

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Connecting us in community and in Christ

June 2020

Not About George

It's not about George Floyd.

It's not about four police officers.

It's not about the president.

It's not about peaceful protests or people's right to assemble.

It's not about violent protests, even organized ones, or damaged property.

It's about how people are treated.

It's about what we see when we look at each other.

It's about the slippery effects of racism that remain after laws are changed and after overt racism is confronted and rejected in polite society.

It's about unconscious practices, attitudes, and perceptions.

It's about unfair practices in housing and access to employment.

It's about invisible barriers.

It's about how policing is done, how police are trained, and what assumptions police make.

It's about split-second, life and death decisions that police are forced to make and about which way they are already leaning even before they end up in the situation of having to make a split-second decision.

It's about the soul of our country and how we are one people, or not one people.

It's about how we live out those self-evident truths, like how all people are created equal.

It's about how we remember our past, how we honor it, or despise it, or try to rewrite it.

It's about how we strive for a more perfect union.

It is about George Floyd and those four officers in Minneapolis and what goes through a person's mind as he continues to kneel on another man's neck for three minutes after finding he has no pulse. But it is not just about them or that incident. It is about all of us. Change cannot happen for the minority until the majority wills it, or at least allows it. Anger and frustration that spills over into violence and destruction is understandable, even though it is not tolerable. Listen to the voices in the street. Listen to the voices of those who have lived with oppression and hatred. Hear what they are saying and the changes to which they call us. Open your eyes to the truth that our society is racist and we are part of that society and therefore culpable.

It is about a Christian response to this moment and to the greater moment in history. We who are the majority bear a responsibility to confront racism, in ourselves, in each other, and in society. It is not as easy as it once was to identify. Today we must learn to ask difficult questions about privilege and justice, about inequality and implicit bias. We must learn to be something better. It is a matter of life and death.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Email office@standrewsc.org	Facebook www.facebook/standrewsc/	Zoom various	Twitter @SaintAndrewSC
Monday	J	Bishop Curry's "Habits of Grace" video meditation *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m.	
Tuesday		*Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Wednesday		Noonday Prayer 12:15 p.m. *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Thursday	Weekly Email	Throwback Thursday from the Archives *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Friday		Bishop Scanlan's Weekly video message *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday		*Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	Link to recording of Facebook Live 10 a.m. service	Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. *Compline 7 p.m.	Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	

^{*} An Order for Compline can be found on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer or click **HERE** to view or download a copy.

An Order of Service for Noonday can be found on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer or click **HERE** to view or download a copy.

For St. Andrew's events on Facebook, find us at www.facebook.com/standrewsc/

For Diocesan events on Facebook, go to https://www.facebook.com/diocpa/



Sunday Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 781 1698 9610

Password: 050859



Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://psu.zoom.us/j/447273331

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



April 2020

	April	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2020 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 43,797	\$ 224,366	49%	\$ 460,750
Total Operating Income	\$ 46,769	\$ 234,776	47%	\$ 496,350
Total Operating Expense	\$ 41,626	\$ 176,722	35%	\$ 502,162
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,143	\$ 58,004		

^{*}Includes pledges, plate offerings, and special holiday offerings.

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



April 2020

The April vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21. Adapting to the current situation, the vestry met online using Zoom. Much of the discussion consisted of updates on the various attempts to carry out our worship and other ministries online. Numerous ministries have been meeting using Zoom; the Community Cafe continues to serve meals using careful physical distancing measures; and a Zoom coffee hour was tried for the first time on Sunday April 26. We are grateful for the way parishioners have embraced the necessity of doing things differently during this time. We are also grateful for parishioners' continued financial support, despite our inability to gather in person. If you have not yet done so, we invite you to set up recurring online contributions through your Realm account.

Because of the uncertainty of the current pandemic situation, Fr. Jeff and the vestry also decided to temporarily postpone the parish's strategic planning process. The initial intention was to have begun Phase 2, the idea generation phase, at the beginning of the Easter season. Because gathering together seems particularly important for this phase of planning, we believe it is better to wait for the time being.

As always, approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Café is open every Thursday from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome regardless of means or circumstances.

Donations are accepted but are never expected.

Thank you as always for supporting the Café.

The Community Café has had a very busy May. We are serving more meals than ever, and we are very grateful to be part of the local network that is dedicated to providing meals for those in need.

We were also very excited to participate for the first time in Centre Gives, the 36 hour online giving event sponsored by Centre Foundation. Monies raised during the event go to support local non-profits in the work they do here in Centre County. By participating, not only were we able to fundraise outside of the parish, but we were able to get The Community Café's name out into the wider public as well.

During the event, The Café, thanks to generous donors, raised \$6195.00 with the support of 98 unique donors. We also, won a prize of \$250.00 in a drawing of small organizations who had not yet won a drawing, and had at least 10 donors. We are still awaiting our final total, as we

THE COMMUNITY CAFE IS A COLLECTIVE LABOR OF LOVE.

SEEING THE PEOPLE WHO VISIT EVERY WEEK TO ENJOY
FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP IS THE BEST PART OF ANY WEEK.

THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO DEDICATE
THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO
MAKE THE INCREDIBLE MEAL EACH
WEEK ARE EXEMPLARS OF LOVE.
SO GLAD TO PLAY A TINY ROLE IN
MAKING IT HAPPEN. ~ AMY VASHAW

return 3% back to Centre Foundation, and our share of the stretch pool is calculated. We will provide everyone with the final amount once we hear from the Foundation in approximately two weeks.

We would really like to thank all our donors, especially our anonymous donors. Thank you notes are currently being written, but for those whose name we don't know, thank you from the bottoms of our hearts. It's because of your generosity and caring, that we can provide healthy, nutritional, and delicious meals to the Community.

Please know that we are continuing to social distance, wear our masks, and serve take-out only. We will begin to transition to more cooks, but please know that no more than 4 will be in the kitchen at a time and cooking teams will be kept separated from each other. We truly look forward to having Canterbury Hall full again, but we will wait and follow guidelines set by the state, the diocese, and Feeding America.

Finally, as you plant your summer gardens, please consider planting an extra row or two for The Cafe.



We will take donations of anything, but broccoli, eggplant, zucchini, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and cauliflower hold up very well. If you have vegetables to donate, please call or email Ron at rrovansek@pacewater.com to arrange drop off.

Remember, the Café serves every Thursday from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Currently, the meal is take-out only and can be picked up at 208 West Foster Avenue. You can also pick up a meal for those who cannot come in person. The meal is free and all are welcome.

Again, thank you very much for your continued support of the Community Café.

William Shakespeare said
"Action is
elegance." If by my
actions I have helped to
feed even one hungry person,
I have brought grace
into the world.
-Scott Thomas







IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Creation Care Corps invites you to

Plant, Pray, and Proclaim with a Good News Garden!

"Good News Gardens" is an initiative of The Episcopal Church Creation Care and Evangelism Departments, in response to the repercussions of COVID-19 for our communities and the food system.

How can we help? We believe that one new and sacrificial act of love that we could offer is to commit to **planting more, praying more, and proclaiming more**, in order to share the loving, liberating, and lifegiving Good News of God's love with all people.

- 1. <u>Plant:</u> Commit to planting more than you would under average circumstances in order to share the bounty, either with the **Community Café** (see above) or someone else in need. (This may mean you plant one window box of herbs when you have never planted any, or you add an extra row to your garden, or an extra hen to your flock...)
- 2. <u>Pray:</u> Commit to pray daily for our church and our world to form loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation through the better use of our land personally and communally.
- 3. <u>Proclaim:</u> Commit to proclaiming the love of God through word and example by sharing your Good News Garden commitment, status, and story via social media channels, personal testimonies and by using the hashtag #GoodNewsGardens.

When you commit to the Good News Garden Movement you will be joining Jesus and his way of love.

To sign up or for more information, please visit https://episcopalchurch.org/good-news-gardens

You can participate without signing up, but if you choose to, you will receive monthly newsletters that will include:

- Wisdom from leaders in Episcopal Agrarian, Evangelism, Creation Care, and Justice ministries.
- Practical links on growing and sharing the bounty
- Way of Love in the Garden Bible Study
- Prayers for Growers
- Additional videos, podcasts, and other helpful resource links

But wait, that's not all!

Thanks to the generosity of Tait Farms and Cindy Law, we have two flats of beautiful tomato plants to help you get started with your garden. Please call or come by the office – we can arrange contactless pick up – while supplies last!



Tomato plants donated by Tait Farm

If you don't have your own garden, maybe you would like to help spread the Good News in our gardens here at St. Andrew's. Our flowers are beautiful right now and a blessing to all who see them. Please see below if you think you would like to be part of this ministry.

GARDENERS WANTED!

Each summer a small group of parishioners takes turns weeding and watering our beautiful front flower bed. I think we can all agree that they do a fantastic job and we are grateful for their efforts.

Unfortunately, the gardening group has dwindled in recent years, and they could use a few new members. Each person is responsible for weeding and watering one, two, or three weeks during the summer. This usually requires a couple of hours one or two days during the week and does not require any specialized knowledge or training. If you are available to take one or more weeks this summer, please contact Julie Kwasnica immediately.





TYING US TOGETHER



Like many events scheduled for this summer, the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts has had to come up with creative ways to move their celebration online. And they have done a terrific job. St. Andrew's won't be hosting any musical performances, selling any pies, or giving tours of our stained glass windows this year, but we invite everyone to participate in this project to support our friends at the Arts Festival, to have fun, and to stay connected with the important people in our lives.

Every year during the Arts Festival, many young people have made and sold friendship bracelets during the Children and Youth Sidewalk Sale. This year, although we cannot gather in person, the organizers want to continue the tradition, but with a twist.

In a project called "Tying Us Together" they are asking boys and girls (of all ages!) to make friendship bracelets, share some with friends, and donate the remainder to the festival; the donated bracelets will be sold at local stores to help support the festival. Their goal is to collect 10,000 bracelets!

Here is what we would like to do as a parish:

- Make bracelets. If you can braid, you can make a friendship bracelet. There are many places to find instructions online. The festival shared this link:
 https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=friendship+bracelets If you need embroidery floss, please contact the church office.
- Share them. With friends, family, co-workers, neighbors. For the bracelets you give away, they "would like bracelet makers to send us photos of their friends holding their hand over their heart so that we can see not only your friend's face, but also the bracelet on their wrist. Our goal is to get people in all 50 states wearing them." What a great excuse to reconnect with St. Andrew's friends who have moved away! You can email your photos to: office@arts-festival.com. The subject line of your email should be Tying Us Together Photo. Include the person's first name and the state the live in.
- **Donate them.** You can bring your bracelets to the church office any time before the beginning of July and we will donate them collectively from St. Andrew's.

There are prize drawings for donors and photo entries. If you would prefer to participate individually or for more details, please click here. https://arts-festival.com/2020/05/tying-us-together/

Goals

10,000 bracelets Recipients in all 50 states

Friendship bracelets remind us of how connected we are and how important our friends are. While you can make a bracelet by yourself, it's difficult to tie it on your own wrist. Having a friend do that makes life so much easier. (Rick Bryant, Executive Director, Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts)





State College Pride is another community event that has had to move online this year. They have a full weekend of activities scheduled with lots of opportunities to participate and show your support for our LGBTQA neighbors and friends. Most events will take place on Zoom and require pre-registration.

For a complete list of events and registration information, please go to: http://centrelgbtqa.squarespace.com/pride2020

Here are a few of the things you will find:

- **Pride On Screen.** In partnership with Centre Film Festival, PRIDE will offer films by local and national filmmakers, discussions, and Q&As.
- A virtual Gayla with music by Anchor and Arrow.
- **Drag story hour**, and bingo!, and Zumba!
- A virtual **Pride Parade**. Photos submitted by June 5th will be showcased in an online slideshow. St Andrew's has sent in a picture of the church with our rainbow flag. Be creative, show your pride, but keep it G-rated!
 - (https://tinyurl.com/virtualparadephotos)
- Crafts. Target has donated sidewalk chalk. It will be available for FREE on a first come, first serve basis at the Makery. * Just mention that you are picking up chalk for PRIDE.

The Makery has created a rainbow macramé kit (for ages 8+).

The kits are \$7 (proceeds benefit the Centre LGBTQA Support Network) and will be available June 10 and 11th from 10:00-2:00 at the Makery.

- **Virtual backgrounds**. Make boring meetings a little more fabulous with one of the free backgrounds available to download.
- Merchandise. Because who doesn't need a rainbow mask right now?











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Celebrate and show your support all month long, but especially the weekend of June 12-14: hang a rainbow flag, chalk your driveway, put out a sign, wear a rainbow mask. Take photos of your creations, post and use the hashtag #statecollegepride

^{*}The Makery is located at 209 W. Calder Way. Their hours are Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are also distributing embroidery floss to make friendship bracelets for the Arts Festival!

A Letter and Invitation from Bishop Scanlan Regarding Institutional Racism



29 May 2020

Dear Members of the Episcopal Church in Central Pennsylvania,

George Floyd.

This is the name of the latest victim of racial violence in our country- violence perpetrated against people of color in brutal and deadly ways, violence that without proportion targets black men- Eric Garner, Philando Castile, Michael Brown, and Alton Sterling to name a few- violence that is issued by people of authority in our culture whom we have been taught to trust, and violence that is born of institutional and systemic racism. Violence that has left still another dead man lying on the street. This is the mark of institutional racism.

Healing from the sin of systemic, institutional racism requires work that is long and deep. It begins with the painful coming to understand that all white people are responsible. We must look over our shoulders to those whom, since the dawn of this country, have divided men and women into categories of White and Other, we must look at how power structures in our nation have been built based on the color of one's skin, and we must own up to how the sins of white superiority and racial inequality have been kept aliveand grown- in all the parts of our society- in education, employment opportunities, housing, the legal system, prisons, and even in our churches.

Owning our place in the system as white people is the beginning. And changing it will be the work of several lifetimes.

Our (recent) attempts at anti-racism work in our diocese have been honest but ineffectual on a large scale; we have not reached enough people to create transformational change. The net has not been cast wide enough. We have gathered a few faithful souls who want to learn- Christians who want to create the world that the prophet Isaiah talked about where the lion and the lamb lie down together and peace reigns. We want to live like Jesus taught us, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and we look with hope to the day when the City of God will come down from heaven like a bride adorned for her husband, and we will live together, in unity, in a shining and glorious land that is marked by love. But we are not there yet. Our journey is long, the road is rough, and we need the whole company of faithful people to join. Only then will we stand a chance at transforming our corner of this world- the beautiful diocese of Central Pennsylvania- into a place where every person is valued, every person is welcomed and has opportunity, and no one needs be anxious to step outside of their home for fear of violence perpetrated against them simply because of the color of their skin.

Dismantling institutional racism is a tremendous task that involves the transformation of minds and hearts. Only when our minds have been turned and our hearts have been opened will we be equipped with the passion and the power that is needed to change a centuries-old oppressive system.

Will you join me?

A first step is to enroll in our cost-free "Becoming the Beloved Community" class through the Stevenson School for Ministry. This introductory 10-week online course focuses on the sin of white supremacy and its role in creating and sustaining systemic and institutional racism. The course examines the connection between Western Christian identity, development, and white privilege in the creation of race as a means of advantaging those classified as White to the detriment of those classified as Other. Ultimately, the course examines the responsibility of communities of faith to truly demonstrate the expansive love of the Kingdom. You can register for the class at https://diocesecpa.org/vocationalcourses/

I will be taking the class this term and invite you to join me.

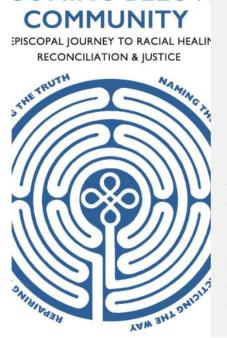
We can-through open and sincere dialogue and learning -begin the work of transformation.

Before another George Floyd, Eric Garner, Philando Castile, Michael Brown, or Alton Sterling is killed, please join me in the work to dismantle racism and to create God's dream of a peaceful, beloved community here, in the place that we call home.

In the Way of Love,

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan XI Bishop

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Becoming the Beloved Community

FACULTY: Kevin Barron & Kathleen Schwartz

COST: FREE

DATES: Thursday at 7:00 p.m. beginning June 4 Sunday at 5:00 p.m. beginning June 7 (CLASS FULL)

Using the framework of the Episcopal Church's "Becoming a Beloved Community" this course on antiracism will lead participants through four pillars rooted in the Baptismal Covenant; Telling the Truth about the Church and Race; Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community; Practicing the Way of Love; and Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions. The course is designed to provide future and current leaders of the church with the knowledge and background to combat the sin of racism, particularly focusing on dismantling systemic racism within and outside of the institution of the Church.

REGISTER **IMMEDIATELY** IF YOU WISH TO JOIN FOR THIS SESSION. Please contact Marsha Roscoe (mroscoe@lss-elca.org) with any questions.

Congratulations, Class of 2020 Graduates!



Nat Dawson

• At Penns Valley High School, Nat was a member of Shooting team, Track & Field, and Science Olympiad. Nat will attend Shawnee State University in Ohio. He plans to pursue Game & Simulation Arts because he is an avid gamer and video games (A) have helped shape who he is today.

Alex de Carle

• Alex de Carle graduated from Fanshawe College in London, Ontario , Canada with a Game Design degree.





Nick McNutt

• Nick is a 2020 graduate of State College Area High School. During his time at State High, he was a member of the varsity soccer team, treasurer of National Honor Society, a Little Lion Ambassador and a member of Boys to Men and Pottery Club. He was also active in Centre PACT through the Centre County Community Foundation. Nick will continue his academics at the University of Michigan where he plans to study computer science.

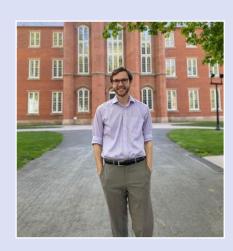


Katie Mussett

• Katie Mussett is a graduating senior at Bellefonte Area High School. She is currently the President of her school's Model United Nations, Mock Trial, and Orchestra. She is also an active member of the Drama Club (Treasurer), Choir, Art Club (Secretary), and Spanish Honor Society (Treasurer). Currently, she is working on adapting her Girl Scout Gold Award project on the fight against fast fashion to a digital platform. Next year, she plans to attend Penn State University to double major in Political Science and Global Studies, as well as minor in Spanish and Arabic.

Sam Patzkowsky

• Congratulations to Sam Patzkowsky, who completed his B.A. at Franklin and Marshall College. His parents could not be prouder of this "charming, smart, and delightful human for his many accomplishments in the classroom and in life." Next up: graduate studies in the geosciences at Washington University in St. Louis





David Rovansek

• David Rovansek graduated from Washington College with a B.A. in Political Science. He will be relocating to Arizona where he will have gainful employment

Erin Small

• Erin Small is a 2020 graduate of State College Area High School. She will attend Penn State University. She is a member of the 2020-2021 Nittany Lion Cheerleading Team



Congratulations to our former members celebrating graduations, too!









Hannah Boston

Hannah Boston received her master's degree in social work from the Silver School of Social Work at NYU. She is interested in working as a social worker in a medical setting and She will be interning at Brooklyn Hospital with NADAP this coming year.

Izzy Brady

Izzy graduated from Penn State Schreyer Honors College with a BA in Art History, History, and Medieval Studies with minors in Latin and Architectural History.

Sadie Spivey graduated from Penn

graduated from Penn State and plans to attend committed to Bard Conservatory's Graduate Vocal Arts Program in the fall.

Finan Turnage-Barney

is a 2020 graduate of State College Area High School. He will attend Penn State University in the fall to major in Material Sciences.

GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

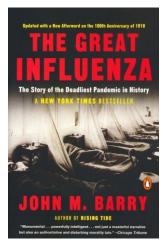
This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if they submitted an item for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 28, 7 p.m. Room 324

Now that we are moving into the Green Phase, The St. Andrew's Book Club is back on. As a result of the whole COVID-19 Pandemic, the book club is going to read John Berry's 2005 nonfiction work, *The Great Influenza - The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History* - which has made a commercial resurgence and has been topping the best sellers charts since the COVID-19 Pandemic began.

This nonfiction work details the 1918 Spanish Influenza outbreak in the United States and the lessons learned from it. The book is very lengthy (almost 600 pages.) We are planning to skip the first to chapters of detailed medical history dating back



to ancient times and begin with Chapter 3. Please note we are still taking an extra month to read this, so our next meeting will be in July. At this time, we have permission and plan to meet in the library at St. Andrew's. If the situation changes between now and July 28, we will choose an alternate location or method or meeting. Please plan on joining us!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a June birthday and do not see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.

1	Ann	Gibboney

2 Dannielle Kroczynski

2 Kate Freeman

2 Ted Jaenicke

4 Kayden Orlich

5 Cathy Dauler

5 Nathaniel Felsmann

7 Julie Kwasnica

7 Thomas Dauler

7 Mary Evans

7 Mark Patzkowsky

7 Don Hopkins

9 Gilli Cozine

9 Robin Bastress

9 Jean Stump

10 Lori McGarry

13 Chris Marini

13 Natalie Urban

14 Anne Heinsohn

15 Julia Lowe

15 Kathy Johnston

16 Mary Amato

17 James Green

18 Betsy Llewellyn

18 Geoff Rule

19 Ann Shepherd

19 John Mason

19 Bob Baker

20 Anthony Grillo

21 Penelope McCloskey

21 Sawyer Malik

22 Rob Freeborn

23 Eli Jaenicke

24 Carolyn Donaldson

25 Cindy Law

27 Kaleigh McGarry

27 Jack Rovansek

27 Linda Jordan

30 Chris Dash

Those For Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Connie, Beckett, Emmet, Denise, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Robbie, Vicki, Frank, Sandra, Mary, Chuck, Mardi, Ramona, Adam, Cynthia, David, Ken, Marie, Elaine, Avery, Bobbie, Caitlin, Brenda, Sam, Scott, Conor, Gwen, Jean, Marion

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Nathan, Ted, Blake, Chuck, Jordan, Matt, Ben, Katy, Fritz, Drew, and Jenna

Please call or email the office with your prayer requests. 2

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or post them on our Prayer Wall

https://bit.ly/StAPrayerWall

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