

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*We seek to share  
the unconditional love of God.*

## From Your Rector

*“Openness to God demands our growing acceptance that we cannot create blueprints for our own lives. Though God’s character is unchanging, the ways of God are unpredictable, and there is a difference between arbitrariness and unpredictability.”*

— Enuma Okoro, *Silence and Other Surprising Invitations of Advent*

Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of God. We prepare for the coming of God incarnate in the baby Jesus born on a quiet night in Bethlehem. We also prepare for the second coming of Jesus, perhaps the moment when we see God face to face at death or when God appears boldly in the clouds for everyone to see. We also prepare our hearts for God to come into them in a new way right now – to whisper in our ears new tasks God is calling us to do, new relationships God is calling us to build, or old broken relationships God is calling us to mend. Okoro’s quote speaks to our need to prepare our hearts to accept whatever God whispers to us in these days of preparation. God’s invitation might surprise us; it might ask us to do something that is different than what we’ve planned, that pulls us out of our comfort zone. Our calling as disciples is to be open to all the ways in which God comes to us – the humble, non-threatening ones, the mysterious ones, the surprising ones. Our prayer in all these situations is... Even so, come Lord Jesus.

**Sunday Services at 10:45 am**  
**Sunday School at 10:30 am**

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## Fish Fry 2019

Happily, I can report that Easter falls a little later in 2019, so we have some extra preparation time before our Lenten Fish Fry begins again. Fish fry will run from Friday, March 1, 2019 through April 12, 2019 from 4:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m., almost a month later than last year! Of course, all the action does not happen in those two hours, so here is the help we are looking for again this year:

Thursday night – set tables, make coffee, pick-up rolls and prepare condiments.

Friday morning – we unload supplies from the Montondo's truck, mix coleslaw and potato salad, pre-fry fries.

Friday evening – we need many, many desserts; help with clearing and clean up, coffee pourers, dessert cutters and we are in need of those with the muscles to pick up chairs and sweep and mop at the end of the night.

If you have a job you traditionally do and are able to do it again this year, please let me know. If you are unable to do a job you traditionally do, please let me know. If you are new to fish fry and are interested in a job, please let me know. I will definitely set you up with a job for every week or for whatever your limitations might be, time-wise. I think you might be getting the theme here when I ask to PLEASE, let me know. You coming to me makes it way easier to plan coverage and I would truly appreciate it!

## Sharing God's Love

I can't stress enough the need for desserts over the 7 weeks of Fish fry. We need over 400 servings per night and your donation is very much appreciated. Consider keeping track of your baking expenses and they can be applied to your yearly donation to the Church.

Fish fry is our major fundraiser for the year; we need to all be a part of it to make it a success. I look forward to working with you in this very important ministry for St. Andrew's!!!Any questions or if you are a new volunteer who needs a job, call me at 531-5472.

On another note, I am beginning my countdown for retiring from the helm of our fish fry team. I have about 3 more Lenten seasons in me, and then hopefully my fish fries will come from somewhere warm and directly out of the ocean. So ..... if this is a ministry you would be willing to take on, please start considering it now, so that the passing of the torch will be seamless.

Stacy Lampman

## Bazaar

This is being written before the bazaar has even taken place, so bear with me. This has been an amazing experience. I couldn't have done it without the constant, friendly reminders from Darcy. Kay stayed on top of all the crafters, only escaping once for a vacation to gather her wits. Cindy and her crew were able to stay busy making all the chocolate goodies with the help of all the baked goods donated. And thank you to all the volunteers that make this all possible. 'From the baskets, to the Christmas decorations and the handmade items. Let's not forget Stacy and the kitchen crew. Everyone got to finish up all their shopping with an incredible lunch.

'Almost forgot Shawn. Every Thursday morning, he was there to listen and help in any way he could.

Thank you all and God bless,

Meg Whitmore



Thank you to all who helped to make the Bazaar another success this year!

### *Newfane Community Food Pantry Christmas Food Sharing Dates*

*Sunday, December 16 - Deadline for all food donations, and that is also the big food sorting and packing night from 6 - 9pm.*

*Monday, December 17 - Packing and sorting from 10am – Noon and 1– 3pm*

*Tuesday, December 18 - Packing and sorting from 10am – 1pm*

## Diocesan News

**November 30 - December 1**

### **Senior High Lock-in at the Diocesan Ministry Center**

Young people in 8th Grade and High School are invited to come for an evening of fun, games, and spiritual growth on Friday, November 30th. The event will be from 7 pm on Friday to 12 pm on Saturday at the Diocesan Ministry Center. There will be a series of events (games, discussion, and activities) that will help participants get to know each other and our faith a little better.



To register for the event, please email Wendy at [wschumacher@episcopalwny.org](mailto:wschumacher@episcopalwny.org). The permission form and event fee can be brought the night of the event.

*Look for more information to come about the following events:*

*January 5 – Young Adult Gathering at St. Patrick's, Cheektowaga (High school grads to age 30)*

*January 6 – Feast of Lights at St. Luke's, Jamestown*

*January 20 – Family Winter Fun Day at Como Lake Park*

## **CONVENTION**

Hello all of St. Andrew's,

It was with great pleasure that I represented St. Andrew's at convention again this year. This year, as all of you know, we elected a bishop Provisional, Bishop Shawn Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania. This is an historical first for the Episcopal church as we chose to participate in this partnership. We have 5 years to experience this. As St. Andrew's and St. John's have shared our priests for the last 12 plus years, Pennsylvania and Western NY will be sharing a bishop. Most of us here at St. Andrew's understand how this works. Two separate churches just share a minister and all of our functions and funds remain separate. We have already learned to be flexible.

The biggest difference could be the place where we choose to meet and greet Bishop Rowe. He will be accessible via the web or when he visits any church within the Diocese of Western N.Y. We are invited and welcome to join in worship at any of the churches within the Diocese. He will still visit at least once every three years or if we are more imaginative in our request to have him visit he may come during a week night or an evening service. This was an idea he presented at one of the discussions that we had during the last 14 months of conversations. This exciting time and experience will not begin until Bishop Franklin has retired on or around April. 5, 2019.

Thank You Again for allowing me to represent St. Andrew's at convention.

Sue Villeneuve

## Glee Club Dates

**Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm**

**LCGC Annual Christmas Concert 2018 (1st time)**

with planned in-house reception after performance.

Exley Methodist Church, 338 Lake St, Wilson, NY (park in lot to east/rear of church building)

**Saturday, December 8th at 6:30pm**

**LCGC annual Christmas Concert 2018 (2nd time)**

with planned in-house reception prior to performance.

Immaculate Conception Church, on 4671 Townline Rd, about 1 mile south of Rte. 104, on the east side

**Sunday, December 9th at 2:00pm**

**LCGC Annual Christmas Concert 2018 (3rd time)**

with planned in-house reception after the performance.

St Peter & Paul church at 45 Ideal Street, Buffalo, NY (parking is on street so you may have to walk, plan for those needing to be dropped off)



## Murder at the Juice Joint

A roaring night of murder, mayhem, and the mob to remember!

An intergenerational event to be held at Schulz Winery on **February 8 at 6pm.**

Information flyers are on the narthex table or see Pam Leibring for details.



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

December 2

1st Sunday in Advent - Hope

December 9

2nd Sunday in Advent - Peace

December 16

3rd Sunday in Advent - Joy

Christmas Pageant

Greening of the Church w/  
Potluck Luncheon

December 23

4th Sunday in Advent - Love

December 24th

Christmas Eve

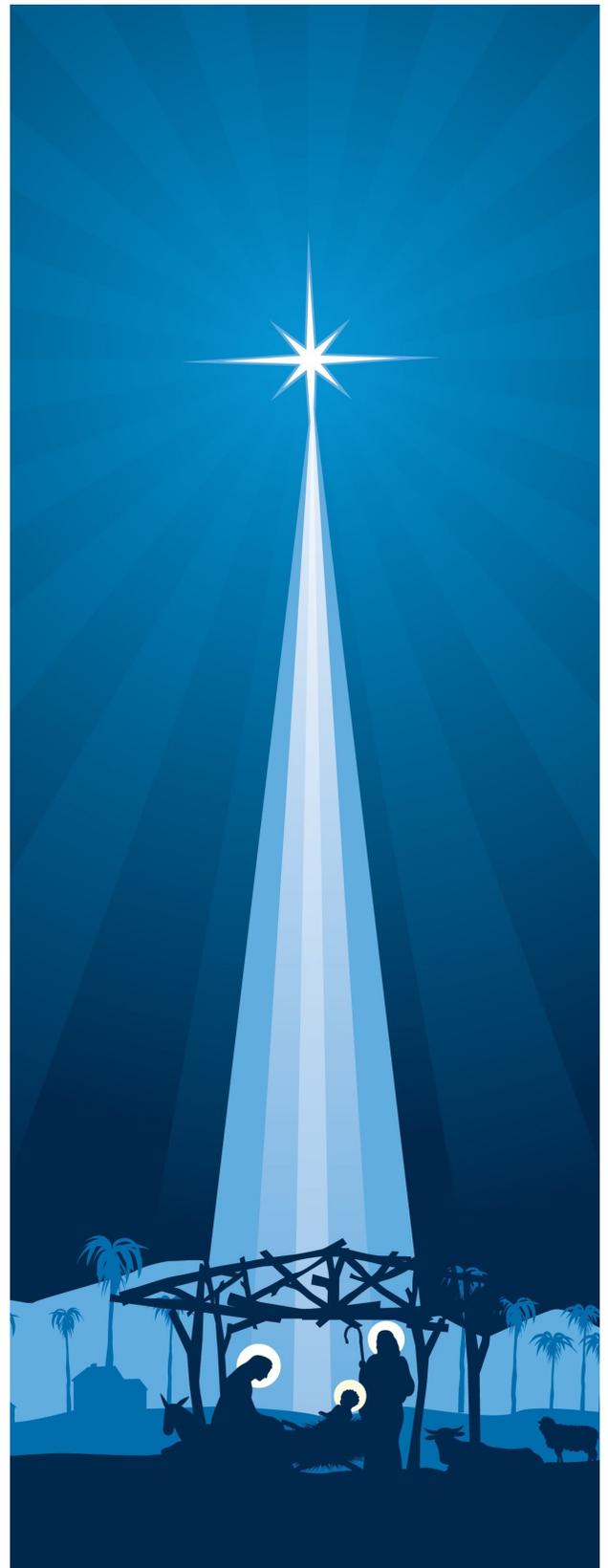
6 pm at St. John's

10:30 pm at St. Andrew's

December 25

Christmas Day

10 am at St. John's



## Warden's View

### We seek to share the unconditional love of God.

As you read this, my tenure as a warden is coming to a close. I remember first considering taking on the role of warden and not even knowing what the term meant. After learning the definition, the idea of 'watchman' was what I took to heart. My hope was to be a watchman, a visionary, a custodian of the great mission of St. Andrew's, ready and willing to lead our vestry. Thank you for your support and encouragement and I wish our vestry and leaders only smooth sailing as they chart the next voyage!

All the best, Melissa Naylor

#### Financial Status as of October 31st, 2018

Total Expenses \$138,421  
Actual Income \$122,743  
Income equals 88.7% of Expenses

% of Pledges on time 42%  
Goal for Pledges on time 80%

*Please catch up on your pledges before the end of the year...Thank you!*

## January 27 Annual Meeting & Luncheon

#### — WARDENS —

**Melissa Naylor**

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**Meg Whitmore**

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## Schedules

### Acolytes

#### 10:30 am Arrival Time

*We need more families to volunteer to be part of the acolyte team.*

December 2: Jonathan Pestinger, Meg Whitmore, Sue Villeneuve

December 9: Sue Villeneuve, Meg Whitmore, Jonathan Kelahan

December 16: Sarah Liebring, Sean Kelehan, Jackson Condes

December 23: James Liebring, Sarah Kelehan, Danny Kelehan

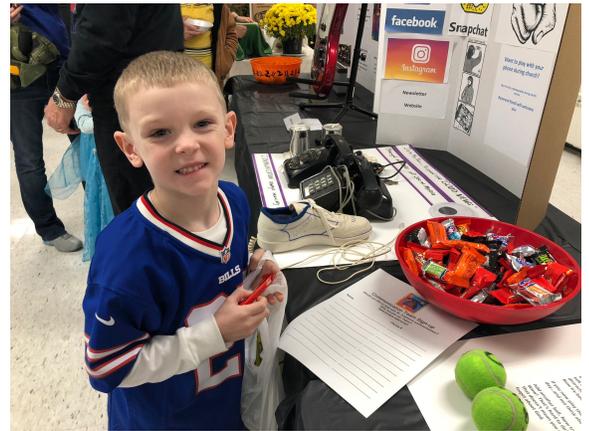
December 30: Addi Naylor, TBD

*A Note from your Acolyte Director:*

*This is an open invitation to ALL those interested in becoming an acolyte. Anyone from the age of 7 through adult is welcome to join our team. If you are 7 you would be the 4th acolyte on your assigned weekend and you would process, recess and observe and help with some easy tasks. Anyone 8 and older will be in training as an acolyte; you will sit at the altar watching for the first few times; then as you feel more comfortable you will be given a job to do.*

*Due to the shortage of extra acolytes this year, I am looking for ANYONE interested in either helping out once in a while or in the case of sickness.*

*Thank You, Sue Villeneuve*



### Collection Counters

December – Stacy Lampman & Bill Buchanan

January – Mike & Liz Depew

### Lay Readers

December 2 – Dorothy Cheasty & Sue Lasker

December 9 – Jerry Harrington & Stacy Lampman

December 16 – Dorothy Cheasty & Lynn Schauer-Bewley

December 23 – Steve Clark & Sue Villeneuve

Christmas Eve – Steve Clark & TBD

December 30 – Steve Clark & TBD

January - TBD

### Altar Guild

December – Darcy Buchanan & Flo Phipps

January - TBD

## Dates to Remember

### December 7

Light up Newfane (Carolers) at 5:30 pm  
Christmas Party at Waters' House at 7 pm

### December 16

Christmas Pageant  
Greening of the Church w/Potluck Luncheon

### December 19

Vestry at 6:30 pm

### December 23

Poinsettias at Altar

### December 24

**6 pm at St. John's**  
**10:30 pm at St. Andrew's**

### December 25

**10 am at St. John's**

### December 26

Café Service at 7 pm

### December 30

Combined Service of Lessons and Carols at  
St. John's, Wilson

### January 16

Vestry at 6:30pm

### January 22

Staff Meeting at 5:30 pm

### January 23

Café Service at 7 pm

### January 27

Annual Meeting

### St. Andrew's Community Store Store Hours

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tuesday & Wednesday  
1 pm to 4 pm

Thursday  
10 am to 4 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday  
10 am to 4 pm

Saturday  
10 am to 2 pm

2768 South Main Street, Newfane, New York

> **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday:** Alzheimer's  
Support Group 7-9 p.m.

> **Every Tuesday:**  
Choir Practice 7-9 p.m.

> **Every Thursday:**  
Open Arms (AA) 8-9:30 p.m



**December 26 & January 23 at 7:00 pm**

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**Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Closed Monday & Friday**

**Officer Manager:** Shawn Slother

**Music Director & Organist:** Joe Breczka, Jr.

**Treasurer:** Bill Buchanan

**Sexton:** Jerilyn Carney

**St. Andrew's Community Store:** Cynthia Harrington

**Church School Superintendents:** Kathleen Gregg & Nancy Pestinger

**Choir Librarian:** Shirley Litz

**Altar Guild Director:** Dorothy Cheasty

**Convention & Niagara Deanery Delegates:** Justin Naylor & Susan Villeneuve; Alternates: Cindy & Jerry Harrington

**Bishop of Western New York**

The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin

**Rector**

The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe

**Wardens**

Melissa Naylor

Pam Leibring

**Vestry**

Bill Buchanan

Mark Gilson

Chris Wesolek

Meg Whitmore

Rob Pritchard

Kay Mayer