



# The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
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*"Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."* - Mark 16:6b-7.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Now what? After our Lenten journey, disciplines, and observances, we celebrate the Resurrection. This event occurred nearly 2,000 years ago and we remember and celebrate that salvific act today. This question persists after the disciples discover the empty tomb and it is a question to which the church seeks to continually respond. As individuals, we also ask this question now that death is conquered. Our response is part of our very being in this world.

The disciples in Mark display an abandonment of Jesus at the crucifixion and they are not seen in the ending we read on Easter Sunday (or at the Vigil). This shows us more about their narrative throughout the Gospel. They didn't quite "get" it. They lacked a full participation in the Passion narrative and, while following their friend and prophet Jesus, did not quite understand that this is the Son of God. We recall the voice of God at his baptism is only heard by Jesus. The moments that Jesus is revealed as the Christ (at the Transfiguration, by the demons, by Peter's acclamation), are not fully understood by the disciples. We are led to understand that this revelation occurred for them after the women returned to Galilee, the beginning of the Good News.

We read about the disciples in Mark and are now given the full knowledge of Jesus through his Resurrection. Mark sends us back to Galilee where it all began. We celebrate each year and go back to the beginning where it all began, from an empty tomb. Our "so what" begins not only as we celebrate the victory but as we live and share in it.

The victory has been won but it is not over. Living in the victory of the cross is more than an emotional response and over-indulgence of candy. It is the knowledge that in the depths of our grief we have victory. The source of our greatest joy is grounded in this victory. We proceed with a way of being in the world beyond an intellectual knowledge of the Truth, and encounter each other and encounter the world bearing this Truth on our very being.

Our Lenten observance has ended and in our Eastertide places upon us a new and joyful observance. The disciples went back to Galilee and continued in ministry with the full Truth of Jesus. We are now in our Galilee and embark on a new way of Resurrection.

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Faithfully yours,

*Will*

# VESTRY NEWS

## 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)  
Thursday @ 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](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.*



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As Holy Week comes to a close and we wrap with the celebration of Easter, it's a great time to stop and reflect on what we are grateful for. Easter reminded us to take a pause and embrace the profound significance of this sacred occasion in the life of our faith community. Thank you to all who helped prepare for the many services during Holy Week so we could celebrate together and remember the sacrifice and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Will, with the support of the St. Andrew's staff, worked hard to guide our worship while being assisted by the many volunteers who helped prepare the altar and flowers, guided us to our worship places, and transmitted the services to those who had to be away. Thank you to all of those who were able to lend a hand and also thank you to all of those who were able to join us in person or online for one or more of the beautiful services this past week.

As the first month of our new Vestry comes to a close, your Vestry has been hard at work learning their new commissions and mapping out what is in store for the next year. As our church continues to grow, our Vestry is making changes to become the liaisons of commissions and seeking additional volunteers to help lead some

sections of the commissions. Please be on the lookout for dates of the upcoming Commission fair to learn more about where these teams are heading, and how you can support the different ministries.

### Around the Vestry:

Our Formation team is working with Sunday School teachers to wrap up the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. We also worked in conjunction with our Outreach team to pack 65 Food for Friends bags to provide to children at a local elementary school. Our Relay for Life team is hosting a Purse and Jewelry sale taking place on April 13 in the Parish Hall.

Thank you to all who participated in our Ministry Architects listening sessions. We look forward to Ministry Architects providing a recommended way forward for how we can best structure our youth ministry programs.

Our newly formed Welcome team hosted our first 2024 newcomer café on March 10th. Thanks to everyone who came out to greet our new members, and to our Welcome Commission team for making this a success!

We are finalizing our annual planning calendar and will have that posted in the next week or so with all the outstanding upcoming activities. We can't wait to see you there!

## Stewardship

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A Great Big Thank You! Our Stewardship campaign last year was such an amazing success, thanks to all of you, that this year we are starting off way ahead. We can now start our search for an assistant rector to help with our family and small children programming, as well as spiritual leadership. So, thank you! Since we are doing so well, however, we need your help more than ever. We want to keep all of our programs going and growing! Your giving

of time, talent, and, yes, money, is still needed. Please check the Nets and our social media (Facebook and Instagram) for any opportunities to give back for all the blessings God has given. St. Andrew's is a wonderful place that it is because of your dedication. Help us to continue that amazing work!

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Spring brings many preschool celebrations for our teachers, parents, and students. The week before Spring Break we celebrated our talented group of teachers with



week-long activities sponsored by our amazing preschool parents and board. Teachers were treated to a warm Crumbl chocolate chip cookie and thoughtful thank you note from Father Will and the preschool board. Tuesday they were invited to shop in our very own pop-up jewelry store. Jewell Gould and Ann DiMisa packaged their jewelry selections and created the perfect tumbler filled with fruit infused water. Our teachers were very surprised! Wednesday, our staff enjoyed a lunch together at Villagio in Clifton sponsored by our parents. When you go to a different town for lunch it feels like a mini vacation! Teachers rarely sit down to eat lunch so this was a real treat. Thursday our teachers received a 15 minute break to indulge in a keratin lotion hand treatment and took home a vase of beautiful flowers donated by our parents. The flowers were beautifully arranged by Sharon Gould. Friday our teachers received their favorite drink from Starbucks and an Amazon gift card. The support from the preschool families and board members was overwhelming and we are so grateful! I was so excited to celebrate our teachers. They are incredibly talented educators and exceptional humans. I feel blessed to work with them each day.

April we will host spring teas for all of our students plus one special guest. Peter MCory and his One Man Band will entertain our preschool families the evening of April 15th.

There are still a few spaces left in our preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of someone looking for a preschool next year, please ask them to contact our preschool office by phone or email. On our web site [preschool.standrews.net](http://preschool.standrews.net) they can view a virtual tour of our program. There, they can also complete an inquiry to receive more information about enrollment or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

## Prayer List

John Carver	Rich Roerig
Nancy	D'Arcy
Andrea	Diane
Tony Durso	Jesse Hill
Don & Marlene Taggart	Sam Withington
Libby Fike	Ron Mason
Eve Albanese	-----
Sally Heyer	Bill Hartig
Claudia Dugan	Olivia
Alice Roerig	Felix
Ed Zaptin	Gayle Brooks
Janet Foley	Eddie Fortune
Larry Packard	Michelle
	Mike
	Angela Kennedy

Bishop Carl Wright  
 Bishop Shannon Johnston  
 Francisco  
 Elaine Askew  
 Sylvia J.  
 Bill Armour  
 Marcia & Jim Compton  
 Wally Morgan  
 Benn Crandall  
 Jennifer Herzog  
 Gary Nash  
 Cathy Withers  
 Steven Charles Smith  
 Dom Grady  
 Amber Almonte  
 Mike de Cardona  
 Lorinda Quinlivan

Eric  
 Craig D.  
 Kevin Linehan  
 The Divers Family  
 Verona Grady  
 Dan Dellapenta  
 Doris Sidor  
 James  
 Dani Bryon  
 Joyce McIninch  
 Norman Procobe  
 JoVanna Tawney  
 Darlene  
 Roslyn  
 Brice

## Departed

Betty Sue Sellers (mother of Richard Sellers)  
 Gloria Covington (friend of Lula Carpenter)  
 Savannah Hunter (friend of Nicki & Carl Jones)  
 Ed Leyva (family of Deb & Amy Braun)  
 Yan Christensen (friend of John & Donna Osthau)  
 Lisa Horton (cousin of Richard Sellers)  
 Michael Masterson (friend of Woody Browne)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Shrine Mont Parish Retreat: Registration Open

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### "Come and experience a wonderful weekend."

Did you know that nestled among the majestic trees at the foot of Great North Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley lies the Cathedral of Transfiguration, found within the enchanting sanctuary of Shrine Mont? Our Diocesan Retreat Center, Shrine Mont, situated in the idyllic village of Orkney Springs, VA, beckons those seeking respite and community. It is a place where time seems to slow, and the rhythm of life follows a harmonious melody, blending moments of introspection with communal joy. Called "A Place Apart" Shrine Mont, people are more important than things; prayer, reflection, rest, and recreation are more important than appointments and tasks.

Each fall, our Parish journeys there to spend time apart from the hustle and frenzy of our lives and be together in our community. From meaningful conversations to moments of spiritual revelation, the retreat promises to leave a lasting impact. You'll find the perfect combination of relaxation, community, and spiritual growth amongst the gorgeous fall foliage. You'll have time to connect with your fellow parishioners, and amidst the rustling leaves and crisp, cool air, you'll find time to gather and reflect. As a past attendee reflected

**"It is good for the soul to be with nature, explore your faith journey, spiritual renewal, and make new parish friends."**

We spend our time between organized programming and enjoying the area and one another. Mornings are spent in programming, worship, and prayer. The afternoon is a time

for more recreational activities. From golf and hiking trips, adventures to the local winery or pumpkin patch, or reading and chatting on the porch there is something for everyone. Evenings are spent by the campfire roasting s'mores or enjoying compline before heading off to our cabins. Cabins offer further opportunities for more intimate gatherings. All your meals are provided and served family style; from homemade apple butter and rolls to fried chicken and beans. Memories are made over meals; you'll hear the sweet laughter of children over butt buns (ask Father Will) and be able to engage in casual (but meaningful) intergenerational conversations.



**"It's a family and friend-oriented laid-back weekend. No expectations and good food."**

It's a wonderful time away, and all are welcome. For many, Shrine Mont helped them connect most deeply to their fellow parishioners. As a past attendee said

**"You come away knowing things about your friends you would have missed. And the food, accommodations, and fellowship are memorable, the worship moving, and the quiet beauty of the weekend is calling you."**

We would love to have you and your family join us.

Registration is open (<http://tiny.cc/ShrineMont2024>).

Join us on **Sunday, April 21st**, during the Forum Hour, to learn more about Shrine Mont and our retreat.

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## ECHO Newsletter

Check out the [March ECHO Newsletter](#) for a write up about St. Andrew's involvement with Hypothermia Prevention Program. The story can be found on the last 2 pages of the newsletter.

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## Childcare Help

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Our Pre-K and Nursery classes, which watch our youngest members from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, need helpers for each classroom. Each class has a paid staff member, but for the safety of everyone, we need at least one helper with them throughout the morning.



Our Nursery needs an adult helper each week, and our Pre-K class needs an adult or teen helper each week. Teen volunteers (14+) can earn service hours for their work. Sign up here to volunteer: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-spr24>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL 6, 2024

### ECHO Yard Sale

Andrea Hellier | [echo@standrews.net](mailto:echo@standrews.net)

ECHO's popular Spring Yard Sale is Saturday, April 6, at St. Bernadette's School Gym, 7602 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. All proceeds go to the ECHO Operating Fund, which benefits ECHO Clients.

## APRIL 11, 2024

### Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

Our next coffee chat date is Thursday, April 11th, at 9:30 a.m. at West Springfield Panera. Stop by to catch up with current friends, and to meet new ones! Here's hoping the weather will be warm enough to sit outside! No RSVP required.

## APRIL 13, 2024

### Team Believe Donations & Purse/Jewelry Sale

Elaine Runkel | [teambelieve@standrews.net](mailto:teambelieve@standrews.net)

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This year's Relay for Life is on Saturday, May 18th at Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA. Relay for Life is an event designed to raise awareness and funding for the fight against cancer. We will meet at Woodson High School and walk around the track and participate in fundraisers that run throughout the night on May 18th. Team Believe is a team of amazing, St. Andrew's women who have all had our lives touched by cancer ourselves or someone close to us. If you are a cancer survivor and you wish to walk the survivor lap with us, or if you would like to become a member, we would love for you to attend! To join us or donate please [click this link](#).



We are looking for donations of gently used purses, jewelry, scarves and ties for our Relay for Life fundraiser for the American Cancer Society! If you have any items in good condition to donate, please contact us and we will arrange to pick up your items. Please consider donating items and/or plan to purchase some great items at our sale on April 13th at the church. All proceeds go directly to cancer research and education and the donations are tax deductible.

## APRIL 14, 2024

### Under 3 Playgroup

Katie Campbell | [playgroup@standrews.net](mailto:playgroup@standrews.net)

Join us on Sunday, April 14th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our next young family fellowship time! We will have snacks and a variety of toys for the kids to play with while parents socialize and connect. Older children are also welcome, but we have scheduled the event to give younger children a chance to nap after church. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet other families and grow our community!

## APRIL 16, 2024

### Women's Fellowship: Dinner Outing

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Join us for a fun evening of casual conversation and dinner at Giardino's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th. The restaurant is located at 8944 Burke Lake Road, in the King's Park Shopping Center. **RSVP by Sunday, April 14th.** Attendees are responsible for their own checks. Hope to see you there!

## APRIL 21, 2024

### FoMA Concert: Monica Berney, organist

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Our last concert for the 2023-2024 season will be held on Sunday, April 21st at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. A true star among young classical musicians, Monica Berney, née Czausz, has made a name for herself as one of the finest organists on the scene today. Known for her technical mastery, effortless musicality, and engaging stage presence, she has been inspiring audiences from coast to coast with "artistic mastery far beyond her years" (The American Organist). Ms. Berney was appointed Director of Music at St. Paul's Parish, K Street (Washington, D.C.) in August 2023.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL 27, 2024

### Spring Clean-Up

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Save the date: our annual Spring Clean-Up will take place on Saturday, April 27th (rain date May 4th). We will be working both inside and out, so dress appropriately. More details to come.

## APRIL 28, 2024

### St. Andrew's Adult Choir to Sing at St. Paul's, K Street

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On Sunday, April 28th at 4:00 p.m., the Adult Choir of St. Andrew's will travel to St. Paul's, K Street in Foggy Bottom to appear as guest choir at Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Paul's is home to a storied music program of international reputation and has offered Evensong and Benediction regularly since 1936, one of the rare parishes in the country to do so. This will be a fantastic opportunity for both our choir and parishioners to experience a different flavor of liturgy at a nearby parish, and all are invited to support the choir! Music will include works by Gabe Simerson and William Bradley Roberts as well as Charles Villiers Stanford's mammoth anthem "For lo, I raise up," the most ambitious work the choir has presented in recent memory.

## MAY 5, 2024

### Farewell Celebration for Amy Tibbetts

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

We are busy with preparations for the celebration of our beloved Amy Tibbetts, who will be leaving us in May for her next life adventure in Oregon. We face this farewell with great sadness for our loss, but also with thanksgiving and joy for the ministry of Amy here at St. Andrew's over the past 22 years, 7 of those years as our Director of Family Ministry. We will have a special farewell in the liturgy for Amy on Sunday, May 5th to be followed with a farewell reception for her. You can help with the set up and food by signing up here: <http://tiny.cc/FarewellAmy>.



## MAY 12, 2024

### ECHO Chocolate Drive for Mother's Day

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This Mother's Day, help us sweeten the day for Mothers who need a little extra treat.

St. Andrew's will collect chocolates (i.e., Godiva/Lindt or your special Chocolate treat, individually wrapped) for ECHO to deliver throughout May to mothers supported by ECHO services.

A donation basket will be in the Hallway at St. Andrew's. The last day to drop off chocolates will be Mother's Day, May 12th.

ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charity, gives food and financial help to people with short-term emergencies and provides clothes and household items to low-income people.

## LECTIONARY READINGS ([www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net))

### APRIL 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

### APRIL 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### APRIL 21, 2024

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

### APRIL 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Cindy Halligan	2	3 Luke Sabo	4 Emma Dutton Beau Peters	5 Maddie Emert	6 Don Taggart Kyan Kuechler Ann Colvig
7 Ron James	8 <b>SOLAR ECLIPSE</b> Susan Brady Ellen Gleason Shane Louis  	9 Sharon Gould Bob Heyer	10 Amy Braun	11 Laura Sabo Teddy Haubner	12 Kim Horan Brady Bruggeman	13 Violet McLean Amy Bailey
14 Lily Haubner	15 Elaine Hock Sophie Wiedeman	16 Maddie Compton Gabe Simerson	17 Erin Dutton Todd Peters	18 Wayne Leong Ellis Santivasci	19 Patmarie Nedelka Paul Hardin, III Jeff Reba Maggie Brander	20 Lynn Bowdren Theodore Demy
21 Paul Hardin, IV Autumn Beckwitt Isabella Beckwitt	22 <b>EARTH DAY</b>  	23 Betsy Cotten Twila Shappy-Behn	24 Karen Hope	25 Woody Browne Lindsay McWilliams Jennie Sparlin	26 Pennie McCurdy	27 Gail Bouton Reagan Spitzer
28 Elizabeth Horan Charlotte Brander Saria Fannoh	29 Ann Johnston Andrea Hellier Hunter Albury	30 Christine Kelly				

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!  
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