

the Epistle

A Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Worshiping God ~ Serving Our Community

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March ~ 2015

Beginning the Journey of Lent, which we began with Ash Wednesday services on February 18.

Holy Eucharist on Sundays in Lent

One of our favorite things to do in church is shout "Alleluia, Alleluia" however since Lent is a solemn time, quieter than most of the seasons, we refrain from declaring those 'Alleluias' throughout the service and again at the end. We also switch the Holy Eucharistic Prayer A for our service. It is simple, tenderly reminding us that we were made in God's 'infinite love'. Let's try to pay close attention to the difference between prayer "A" and prayer 'B' that we normally use.

Adult Education for the Lenten Season:

"Embracing Forgiveness will be our theme in a total of five weekly sessions:

Gathering in the parish hall after our church service, they are as follows:

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| Week 1 (3/1) Seventy Times Seven: Really? | Week 2 (3/8) You Have Heard It Said |
| Week 3 (3/15) Chipping Away | (Week 2 may be rescheduled due to our |
| Week 4 (3/22) How to Start | annual visit from our Bishop) |
| Week 5 (3/29) Why Forgive | |

Sunday, March 8 we will welcome The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, or as he prefers, Bishop +Rob as guest celebrant to our Sunday worship. Following the service during coffee hour, we hope to hear a few words from the bishop.

ALL are invited and welcome to attend.

Take the opportunity to meet him and hear his message.

Continuing with the Five Practices:

We share food.

- With each other, at the Altar and in the parish hall.
Including Holy Communion and coffee hour.
- With the hungry, going out among them, who are often us.
Our Food Pantry, which serves the community around us.
We behold what we are in the broken bread, the Risen Christ.
We work for a more just society.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines...(Isaiah 25:6). While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to the disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

And on February 7th we did share food at the Valentine Pot Luck & Chocolate Dessert Auction. Although the weather kept many parishioners from attending, those who came had a wonderful evening. As a result of the low attendance, our dessert table was not very full, but we still managed to collect a nice sum in donations thanks to many generous hearts.

We offer many thanks to Barbara H. who planned and coordinated the event, to Sandy & Jack for setting up the hall and Jack for his auctioneering skills. Also to the Wilson's who donated beautiful floral centerpieces, which went home to five lucky people. Dick Brown washed, dried and put away all kitchen items even washing the floor afterwards. Folks pitched in the put everything in parish hall back in order and we thank them as well as those who cooked food and bid on the desserts.

The Food Pantry

For MARCH, the pantry requests that we bring **Peanut Butter & Jelly** for the food collection. With the departure of Pat & Jack, the food pantry is being run by Jack Fowles. Jack also makes a trip to the NH Food Bank on the Monday before Food Pantry and would appreciate a little extra help with that. If you are available around 10 o'clock, consider yourself invited to join him and if you own a truck or van, that would be an added benefit.

Thank you to all who volunteer for this and on 'Pantry Day' as well also for donations provided to us by St. Andrew's parishioners and by St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Londonderry.

Parish News

It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of Webster 'Mike' Riley. Mike and his late wife Faye were very active in our church for many years. Their son, Mark and family also belong to St. Andrew's Church. Mike's grandson, Jeff Riley served as our Acolyte for many years until he joined the Marine's several years ago and we continue to keep him in our prayers. Mike's funeral was held at St. Andrew's Monday, February 9.

Also during February, another church member passed on. Dorothy Musheno had been in Ridgewood Healthcare Center since her husband Jim passed away just about one year before. Dorothy and her late husband attended our church for many years. A memorial service will take place in the spring.

Mrs. Edna Shatney, mother of Norris Shatney passed away Tuesday morning, Feb. 3, 2015 at the age of 91. The family will observe their services privately. Burial will be in Peacham Cemetery, Vermont in the spring.

Please continue to keep all these families in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Honors for the month of MARCH

Birthstone: Aquamarine Flower: Violet

BIRTHDAYS

14 Debra Langer 17 Bob Chabot

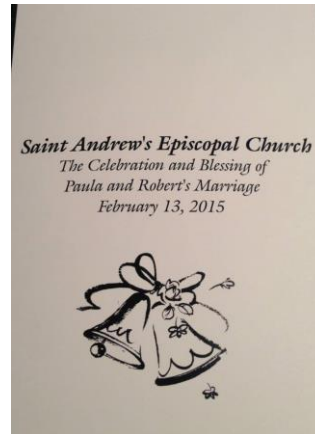
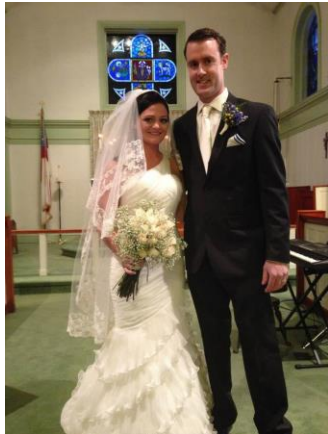
REMEMBERANCES

Edward O'Brien by the Langer Family

Welcome to our newest married couple; Friday, February 13, Robert Tivey and Paula Stark were united in Holy Matrimony at St. Andrew's with a lovely ceremony held at 4:30 in the late afternoon.

We have been waiting for the event for what seems like a long time (and I'm sure the couple will agree). As you can see by the photos, they are truly happy to become husband and wife. Paula was a beautiful bride and Bob a handsome groom. Their ring bearer and flower girl were just adorable.

Join me in offering Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tivey our best wishes as they begin their long & happy journey together.



Holy Week & the Celebration of Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 29

9:00a.m. Palm Sunday:

The Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

Gathering will begin in the Parish Hall for the blessing of the Palms. A procession follows as we walk into the church for the Eucharist Service

Thursday, April 2

6:00p.m. Maundy Thursday:

Table Eucharist, Pot-Luck Supper

Stripping of the Altar



Friday, April 3

12Noon & 7:00p.m. Good Friday:

Readings, Prayers, & Holy Communion

Sunday, April 5

9:00a.m. Easter Sunday:

Holy Eucharist

The 2015 Altar Flowers Chart is on our bulletin board. There are many open Sunday dates from which to choose...sign up early

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING 2015
 SPRING SESSIONS

March 7	St. Paul's – Lancaster	9am - noon
April 16	St. Paul's – Concord	6pm - 9pm
April 18	All Saints' – Wolfeboro	9am - noon
May 21	St. Peter's – Londonderry	6pm-9:30pm

FALLL SESSIONS

Sept 12	St. Paul's – Concord	9am - noon
Oct 3	All Saints' – Littleton	9am - noon
Oct10	St. James' – Keene	9am - noon
Oct 17	Holy Spirit – Plymouth	9am - noon
Nov 7	St. Matthew's – Goffstown	8:30-noon

Please speak with our Safe Church Administrator to register.

Sunday Ministry Schedule

DATE	CRUCIFER	1 ST READER	2 ND READER	LEM
Mar 1	Kim	RP	Mariette	John
Mar 8	Mark	Jack	Lisa	Fran
Mar 15	Phil	Barbara	Kim	Mariette
Mar 22	OPEN	John	Jack	George
Mar 29	Kim	Mariette	Barbara	John

First Readers say the First Lesson and the Psalm.

Second Readers say the Second Lesson, the Prayers of the People, and the Military List Prayer list

If you are unable to attend the service for which you are scheduled, please arrange for a replacement to cover that obligation. Thank you.

Vestry Meeting Highlights
 January 12, 2015

PRESENT: Reverend Kathleen Cullen, George Lajoie, Fran LaSalle, Brian Sullivan, Jack Fowles, Phil Petts, Mariette Roux - ABSENT: Lynda Bennett

The Reverend Kathleen opened the meeting in prayer.

The December vestry minutes were reviewed and approved with the addition of Brian Sullivan's name as member of the budget committee. A motion to accept was made by Brian and seconded by Jack. All were in agreement.

Treasurer's Report (George Lajoie)

- George Lajoie presented the treasurer's report. He has been handling treasurer's duties with Fran and vestry counters since Jack Koller's departure.
- The December financials were not available since our bookkeeper has been on vacation. Those numbers will be available this week, along with year-end actuals.

- George prepared and presented the initial draft of a budget for 2015. This was reviewed and discussed. Vestry will continue discussion on Wednesday with the Rev. Kevin Nichols, and again on Saturday at 10:30 for a final vote.

Junior Warden Report (Fran LaSalle)

- AA representative meeting is scheduled for January 28th at 6:30 with Brian and Jack attending.
- Fran announced that our supplies vendor will make deliveries to the church so it will no longer be necessary to send someone to pick up cleaning and paper supplies. A drop-off time will need to be coordinated with the supplier. Jack suggested deliveries might be made on food pantry day.
- Bishop Rob will visit St. Andrew's on Sunday, March 8th.

Senior Warden Report (George Lajoie)

- •Parochial Report is due March 1st.

Priest's Report (Rev. Kathleen)

- The treasurer's position will be temporarily handled by Fran LaSalle and Barbara Hickok, working with Sarah Marvin, our bookkeeper.
- Rev. Kathleen announced that Senior Warden George Lajoie is retiring from the vestry effective January 18 following the annual meeting. George presented his letter of resignation. We thank George for all he has accomplished for the last year and a half as Senior Warden, and as Junior Warden and vestry member prior to that.
- Rev. Kathleen announced she will be on vacation for 2 weeks, January 19 to February 2. The Rev. Bill Gannon will preside at the Holy Eucharist on January 25 and February 1. He has also agreed to be available to cover pastoral emergencies.

Parish Life/In-Reach (Rev. Kathleen)

- All three current Delegates to Convention will continue to serve. They are Monica Lajoie, Jackie Schorling and Sue Critz. An alternate delegate position remains open. Rev. Kathleen asked the vestry to submit possible candidates.
- Vestry membership now stands at six, with the loss of George Lajoie, Jack Koller and Jeannine Brady. Although we need to fill the officer positions, we will not actively look to fill Jeannine's vacant seat. General consensus is that we are at a reasonable number to represent a parish our size. Mariette and Phil serve until 2016; Fran, Lynda and Brian until 2017 - Jack Fowles has agreed to stay on for a second 3-year term until 2018. The vestry was asked to submit suggestions for candidate names as insurance for future vacancies.
- The search continues for an appropriate candidate to permanently fill the treasurer's position.
- Work on the new church web site is nearing completion.
- Many thanks to all who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas and to those who helped take down the decorations afterward.
- A program entitled "Embracing Forgiveness" is planned for the Lenten season. The format for this series will be DVD with discussion and table Eucharist. Brown bag lunch. More details to follow.

Capital, Buildings & Property

- Marque Gosselin has begun winter maintenance, i.e. shoveling our sidewalks. This has worked well. Jack has placed a bucket of sand/salt at Founder's House office ramp as well as at the Church ramp.

Fran reviewed the Calendar for January and February

- •Saturday, February 7th was chosen as a date for the Valentine pot-luck dinner, with February 14th as a snow date. It was suggested that, in lieu of a cake auction, we might auction chocolate desserts (cakes, pies, bars, candy – anything chocolate). Fran will ask Barbara Hickok if she would be willing and available to chair this event.

New Business

- Phil suggested the vestry address the Christmas service schedule at some future date, with an eye toward changing the current 3:30 and 10:00pm schedule.

Executive Committee meets next month on February 2nd at 5pm.

The Vestry meets next month on February 9th at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mariette Roux, Clerk

Vestry Members (three year terms)

Fran LaSalle, Jr. Warden: 2017 - Mariette Roux, Clerk of the Vestry: 2016
Lynda Bennett: 2017 - Jack Fowles: 2018 - Phil Petts: 2016 - Brian Sullivan: 2017
Senior Warden & Treasurer positions remain open

Delegates to the Southern Convocation (two year terms)

Monica Lajoie – Jackie Schorling – Sue Critz

CMC Parish Nurse Program at the Parish of Transfiguration
107 Alsace St, Manchester, NH ~ 603-663-8004 for questions or to Register
Special Program 'Faithfully Fit Forever'
Wednesday mornings 9:30-10am
Speaker 10-10:30

March 4: Lyme Updates; Dr Jorge Almodovar DHMC
March 11: When to go to the ER; Justin Godin RN, St Josephs Hospital
March 18: Crime Prevention; Officer Mark Ampuja
March 25: ALS Updates; Amy Coyne, ALS Association

Chair Exercise Classes:

Tuesday's at Bedford Presbyterian, 10AM

Tuesday's at St. Elizabeth Seton 9-10AM

Thursday's at Transfiguration, 9:30AM

Knitting Group: Tuesday's at Transfiguration, 1:00-3:00 PM

Massage: call 603-663-8004 to register

Chair Massage,

2/12 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

2/25 Transfiguration, 9:30-11:30 AM, fee

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish of Transfiguration, 2/4 @ 10:30AM

2nd Tuesday at St. Joseph Cathedral Rectory, 1-2 PM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church - Goffstown

1st Monday @ St. Elizabeth Seaton, 6-7:30PM

1st Friday @ St. Pius X, 9 AM

Senior Group: St. Joseph Cathedral, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10 AM

SHINE (Supportive Services for Older Adults)

St. Matthew's in Goffstown NH on Wednesday's 10:30-11:45AM

T'ai Chi for Health: Parish of Transfiguration, Tues. 6-7 PM

Contact 603- 289-0927 or nhtaichi@comcast.net to register

Walking Groups:

Tuesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30 AM

Wednesdays at Transfiguration, 9:30-10AM

Yoga: Sundays 3PM Bedford Presbyterian – Free will offering

From Conant Street:

February has been a very difficult month in the thrift shop. Back-to-back weekend storms and bone chilling cold have kept many of our usual customers away. The sidewalks leading to our shop are a dangerous mess and there is no room for our sign on the corner. The weather has also kept the level of donations down. The shelves in the household room have lots of empty space on them.

If you have been saving things for the shop, please bring them in. There is a bin on top of the coat rack in the Parish Hall, which is picked up on Saturday. Spring must be right around the corner waiting to melt our icy sidewalks and business will pick back up.

Lisa

Please note the change in the Thrift Shop Saturday morning hours. The shop will be opening at 9a.m. now - an hour later than it did. Donations will still be accepted on that day. Thank you.

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL. There is a link on Facebook if you happen to be there or continuing using our old address (listed at the beginning of the newsletter) to find us. Much has changed and we hope you will find it easy to navigate. Many of the items we had on our previous site are still available although there are enhancements to several features. However while the older photos are not there, please rest assured that they have been safely stored on a flash drive for access at any time in the future.

Closing thoughts

Here we are nearing the end of the first quarter of the year 2015. And I am happy to say that our ministry leadership is in safe hands, but many of them need a little help from you.

Food Bank pickup normally takes place on the Monday prior to Pantry Day and is now being handled by Jack Fowles. With the departure of the Koller's we lost two active helpers and a truck. If anyone has a little time and a vehicle, we would greatly appreciate your help. As you can see, Sirena Crotty joined the team Feb. 23. Please speak with Jack any Sunday or other vestry member.



The Sunday Ministry schedule has also suffered of late. While we do have a few people who carry out various ministries such as reader or Lay Eucharist, we do need more folks to volunteer for those parts of our weekly service and as a Crucifer and/or Acolyte. Please speak with Rev Kathleen or Mariette either with questions or to volunteer. They are all easy and simple ways to serve the Lord and to become a critical part of the worship service. Thank you.

Peace as always,

Fran