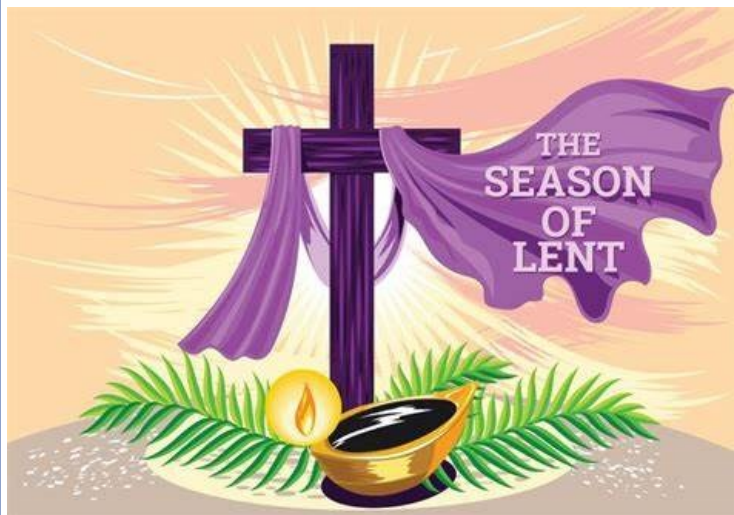


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

MARCH 2024



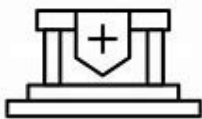
Lent is a time of reflection and a time of self-discipline. As Fr. Fred mentioned in his Ash Wednesday homily, we not only give something up, but add something during lent. Add perhaps an extra 5 or 10 minutes of prayer for a specific person or situation, add an extra chapter of Bible reading to your daily readings or add some extra minutes to consider and perhaps write down what God is saying.

You recall that as soon as Jesus was baptized by John, he went off into the wilderness to be tempted and tested by the Evil One. One of the reasons he did this was to prepare for his public ministry. What does that have to do with us at Lent? Like him, we are preparing ourselves. The early church made time to prepare for Easter. As the years rolled by, this time of preparation gradually became the forty days we now have. Just like then, today during Lent we prepare ourselves for Easter. We prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's mighty resurrection and victory over

Death. If Ash Wednesday is the day we acknowledge our mortality, Easter is the day we celebrate our immortality! And we are both mortal and immortal, both physical and spiritual. Our bodies are physical and mortal; our souls, since we have been reborn through Jesus, are immortal and spiritual. Throughout Lent, we work on preparing ourselves for our spiritual, immortal lives. We try to lay aside and put off those parts of our lives that are part of our old mortality. Additionally, our preparation is to work on strengthening our new spiritual lives; these are the lives we will be living forever. So we work on being loving and patient and kind and courageous, because our new lives will be full of that!

In the early church it was all about preparation for Easter; it was about our celebration of Christ's resurrection and about our new heavenly lives. We are trying to change our focus from the earthly to the heavenly as we prepare for Easter. So during this time of Lent, may you develop a greater awareness of our coming immortality and see afresh the glory of Christ's mighty resurrection and victory over Death. With that in mind, have a blessed Lent as you grow closer to Christ in your daily walk with Him.





Altar Guild,

*Glee Gates & Patti Werner;
Co-directors*

Here we are in March and Spring is in the air! We are a couple of weeks into Lent and hopefully we have developed and established our own personal Lenten devotions. Our personal observances and commitments are not meant to be obvious as we are reminded in Matthew 6.

As we enter Holy Week later in the month, the liturgical color will change from purple to red which symbolizes passion and blood. Red will stay on the Altar until Maundy Thursday, when in darkness, the Altar Guild strips the Altar bare as Jesus's life was stripped from Him; removing the signs of comfort and life to symbolize His suffering and death.

In preparation of Holy Week, please join us in Krysher Hall beginning at 9:00AM on Saturday March 23 when we will once again be weaving palm crosses and readying the palms to be blessed at all services. Announcements will be made throughout the month but put it on your calendars! We always have a great time!

Easter will be upon us at the end of the month and as in the past, we will have Easter Lilies that the Altar Guild will use to adorn the area around the altar in celebration of our risen Lord. Envelopes will be available soon so please remember to honor a loved one, offer a memorial or give thanks by way of your flower donation of \$15.00 or more. The list of donors will be included with the Easter Weekend bulletins.

Let us go through this Holy Season with renewed faith in the promise of God's eternal and everlasting love.



Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

The Pastoral Care Ministry is dedicated to bringing the presence of Christ to parishioners that are unable to come to regular services either on a temporary or on-going basis. This follows the tradition of the earliest Christians bringing bread and wine from services to those unable to attend.

Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic visitors and bring communion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and are also able to anoint for healing. That being said, it is not necessary to be or do either. There is always giving the gift of your presence.

We provide visits to the homebound, hospitalized, those in rehab or extended care facilities. We meet bi-monthly during the regular church year. Training and screening is required of anyone wishing to join this rewarding and important ministry. If you are interested in learning more please call Janet Crisfield at 352 796 9389

Remember if we do not know when you are in the hospital or homebound. You or someone on your behalf must call the office. We have no other way of knowing your needs. If you need or know of a fellow parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the church at 352 683-2010.



Congregational Ministers

Hello Everyone from you Congregational Administrators!

As you know, it is our responsibility to gather together volunteers for all services. This year, we are placing sign-up sheets in the Narthex for each of the Holy Week services. Many of you have served in the past and we have notified you by email or telephone. We are attempting this to see if we can avoid a lot of the back and forth to get people scheduled. There is a separate sheet for each service that includes all types of volunteers needed for that service. You can volunteer for as many or as few as you like. We will begin having the lists available around the first weekend in March. If you can serve and you are not planning on being in church the first few weeks in March to sign up, please contact the congregation administrator for your service.

Your Congregational Ministers:

Glee Gates,	4:00PM
Sharon Dunham	8:00AM
Patti Werner	10:30AM

Blessings and thanks for your service to St. Andrew's.





EASTER

HOLY WEEK SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Palm Sunday Services

Saturday March 23 – regular 4:00 pm Service WITH PALMS
 Sunday March 24 – Palm Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am services

Wednesday

March 27 Holy Wednesday 10:00 am Service

Thursday

March 28 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm soup supper
 7:00 pm Foot Washing
 Stripping of the altar

Friday

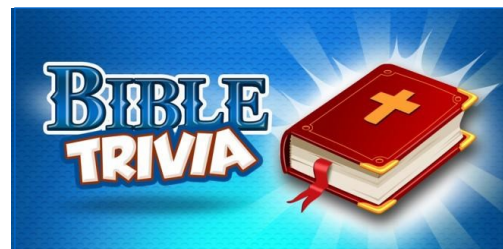
March 29 Good Friday 12:00 noon Service

Saturday

March 30 Holy Saturday 4:00 pm Service in the Memorial Garden
 4:30 pm Flowering of the Cross
 8:30 Easter Vigil

Sunday

March 31 Easter Sunday 8:00 am Easter Service
 10:30 Easter Service



Bible Trivia is back!

Saturday, March 9 from 1:30 to 3:30 in Krysher Hall. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. Last year we had a great time learning what we know and don't know about what's in the bible. Any questions, contact Connie Mehr.

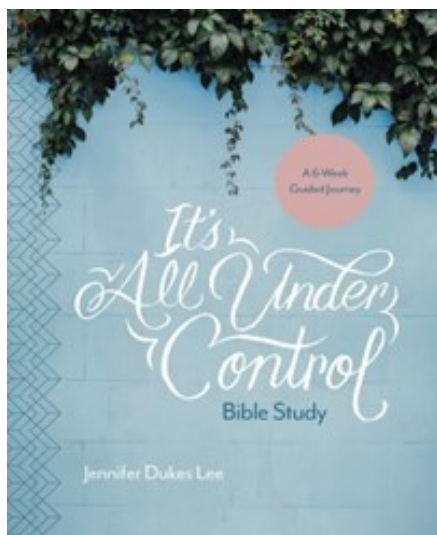


People Helping People Donation Drive

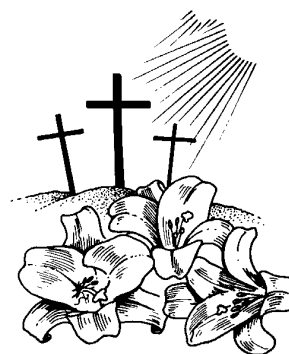
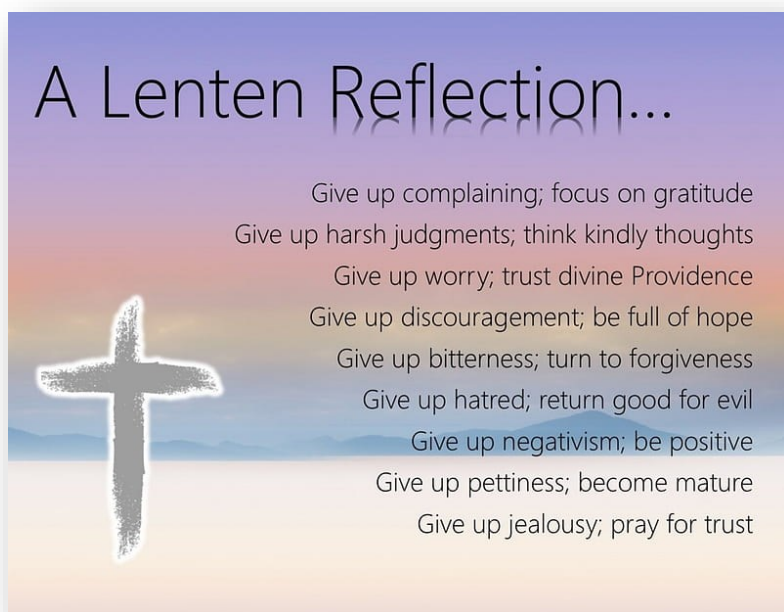
The Daughters of the King will host a community service project on two consecutive weekends in March: the 9th -10th; and the 16th - 17th. This year we ask that parishioners participate by donating goods and/or monies to help People Helping People in Hernando County provide the following goods for unsheltered individuals and people struggling financially: toiletries both full and travel size, blankets, sleeping bags, and tents. Toiletries include: soap, shampoo, disposable razors, feminine products, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant sticks. If you would prefer a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Andrew's with the notation DOK. Thank you for your continued support of our community service project.

~ Daughters of the King





Women's Bible Study will resume Thursday, March 7 at 10 am in Krysher Hall. Our new study is from the book titled "*It's All Under Control.*" This will be a journey of letting go, hanging on and finding a peace you almost forgot was possible. If you would like to attend, please contact Connie Mehr.



Do you recognize this Nativity?

It was found tucked away in a container, high on a shelf in Krysher Hall. We would love to know it's background and history. Please call the office with any clues.

Easter Lily Dedication Envelopes are located in the pews. The cost is \$15 per dedication. Please print. Thank you!





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Grave
last supper
risen
Pilot
cross

Bible
savior
tomb
Judas
Resurrection

Good Friday
crown of thorns
blessed
Jesus

third day
betrayal
crucified
alive

TREASURER'S REPORT

as of January 31, 2024

Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2024 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	64,371.73	64,371.73	355,291.00
Thrift Shop	3,790.00	3,790.13	41,150.00
Total Revenues	68,161.73	68,161.86	396,441.00
Expenses			
Core Church	29,456.52	29,456.52	371,973.00
Thrift Shop	2,399.44	2,399.44	24,468.00
Total Expenses	31,855.96	31,855.96	396,441.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	34,915.21	34,915.21	(16,682.00)
Thrift Shop	1,390.56	1,390.69	16,682.00
Total	36,305.77	36,305.90	-
Investments			
SSGA	106,544.22	Bank Accounts	
Alliance Bernstein	27,804.89	Bank of America	
		Unrestricted	86,466.02
		Restricted	406,885.77
		Discretionary	617.92
Total	134,349.11	Total	493,969.71

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS SERVING IN
THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:**



- Julian Barry
- Jason Hobson
- Bradley Meissner,
- Michael Perry, USMC
- Brigadier General Karen Monday-Gresham

Please call the office with updates to this list.

MARCH LECTIONARY

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Lent 4

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-13 or Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Palm Sunday**The Liturgy of the Palms**

Mark 11:1-11
or John 12:12-16
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47
or Mark 15:1-39, [40-47]

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49





03/01 Patricia Culverhouse	03/20 Justin Lightburn
03/04 Susan Fiegel	03/21 Beverly McDougal
03/04 Rebecca Whilby	03/21 Charles DeCosa
03/07 George Cotter	03/24 Lillian Lambert-Mulholland
03/10 Mark Traudt	03/27 Susan Villnow
03/12 Marion McClelland	03/29 Audrey Mack
03/12 Caroline Meissner	03/30 Deborah Fox
03/17 Norman Niell	03/30 Ronald Grant
03/17 Clifford Dubiel	03/30 Margaret Hanel
03/17 Jackie McCabe	03/30 Philip Seminerio
03/18 Sarah Lillpopp- Strzelczyk	03/31 Tiberio Cevallos
03/19 David E. Ward	03/31 Gail Niedurny

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- None

FEBRUARY 2024 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
3/4	12	43	25	41	66	59	234
10/11	11	46	23	35	93	57	265
17/18	117 (ASH WED)	41	9	32	59	48	306
24/25	13	49	13	47	75	49	246
TOTAL	153	179	70	155	293	213	
AVERAGE	38	45	18	39	73	53	

FEBRUARY 2023

Transfers in: 0
 Weddings: 0
 Transfers out: 0
 Baptisms: 0
 Anointing: 59
 Deaths: 2
 Marina Mary Sebastian 02/21/24
 Larry Nash (01/ 21/24)
 Funerals: 0

2301 Deltona Blvd.
 Spring Hill, FL 34606
 Phone: 352-683-2010
 E-mail: schurch22@tampabay.rr.com
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5026
 Spring Hill, FL 34611

Sunday Services
 8 am Service (no music)
 10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services
 4 pm Service

Parish Office Hours
 Mon, Tues, and Thurs.
 9 am – 12 pm
 (Closed Friday)

Diocese Website
www.episcopalswfl.org

The Parish Chimes Editor
 Lisa Collier
 Email: schurch22@tampabay.rr.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
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