesday, December 6

7:00pm - Centering Prayer (Chapel)

8:00pm - Taize (Chapel)

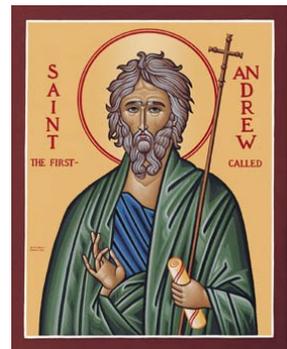
EVENING PRAYER W/ HOLY EUCHARIST

Join us this evening at 6:00pm in the Chapel for Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.

Saint Andrew was born according to the Christian tradition in 6 BC in Galilee. The New Testament states that Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, and likewise a son of John, or Jonah. He was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen by trade, hence the tradition that Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that he will make them "fishers of men".

In the Gospel of Matthew and in the Gospel of Mark, Simon Peter and Andrew were both called together to become disciples of Jesus and "fishers of men". These narratives record that Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, observed Simon and Andrew fishing, and called them to discipleship.

In the gospels, Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus. Andrew told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes, and when Philip wanted to tell Jesus about certain Greeks seeking Him, he told Andrew first. Andrew was present at the Last Supper. Andrew was one of the four disciples who came to Jesus on the Mount of Olives to ask about the signs



of Jesus' return at the "end of the age".

Andrew is said to have been martyred by crucifixion at the city of Patras in Achaea. Early texts describe Andrew as bound, not nailed, to a Latin cross of the kind on which Jesus is said to have been crucified; yet a tradition developed that Andrew had been crucified on a cross of the form called [crux decussata](#) (X-shaped cross, or "saltire"), now commonly known as a "Saint Andrew's Cross" — supposedly at his own request, as he deemed himself unworthy to be crucified on the same type of cross as Jesus had been.

ONE SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, December 2, there will be only one service at 10:00am with Lessons & Carols followed by the Annual Meeting in the Great Hall with a covered dish luncheon. Please remember to bring a dish to share!

HOLIDAY STROLL VOLUNTEER HOSTS NEEDED

Please enjoy the Uptowne Holiday Stroll, Saturday, December 1, from 10am to 4pm! Schedule, details at www.uptownehighpoint.org and on Facebook.

Please contact Paul Siceloff at paul-siceloff@triad.rr.com or 336.870.4441 if you can serve as a volunteer host and greeter for visitors touring the main church nave, attending Godly Play, riding horse drawn carriage tours around Brantley Circle, between 11am and 2pm, one hour shifts. Thanks so much!

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

Advent at Home

If you would like to receive an Advent @ Home packet for your family, please email Amy at amyc@stmarysepisc.org.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 16 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 6 and movie to follow afterwards. Parents go enjoy Advent Revels while we watch the kiddos. Please register your child here. <https://goo.gl/forms/v2rQyI7QDnV44ecC2>

Open Door Ministry Honor Cards

Club 345 is currently selling Honor Cards to benefit Open Door Ministry. Cards are a minimum donation of \$5 each and Open Door will address and send for you if you don't have them time this Advent season. These make great gifts for the person on your list who already has everything.

Cover the City Project

Club 345 is also collecting new and gently used blankets for [Cover the City Project](#). A bin is located in the Welcome Center and in the CLC. Please help us collect blankets for our neighbors in order to keep warm this winter.

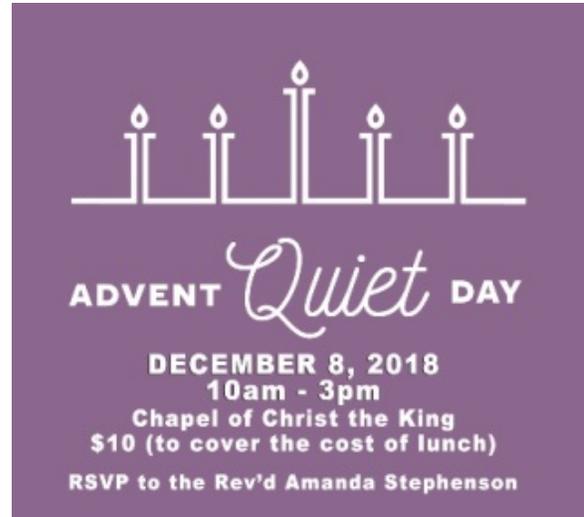
Christmas Outreach Camp

Once again we will host an Christmas Outreach Camp. The dates are December 27 and 28. Times are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m [Please register your child here.](#)

ADVENT QUIET DAY

On December 8th, Mother Stephenson will lead an Advent Quiet Day from 10am-3pm. We will gather in the Chapel of Christ the King for a day of reflection, discussion, and periods of silence. This is a wonderful opportunity to take time out of the business of the holiday season to center yourself and focus on the spirit of Advent as we await the birth of Christ.

To sign up to attend, or if you have any questions, please email Amanda at amandas@stmarysepisc.org or call 336-884-4734. Participants will be asked to contribute \$10 to cover the cost of lunch.



CHRISMON DECORATING

CHRISMON EVENT: All are welcome to decorate our church's lovely Chrismon trees. (Bonus: The tree lights will be up already.) What a great opportunity to serve your St. Mary's family, hang ornaments and have some refreshments! We particularly need a dedicated "CLC team" to decorate the big tree on the stage. When: Saturday, December 15, from 10 am-noonish. Where: We will meet in the parish hall and take it from there. Any questions, feel free to text or call Laura Simcox at 336-906-8760.)

THOMPSON CHILD & FAMILY FOCUS

It's TIME for the THOMPSON CHILD AND FAMILY FOCUS annual Christmas Clothing Drive held at St. Mary's! Please shop for clothing for the children who are in the therapeutic residential program at Thompson Child and Family Focus in Matthews, North Carolina. These children have been removed from their homes due to severe neglect and abuse. The residential program serves children 4-17 years old who reside in several cottages. The average in-patient treatment is approximately one year. After treatment one third of the students remain in the custody of their parents, one third are in the custody of the Department of Social Services and will go into foster care, and the other third are in adoptive homes.

Tripod boards with red and green tags showing boy/girl and age/size of clothing needed will be on display in the Gathering Spaces at the CLC and the church building prior to December 2 Services and remain throughout December. Please take a tag or more! and shop for the item on the tag. You may bring your item(s) and place them unwrapped under the easels. Elizabeth Finch will be gathering the items and will take them to Matthews the week after Christmas. If you would like to make a monetary gift, make your check out the St. Mary's ECW (memo; TCFF) and Elizabeth will shop for the items that are lacking. Thanks to everyone who participates in this drive and Happy Holidays to all!

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, order forms are available in the Welcome Center or you may click the button to the right to print one. Orders are due by noon on December 10th and should be returned to the church office with your payment. All poinsettias will



be in the church on Sunday, December 16. Make checks payable to St. Mary's with a notation that it is for poinsettias. If you have any questions, please call Denise Reagan at 336-687-3952.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 12, 2019
10 AM – 3 PM
St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

“Centering Prayer is a discipline to foster interior transformation, initiated by God and leading, if we consent, to divine union. One’s way of seeing reality changes, which empowers one to perceive and respond to everyday life with sensitivity to the divine presence in, through and beyond everything.” *Thomas Keating, Open Heart Open Mind*

About the Event: We will examine how Centering Prayer can deepen our relationship with God, others and ourselves. We will learn the method of Centering Prayer and how to deal with our thoughts during the prayer period. There will be two periods of Centering Prayer and a time for questions. A boxed lunch will be served. **All are welcome!**

Included in the workshop is the opportunity to attend 6 continuing sessions and options to join a Centering Prayer to support your practice.

Presenter: Diane Popalis, Contemplative Outreach Commissioned Presenter

Registration form is online [here](#)

Registration is \$30.00.

Make checks payable to **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** and send to:
Diane Popalis, 1100 N. Rotary Drive, High Point, NC 27262

SERMONS

For sermons, visit St. Mary's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9osAC2J9PnSXYqNCygakA>