



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

February 2023

From the Rector



This year is off to a great start! In January we have seen our Bible studies all resume, OSL met again after a two year hiatus, we had movie night, the church birthday party and volunteer recognition and our annual meeting! At the meeting we elected SIX new vestry members. I am delighted to welcome to the vestry Craig Gates, Patti Werner, Roger Roy, Clay Lindsey, Susan Fiegel, Sandy Meyers, and David Ward! Three, Craig, Patti and Susan, have been elected to three year terms, Roger to a two year term, and Clay and Sandra to a one year term and David is serving as the vestry alternate. Congratulations to our new vestry members! Also our 2023 Convention delegates are Susan Fiegel, Connie Mehr, and Clay Lindsey with Janie Fritz serving as alternate.

Our first weekend of February we will have a visit from our new diocesan bishop, Bishop Doug Scharf! While he is here he will receive as members eleven people, Jim and Sherry Cortier, Jack and Helen Evans, Mark Kirchner, Eva Ronacher, Barbara Schulwitz, Carolyn Small, David and Cecillia Soch, and Bonnie Staveski. We are delighted to welcome them as new members of St. Andrews. I hope you will all be able to attend the 10:30 service to see our new bishop and then to stay after to come to our welcome reception for our new members!

In February we will have a Valentine's Day dinner and dance on the 14th. It is for everyone, singles and couples alike. Come and join us for food and fun. The cost is only \$5 at the door to help defray the costs for the ham and potatoes. Please bring your favorite dessert and/or salad to share.

The very next Tuesday, February 21st is Shrove Tuesday and there will be our traditional pancake dinner this year sponsored by the men's group. So if you like pancakes and sausages, you will love it. I hope to see you there.

Of course the very next day is Ash Wednesday. We will have two services as usual. There will be the 10 am service and the 6 pm service. Ashes will be imposed at both services. For me Ash Wednesday is one of the most moving services in our church year; I hope you can attend. This day is one of two days in our Episcopal calendar when fast-

ing is recommended. (The other day for fasting is Good Friday.)

I suspect for most people February is all about Valentine's Day. It is one of the most popular holidays in our culture. Today Valentine's Day is all about cards, hearts, flowers and chocolate. But you might be surprised to know that actually there was a person named Valentine. He lived some two hundred years after Jesus ascended into heaven. He was a priest in the church in Rome. In those days, the Emperor Claudius had an edict against his soldiers being married. He thought they would fight more courageously and loyally if they did not have a family about which they were concerned.

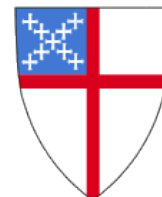
Christianity has always been strongly in favor of marriage. Fr. Valentine taught the people that God wanted men and women to marry before they lived together. Further Fr. Valentine married Christian soldiers in spite of the Emperor's edict in order to be obedient to God. He was caught and imprisoned. While he was in prison, it came to his attention that the jailor's daughter was blind. So Valentine prayed that she would be healed and she was! Her sight was restored. It was such a remarkable miracle that the jailor himself along with his daughter became Christians.

Valentine though was convicted and sentenced to die on February 14, 269. On the morning he was to die, he sent a short letter to the jailor's daughter encouraging her in her Christian faith and he signed it, "from your Valentine." Our culture has pretty much forgotten everything about Valentine's story except how he signed his last letter. Fr. Valentine was made a saint in 496 by Pope Gelasius and is considered the patron saint of lovers.

I am not certain St. Valentine would like to be considered the patron saint of lovers before anything else. I am sure he would rather to be considered the patron saint of those who want to be obedient to God no matter what the costs. Even as we remember and celebrate Valentine's Day this year, I would like us to renew our desire to obey our Lord Jesus and be obedient like Fr. Valentine.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance



Ministry News

Altar Guild

Glee Gates

Hello Everyone!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..." We have so much to be thankful for here at St. Andrew's and we praise God for His many blessings.

Congratulations to our new Vestry members and those who continue to faithfully serve. The Altar Guild looks forward to working with each of you.

Our liturgical colors have changed with the seasons of Advent (indigo) and Christmas (white). Now, for a short time, we enter regular or ordinary (green) season. The Altar Guild is now preparing for the visit of our new bishop on the 5th. Bishop Scharf will be here to celebrate and receive new members to our church family. What a glorious time! We are looking forward to preparing for his visit.

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday. The Altar Guild will prepare for the two services which include Holy Communion and the placing of the ashes. The liturgical color will be changed to purple and all crosses in the church will be shrouded for the observance of Lent.

February is a busy month for the church and the Altar Guild. We welcome anyone who may be interested in learning more about what the Altar Guild does to contact Glee Gates, Patti Werner (both in the directory) or the office.

Music Notes

Jody Bowes, Director of Music

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who shared their voices and love of sacred music with our music ministry for Christmas. We had a great time singing together and sharing fellowship. It was so nice to once again be able to gather together for a Christmas lunch and gift exchange!

Saturday, February 18 will be our first Easter Choir rehearsal, in the Krysher Hall Music Room at 3 pm. We hope to see you there!



Pastoral Care

Janet Crisfield

The Pastoral Care Team offers and provides prayer and visits to our St. Andrew's brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 Lance at the church 352-683-2010

If you need or know of a fellow parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the church at 352-683-2010.



Please make sure to notify the office if you, a family member, or someone from the church that you know goes into the hospital. The hospital no longer keeps a list that we can check at the front desk. If you do not let the office or Fr. Lance know, we are not able to visit. You can call the office at 352-683-2010 or Fr. Lance's cell phone 352-515-8657.

Happy Birthday to St. Andrew's

We began another year with our annual birthday party and volunteer celebration. This year, 72 folks attended the potluck dinner and watched as **Susan Villnow** was presented with a gift from Fr. Lance as our **Volunteer of the Year for 2022**. Thanks to everyone who brought food and prepared the hall and cleaned up after the dinner.



Lenten Study

Wednesdays

Beginning March 1st (5 Wednesdays)

Father Fred Scharf
and Connie Mehr



Evening sessions at 5:30 pm
with a soup & bread meal.

2023 VESTRY MEMBERS

Vestry 3 year term:

Craig Gates, Patti Werner, Susan Fiegler-Rapp

Vestry 2 year:

Roger Roy

Vestry 1 year:

Clay Lindsey, Sandra Meyers

Vestry Alternate:

David Ward

Delegates:

Susan Fiegel-Rap, Clay Lindsey & Connie Mehr

Alternate:

Janie Fritz

LINE DANCING LESSONS AT ST ANDREW'S

We would like to begin line dancing classes open to everyone at St. Andrew's. If you like to dance, please come join us!!

Lessons will be **Thursdays from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm** in Krysher Hall beginning February 9, 2023.

Classes are **\$5.00 per person/per class** to be paid monthly in advance (February \$15.00). The instructor requires a minimum of 10 people per class but she can accommodate many more.

Once you commit, if you miss a class or quit prior to the end of the month, you may forfeit the balance of what you have paid due to our minimum guarantee for the instructor to hold the class for us. We are hoping this will be an ongoing activity that we all can enjoy month after month!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and someone will be available at the 4:00 pm and 10:30 am services to collect your fee. Please provide a contact phone number. If we are unable to fill the class, your money will be refunded. If you have questions, please email Glee Gates at moochie@tampabay.rr.com



We are looking forward to an enjoyable hour of dance fun and with our church family!

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

5 - The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

12 - the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

19 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

26 - The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Investiture and Seating of the Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida



For Highlights from the
Investiture and Bishop
Scharf's Homily

[CLICK HERE](#)

Or type:

<https://vimeo.com/788392551>

In a web browser



VALENTINES DAY DINNER DANCE

February 14, 2023

6 - 8 pm

\$5 per person at the door

Please sign up in
the narthex.

CHOIR REHEARSAL TIMES

Beginning Sat. Feb 18:

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal: Sat 1:30 pm

Easter Choir Rehearsal: Sat 3 pm

Feb 18 through April 8 - NO THURSDAY
CHOIR REHEARSALS
(Thursdays will resume 04/13)



Christmas Choir



Choir Christmas Party



Men's' Group
Bourbon &
Cigar Evening



TREASURER'S REPORT
 December 31, 2022
Connie Mehr, Treasurer

	This Month	Year to Date	2022 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	28,397.64	348,821.58	352,447.00
Thrift Shop	2,528.06	33,858.01	35,150.00
Total Revenues	30,925.70	382,679.59	387,597.00
Expenses			
Core Church	26,759.40	351,156.51	372,085.00
Thrift Shop	2,151.84	20,416.49	15,512.00
Total Expenses	28,911.24	371,573.00	387,597.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	1,638.24	(2,334.93)	(19,638.00)
Thrift Shop	376.22	13,441.52	19,638.00
Total	2,014.46	11,106.59	-
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	93,704.67	Truist	
Alliance Bernstein	26,226.42	Unrestricted	788.47
		Restricted	354.75
		Bank of America	
		Unrestricted	36,891.49
		Restricted	106,113.44
		Discretionary	1,047.58
Total	119,931.09	Total	145,195.73



**SHROVE TUESDAY
 PANCAKE DINNER**

February 21, 2023
 5 pm

Sponsored by
 St. Andrew's Men's Group

January Attendance					
Week Ending Sat./Sun	Wed Heal	Sat.	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30 am	Total
31/1	6	39	31	57	133
7/8	8	60	42	71	181
14/15	6	57	35	65	163
21/22	8	56	40	80	184
28/29	7	62	39	79	187
TOTAL	35	274	187	352	
AVERAGE	7	55	37	70	

January 2022

- Transfers in: 0
- Weddings: 0
- Transfers out: 0
- Baptisms: 0
- Anointing: 41
- Deaths: 4
 - Karen Walrath 01-14-23
 - Don Sutcliffe 01-21-23
 - Jimmy Klein 01-23-23
 - Lea Dubiel 01-27-23
- Funerals: 2
 - Suzanne Bland 01-14-23
 - Doris Derer 01-26-23

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Julian Barry

Joseph Edmonds

Jason Hobson

Bradley Meissner

Please call the office with updates to this list.



01 Blake William Smart	13 Bob Armitage
02 Russell Meissner	13 Karen Risley
02 Debbie Smith	17 Pat Good
03 B.J. Spencer	17 Lucy Joyce
03 Eileen McGriffin	17 Dorothy Walker
04 Emily Ann Lindsey	18 Rev. Elaine Cole
05 Sharon Ricks	21 Michaela Crooks
06 Michelle Meissner	21 Linda Neill
07 Jane Hood	23 Mary Clark
07 Isabel Lalane	23 Galina Runion
07 Janice Velasques	25 Kay Hatch
09 Ileta Monahan	25 Sylvia Hicks
09 Gretchen Murray	25 Cheryl Pederson
09 Cecilia Soch	28 David Mulholland
11 Salwa Eldarzi	
12 Jodi Ausland	



02/01 Jerry and Minnie Yoerg
02/05 Jim and Pat Dodge
02/09 Barbara and Dave Sulik
02/10 Artie and Lill Giordano
02/15 Lou and Pat Johnson



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Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music)
9:15 am Adult Formation
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services

4 pm Service
5 pm Adult Formation

Parish Office Hours

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

Diocese Website

www.episcopalswfl.org

The Parish Chimes Editors

Debbie Smith and Lisa Collier
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Need a name tag?

Membership transferred?

Other information?

Your church office can help with that!

We're available from Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Whether you call, email, or stop by,
we're happy to help!



Saturday, March 4, 2023

Why should I get screened?

For 4 out of 5 people who have
a stroke, the first symptom of
any illness is the stroke



Screenings provide Peace of Mind or Early Detection!

4 Screenings for \$149 - Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) and Atrial Fibrillation (A-Fib)

1-800-679-5191 for more information

February

(LOCATION KEY)

C = Church
CH = Coulton Hall
KH = Krysher Hall
CR = Conference room
L = Library
TS = Thrift Shop
SC = Chapel/Classroom in Narthex
MG = Memorial Garden

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVENT KEY AF = Adult Formation BP = Back Packs DOK = Daughters of the King FOL = Friends of the Library HE = Holy Eucharist JrI = Junior Inquirers OSL = Order of St. Luke	SS = Sunday School YI = Youth Inquirers YM = Youth Ministry					
5 8 am HE II 9:15 Adult Formation 10:30 am HE II BISHOP'S VISIT	6 10am - 2pm Thrift Store Open	7 10am - 2pm Thrift Store Open	8 10 am Healing Service 10 am - 2pm Thrift Store Open 3 pm Bible Study	9 9 am Backpacks 10 am Women's Bible Study (KH) 6 pm Sanctuary Choir	10 9 am Men's Group (KH) OFFICE CLOSED	11 10:30 DOK Meeting 4 pm HE II 5 pm Adult Formation 10am - 2pm Thrift Shop
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