



St. Andrew's news for May 1 2020

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St. Andrew's Vision Statement

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joyfully making a difference by....**

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[Read through the bible, click here for a daily resource.](#)

Please send prayer requests to [Fr. John](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.

Notice of a death. This past week beloved long time member **Ardie Vickery** died. There will be a private memorial service for family only on Saturday at 11 am. My her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Follow St. Andrew's on social media! It's also where you will find all our

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Easter. This Sunday's complete service [can be found here.](#)

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Omaha Gives is May 20. Today, May 1, is when you can begin pre-scheduling your gifts so you don't have to remember to sign in on May 20. We have the chance of receiving matching funds through this charitable day. Visit our page here to schedule your donation: <https://www.omahagives.org/index.php?section=organizations&action=overview&fwID=1577>

Did you know? Parishioners are willing to help with basic tasks like grocery shopping, etc, for those who might need the help. There are also financial resources available to those in the parish who may need extra assistance during this time. Please contact [Fr. John](#) if you require assistance.

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Sunday School for Children begins at 11:30 am for children 6-9 years old We will use the same link as for the Virtual Coffee Hour. See immediately below for the link.

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information

you need:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

You do not need these numbers below unless you intend to use a telephone.

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Meeting ID: 496 764 969

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aoLtwdKqT>

[Here is a list of all our Zoom meetings](#) currently scheduled with the exception of the the monthly prayer shawl meeting. Please use this as a resource in case you need to find the link to a particular meeting.

A reminder!, Of course, you don't need to use videoconferencing to stay connected. We strongly encourage you to call, text, e-mail, and send notes to the people to whom you are connected at St. Andrew's and we encourage you to do so! We're in this together, and for the long haul.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

May 3

In the early 1900's astronomers assumed that all objects in the universe were made of the same elements in the same amounts, such as the Sun was composed of the same ratios of elements as the Earth. However, in 1925, Cecilia Payne presented evidence that stars are composed of a million times more hydrogen than was previously assumed. But because she was a young female Ph. D. student, even though her thesis resulted in her becoming the

first-ever person to earn a doctorate in astronomy from Harvard, her finding was not recognized. Three years later, the president of Harvard University denied her for a teaching appointment because she was a woman. Still, she remained at Harvard, conducting research, authoring books and journal articles as “an astronomer” while men in the field started to come to the same conclusions she had detailed in her thesis. In 1943, she was named a fellow in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Twenty-eight years after first being denied a teaching position, she was named the first female professor at Harvard. Later, she became the first woman to chair a department at the university.

This Sunday, we hear Peter’s first epistle addressed to those being persecuted in Asia Minor, in which we hear the verse about credit for enduring pain while suffering unjustly. For the senior dazed by the loss of the traditional rituals of graduation year, a loyal employee furloughed, the laborer forced to choose between crowded working conditions or loss of benefits, or a person blitzed by symptoms of COVID-19, there are many obvious examples around our city and throughout the world of mental, financial, or physical suffering related to the pandemic. When we hear people talking about “the new normal,” there is an acknowledgement that practices accepted in the past will not continue, whether it’s how we will greet each other, where we will seat ourselves at church, or when we will cheer on our favorite teams or immerse ourselves in the performing arts. If there is something to truly learn from painful experiences during these months, I wonder if there might be a way, in our “new normal,” that I may better understand the unjust suffering of others because of one’s gender, socioeconomic class, age, ethnicity, or other identity.

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