

Welcome!
To
First-St.
Andrew's



The
RELIGIOUS
SYMBOLS
 On our
SANCTUARY
CEILING

	DESCENDING DOVE IN CROWN <i>symbolizes the Holy Spirit and Christ Triumphant (Symbol repeated in carpet.)</i>	
PAUL – APOSTLES TO THE GENTILES <i>Represented by an open Bible with a sword behind it — the sword of the Spirit.</i>	ihc <i>The first three letters of the Greek spelling of Jesus.</i>	PETER <i>The crossed-keys recall Peter's confession and our Lord's gift to him of the keys of the kingdom.</i>
JAMES THE GREATER <i>Scallop shells, a pilgrim's staff and a sword are the symbols for his pilgrimage and beheading by Herod's command.</i>	WINGED MAN <i>Matthew's gospel deals with the human geneology of Jesus.</i>	JOHN <i>Early writers state that John once drank from a poisoned chalice and was unharmed.</i>
JUDE <i>Can be represented by a carpenter's square, usually with a fishing spear. Here, it is shown with a cross.</i>	WINGED LION <i>Mark's gospel opens with the "voice of one crying in the wilderness" — like the lion's roar.</i>	ANDREW <i>Tradition says that while Andrew was preaching in Greece, he was put to death on a cross of this type.</i>
BARTHOLOMEW <i>Represented by the open Bible and three flaying knives, referring to his martyrdom.</i>	WINGED OX <i>Luke stresses the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. The ox is an animal of sacrifice.</i>	JAMES THE LESSER <i>James was stoned and beaten to death with a club after being thrown from the Temple.</i>
MATTHEW <i>Three money bags refer to Matthew's previous occupation as a tax collector. The battle-axe symbolizes his martyrdom.</i>	WINGED EAGLE <i>The winged eagle is high-soaring like John's narrative rising to loftiest heights in dealing with the mind of Christ.</i>	THOMAS <i>The carpenter's square, a spear and arrows represent Thomas as a builder and a martyr.</i>
SIMON <i>A martyr, Simon is represented by an oar, a saw and a battle-axe.</i>	CHI RHO; ALPHA & OMEGA <i>Chi Rho are the first two letters of Christ in ancient Greek. Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet enclosed in a circle representing eternity.</i>	MATTHIAS <i>Chosen to replace Judas, Matthias is symbolized with an open Bible and double-edged battle-axe.</i>