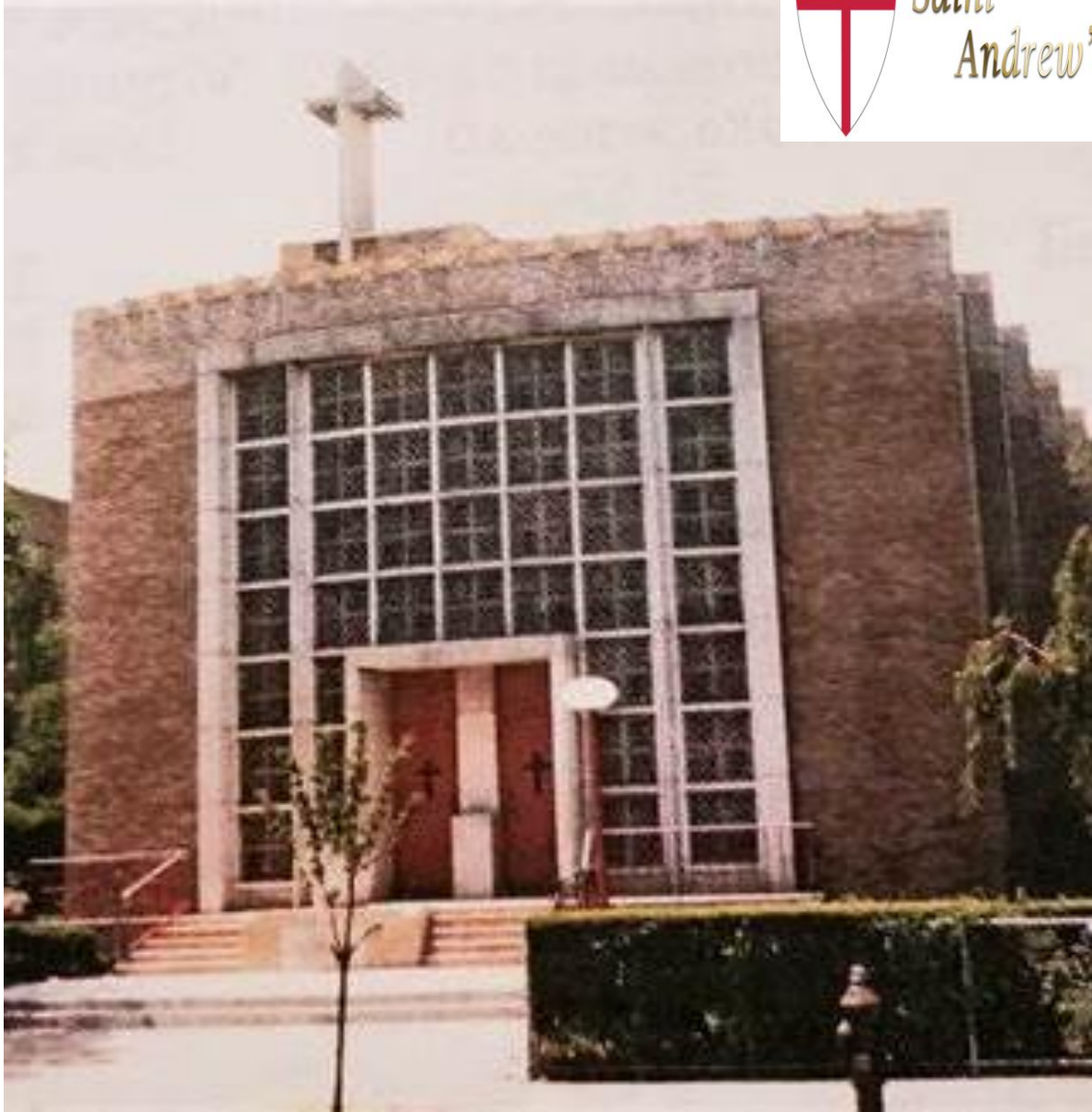




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Andrew's*



**St. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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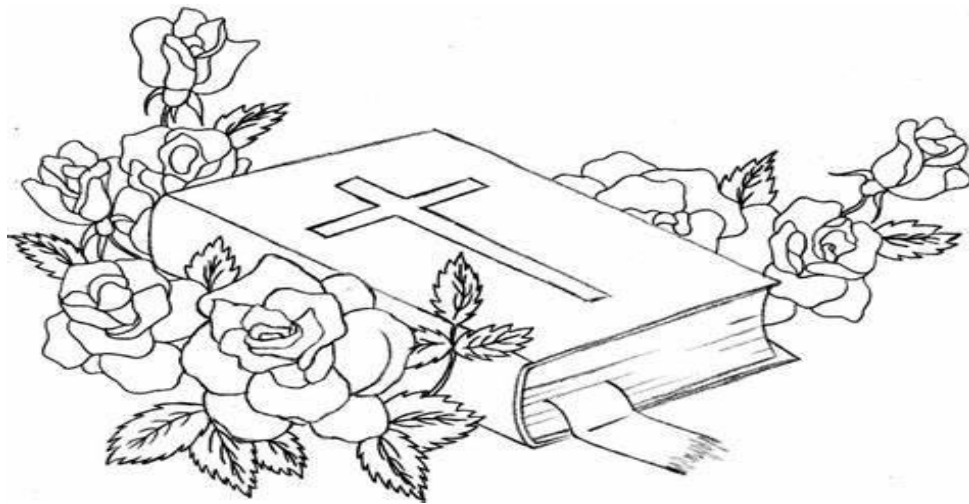
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**SAINT ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SEARCH  
COMMITTEE CHURCH PROFILE**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is to boldly welcome all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to proclaim the Good News of God. We are dedicated to worshiping in spirit and in truth, creating an atmosphere of love that inspires everyone. We call upon all to share their time, talents, and resources in heartfelt gratitude to God for His countless blessings. We are also committed to going into our community to live out the Gospel and to invite others to experience the faith.

## **ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

### **CHURCH PROFILE**

#### **HISTORY OF THE PARISH**

Saint Andrew's Church began in a storefront on Soundview Avenue in the Clason Point section of the Bronx, NY in 1923, on the Sunday nearest the Feast of Saint Andrew. There, it ministered to the people of the area until it moved in 1960 to its present site at 781 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, New York.

The present church building was constructed as part of the 175th anniversary of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. It was built to serve not only the old neighborhood but also a city within a city called Castle Hill Houses. Today, it serves other large private and public housing developments in the North and East Bronx communities.

Located next to the church is a 78-unit senior citizen residence, Saint Andrew's House, which the church sponsored and provided the land on which it was built in 1983. Saint Andrew's Church has also sponsored 157 two-family units of housing for middle-income families known as Saint Andrew's Village, located three city blocks away from the church.

The church reaches far and wide and serves a membership of diverse cultures. As a "House of Prayer," Saint Andrew's truly promotes the general feeling of fellowship among its members.



**The Sanctuary**

### PHYSICAL PLANT

Age of the church building	64
Seating capacity of the church	280
Seating and standing capacity of the Parish Hall	200
Number of offices	2
(2nd Floor)	Dance Floor & Computer room
Rectory — 744 Havemeyer Avenue Bronx, NY 10473	One Family House (LR, 3 Bdrs., EIK, 1.5 Bths., Bsmt., with laundry room, (gas heat) & HVAC

## DESCRIPTION OF OUR COMMUNITY

Saint Andrew's Church is located in the Clason Point section of the Bronx NY and is served by the following:

- Community Board 9 (office located at 1967 White Plains Road)
- 43rd Police Precinct (located at Story and Fteley Avenues)
- School District #8 (District office located at 1230 Zerega Avenue)

### Population - 173,000 (2022 Census)

Hispanic	60,723
Black (non-Hispanic)	46,537
White	16,349
Asian & Pacific Islanders, Amer. Indian, Esk., Aleut.	49,392

### Housing and Other Facilities — Neighborhood of Saint Andrew's

Saint Andrew's House	An assisted living home for senior citizens consisting of 80 units
Saint Andrew's Village	157 two-family private homes
Castle Hill Housing & Community Center (NYC Housing Project)	High rise apartment complex
Jamie Towers	Mitchell/Lama Cooperative Housing Development
Soundview and Leland Gardens	1900 Units Condominium Apartments
Single and multi-service programs	For seniors, youth, families and people with physical disabilities.

### **Episcopal and Other Neighborhood Churches**

- Saint Peter's Episcopal Church — 2500 Westchester Avenue, Bronx
- The Episcopal Church of the Atonement — 1348 Beach Avenue, Bronx
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Fellowship Covenant Church
- Soundview Presbyterian Church
- Holy Family Catholic Church
- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Saint John Vianney Catholic Church

### **Schools - School Board #8**

- Adlai Stevenson Campus
- Public Schools 36, 100, 119, 138, 182
- Intermediate Schools 125, 131, 174
- Trinity Lutheran School
- Holy Cross Catholic Schools

### **Recreational Facilities**

- Castle Hill Community Center
- Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club
- New York Tennis League
- Pathways for Youth
- YMCA Health and Fitness Club
- YMCA Summer Camp and Youth Center

## **OVERVIEW OF OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY**

As a parish we are ready, willing and able to face the challenges of the future. Our hope is that God will send us a Rector to lead us spiritually and collectively on our journey. One of our goals for this parish is to bridge the gap more effectively between the church and community and to enhance the quality of life for all of God's children. There are issues in our community that concern education, youth, police protection, sanitation and housing. In spite of these issues, we continue to project growth and opportunities in outreach programs, community services and businesses. Our aim is to be good stewards of God's kingdom. Saint Andrew's embraces the motto:

"ENTER TO WORSHIP, LEAVE TO SERVE"

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at Saint Andrew's on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. This service has an average attendance of 105 parishioners. The 10:30 a.m. service is usually followed by a fellowship hour in the parish house. Bible Study convenes on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with the Rector as the spiritual director for the group currently by Zoom. Saint Andrew's has two choirs a Eucharist Choir, 16 people and a Gospel Choir, 18 people. The Eucharist choir sings for the 10:30 a.m. service every Sunday, except the third Sunday when the Gospel choir sings.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership at Saint Andrew's Church consists of 200 members and 175 communicants in good standing.

We have a diverse congregation that includes Caribbean Americans, African Americans, and Africans. A large percentage of our members live outside the community.



## **PARISH MINISTRIES. COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Lay Readers:** Licensed to conduct Morning Prayer.”

**Lay Eucharistic Visitors:** Licensed to bring Holy Communion directly from a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to homebound or hospitalized parishioners.”.

**The Altar Guild:** prepares the sanctuary for the celebration of the Holy Sacraments. They meet at the church on Saturday mornings, at which time they prepare the Altar, vestments and various articles used in the service.

**The Chalice Bearers:** licensed to read the Offices in the presence of, or in the absence of the clergy. They also assist the clergy in the administration of the Eucharist.

**Catechists:** teach the faith, worship and discipline of the Church, with special emphasis on preparing to receive the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Confirmation.

**The Church School:** runs concurrently with the 10:30 a.m. service. They meet in the Parish House every Sunday except for the Sunday Designated as "Youth Sunday." On "Youth Sunday" the children are in church for the entire service and are encouraged to participate fully in the service by reading the lessons, and using their talents for the glory and honor of God. The Church School consists of a superintendent, five teachers and approximately 11 children ranging from pre-school to high school. Special programs are presented at Christmas, Easter and on other occasions such as Black History Month, Mother's Day and Father's Day.

**The Eucharist Choir:** currently consists of 16 members who sing service music, hymns and anthems for the 10:30 a.m. service.

**The Gospel Choir:** currently consists of 16 - 18 members who have been spiritually filled. They bring the gospel through their songs of praise and strive to pass on to the congregation their ministry of praise and worship.

**Lay Readers:** licensed to conduct worship services, and under certain conditions, serve communion.

## **Committees**

**Building and Grounds**: assists in the maintenance and upkeep of the interior and exterior of the church and rectory. Members provide voluntary labor that would otherwise require the hiring of outside craftsmen.

**Anniversary Committee**: assists in planning the yearly anniversary celebration.

## **Organizations**

**The Bible Study Group**: meets on Wednesday nights to study and discuss passages from the Bible. The Group as an outreach activity, prepares and serves Thanksgiving Day dinner to seniors and families of the neighborhood and parish.

**The Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**: meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month and allows the women of Saint Andrew's to come together in fellowship. The organization's function is to foster the promotion of spiritual growth through service and fellowship in the Christian faith and to support the church and each other. Outreach is achieved through their UTO in-gathering offerings in the spring and fall. It is a self-supporting organization through various fund-raising activities.

**Saint Andrew's Kitchen**: a voluntary program led by parishioners who prepares a hot meal two Saturdays of each month for members of the community.

## **EXTENDED COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** — meets twice weekly, on Saturday evenings. Meetings are open to all members of the community.

## **FINANCIAL AND OTHER STATISTICS**

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is currently free of mortgage debt. However, the Vestry has recently negotiated and signed contractual agreements with a contractor for the replacement HVAC System and the resurfacing of roof for both the Church & Parish house and the Heating System in the Parish house. A small loan was obtained for this project.

### **PARISH REPORT**

YEAR	Average Sunday Attendance	Total Operating Revenue	Total Operating Expense	Diocese Assessment
2023	95	\$251,639	\$258,044	\$28,172
2024	105	\$250,639	\$257,090	\$19,139
2025	110	\$227,033	\$227,033	\$21,533

\* Per Parish Report to the Diocese of New York

## **RECTOR'S PROFILE**

### **Personal/Spiritual**

- One who shows Love for God and Persons and a desire to serve Christ with courage.
- One who cares for People in the Parish and make a difference in their lives through witness to Christ.
- One who shows a willingness to learn and grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ, the Church, and the world.
- One who has a strong prayer life and a supportive listener.
- One who can lead while knowing when to follow.
- One who has a sense of humor.
- One who can admit mistakes.

### **Administration**

- The Rector should maintain regular communication with the Vestry and Congregation.
- The Rector and Vestry must work together to manage the church and establish mutually agreed upon goals.
- The Rector should encourage the congregants to review their commitment to the Church at the time of Annual Review

### **Growth/Outreach**

- Assist the congregation with community events and welcome community leaders and members.

### **Youth Involvement**

- Support and encourage the Youth to share their talents and ideas with the Church.

**THE VESTRY**

**Devon Browne - Warden**

**Kelsie Evans – Warden**

**Bernadene Rich-Jackson**

**Desiree Duporte**

**Patricia Hixson**

**Linda Phillip**

**John Matthew**

**Wanda Aska**

**David Cumberbatch**

**Ayesha Morrishaw – Ashley**

**Gladys Harrigan**

**Lucette Tonge-Erskine**

**Yolanda Freeland – Tucker**

**THE PROFILE COMMITTEE**

**Yolanda Harris – Chairperson**

**Tari-anne Thibou**

**Eileen Williamson**

**Genevieve Nicholas**