



**St. Andrew**  
Episcopal Church Community

## Good News

*Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.*

*Mission Statement*

### From the Rector

The sixth Sunday of Easter is also Rogation Sunday. Rogationtide, as many of you know, are the three days prior to Ascension Day in the Christian calendar. This year, Ascension Day is May 13. When I was in seminary, we were required to write the bishop on rogation days-which inspired me and challenged me in equal measure. Rogationtide anxiety was "a thing" for more than a few seminarians, myself included.

Inspiration and challenge are fitting sentiments with which to enter into Rogation Days. The tradition began in France during the fifth century during a time when that country was threatened by Goth invasions, and the common people struggled to plant, tend, and harvest the crops to keep their families and communities alive. In response to these challenges, St. Mamertus of Vienne created special liturgies to be prayed in procession in the fields where people cultivated the soil in order to give thanks for the land and the bounty of the earth, and to bless the fields in anticipation of another season of planting, growth, and harvest. This liturgical custom of walking the bounds of the parish (parish being the entire perimeter of a village and not just the church yard proper), and asking for God's blessing and protection over the land, helped people remember the presence of the holy in their work. These liturgies, performed by communities on their land, in a sense sanctified their agricultural labors done for the health and nourishment of all.



## Join Us! In-Person Worship resumes on May 23



On May 23rd we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost and return for the first time in over a year to the church building. All are welcome to join us as we worship together. Masks are required! Bring your prayer book and let's enjoy praising God together as the community of St. Andrew. Please gather outside the front door of the church at 10:15 AM as our choir will welcome us with special music!

For those who are not ready to return in person, or have been worshipping with us from far away, we will continue to offer our online worship on Facebook and YouTube!

*Happy 90th Birthday Sandy!*

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Sandy Sandacz, who celebrated 90 years on April 25th! While the congregation normally celebrates these momentous occasions with a special party in the parish hall, it was of course impossible due to the pandemic. So the Sandacz/Herczog families held a smaller family gathering in the Worman Room to mark the occasion. From this picture it looks like Sandy had a great time!

### What is Pentecost?

"The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit."

*From An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*





## Flower Sale Pick Up

Thanks to everyone who ordered flowers from the St. Andrew Spring Flower Sale! Over \$900 was raised to support the ministries of St. Andrew. Flowers will be delivered to the church on Friday, May 21st and can be picked up from 1 to 7 PM. Everyone who provided an email address will receive a reminder email a few days before the pickup date. This year, we will continue safe contactless pick up; there will be no additional flowers available to purchase, orders will be loaded into your vehicle while you remain in the car.



## Time to Mow

It's lawn mowing season and we need volunteers to help mow the lawn at St. Andrew. No experience is necessary! A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. Please consider signing up for a week or two! A neatly mowed lawn says we care about the church and take care of it. Lawn mower training is available - just ask!



## *When the Apple Blossoms Bloom, Remember Me*

You'll notice four new trees planted outside the Narthex, in the open space in front of the St. Francis Chapel. The apple trees are a gift from Conrad Galayda and represent a living memorial to Conrad and his friend (and ours) Kate Wells. The pair had a special friendship forged long ago when they worked together, and strengthened as the years went by. Kate invited Conrad to church - helping him find a spiritual home here at St. Andrew. And so, in years to come, with the sweet smell of apple blossoms and when the crisp ripe fruit falls from the tree, we will remember and be glad.



# BOCCE IS BACK

Gather a team of four and get ready for fun! Bocce registration forms will be sent via Flocknote or can be picked up in the Narthex. Register your team by Sunday, June 6th!



## 2021 VINI, VIDI, BOCCE! VINI, VIDI, BOCCE!

Join us for our 14th season of fun!  
St. Andrew Bocce Tournament  
7989 Little Mountain Road  
Mentor, OH 44060

Have fun and support a worthy cause!

*All proceeds benefit the ministries at St. Andrew*

\$150 per team/ \$40 individual

### Game Nights:

Tuesday, July 6  
Tuesday, July 13  
Tuesday, July 20  
Tuesday, July 27  
Tuesday, August 3 Super Bocce Bowl,  
Tuesday, August 10 (rain date if needed)

**Grill opens for food at 6:00pm**  
**Games start at 6:30**

For further information contact:  
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### **May Birthdays**

Emma Heim 05  
Mark Lemieux 05  
Todd Penkowski 06  
Kevin Penkowski 10  
Erin Garlock 11  
Steven Smith 18  
Jerry King 19  
Tim Herczog 19  
Janna Penkowski 25  
Marguerite Brunner 29  
Randy Pengov 30

### **Anniversaries**

Tony Wesley & Al Cowger, 01  
Wayne & Christine Heim 08  
Vince & Alissa Sitkowaki 08  
Robert & Norma Pattison 12  
Ken & Judy Cudnik 15  
Doug & Maryellen Sundstrom 18  
Sandy & Bernadette Sandacz 28  
Chris & Sarah Peshek 29  
Randy & Carol Pengov 30  
William & Meg Nemeth 31

*Special thanks to Sheryl Flanagan, member of the Jubilee Garden Committee, for her donation of grape vines and raspberry plants to enhance our garden and Food Ministry!*

From the Rector (continued from page 1)

**We in Northeastern Ohio have experienced our share of challenge during our extended season of "pandemictide 2020-21." At St. Andrew, this challenge has brought with it spiritual inspiration as well, manifested in the development of Online worship, Porch Eucharists, Curbside Choice Pantry, and the Jubilee Garden Project.**

**This Eastertide, as the reopening of safe indoor worship draws near, Rogation Sunday has particular resonance. This Rogation Sunday, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9 we will offer an online Rogation Day liturgy during which we can give thanks to our Creator for the bounty of the earth and pray that our labors in God's creation bring about an abundant harvest for the good of all.**

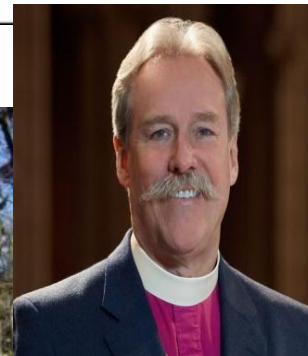
**I invite you to visit the parish on your own during the upcoming Rogation Days of May 10, 11, and 12 to walk the bounds of St. Andrew parish at your own pace. Reflect on the bountiful spirit of our church home, surrounded as it is by the bounty of nature and reflected in our Jubilee Garden, and pray that the upcoming seasons of the garden and our living church community may be abundant and enough for all. A simple Rogation Day prayer pamphlet will be available for your use as you walk the bounds of the parish and marvel at the work of our Savior's creative hand at St. Andrew.**

### *Replacing the St. Francis Chapel Cross*

Look for additional construction in the St. Francis outdoor chapel this month (we hope!) The large cross will be replaced due to extensive insect damage to the cross beam.



*Since 1988, the large cross has stood as a reminder of Christ's love in St. Andrew's outdoor chapel.*



## **An Update On Resuming Singing**

With warm weather coming and the increased opportunity to hold services outside, we (the Diocese of Ohio) will adjust our protocols beginning Sunday, May 23, the Day of Pentecost, to allow a choir of up to four singers who are masked, socially distanced, and fully vaccinated (two weeks after final prescribed dose) to offer music in outdoor worship only. All must continue to mask and can softly sing or hum while masked.

Additionally, an outdoor, COVID-safe coffee hour may be held, but all food and drinks must be prepackaged and all must be consumed outdoors.

## **Dates to Remember - May**

- 2 - Porch Eucharist (last Porch Eucharist), Noon
- 2 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 10-13 Rogation Days
- 11 - Pantry Distribution, 1 - 3 PM
- 19 - Vestry Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 21 - Plant Sale Pick Up, 1 - 7 PM
- 23 - Pentecost In-Person Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 30 - In-Person Holy Eucharist, 10:30 AM
- 31 - St. James Lunch Bunch, 10:30 AM - 2 PM