

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Last year, we voiced high hopes for 2018. Thanks be to God and by your pledges, St. Andrew's met those goals: Parish Administrator Trish Mehrkam was brought to full time after twenty years of service. We inaugurated a Lenten Concert series that drew people from across the city into our church. Six youth were confirmed by Bishop Monterroso. St. Andrew's added a monthly YogaMass to offer an experience to those not drawn to more traditional worship. And now, St. Andrew's hosts three well-attended weekly AA meetings. We also continue to be a hub for Meals on Wheels delivery.

I look forward to all that 2019 promises for our outstanding programs and worship services. Our music program is expanding, with the addition of the Jr. Choristers choir. The school is growing. We are reaching out and building stronger relationships with our community partners such as Hamilton Middle School and the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry.

Of course, these incredible ministries do not sustain themselves; only by our annual stewardship do we have the infrastructure and capacity to inspire, love, and serve.

Every year, our revenues start over at zero, a necessity inviting the discipline and joy of our continued fidelity and generosity.

As you consider your commitment, take heart that by these gifts, we all have a share in the ministry of St. Andrew's, deepening our connections with God and one another.

In gratitude,



The Rev. James M. L. Grace, Rector



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Heights



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OUR STRONG FOUNDATION

The rain came down, the streams rose,
and the winds blew and beat against that
house; yet it did not fall, because it had its
foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:25

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR FOUNDATION STRONG

OUTREACH



TRADITION

INCLUSION



CHURCH FAMILY

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Compared to the average pledge of the diocese, St. Andrew's is falling behind.

AVG. PLEDGE OF DIOCESE

\$4,377

AVG. PLEDGE OF ST. ANDREW'S

\$3,716

*out of 133 pledges total

BE OUR ROCK.
MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.

The way you pay your pledge is entirely up to you. Some people give once a year for convenience, but many more give each month or week, because it is easier to budget. It is your choice.

Pledging is your financial commitment to God and to the future of St. Andrew's. Your pledge makes it possible for St. Andrew's to plan based on a realistic expectation of revenue. Offerings during services are wonderful extra funds that we are equally grateful to have, but the many programs at St. Andrew's today, and those we anticipate, require planning, and a reasonable and responsible budget.

HOW TO PLEDGE

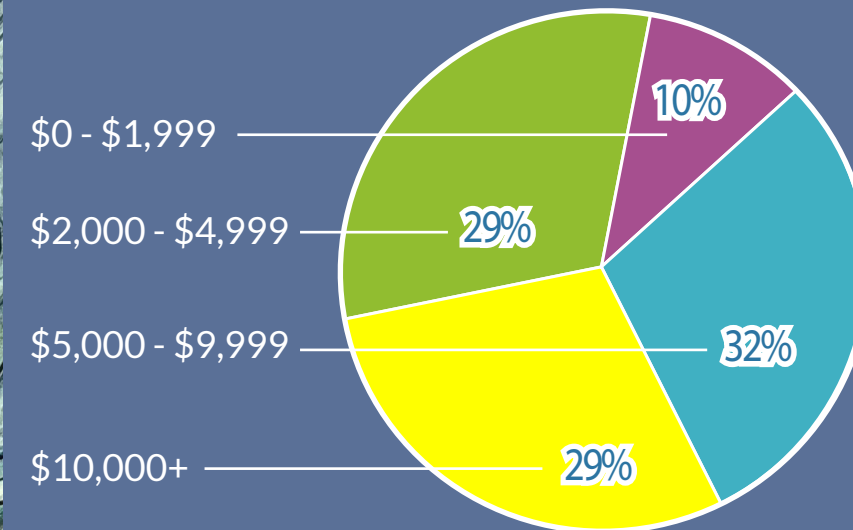
- Go to www.saecheights.org/giving to pledge online.
- OR
- Complete the pledge card in this pamphlet and return by mail or at church.

HOW DID WE DO LAST YEAR?

Total Pledges: 133

Total Pledge Amount: \$494,254

Average Pledge: \$3,716



DID YOU KNOW?

There were 29 new pledges last year, totaling \$81,470.

There were 68 increased pledges, totaling \$54,127.

HELP US CLOSE THE GAP

Help us close the gap to exceed the average diocesan pledge! Fill out the enclosed pledge card or go to www.saecheights.org/giving.



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I/WE PLEDGE THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE _____

NAME(S) (PLEASE PRINT) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE PRE-ADDRESSED
PLEDGE ENVELOPES

PLEDGING AND GIVING MADE EASY: GO ONLINE

WWW.SAECHEIGHTS.ORG/GIVING

OR SET UP AUTO PAY THROUGH YOUR BANK

I CANNOT PLEDGE:

I AM CURRENTLY FACING A DIFFICULTY

I WOULD LIKE A MEMBER OF THE CLERGY TO
CONTACT ME



WHAT IF I NEED TO CHANGE MY PLEDGE?

Life is unpredictable, so changing your pledge is very easy. A pledge is your best estimate, and if you need to change it, just contact the church office.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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GIVING MADE EASY

Return your pledge card or submit your pledge online to:

www.saecheights.org/giving