



St. Andrew's, New Kensington

January 9, 2020

Dear friends in Christ,

For several years now, the property that once served as the hub of worship and ministry for the former parish of St. Andrew's, New Kensington, has been without an active Episcopal congregation. Given the costs associated with retaining this property, we simply would not be the good stewards we are called to be if we continued to do so. Thus, the Board of Trustees and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pittsburgh have approved its sale, which is expected to close at the end of this month.



As the diocese explores new ways and places in which to minister to the people of the eastern suburbs, we should honor what has already been made possible in this place. In that spirit, I invite you to join me in celebrating the legacy of St. Andrew's by gathering one last time inside the church to hear God's Word and be fed at the Lord's table. Our Eucharist will be held next **Thursday, January 16, at 1 p.m.** This service will mark a returning of the property to secular use as our tradition and canons allow.

Let us pray now, as we will again in our final gathering at St. Andrew's, that the Lord be praised for the blessings, help and comfort He bestowed in that place, and that we be conscious at all times of His unchanging love.

Faithfully your bishop,

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh

Please be aware that there is no water service in the building; therefore, restrooms will not be available.

