

# ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

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OUR MISSION IS TO FOLLOW THE WAYS OF JESUS

**Sunday Service @10:00 A.M.**

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## NOTE FROM FATHER GEORGE

October marks the end of my second year as “Priest In Charge” of this parish. Add the six months as Supply Priest and I will have completed two and one-half years here. This is not an earth-shaking event but it is just the trigger I need to reflect on my life, my ministry, our parish, my future and yours. I hope my honest reflection is encouraging and in no way discouraging. But it is as honest as I can make it.

Church growth. Has the church grown in numbers during that time? No. If you were to do the math, I think it would show about 22 Average Sunday Attendance. More importantly, has the church grown spiritually? Definitely yes. I have prayed a prayer of commitment to the Lord Jesus with about 12 people. Maybe we need more altar calls??

Not exactly a bragging point. In an “older” parish as we have, being sure of our salvation is extremely important. When Nicodemus asked Jesus how he can be sure of his entrance into the Kingdom of God. Jesus said three times, “You must be born again.” Guess what? That means you and me too! A church full of “born again” Christians is not something unusual, it is the norm, or at least it should be.

To go along with that, how about our church leadership? Are they all Christ-centered Christians? That is hard to say. It certainly is a goal for us, or at least it should be.

Disappointments for me? Yes, there are some. Leila’s funeral. Someone interfered with my ministry and prevented her family from planning a funeral worthy of an elegant Christian lady. That was my job, and to work against the family of the church is a sin. That is if you believe the church is the Body of Christ. I suspect the spirit of evil came from outside our church.

In the same department, Sally’s funeral brought many positive statements, verbal and written.

Stewardship: We do not have a stewardship program. I have no idea who supports our church and who does not. It just might be my fault. I have always felt that a person’s response to the 10% tithing guideline was part of individual faith. But I may be wrong in this regard. I do wish we were free from selling our junk to raise money for the Lord’s mission. Maybe this is an area for spiritual growth.

Adult Education: Our discussions at Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and the study of “The Purpose Driven Life” are wonderful times for us to be together. Of course, they do not include many of our numbers. There are those who seem to avoid all the opportunities for spiritual growth. It seems like it should all be the same, leadership should also be an example of Christ-centeredness and Spiritual growth.

Are we a friendly church? I think so. Our “coffee hour” is an important part of our Sunday morning activities. After we meet the Lord at the altar rail what a nice time to share the spiritual event with our brothers and sisters in Christ. But, if there are visitors in church, it is your turn to do ministry, invite them for coffee, and get to know them. Being careful of course not to overwhelm them.

I feel that the main push for our church is to grow. We have some built in obstacles. Poor location in a business district rather than a neighborhood, no parking to speak of, part of a liberal church which is shrinking, no young families, and an endowment that hinders stewardship.

We also have some assets. A congregation that is not afraid of the word “Jesus.” A church that is willing to grow spiritually. Not everyone, but many. We are willing to let the Holy Spirit loose to guide us and direct us. We are just not sure what all that means.

Thanks for this opportunity for me to share my feelings and observations. If there is any part of this that you would like to discuss with me, I would be glad to talk to groups or individuals about my ideas. Many thanks and God Bless.

George Crocker +

(The Rev. Dr.)





**WASHINGTON, Conn. – Donald E. Duffy, 93, of Marbledale, passed away Sept. 4, 2019, at Sharon Health Care Center in Sharon.**

Don was predeceased by his parents, Charles Duffy and Esther Rydell Duffy, his sister, Eleanor Deile of Torrington, and his beloved wife, Laura Tiemann Duffy. He is survived by his daughter, Peggy Duffy of Bradenton, Fla.; his grandchildren, Elijah Pellegren and Melissa Engle, both of Bradenton; and his great-grandchild, Alexa Engle, also of Bradenton; his son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Bonnie Duffy of Louisville, Ky.; and many nieces and nephews.

A small graveside service will be 1 p.m. Friday at Northville Cemetery. A reception will follow in the St. Andrew's Church parish hall.

Contributions may be made to Laura Duffy Memorial Scholarship, c/o the Social Work Department, Western Connecticut State University; or to the Alzheimer's Association.

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**Anyone interested in Episcopal Church E-Newsletters and do not have access to computers can find the weekly printed copy in a binder entitled "ECCT News" on the coffee table in Barlow Parlor.**

**PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR INTERSESSION LIST.**

Jerry, Amy A, Garth, Don, Katie L, Vincent N., Jordan, Kay, Dot, Connie V., Barb, Bill, Joyce, Joanne, Kim, Dawn P., Sheila R., Faye, Jan, Betsy O., Stacey, Elizabeth, Emily M., Sandy, Bee F., John, Pat, Susie, David, Cindy, Anita, Judy, Paxton, Tracy, Mary, Curt, Terri, Mark and Robert Sr.

\*\*If anyone needs to make an addition or remove someone please contact Diane Kuck

**\*\*\*\*\*KEEP ALL OF OUR ARMED FORCE MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:\*\*\*\*\***

**Josh, Joe, Andrew, Drew, Scott, Andy, Eric, and David**

**Birthdays**

1<sup>st</sup>. John Kuck  
6<sup>th</sup> Frannie Aeschliman  
7<sup>th</sup> Brandon McBrearity  
8<sup>th</sup> Catherine Haberkorn  
10<sup>th</sup>. Les Ernhout  
11<sup>th</sup> Christopher Cupo  
11<sup>th</sup>. Evelyn O'Shaughnessy  
13<sup>th</sup> Scott Waldron  
14<sup>th</sup> Rena Murphy Cyvas  
16<sup>th</sup> Irma Ernhout  
19<sup>th</sup> Betty Lou Emmons  
26<sup>th</sup> Doris Waldron  
28<sup>th</sup> Denise LaBrie  
30<sup>th</sup> Heather Buttery

**Anniversaries:**

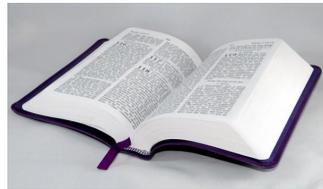
2<sup>nd</sup> Robin & Charlie Poole  
4<sup>th</sup> Lois & Jerry Ciccarelli  
7<sup>th</sup>. Phoebe Miller & Ronald Haberkorn  
10<sup>th</sup> Lee & Ken Conn  
13<sup>th</sup> Molly Leonard & John Kuck IV  
15<sup>th</sup> Linda & Sam Spak  
20<sup>th</sup> Bonnie & Mike Duffy  
22<sup>nd</sup> Susan & Anthony Cupo

**\*\*\*REMINDER: VESTRY MEETING OCTOBER 13TH AFTER THE SERVICE.**

<b>** readers:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> week – Richard	Job 1;2: 1-10 or Genesis 2:18-24	Hebrews 1:1-4;2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> week - Colleen	Job 23:1-9,16-17 or Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
3 <sup>rd</sup> week – Joyce	Job 38:1-7,(34-41) Isaiah: 53:4-12	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10: 35-45
4 <sup>th</sup> week - Sandy	Job 42:1-6,10-17 Jeremiah 31:7-9	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52

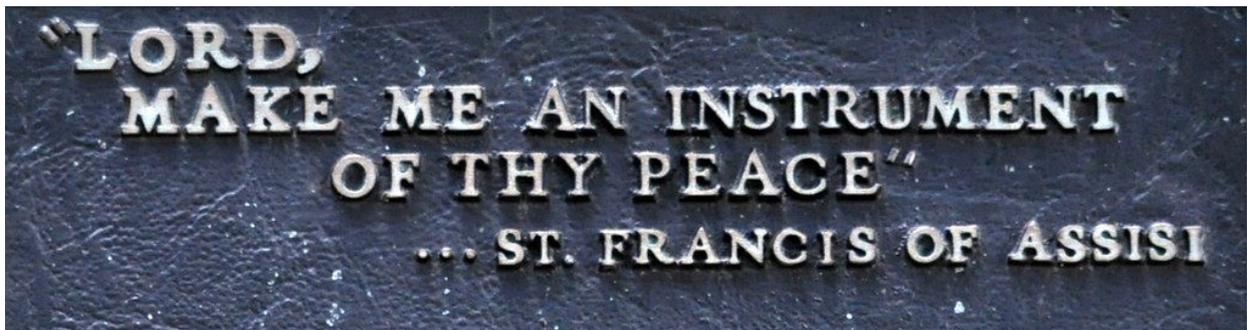
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**All men should make coffee for their women; it says it right in the Bible: “Hebrews”!**



**Coffee**

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**St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day is October 4th.**

**ST. ANDREW'S MARBLE DALE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON IS DECEMBER 7th!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS & COME JOIN THE FUN! EVERYONE'S FAVORITE LUNCH WILL BE SERVED, THERE WILL BE THEMED BASKETS RAFFLED AS WELL AS A FULLY DECORATED TREE. BRING THE LITTLE ONES TO VISIT SANTA, BUY SOME BAKED GOODS & DO A LITTLE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!**

*(A portion of the proceeds of this year's bazaar will go to the "Eating Well" program at*

*the Diebold Family Cancer Center, New Milford Hospital)*

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A great salad topping idea.

EVER WONDER WHERE ROSY PICKLED EGGS CAME FROM?

Here's a recipe from Reader's Digest (10/19):

1 cup juice from pickled beets	2 teaspoons mixed pickling spices
1 cup vinegar	12 hard-cooked eggs
1 clove garlic	1 small onion, sliced and separated into rings
1 medium bay leaf	

Remove shells from eggs. In a large bowl, combine beet juice, vinegar, garlic, bay leaf, pickling spices, 4 cups water, and ½ teaspoon salt; mix well. Add eggs and onion rings.

Cover and refrigerate 3-4 days. Makes 12.

\*\*\*Anyone wishing to share a favorite recipe, let us know: [sa.marbledale@gmail.com](mailto:sa.marbledale@gmail.com) or get it to Colleen or Jackie.