

St. Andrew's Cross

Walking Once More, The Pilgrim Way of Lent

I didn't grow up observing Lent. In fact, if anything I was totally oblivious to the idea that there *was* such a season. My parents and I were from the free Church tradition and we made quite a big deal about Easter Sunday, but there was a sameness to the services from after Christmas until Easter Sunday where we were decked out in special clothes and weeks went into Mom's planning for her dress and shoes and her boys shirts, pants and shoes. A picture was usually taken of us in our Easter best. In fact if you find a picture of my brother and I in little sport coats and bow ties (clip-ons) you can bet the farm it was taken on Easter Sunday. Christmas then BAM! Easter!

When I first became an Episcopalian in college I learned about Lent from "old hands" who said I should give up something like chocolate. Hmm---easy enough I thought, and certainly a

fair trade for Christ's suffering--- chocolate fast for five weeks. Deal!



Then as I began to grow in my spiritual life and understanding and a major shift in my theological position on the nature of salvation I began to see Lent as far more complicated. It became a time to consider the who, what, where when and why of the Passion. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving were taken seriously. I learned that "taking something on"

was sometimes better than giving something up. The Gospels (and Jesus) make quite a deal of repentance. Repentance was turning away from some behavior or action that was destructive to myself or others, being sorry enough for it that I try and do something different. First though, one has to grasp one's own brokenness and "missing the mark" which is hard for some people and too easy for others

I don't believe in guilt as a constructive emotion most of the time. But I do believe that we cannot grasp how cherished and loved we are if don't grasp fully our sinfulness. It is only then that the love of God for us---warts and all---becomes meaningful and moving. You can't quite grasp the cancelling of the debt if you didn't see the bill. Lent provides us an opportunity to risk seeing an itemized bill.....

Peace, *Scott+*

Ministers of the Parish

- The Right Rev. Paul V. Marshall, Bishop
- The Rt. Rev. John P Croneberger, Asst. Bishop
- The Rev. T. Scott Allen, Rector
- Evelyn Michaels - Music Director
- Mark Shipman - Chief Financial Officer
- Marlene Yocum - Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: 9am to 1pm

on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.

(610-865-3603) saec@ptd.net

Sunday Services: 8 am & 10:30 am

Sunday School and Adult Education -

Classes start at 9:15 am

Nursery School: 3 year old, 4 year old and Family Grouping (3-5 year old)

Classes (610-882-1415) ~ Thea Prostko

St. Andrew's Planned Giving Tree

There is a fairly new addition to the wall outside the doors to the Church. In the narthex is a "tree" which lists members of St. Andrew's who have made provisions for this parish on the event of their death. Otherwise known as "planned giving": it acknowledges those who have been thoughtful in how they will dispose of their worldly possessions at the time of their death. Many folks who cannot be at Church frequently (or at all) may not be aware of this opportunity. If you have made some provision for a gift to St. Andrew's parish on the event of your death, please let the



Rector or Stewardship Chair know so that a leaf may be inscribed with your name and added to the tree.

If you have never considered making the gift of a portion of your estate, an insurance policy or other financial instrument, we have a fairly extensive packet we can give you for your consideration. All folks who make a planned gift provision will also become members of the "St. Matthew's Society" of the Diocese which has periodic recognition for people who care for the future of their local parish in the Diocese of Bethlehem. *You do not have to reveal the way and amount in which you will make this gift.* We take your word for it that

you have made provision this gift. A small card needs to be completed to be returned to the parish so that we may add you to the Giving Tree. You may contact the Rector who will bring materials to you and explain how it works if you wish.

Consider what the generations before you did to keep the ministry of St. Andrew's growing and thriving and do your part to insure that future generations find a spiritual home in and through St. Andrew's. As the motto of the St. Matthew's Society reminds us "We have all rested in the shade of a tree planted by another".



Annual Retreat for Women

A Space Apart -
Nativity's 10th Annual Retreat for Women



March 9-11, 2012

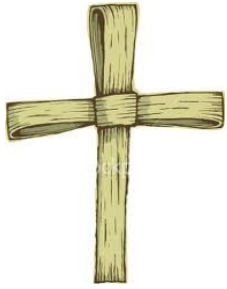
At the Villa of Our
Lady in Mt. Pocono,
PA

For millennia women have gathered as companions to find mutual support and encouragement in a place all their own, a space apart. We invite you to listen to the wisdom of women. What transforming wisdom awaits us; as contemporary women, when we set aside our busy lives

and venture to the well of the sacred?

Come away to a space apart for a weekend of prayerful encounter with the stories of our sisters, both Biblical and contemporary led by Julia McCray-Goldsmith from the Episcopal Diocese of California. ~ *Jean Evans*

Palm Crosses & Altar Guild



Palm Cross making is on **March 31st at 10 am.** If you can attend, please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. All parishioners are welcome to participate. It isn't difficult to learn how to make them.

Between **11-11:30 am**, after cross making, the altar guild members will prepare the church for Palm Sunday. Let me know if you can help.

On **Maunday Thursday** the altar guild needs at least 4 to 5 members scheduled for the evening service for the ceremonial stripping of the altar and sanctuary. Please, contact me if you can volunteer, thank you.

On **April 7th** there will be a workshop to prepare the church for Easter Eve

and that will be held at **10am**. Please try to be on time as the florist needs to work around the altar.

Holy Week, the final week of Lent, is a very busy time for the altar guild.

Now, as members of the guild, you have no doubt already sensed increased time that will have to be spent in the sacristy in preparation for these services. You might consider it a part of your own Lenten observance and discipline. ~Jean Benginia



Birthdays

- 1 Denise Kuhar
- 7 Emily L. Brown
Richard Fischl
Sandy Latshaw
- 9 Donna Barnum
Andrew Moconyi
- 10 Susan Clark
(Mrs. Rick Lujardo)
- 13 Dixie White
Kevin Michaels
- 18 Janice Mitchell
- 20 Bryan Todaro
- 22 Catherine Jeffery
Paul Romeril
- 23 Joe Hansen
- 26 Thor Bahrman
- 28 Betty Shoemaker
- 29 Lynne Wert
- 30 Catherine Hoag
- 31 Jean Roche
Rose Strawn
Arlene (Benginia) Tripp

The Best Karaoke Night Ever !

The St. Andrew's choir invites you to a fundraiser event at **The Historic Weaversville Inn, Friday night March 23, 2012 7 pm - 10 pm.**

Come earlier and enjoy some of the amazing entrees created for you by Chef Mark Prostko and his staff. Food and beverage selections will be available all evening.

Stay all night and be entertained by Dale & Gina Lakatosh, our Karaoke DJs for the evening. Ask your friends, get a table together.

You may not want to sing but you'll want to watch some of the others share some of their favorites with you. **Cover charge is \$8.00 per person.** Tickets can be purchased in advance from any choir member. Reservations are strongly suggested. All proceeds will be used to purchase music and additional instrumentation for worship services. Come out, join us, and make a joyful noise.

Stop by the Weaversville Inn for **The Best Karaoke Night Ever!**

The St. Andrew's Choir thanks you. ~ *Mickey Brown*

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Northampton, PA**

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Tickets can be purchased in advance
Reservations strongly suggested**

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Stay all night and be entertained by Dale & Gina Lakatosh our Karaoke DJ's

Come out, join St. Andrew's Choir and make a joyful noise

All proceeds will be used to purchase music, additional instrumentation for worship services and to replace missing or lost books.

St. Andrew's Nursery School Programs and Fees for the 2012/2013 School Year

<i>Age Group/ Program</i>	<i>Days and Times</i>	<i>Cost</i>
3 yrs. old	9:00-11:30 AM Tues. & Thurs.	\$125.00 per month
4 & 5 years old	9:00-11:30 AM Mon., Weds., Fri.	\$145.00 per month
Lunch bunch (all ages)	11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	\$5.00 per session
Afternoon's Older 3's & 4/5 yr.-olds	12:30 PM -3:00 PM	2-5 sessions at \$13.00 per session plus AM price if already enrolled, or same as AM if only enrolling in PM
Full-Time Mon. thru Fri. program	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	\$540.00 per month
Guardian and Toddler Playgroup, Starts in October	10:00 – 11:30 Tues. & Thurs.	\$5.00 per session

A child must be 3/ 4 years of age by October 1st to enter into the corresponding class. A \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee per family is due with the registration form prior to July 1, 2012. After July 1, 2012 a non-refundable registration fee of \$40.00 per family.

Classes start Monday, September 10th.

- An adult orientation will be held at 6:00 Sunday, September 9th. Those who will be picking up and/or dropping of your child are welcome to attend.
- This is a paper work session and orientation. If it is at all possible we ask that children be cared for elsewhere for this evening.

If you are absolutely unable to attend this session please let the director know prior to this evening as the information gathered this evening is necessary to have your child start classes.

Should you have any questions or like to make an appointment to preview the school please contact the director at 610-882-1415. Thank you, *Thea Prostko*, Director .

Join Our Lenten Series: on Wednesday Evenings From Feb. 29th to March 28th

This Lenten season, the Rev. Jane Williams, Professor at Moravian Theological Seminary, will lead us in an opportunity to discover and share ancient Christian spiritual practices.

The series, entitled "*Teach Us to Pray*" explores hospitality, divinity, scripture reading, listening, living as

a community, and enjoying one another's company as ways to live life more deeply and lovingly with



renewed energy and hope.

Our Lenten gatherings begin with a **light meal at 6:00 pm**. The actual **program begins at 6:30 pm** and we promise to end by 8:00 pm.

This Lenten season, consider learning about becoming "unstuck" in your faith and making your spiritual life new again. Join us!

Sunday School

The younger children are starting a unit on How We Worship in our Church. This is a great opportunity to come to meet the Good Shepherd in a very special way and relates directly to what the children see and experience in church each Sunday. This is a fabulous time to become involved in the Sunday School program if it is something that you have been thinking about and haven't yet, or are looking to get back to.

Rite 13 and J2A are continuing on their Journey to Adulthood and the search is on for six new mentors for the upcoming year. This is a ministry which God may be calling you too, don't be afraid to answer, it is well worth the conversation. ~Thea Prostko



Nursery School

The big news is that registration is happening! We have expanded the program and are looking to increase enrollment as a result. Please share this info. with anyone you know who may be looking for a quality child care program or nursery school for their child or grandchild. ~
Thea Prostko

"Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime; therefore, we must be saved by hope. Nothing true or beautiful makes complete sense in any context of history; therefore, we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, no matter how virtuous, can be accomplished alone; therefore, we are saved by love." - Reinhold Niebuhr

Calling All (un-needed) Church Keys

Some of you have already been contacted to return keys which may be in your possession and which you no longer need, to be returned to the Church as soon as possible. There was a day when keys were given out freely and little or no record of recipients made. Times have changed and our Insurance Carrier and Diocesan Policy states that all persons in a parish holding a key must undergo Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training *and have a reason* to hold a key. It has

come to the Vestry's attention that there may be many keys out there which may have been given in days past when you performed some needed function at St. Andrew's which required a key to allow access to the building. Some parishioners have been given a key for a reason that no longer exists due to change of your activity at St. Andrew's.

If you have a key for which you no longer need for the purpose for which it was given to you, we ask that you

return it to the Church as soon as possible. By doing this we can comply with parish, diocesan and national Church policies and make our Church a safer place for all! If you have a question concerning this policy, please contact the parish administrator (Marlene Yocum) or the Rector. Thank you for your cooperation.



Monthly Dinner Proposal: Fundraising Meals at St. Andrew's

March 22, Thursday---Taco Bar
- Hospitality Committee

April 19, Thursday---Chicken
Dinner- Nursery School

May 24, Thursday---Spaghetti
Dinner- Sunday School

June 28, Thursday--- TBA-
Choir

July 26, Thursday---TBA-
Stewardship Committee

August 23, Thursday---TBA-
Altar Guild

September 20, Thursday---TBA-
Vestry

October 25, Thursday---TBA-
Food Pantry

November, TBA

December 20, TBA

All dinners are fundraisers for
St. Andrew's Church and are
priced at \$7 per Adult and \$5

per Child 12-3 yrs. with under 3
-yrs.-old admission being
complimentary. There will be a
\$4 charge for a second plate. "To
Go" orders will be priced
accordingly. Dinner time will be
from 5pm-7pm.

Tickets will be available ahead of
time, in addition to being sold at
the door.

Additional information that may be
helpful: It is the decision of each
group to decide what sort of food
they would like to offer for the
dinner. The sooner we know the
better so we can post it.

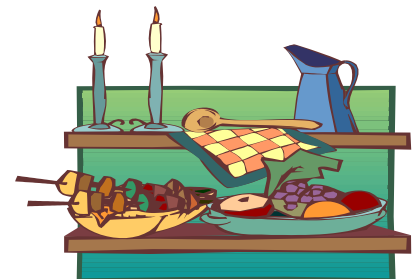
These dinners will be open to
the public and will be prepared
in order to feed around 60
people. This number will
become clearer as we begin to
see how many people come to
the dinners. Each group is asked
to spearhead the evening's
event by procuring the food:
asking for donations - and the
like, plus doing set-up,

preparation and clean-up.

Of course, others are welcome
and will be available to help as
needed and no one should feel
over-burdened by this
undertaking.

As a parish that seems equally
comfortable preparing food as
well as eating, the Hospitality
Committee feels that this would
be a good way to invite the
community-at-large into St.
Andrew's more often and help
us to showcase some of our
ministries in a little different
light.

Please call Thea Prostko
610-837-2743, with questions, or
ideas regarding this endeavor.



Prayer Ministry

There is a ministry which has been going on for quite some time and it is a "prayer chain" which requires the participants have e-mail since requests go out over e-mail. If you would like to be part of this important foundation of prayer to our parish life, please mention it to the Rector. Its not a secret society, but sometimes forget we forget to invite new members periodically!

The Rector will be away March 13-19 with The Rev. Ray Harbort officiating on Sunday March 18.



Rector Away

Newsletter

Please submit announcements, articles, and information for the April newsletter to us by **March 17th**. If you'd like a short notice on the web - contact jhmitch@ptd.net

If you'd also like it to go into the bulletin, please send a copy to Marlene at sac@ptd.net. Thanks!

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Donna Toro - dgtoro@rcn.com

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Holy Week at St. Andrew's 2012



April 1 - April 8, 2012

*For what is faith unless it is to
believe what you do not see?
~Augustine*

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday)

April 1

Blessing and Distribution of
Palms and Passion Gospel at
both 8 and 10:30.

Maundy Thursday

April 5

7:30 pm Foot Washing, Holy
Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar
and Vigil with Reserve
Sacrament in Chapel of Repose.

Good Friday

April 6

12:05 Liturgy of Good Friday,
Veneration of the Cross,
Communion from Reserve

Sacrament (no Celebration of
the Eucharist that day)

Great Vigil of Easter

April 7

8:00pm Building of New Fire,
Singing of Exsultet, Readings
from Salvation History, First
Eucharist of Easter!

Easter Day

April 8

Festival Eucharist at both 8 and
10:30am



"Sharing our Faith—Welcoming and Serving Others"