



The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of
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"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent arrives quickly and in the midst of Easter-like weather this year. As articulated in Sunday's service, I find it important to hear the invitation to a Holy Lent even if not able to attend on Ash Wednesday. This is a time when we commit, for a season, to search for impediments to our relationship with God and seek to move closer to God.

We hear the words on Ash Wednesday and on the first Sunday of Lent:

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. – Book of Common Prayer, pg. 265

In this invitation, we seek a closer relationship with God and understand more fully the enduring and unconditional love God extends to us. How do we remove parts of our lives which inhibit our full acceptance of this relationship? We often start with simple disciplines as abstaining from certain delicacies such as chocolate or increased reading of Scripture. Yes, these practices, when intentionally engaged bring us closer to God. However, those components and pieces of our lives drawing us further from God's love are not always easy to identify. We may identify the pieces of our lives which are as obvious as a character with red horns and a trident, but the piece needing attention is often identified as a "good."

The devil tempts Jesus in the wilderness, not with a litany of gluttonous desires or a long list of sinful social practices we may hear from Paul, such as in [Galatians 5:19-21](#). Jesus is tempted, as we see in [Matthew 4:1-11](#), with food, trusting in God, and the ability to rule over the world. Would it not be good for Jesus to replenish after 40 days so that he may tend to the flock? Would it not be good for people to see

God's angels catch him as he falls, therefore showing his relationship with God? Would it not be good for Jesus to be the ruler over all? These human characteristics of Jesus' temptation are more identifiable to us.

Jesus does not fall into temptation due to his love for us. Accepting the devil's offers would distort his relationship with God and his identity as God. What are the competing goods in our lives? I know the constant struggle as a Northern Virginian is busyness and equating our value with our production. Even in retirement, it is far too easy to be busy from morning until dusk with necessary goods. Days, weeks, months, and even years may go by all in the name of doing "more." This does not mean to abstain from all acts of service and fulfilling ministry in your discipleship. It does mean praying and intentionally discerning what brings us closer, individually and collectively, towards God.

The quotation at the beginning from Martin Luther (often identified as originally from Lancelot Andrewes) speaks to the priority of our relationship with God. It takes this time, whether in solitude or in group discernment to listen for God's will and how we might more intentionally turn towards God's enduring love. How might you prayerfully consider how and why you live and what we teach our children and those around us? What parts of your life bring you closer to God? Which parts might draw you away? (Hint: it is not always easy to determine).

I invite you, therefore, to pray. Yes, engage in our Lenten practices and talk to God. You might try one of our Lenten soup supper discussions on prayer. You might try one of our different worship services. You might carve out additional time to pray because you do not have the time. However you seek God, know that God seeks you and is already there.

I look forward to engaging in this Lent with you and drawing closer to God with you.

Faithfully yours,

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

Sunday @ 11:20 AM

Adult Forum

Sunday @ 11:20 AM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday @ 5:00 PM (Youth)
 Thursdays @ 7:00 PM (Adult)

AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
 Friday @ 8:00 PM

ESOL

Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday	9 - 4
Tuesday	9 - 4
Wednesday	9 - 4
Thursday	9 - 4

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.

VESTRY NEWS



SENIOR WARDEN

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As we walk this week around our yards and even up to the doors of St. Andrew's, it is evident that change is coming. Through the

witness of growth just beginning to show in the first bold crocus blooms, the pioneer daffodils, and trees beginning to bud, we are reminded of the change and growth in our own parish. St. Andrew's is returning to worship, our full voices can be heard in joyful song, and the activities of a church reopening echoes nature in greeting the coming season. The change in leadership in our Vestry was completed last weekend as we met in retreat at the Roslyn Conference Center. Your Vestry came together, prayed, shared their vision for their work this year, and began building their teams to serve our parish families. Not unlike the buds on the plants carefully set into the grounds of our campus last fall, the first buds of our mission's programs are emerging from the retreat.

We seek your support to provide ministries for our youth, junior and senior high members and their families; to expand on the fellowship opportunities so crucial to building the spirit of our parish; to eliminate the isolation of pandemic silos by laying the foundations of bridges to leverage our

powerful volunteer work; and in creating new opportunities for worship, fellowship, formation, stewardship and outreach. This vestry intends to build on the work begun where your prior vestry became stewards of St. Andrew's in challenging times. With your help we will build upon that stewardship to restore needed programs and to care for our facilities. David Umberger and I will surely need your counsel and prayers going forward as we serve as your Junior and Senior Wardens.

This is an intergenerational church where families of all ages come to worship, to share and rely on the close friendships that sustain us, and to reach into the community as a beacon of kindness in a world that is too often harsh and difficult for our neighbors. St. Andrew's members gratefully give their time and talents and are generous with their resources to sustain this house of worship and the programs we engage in each week. I am committed to walk with each of you across those bridges we build together. As it is found in the BCP Prayers for the Parish, together we will strive to "Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent...and bring us all to be of one heart and mind..." within God's holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent Madness: Who Will Wear the Golden Halo?

If you are interested in a unique Lenten devotion, consider participating in Lent Madness. The brainchild of an Episcopal priest, Lent Madness is an engaging way to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. The format: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. On the weekdays of Lent, information is posted about two different saints (www.lentmadness.org). Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight saints advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. In subsequent rounds, things get a bit more interesting as appointed "celebrity bloggers" offer quotes and quirky tidbits, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. In the 2023 saintly smackdown, Lent Madness features a slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. You can find a full bracket posted on a Bulletin Board outside the parish office at St. Andrew's.

The competition kicked off on February 23rd, but you can join in whenever! If you are looking for a Lenten discipline that is educational, sometimes goofy, and always joyful, do consider joining!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's Accolades

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Laissez les bons temps rouler! Celebrating Mardi Gras with the return of our Pancake Supper, the youth and their supporters provided a great example of the St. Andrew's way. Our youth volunteers, Corrine, Bethany, Benjamin, and Christopher Lillard, Audrey Spaans, CJ Brannan, Henry and Jack Koerner, Nora Wood, Beau Peters, Alyssa Rollo, and Brady Bruggeman were supported by Stacey Peters with table set up help from Darren Williams; decorating by Donna Daugherty and Annel Kelly; the opening crew of Amy Tibbetts, Karen Spencer, Rebecca Umberger, Chris Umberger, Beth Van Beek followed by a lot of other parish helpers and celebrators wearing smiles and colorful beads. Finally, thanks to our own Pancake Race Maestro, Brian Chapman and the many participant teams racing and flipping pancakes as they crossed the goal line.



Accolades to so many St. Andrew's families who came together to support the Youth Ministry, raising funds to help their mission this summer. Our Youth Workcamp, led again by Carl Jones and Stacey Peters, with up to 8 youth and three adults, will travel the week of June 25th to Dinwiddie, VA to support families in need of home repairs and maintenance. A perfect prelude to this Lenten period of reflection, sacrifice, and fasting that culminates with our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus at Easter in 40 days.

And speaking of the St. Andrew's way, a hearty thanks to Jim Kirkpatrick for literally lighting the St. Andrew's way. Jim was responsible for the new lights along the brick walk up to the church from the parking lots. As we await replacement lighting for the full lot, Jim took the initiative to reach out to the Junior Warden, Jonathan Withington at the time, and the Property Resource Commission, Christine Kelly, to coordinate efforts to help us see our way to and from services in the evening, with beautiful new solar lights. His thoughtful approach most importantly lights our way to and from worship and meetings, but checked all of the boxes of those who needed to know work is being done.

The Vestry and Father Will are listening for your recognition of an act of faith, mercy, or just plain hard work from someone who is "caught in the act of good works." Watch for others and send your Accolades suggestions to srwarden@standrews.net. Thanks to each of you, we grow stronger together.

Easter Egg Candy Donations

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

It's not too soon to start thinking about our Easter Egg hunt! We have plenty of plastic eggs but need donations of candy (individually wrapped and no nuts nor peanut butter please). Please drop off your donations in the marked box across from the church office.

Prayer List

Pam
John & Janet Carver
Bill Hartig
Nancy Knight
Charles Petty
Hugh Brian Henderson
Olivia Kertesz
Beth Matovick
Felix Benitez
Frank Traglia
Maureen Sullivan

John & Gayle Brooks
Andrea Corella
Eddie Fortune
Louise Mason
Michelle Meyer
Mike Trapper
Carson
John Corbett
Diane Marshall
Brian DeWyngaert
Miguel Salazar
Andrea Griffiths
Dorothy Polk

Rachael Noonan
Kim Reisig
Wally Morgan
Scott Rife
Edie Yriart
Josefa Jackson
Tony Durso
Lisa Eggers
Angela Kennedy
Katie Gould
JD Thomas
Butler Family
Raye Aaron
Jeff St. John

Daniel Leong
Eryn Gleason
Bette Williams
Bill Adams
Michelle Gbur
Cari Lawson
Jacia
Karen Camp
Don & Marlene Taggart
Fred Kalema-Musoke
Pat LeBoutillier
Gretchen Parrott
Bishop Carl Wright
Steve Ramsdell
Stephanie Scuris
Mary Jeanne Sabo

Departed

Gordon LeBoutillier
(grandfather of Sarah Gregory)
Larry McLees
(brother-in-law of Bob and Sally Heyer)
Dotty Wolgamuth
(dear friend of Bob and Sally Heyer)
Jane Nies (mother of David Nies)
Stephen Hibbert (parishioner)
Paul Fedio (parishioner)
Gloria Aurora (mother of Alice Redman)
Mary Katherine Mosko
(aunt of Christine Kelly)
Andre Pugin (parishioner)

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Youth Work Camp

Stacey Peters & Carl Jones | workcamp@standrews.net

Work Camp provides the opportunity for teens to learn about serving God by serving families in need through home repair projects. It's time to reserve your spot for this summer: June 25 – July 1 in Dinwiddie, VA (south of Richmond)!

St. Andrew's participates with Group Mission Trips, a Christian organization that plans and manages all of the logistics for a Work Camp event, including food, lodging, spiritual program, home repair supplies, and equipment.



GROUP MISSION TRIPS

Anyone 14 years or older, or a rising 9th grader, can attend Work Camp. Relatives and friends of parishioners are also welcome to attend Work Camp with the St. Andrew's youth group.

During the week, we will stay at a local school and sleep in the classrooms. All girls (boys) from St. Andrew's (including adults) will sleep in the same classroom, and will likely share it with girls (boys) from another church.

The work crews are made up of 5 teens and 1 adult, each from a different church. Projects range from interior and exterior painting, to minor house repairs, to minor construction, like building a wheelchair ramp, building a porch, and installing windows, doors, and drywall.

Teens enjoy free time in the late afternoons and following the evening program. Wednesday is a half day of work, so we'll find something fun to do locally. In past years we've played mini golf, gone rafting, and visited an amusement park. Teens enjoy time with those from their church, but also make new friends from across the country.

If you are interested, please email Carl & Stacey to be added to the list. Space is limited, so don't delay!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2023

Lenten Soup Suppers

Sarah Akins & Karan Wright | worship@standrews.net

Our Lenten Soup Supper series continues in March with four more sessions. We'll examine prayer on Sunday evenings from 5-6:45 p.m. on March 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. We'll have a multigenerational focus on March 5th, 12th, and 19th, as well as non-soup offerings for children.

This Sunday, March 5th is an Interactive Eucharist for all ages. Coming up on March 12th we'll make Anglican Prayer Beads, on March 19th we'll go through Prayer Stations, and finally on March 26th we will talk about Digital Prayer Resources.

Please use the link (tiny.cc/soupsuppers) to sign up as a set-up or clean-up volunteer or to bring a food item. Volunteering and cooking are not required to attend and we encourage everyone to come and join us. (If you are attending, please email Sarah & Karan so we have a head count).



MARCH 5, 2023

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Mary Kay Brown

We welcome the Rev. Mary Kay Brown this Sunday at our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Rev. Mary Kay is recently from St. David's, Ashburn. Fr. Will served as her assistant priest for three years prior to coming to St. Andrew's. Prior to her ordination, Rev. Mary Kay worked in hospice ministry. Drawing from her experiences both in hospice and in her ministry as a priest, she will provide a forum hour on grief directly after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall on Sunday. Rev. Mary Kay has offered similar presentations to the clergy in the Diocese.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 9, 2023

Parents and Littles (PALs)

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

The March PALs will be on Thursday, March 9th, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parents and Littles is a chance to mingle with other parents from the Parish and Preschool and have the little ones play together. You can stay for the whole time or just drop in whenever. We will have coffee for the grown ups and snacks and toys for the kids.

MARCH 12, 2023

Adult Forum: Stained Glass Windows w/ Wayne Cain

Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, March 12th to hear from Wayne Cain, the artist who made our 50th anniversary stained glass window.

MARCH 25, 2023

Youth Event

Stacey Peters | youth@standrews.net

Calling all 6th – 12th graders! You're never too old to enjoy an Egg Hunt, especially when the prizes include gift cards, candy, and cash! Join us Saturday, March 25th, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for an egg hunt, pizza, and a movie. RSVP to youth@standrews.net so we have a headcount.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MARCH 5, 2023

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

MARCH 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

MARCH 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

MARCH 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Holy Week Schedule

** Childcare is available during these services*

Palm Sunday | April 2nd @ 8:00 & 10:00* a.m.

Be sure to join us in the front parking lot on Sunday, April 2nd, for the 10:00 a.m. service. We will, once again, have our guest donkey lead us in our procession into the church (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to arrive a little early for a meet and greet in the front parking lot with our guest before the service begins.

Maundy Thursday | April 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with foot washing

Good Friday | April 7th @ 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross service at Noon. Traditional service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil | April 8th @ 8:00 p.m.



Easter | April 9th @ 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services (weather permitting).



ECHO'S ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

Your Generous Donations Made This Possible

<p>Families Fed</p>  <p>1,250 families</p>  <p>256,600 pounds of food</p> <p>\$58,500</p> 	<p>Households Maintained*</p>  <p>\$190,700 in rent/mortgage assistance to 258 families</p> <p>\$128,280 in utility assistance to 266 families</p>
<p>Children Equipped</p>  <p>1,191 backpacks filled with school supplies</p> <p>1,162 Education Materials Kits</p> 	<p>Holidays Brightened</p> <p>474 Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets</p>   <p>588 children received a Christmas Gift</p>
<p>Families Clothed</p> <p>946 families received 3,855 bags of clothing</p>   <p>1,205 coats and jackets</p>	<p>Infants' Basic Needs Met</p>  <p>579 containers of Infant Formula**</p> <p>1,353 boxes of diapers</p> 



* Does not include \$600,000 in ERA funds disbursed through ECHO

** Formula distributed in partnership with First Baptist Church of Springfield

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

*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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