

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

APRIL 2025

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

After being approved as a Postulant for Holy Orders back in 2003, I spent a year working as a lay student chaplain in a hospital in my hometown before moving to New York to attend seminary.



About a month before I began, a new federal rule went into effect regarding the privacy of healthcare information of patients in the hospital. This rule is part of HIPPA law and is one of the boilerplate forms you are asked to sign with healthcare providers. It led to significant changes to how the Pastoral Services office at the hospital operated. We were adjusting to this new reality as I began my position in the hospital.

Once upon a time, hospitals recorded church affiliations when patients were admitted to hospitals. It was common for Pastoral Services staff to contact clergy to let them know their members had been admitted. This was generally done regardless of whether a patient requested contact be made. For the past 21 years, hospitals have no longer been able to call church congregations unless a patient makes a specific request of the chaplain's office. In many cases, budget cuts have led hospitals to reduce their chaplain staffing to the minimal levels required by Joint Commission accreditation guidelines. There is often no one to make the call.

While this rule has been in effect for over two decades, its rules can still come as a surprise to those who are unfamiliar with how hospitals now operate. We continue to hear stories of those who are disappointed not to receive a call from their clergy or other church representatives when they are hospitalized. The reason this happens is that church staffs are unaware of the situation.

While I sometimes hear things through the grapevine,

the only guaranteed way for me to know that you are in the hospital is for you or a loved one to take the initiative to call the church. I want to know when you are admitted so that I can offer the ministrations of the church when you are admitted. If I am unavailable, a representative of the St. Andrew's Pastoral Care Team may visit on behalf of the church. The only certain way for this to happen is if we receive a call at the church.

If you are anticipating a scheduled surgery, please let me know in advance when you are planning to have the procedure. If you have an emergency admission, please give me a call as soon as possible. If you are not up for making a call, please ask a loved one to make the call. If you rely on the support of a family member who is unchurched, I encourage you to have a conversation with them while you are in good health as they may not think to make a call on your behalf.

A parishioner in my last parish once said, "Father Matthew's magic 8 ball is broken!" She was quite correct! I take my responsibility to make calls in the hospital seriously, but I can only do it if I know.

With thanksgiving for your partnership in the Gospel,
Matthew+



Senior Warden

Kathy Ludwell

At the beginning of each new year, the vestry engages in a retreat in order to begin bonding as a cohesive unit to better serve our church and Christ. Some members of the vestry leave as their term is over, and new members take their places; essentially, each year welcomes a new vestry. This year's retreat was facilitated by Canon Norman from our archdiocese. While a number of issues were discussed, a good part of the time was used to review the outcome of the Holy Cow Survey that was conducted as part of our search for our new rector. The executive summary of the congregation assessment tool suggested that approximately 75% of our members are clearly satisfied with the direction of our church. As with any healthy organization, there are areas that the members would like to improve so that our church will grow and strive to meet the changing needs of our community. Three goals that appear imperative to our membership include: making the necessary changes to attract and keep families with children and youth, developing and implementing strategies to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church, and enhancing the music of the church to deepen our worship experience. It is the vestry's obligation to prioritize these goals and address them systematically.

Father Matthew has begun addressing the issue of serving our families with children. Through e-Chimes, he has put out a call to

volunteers who feel called to work on a team to provide religious instruction for the youngsters who attend our services. Religious education is another vital ministry with many rewards. Please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Matthew with any questions.

Your vestry is determined to work on the challenges highlighted acknowledging they will take time and diligent effort. We pray that our membership will eagerly offer their talents and time to help our church continue to thrive. It is a blessing to serve Christ and follow His teachings.

Junior Warden

Roger Roy

It has been a while since I last wrote an article for the Chimes. The roof on the Narthex has been repaired. The Thrift shop has a refurbished sign in front of the church, and it has helped with getting new customers as well as some old. We are in the process of getting a new bigger sign. A little while back we had a small group of parishioners help rake the Thrift shop area to help spruce up the new Friday hours. The new hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. There were many small projects accomplished to keep the campus clean and looking good. That is all for now.

Altar Guild

Patti Werner, Co-director

So, here we are in April already! Take a moment each day to enjoy your life, especially on a busy day of getting "things" done. This time of year, it seems that there are so many things that need to

be done, like cleaning up the yard from winter, day to day chores, doctor visits and then getting ready for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Thank goodness God is here to help us through.

We continue to observe Lent, right up until we celebrate the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil on April 19th.

Our Altar Guild will be preparing for each service and on Saturday April 12th we will assist in the making of palm fronds and crosses for Palm Sunday services. All are welcome to help. Many hands make light work. It is such a great time of fellowship. And then at the Palm Sunday services you can say "I helped make them".

During Holy Week, Altar Guild will assist in the stripping of the Altar on Maundy Thursday and after the Good Friday service, we will adorn the Altar and church for the Easter celebrations. You will see the Alleluia Super frontal is placed on the Altar as well as the Easter kneeler in front. The Easter lilies, that you have so generously contributed to are surrounding the front of the Altar. What a glorious time! Happy Easter, everyone. "The Lord is Risen, indeed!"

Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

The core message of Easter is that this day, we like Christ, can rise above all the obstacles in our life that have held us down. It is a message that, even though death and the grave were parts of God's salvation plan, they will not last for eternity (Ps. 30, 5). It is a blessed assurance that God is faithful to his promises and will deliver us from all the dangerous situations. It is

also an assurance that our day of glory will surely come. Today is “a day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps118, 22).” Alleluia, Alleluia

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 come.

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 or Father Matthew at the church 352 683-2010 .

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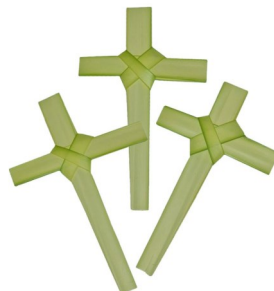


Undie Sunday Report

Thank you thank you wonderful community of St. Andrews for your generosity.

You all have contributed at least the equivalent of 5 large storage bins of underwear, personal care products and \$600 dollars !

You have truly demonstrated living out Christ's commandment of loving God and your neighbor. Daughters of the King are truly thankful and humbled by your response.



PALM PREPARATION AND PALM CROSS WEAVING

Everyone invited!

9:00AM Saturday, April

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Chili Cook-Off!

A great time was had by a large crowd of parishioners on Strove Tuesday, March 4th. They enjoyed by entertainment by the Cloggers and a choice of 16 different chilis!



Flowering of the Cross



Flowering of the cross will take place Saturday, after the 4 p.m. service. Please bring long stem flowers, scissors and trash bags if you would like to participate.



Stations of the Cross

will precede the
Good Friday
Proper Liturgy at 10:30 am.

TREASURER REPORT



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the treasurer and our accountant being on vacation the first two weeks of March, there is no Treasurer's Report for February. The February financials are near completion, so the next Chimes will include the Treasurer's Report for February and March.

CALLING ALL RAKERS!!

On Wednesday, April 30th, we want to rake certain areas on the property. We will start at 9:00 am and work for a few hours before it gets too warm. Hope to see as many as able to attend.

Junior Warden, Roger Roy



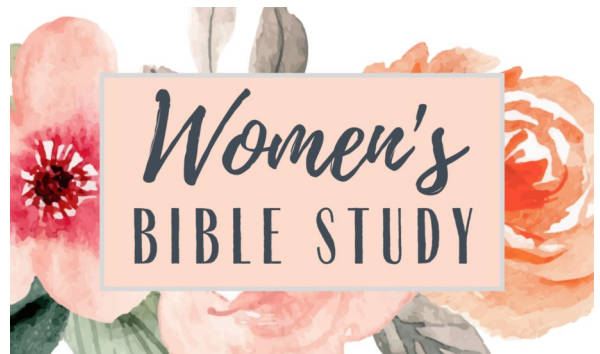
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS, AND THEIR FAMILIES:

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

Please call the office with updates to this list.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study will not meet on April 17. It will resume on April 24 with a new topic (to be determined).



CELEBRATE EASTER

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday: April 13, 2025

The Proper Liturgy

Vigil liturgy on Saturday, April 12 at 4:00 P.M.

Morning liturgy on Sunday, April 13 at 8 and 10:30 A.M.

Spy Wednesday: April 16, 2025

Holy Eucharist with the Blessing of *Oleum Infirmorum* at 10:00 A.M.

Maundy Thursday: April 17, 2025

The Proper Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.

Good Friday: April 18, 2025

Stations of the Cross at 10:30 A.M.

The Proper Liturgy at 12:00 NOON

Holy Saturday: April 19, 2025

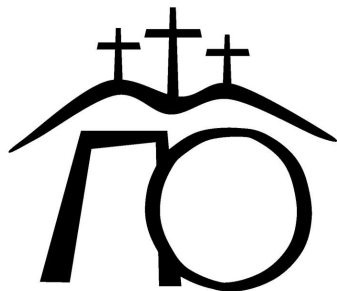
The Proper Liturgy at 4:00 P.M. in the Memorial Garden

Easter Eve: April 19, 2025

The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday: April 20, 2025

Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 A.M.



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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)

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APRIL LECTIONARY

April 6 - Lent 5

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 13 - Palm Sunday The Liturgy of the Palms

Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
The Liturgy of the Word
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18 - Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1-19:42

April 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Romans 6:3-11
Psalm 114
Luke 24:1-12

April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18

MARCH 2025

Transfers in:
Weddings: 0
Transfers out:
Baptisms: 0
Anointing: 30
Deaths:
Funerals: Ann Szubinski 03/21/25



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 - Samantha Traudt
4 - Sandra Meyers
Molly Agius
Patricia Dodge
6 - Jody Bowes
8 - Pat Hladky
Jean Wimpenny
9 - Doug Voght
Nancy Cotter
Steve Sumner
13 - Rich Kovacs
15 - Ben Mikosz
16 - Brittney Traudt
17 - Paula Harrelson
18 - Gail Jordan

19 - Linda Parks
Hal Smith
Bob Howell
21 - Mary Trosky
Rocco Volpe
24 - Frederick Larham
Cierra Fitch
26 - Laurine Smart
28 - Cole, Desiree
Jensen (Cole), Maria
30 - Beverly Crosetto


APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

11 - Van Oster, Jerry and Tony
21 - Scharf, Father Fred and Vera
24 - Sumner, Steve and Gloria
26 - Crouse, John and Mary

MARCH 2025 ATTENDANCE

Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed	Sat	Sat ONLINE	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Sun ONLINE	Total
1/2	7	54	18	29	81	32	221
8/9	ASH 10a 65p 44	46	15	27	65	37	299
15/16	3	41	21	35	61	36	197
22/23	3	42	21	25	61	20	189
29/30	3	41	12	29	60	44	
TOTAL	16	224	87	145	328	170	
AVERAGE	4	49	17	29	65	34	



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
6 8 am Holy Eucharist II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	7 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	8 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	9 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open OFFICE CLOSED	10 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	11 OFFICE CLOSED 9 am Men's Group Meeting (Chapel)	12 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 10 am Daughters of the King Meeting 1:30 pm Sanctuary Choir 3 pm Easter Choir 4 pm Holy Eucharist II
13 8 am PALM SUNDAY 10:30 am PALM SUNDAY	14 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	15 10 am - 2 pm Thrift Shop Open	16 10 am HOLY EUCHARIST 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop Open OFFICE CLOSED	17 6 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY 10 am - 2pm Thrift Shop	18 10:30 am STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12 pm GOOD FRIDAY	19 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop 8 pm THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 4 pm THE PROPER LITURGY (Memorial Garden)
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