



The Net

*The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Burke, Virginia*



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

We enter the month of March in the midst of Lent looking towards Resurrection. This Lenten season may seem excessive given we continue to endure a global pandemic with significant fasting from parts of our life we most enjoy. We continue to fast from social interactions, our traditional fellowship and worship, and, of course, from the Eucharist. We do see a light, with positive health markers and the blessing of vaccines. Still, we endure this long Lenten experience.

While Lent may seem excessive, this may be a particular time to reflect, both individually and collectively on our lives and our mortality. We now know much more about what we value in our lives and those things that, perhaps, we value less. In our invitation on Ash Wednesday, we are asked to observe a holy Lent "by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." How might these practices in Lent enable us to reflect on what and on whom we truly rely in our lives? I invite you into continued reflection. As said in the annual address, what are those things which we miss and need to resume and what are those practices and ways of living which we might leave behind?

Lent is also a time, as said in the invitation to a Holy Lent, when people are restored to the fellowship of the church. For no fault of our own, we have all been away from our church. As we look towards the celebration of the Resurrection and towards an eventual and gradual, safe regathering, we too reflect upon the joy we find in the fellowship of the church. Our gathering, online and physical, is something to not only value, but a time in which we encounter the Risen Lord.

Let us keep an eye on the story we know so well, the story of our redemption. Our Scripture recounts stories of exile and return, separation and restoration, death and new life. We have in this Lent an opportunity for new life and revitalized mission. St. Andrew's, we continue to hear God's call and to proclaim the Good News of the Risen Lord within our Lenten discipline and reflection. Where are we called as we begin to emerge into this opportunity for new birth?

Faithfully yours,

Will

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	March 28th @ 8:00 a.m. @ 10:00 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	April 1st @ 5:00 p.m. @ 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday	April 2nd @ 12:00 p.m. @ 7:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil	April 3rd @ 7:35 p.m.
Easter	April 4th @ 8:00 a.m. @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM

Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM

Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Sunday School (via Zoom)

Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

- March 7th
- March 21st

VESTRY NEWS



SENIOR WARDEN

DOUG WOOD

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Almighty God, give us a new vision of you, of your love, of your grace and power; and then give us a new vision of what you would have us do as your church in this congregation at this time. Give us an awareness that in the strength of your Spirit we can do it to your glory. In Jesus' Name we pray.

This past month we transitioned to a new Vestry and we face a year of new opportunities and uncertainties. We do not know exactly what our worship services will look like as the year unfolds. There is much work to do—in our church, in our community, and in our nation as a whole.

Your new Vestry is also working to meet the unique challenges in this pandemic year to make St. Andrew's a vibrant place to worship God and serve God and our community.

However difficult conditions may be, we know God's presence is with us, guiding us even when we may not be aware of it, making the path straight when it appears otherwise. As we are told in the Bible, we should be neither afraid nor discouraged even though the road ahead of us may not be clear. Looking back at the previous year, the road ahead was certainly not always clear, but we found a path through: through the discernment process and to online worship during the pandemic.

As One Together, we will continue to meet the challenges of the coming year, we will continue to serve our community, and we will continue to grow in God's love.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Happy Birthday, Theodore Geisel Seuss, otherwise known as Dr. Seuss. March 2nd is his birthday which coincides with Read Across America Day. Dr. Seuss books are so fun to read because of the delightful characters and funny rhymes. Speaking of Dr. Seuss book characters, we are lucky enough to have one visit our Kiss and Ride route Tuesday, March 2nd and Thursday, March 3rd. You will recognize the hat!

Chandi Lind, a former St. Andrew's staff member and now Fairfax County Public School kindergarten teacher, put together a virtual Kindergarten Readiness Workshop for our families. If you have a rising Kindergartener you might find these links helpful in preparation for next year.

[Readiness and Transition information](#)

[The FCPS Kindergarten program](#)

So it was one year ago that St. Andrew's Preschool closed due to the pandemic. I remember that very clearly since I looked at the shamrocks on the class calendars for the next few months when time stood still. I entered a very quiet building each day wondering what in the world was happening and how would we ever come back! Our students have been a blessing to us. They brought a vibrancy back in our building and it came to life again. We continue to be thankful for the opportunity to watch them grow and learn. It's what we love.

Science is a large part of our curriculum and in a typical year we would host a Science Night in March where families come to St. Andrew's and try 30 hands-on experiments. It is always a highlight of the year. We can't gather inside with that many people this year, but we are working to bring a virtual Science Week the last week in March to our families.

We continue to register preschoolers for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know of anyone interested in our preschool for next year, please send them to our web site preschool.standrews.net. There they can take a virtual tour and register by completing the inquiry form under the Link to Register tab. Of course, they can always call our office at 703-455-8458 or email our office at preschool@standrews.net.

We are looking forward to warmer temperatures without snow, sleet, or freezing rain in the forecast!

Net Submissions

If you have an article for the Monthly Net, please email it to Emily (emily@standrews.net) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.

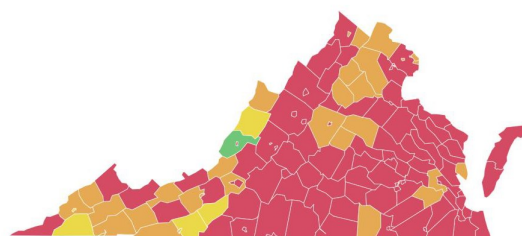
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Re-Gathering Update

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The decrease in the number of cases in our area and the increase in vaccinations provides evidence of hope for regathering in the future. The Diocese has released new guidelines for when we can regather under certain circumstances. When cases reach an average of 25 (or fewer) cases per 100,000 in Fairfax County, we may resume outdoor services under our approved plans. When cases reach 10 cases (or fewer) per 100,000, we may consider regathering indoors with our approved plans. Once we meet health markers, we may decide as a parish whether we should regather. As of February 23, 2021, Fairfax County had 17.5 cases per 100,000. We will be discussing the appropriate time to resume outdoor worship.

Risk Levels by County



Risk Levels: Green Yellow Orange Red

When we are permitted to regather does not mean that we are required nor will any undue pressure be put on anyone to attend services if it is uncomfortable. Worship will not look and feel the same as it did prior to the pandemic and your leadership has put significant efforts into safe practices for an eventual return to the building. Please know that St. Andrew's will continue to offer high-quality online worship for the foreseeable future. Please visit our COVID-19 page for further updates and other resources.

Audiovisual Support for Worship Services

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St. Andrew's Audiovisual is looking for interested individuals to assist with online & future in-person services. Interested individuals must simply have a desire to learn about simple computer-based editing & working with St. Andrew's television switcher/audio mixer in the Nave. If you have a background in theater, computers, and/or television, this would be ideal for you, and you will be scheduled only for when you are available. Training will be provided.

Contribution Statement Emails

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The 2020 Contribution Statements were sent via email on January 28, 2021. The email should show the sender name as St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and the sender address as notification@onrealmmail.org. It contains a link to your 2020 statement. If you did not receive a statement and believe you should have, first check your junk mail folder, and if you still can't find it, please contact Michelle.

Prayer List

Eve Albanese

Jen Blair

Tina Boyd

Betty Carruth

John and Janet Carver

Carol Cobb

Edward

Chris Conrad

Alice Corbett

Gloria Covington

Theresa DelConte

Larry Dickerson

Dale Dickey

Katie Durso

Garson

Lori Hardin

Bill Hartig

Hugh Brian Henderson

Susan Henderson

Jesse Hill

Linda and Ed Hunter

Anne Huss

Claire Johns

Tom Kelly

Jack Keyser

Janet Keyser

Nancy Knight

Lisa Lavery

Marie Lichaa

Heike Mayer

Sarah Merriam

Mary J. Moses

Pam

Terry Peel

Charles Petty

Ann Riley

Lloyd Sterling

Douglas Taggart

Mike Tapper

Susan White

Departed

Robin Horton (sister of Tracey Brown)

Andrew Reilley (friend of Chris Umberger)

Regina McCombs (friend of Sandy Mansfield)

Gunnar Mayer (friend of the Durso family)

Leticia Deras (family friend of the Umbergers)

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Sundays in Lent

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Our Baptismal Covenant asks us five questions regarding the life of our faith. We know them and we respond to each, "I will, with God's help." This Lent, we will explore what exactly each one of these questions means for our lives in faith. You will enjoy these presentations and discussions with the Rev. Will Packard, the Rev. Colleen Schiefelbein, and our candidate for diaconal holy orders, Jess Speaker! We invite you to attend at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays throughout Lent: February 28; March 7, 14, and 21.

This Sunday, Steve Koss will be giving an overview of FACETS and the Hypothermia Prevention program that we recently participated in to help the disadvantaged in our community.

Soup Suppers

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Now that Lent is here, our minds naturally turn to Soup Suppers! Unfortunately, we can't gather for our typical soup suppers this year, but, during our Sundays in Lent Adult Formation series, we hope you can enjoy a new soup a week with us. Each week, starting today, we will send out a soup recipe from a fellow parishioner. Feel free to make this soup to eat during the Sunday formation hour or for dinner that night. Either way, we can feel connected to each other by knowing we are eating the same soup and reflecting on this Lent season together.

Recipe of the Week: [Italian Vegetable Soup](#), submitted by Karan Wright, Vestry

St. Andrew's Face Masks

Betsy Cotten | welcome@standrews.net & Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Even with everyone slowly working their way to getting vaccinated, there is still a need to wear masks when in public. Now you can wear your very own St. Andrew's mask! These polyester masks come in either blue or red, and in the following sizes: Youth S/M, Youth L/XL, Adult S/M, Adult L/XL. All masks are \$10, and you can [pre-order and pay online here](#). Pre-ordering will end on March 22nd. We hope to have the masks in by Easter, and we will figure out distribution then.

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St. Andrew's Endowment Fund

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St. Andrew's is the cornerstone for devotional support and sponsoring many of our children, adult and community programs. One way is through your donation to St. Andrew's Endowment Fund. You have an opportunity to see the results of your generous contributions and donations. How you ask? It can be a bequest or any combination through your Will, Trust, Retirement Fund, or Brokerage Account. Other ways can be a one time or continuing donation, any amount; or various ways through real estate, personal property, and life insurance.

Preserve your gift giving for generations. Ensure a sustainable future of St. Andrew's to continue its truly honored works, missions and philanthropy. Witness all this in your lifetime as St Andrews uses its earnings. You can simplify through payroll contributions or your financial institution; with the amount you desire to designate.

Don't wait, act now.

For more information contact Pete Kirkham, Endowment Board Chairman, members, Alice Redman, David Nies, JR Robinson, and Pam Rozelsky.

Thank You

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It was a very cold and windy morning last Saturday, yet our BSA Troop 1849 was out early to collect donations for the Scout Food Drive for ECHO. Nineteen bags -- about 225 pounds -- of food and personal care items, were donated. Many thanks to those parishioners who managed the icy roads, and a HUGE shout-out to the Scouts and especially Scout leader John Corbett, who braved the cold to collect much-needed food for our neighbors in need.

Vaccine Appointment Help

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If you are frustrated trying to navigate the vaccine system and need help getting an appointment -OR- if you are willing to help someone work through this system, please contact Amy Dutton. Hopefully all who wish to be vaccinated will be able to accomplish it by summer!

How to Get Away with Saying Alleluia in Lent

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Remember those Alleluias we buried last week? Well, Father Will is giving us all a one-time reprieve to say the word "Alleluia" during Lent. If you would like to participate, film yourselves (temporarily) un-burying your Alleluia and joyfully saying "Alleluia!," then send the video to Amy Dutton so we can use it in our Easter day service. If you don't have a "buried" Alleluia, you can just film yourselves joyfully saying Alleluia and we can use that too! The more clips we have the better!

Shrine Mont Camps

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Shrine Mont Camps is in the process of making plans for online and in-person camp this summer. Should you know of someone who may be interested in being a counselor, they are currently accepting applications. Please visit [Shrine Mont Camps](#) for updates as plans are finalized!

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MARCH 7, 2021

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

MARCH 14, 2021

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

MARCH 21, 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-13

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

MARCH 28, 2021

Palm Sunday




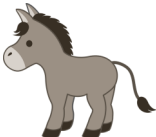
Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Sean Koss Caeley Flanagan	3 Leigh Keller	4	5 Amanda Williams Charlie Spencer Charlotte Petty	6
7 Lisa Williams Brigid Regan	8	9 Stephen Fike Carling Ramsdell Nicholas Brown Jackie Waddell	10 Timothy Brady Melissa Fike Ed Colliton	11	12 Mike Dasher	13
14 DAYLIGHT SAVING Chris Bidwell Emily Nein Alexa Arnott 	15	16 Chuck Mula Dave Peters Aimee Hernandez	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 Kate Lewis	19 Debbby Braun	20 SPRING BEGINS 
21 Don Bryan Scott Hellier Chris Blahut Gus Hernandez	22	23	24	25 Haley Schaffer Trisha Heyer Poppy Gregory	26 Debbie Williams	27
28 PALM SUNDAY 	29 Bob Gleason	30	31 Mia Forbes			

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!
Contact Emily (emily@standrews.net) and we'll get you added to the list.*

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