



We are a diverse community of faith called by God to love, worship, pray, support, and serve.

Your Vicar's View †

*On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb,
taking the spices that they had prepared. [Luke 24.1]*

We are now in the middle of our Lenten journey.
It is time to pause, to renew our resolutions,
and to remind ourselves of where we are going.
We are going to a place both beautiful and desolate.
We are walking from the wilderness to a garden.
We are walking from noisy crowds to solitary
silence.
We are walking through darkness to light.
We are preparing what we will need to perform
our duties faithfully –
The spices with which to preserve what we
love.
The winding sheet with which to wrap what
we must give away.
The lights of faith and trust with which to
find our way.

We are walking, and waiting, and watching.
And we know that God walks, waits, and watches
with us.

In all the horrific stories of Japan that have echoed
through our Lenten days, one image stands out in
my mind. A family looked and looked for their
grandfather; their hope never waning they
searched through streets filled with debris, through
crowded shelters and abandoned buildings.
Finally, after three days they found him sitting
cross-legged on the roof of his home, his head
resting in his hands. He is 104 years old. He has
witnessed the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
as well as the destruction of all that he had built in
his own village.

This man has been a witness as faithful as we are
called to be:

- To be a still and unwavering sign of peace and
wholeness in the midst of chaos.
- To be single-minded in our trust and in our
faithfulness.
- To face our hunger, our fear, and our losses
without flinching.
- To know that God's love and life will sustain us
at all times.

God loves what in us is not yet.

What has still to come to birth.

*What we love in a person is what already is--virtue,
beauty, courage--and hence our love is self-interested
and fragile. God, loving what is not yet and putting faith
in us, continually begets us, since love is what begets.*

*By giving us confidence, God helps us to be born,
since love is what helps us emerge from our darkness
and draws us to the light.*

*And this is such a fine thing to do that God invites us to
do the same.*

[Carlo Carretto;
quoted by Brennan Manning
in *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, p. 248]

Judith

Warden Chatter

Your Warden's View

The Vestry hit the ground running this year with 1 new warden and 2 new Vestry members. It is a sincere pleasure to have Natalie Belein & Kathy Massie on the Vestry. They bring fresh new ideas and enthusiasm to the meetings. And they are both good leaders. We welcome back an "old vet" in Marty Gregg as our new Warden this year. Marty's leadership skills and his rock solid faith are an asset to St. Andrews.

I extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Jerry Harrington for fulfilling his one year term as Warden last year. His experience and even temperament were valuable, and nobody knows our church building like Jerry. A big "Thank You" goes out to Gary Few for lending all his experience on the Vestry the past three years. And we all still have the loss of Judy Bowers in our hearts and minds. She was a dedicated servant of this Church.

Looking forward, we have bolstered our church family with a strong Confirmation and reception class this year; our Sanctuary is getting a facelift, thanks to the Renovation Committee; we have a new Bishop, and, oh yeah, Fish Fry Fridays are here again! We are now blessed with one of the most significant pieces of technology in modern times---the Bunn Coffee Maker! God really does love us.

Seriously, though, while Lent is a time for reflection and renewal, I struggle a little to step back, take a breath, and remind myself of this when I am so busy. But with all the clutter in my schedule, I realize that my commitment to God and my Church is incredibly small compared to the sacrifice Jesus made for us. My wish for you is that the Lenten season and Easter is a time of renewal, and that we all can celebrate Easter and the spring season with our faith batteries re-charged!

- Doug Wintersteen

How We Operate

Buildings & Grounds "Corner"



We just wanted to give you a little more insight into what is going on at St. Andrew's with our Buildings and Grounds Team, and how we operate.

We meet approximately once a month, except during the summer months, when so many members may be out of town. Normally, we serve at the pleasure of the Vestry, and look to them for final disposition on recommendations that come out of our meetings. There are limited situations when the Vestry may rely on our discretion. For example, we just had the septic tank at the church pumped out as part of regular maintenance in March.

There are a multitude of what we'll call little, but still very important things, that team members take on themselves (for example, Mike Depew and Joe Donaldson recently changed/updated our light bulb use to more energy efficient types throughout the church.). This is another example of when a direct Vestry decision may not be involved. We also assist other groups here at St. Andrew's in meeting their respective goals. We look for, and appreciate the assistance of everyone in reaching these objectives.

Our meeting date is normally announced in the church bulletin at least two weeks prior to the meeting. We generally try to meet in advance of a Vestry meeting to update progress made and to discuss new topics of concern, which we then share with the Vestry for consideration if necessary.

If you have a suggestion regarding a perceived need or personal concern, please feel free to bring it to our attention, to the attention of the Vicar, or to the attention of a Vestry member before our meeting date. We will typically address any proposals, ideas, and concerns received at the next scheduled meeting.

Like many other groups in our church, we are looking for new members! There are so many ways you can contribute, so please do think about joining us (we even have coffee at our regular meeting.)

Buildings and Grounds Team Current Members:

- Bill Buchanan, Mike Depew, Gary Cheasty, Joe Donaldson, Cindy & Jerry Harrington, and Larry Waters

Would you like to have your monthly newsletter e-mailed to you rather than having us print it?
(It costs St. Andrew's approximately \$1.08 to print and mail each newsletter)

Why not "Go Green" and have us e-mail your copy to you? You will get it sooner, all pictures will
be in color, and you will save the church over a dollar every month.

Just let Mike know and he will take care of it. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Money Matters - Treasurer's Report

Financial Status as of February 28, 2011

Total Expenses	\$23,072
Actual Income	\$18,753
Income equals	81.3% of Expenses

- Mike Depew

A Trip to "Our Little Roses"

Your Deacon's View

Before going to Our Little Roses, Diane and I discussed several times whether it would be better just to donate the money it cost for us to go there. We knew how bad the finances were and how much good that money could do to pay some of their bills.

But after being there for a few short hours we knew that we had made the right decision by going. Our ministry of presence was what those girls needed. For them to know people would come for thousands of miles to just be with them meant more than money. Laughing with them, letting the little ones sit on our laps, watching them play, just paying attention—all this fed their souls. We may not have been rebuilding walls

like we did in Mississippi, but we were helping to rebuild lives.

But we do not need to go thousands of miles to minister to others. There are so many people near to us for whom our quiet presence would be enough. Just being there can sometimes be the greatest gift. During this season of Lent, take a minute here and there to just BE with someone; let them know they are important enough to you that you would make time to just BE there for them.

I remember the smiles we brought to the faces of the Girls at Our Little Roses. I am sure you too will be seeing smiles.

- Deacon Rocky

Sunday School

Our Lenten Walk

During Lent there are many preparations being made to celebrate that Jesus is Alive on Easter Day. Our primary group has constructed a paper chain representing the church year. Each week we will identify on the chain which Sunday of Lent we are at. We have constructed small wooden crosses to take home to help us focus on our efforts to pray daily. We are reminded to thank God for creating our world and us, for being with us at home, for being with us as we travel wherever we go. We thank God for water, food, and for those who love us. We will remember to

pray for those who need food, shelter, and water. We will talk about how water and oil are used at church. As we journey through Lent, we will investigate Jesus' power to heal and we will also hear the Passion story.

All students will study and prepare for Easter. Jesus taught the ministry of Love. We wish you a Lenten season of reflection, ministry and love.

- The Sunday School Staff

Thoughts on Stewardship

I think it is important, especially during Lent, to remind our children that whenever we do something special for God or for others we are giving of our time and treasure and being good stewards.

Ask your kids to imagine what they would do if Jesus came to your house? Would they play video games all night and ignore Him or would they spend time talking to Him? Would they sit quietly and say nothing or would they proudly show Him one of their talents, like playing an instrument or showing Him something they learned in school? Would your family serve Him leftovers on paper plates or would the whole family prepare a special meal, serve it on the good dishes and clean the whole house? Remind your kids that Jesus is at your house every day and everything we do can be a gift to Him!

A stewardship prayer (excerpted from The Archdiocese of St. Louis website):

I invite you into my life today.
Here is my face – smile through it.
Here is my mouth – speak to someone with it.
Here are my ears – listen to someone with them.
Here is my heart – love someone with it.
Here are my hands – touch someone with them.
Here are my arms – hug someone with them.
Here are my feet – walk with them this day.
Amen.

- Stacy Lampman

NIAGARA DEANERY SPRING OUTREACH TO BENEFIT THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

At the March 7th Deanery Council meeting we agreed to collect stuffed animals and children's books to donate to The Family Justice Center in Buffalo.

The Family Justice Center provides wrap-around services to victims of domestic violence. Under the safety of one roof are twenty-six advocates to help victims. Included in this list of advocates are the Police Department, the District Attorney, Neighborhood and Legal Services, Haven House, the Department of Social Services, Crisis Services, and Child and Teen Services. A Forensic Nurse is also on duty.

When a victim of domestic violence arrives with children, those children are taken to a

playroom with a volunteer. Victims can then meet with the advocates without worrying about watching their children. The children also do not have to hear the story of violence retold. All ages of children are seen, from infants to 18 years old. As these children leave the Center, they are given the choice of taking with them a stuffed animal to hold and hug or a book of their choice to take with them.

The supply of stuffed animals and books is running low. We are asking all the churches in the Deanery to collect stuffed animals and children's books to be brought to the Deanery Council Meeting on May 25th. Please see Judith+, Denise Dworak, Sarah Harrington, or Marty Gregg about this donation.

-Diane Dworak

I Survived the First Semester

A View from Our Youth

I have just finished my first semester at SUNY Fredonia with a 3.66 grade point average, a place on the Dean's List, and a thriving social life. So what is it like to be in college?

We've all heard someone say "College Students Select Two of the Following: Good Grades, A Healthy Social Life, or Eight Hours of Sleep." While balance is an issue, it isn't quite that extreme. A simple schedule takes care of balancing the all too short 24 hour day. Microsoft Excel truly is a student's best friend.

Now for the question on every incoming freshman's mind: What about the roommate issue? Well, for my first semester, I didn't have the best roommate. We didn't get along well, which made being in the room awkward. But she moved out at the end of the semester and I am sharing my dorm room with my best friend. I have learned that no matter how bad a situation may be, 1) it could always be worse and 2) it will get better in time.

So, that is what it is like to be in college: It is a constant balancing act lasting four years with a degree and a career at the end. Is it worth it? I think so.

- Rachel Gregg



News and Notes



During Lent Judith+'s day off will be Monday instead of Friday. I will be in the office or making visits on Friday afternoons before Fish Fry. Sunday evening to Monday evening will be my Sabbath.

Episcopal Community Services Annual Lenten Appeal- Our Hope Chest Lent Offerings will go to ECS, to help support agencies serving the poor in Western New York. We will also have a **basket auction** during our Fish Fry dinners on **April 1st & 8th**. Deborah Bartenstein will organize this event. Watch for more information on how you can help and contribute.

Holy Week – is set aside as a special time for prayer at St. John's & St. Andrew's. Please take time to attend one of the contemplative services at St. John's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. We have a new tradition for Maundy Thursday, combining our tradition of a simple supper with a dramatization of the Last Supper that includes children, youth, and singers from both St. Andrew's & St. John's.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?" Overnight Vigil at St. John's – 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday – 7 a.m. Good Friday – Please consider spending some time during the night in prayer and reflection at St. John's. We would like to have someone in the church all night. Sign-up forms will be available for members of both congregations.

Senior Companion Program – St. Andrew's is now a Referral Agency for the Health Association of Niagara County, Inc. coordinated by Judi Naylor, our Parish Nurse. This will facilitate applications for clients who wish to have a Senior Companion, and we will serve central Niagara County (Newfane, Burt, Olcott, Wilson, and Ransomville). This is a wonderful opportunity for us to serve our community. Watch for more information about how to request a Senior Companion and how to become a volunteer in the program.

St. Andrew's Community Store needs volunteers to help with sorting or selling items. Please see Cindy Harrington to learn how you can help.

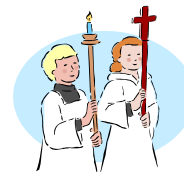
Vogt Medical Fund - St. Andrew's is managing a fund to support the Vogt family with expenses associated with Mike's surgery. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. Andrew's with "Vogt Medical Fund" on the memo line. A benefit for the Vogt family will be held on **June 4th**. Watch for more information.

Diocesan Summer Camps – Watch for more information about the camps and application forms for them: Senior High (June 26-July 2), Junior High (August 7-13), Sleep-Away (August 14-17). St. Andrew's will pay the full cost of camp for any young person. Any child or youth hoping to attend camp should write a note to the Vestry by **May 11** so that we can plan for payments.

Congratulations to Matthew Roeseler for being inducted into the Medina High School Chapter of the National Honor Society.

Schedules for April 2011

Acolytes - 10:00 AM arrival time



- 3rd - Jake Knott, Sue Villeneuve, Jarrett Gilson
- 10th - Seth Gregg, Mark Vogt, Matthew Vogt
- 17th - Please be at church and robed by 10:00
Jocie Lyon, Melissa Pestinger, Kyle Lyon
- 22nd - Good Friday
- 24th - Please be at church and robed by 10:00
Zachary Roeseler, Matthew Roeseler, Jake Knott

Lay Readers

- 3rd Dorothy Cheasty & Judi Naylor
- 10th Lisa Roeseler & Lynn Schauer-Bewley
- 17th Stacy Lampman & Shirley Litz
- 22nd Diane Dworak & Margaret Moran
- 24th Shirley Litz & Lisa Roeseler

Altar Guild

Darcy Buchanan & Ginny Rowland

Collection Counters

Stacy Lampman & Bill Buchanan

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES for April



Birthdays

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| 1 st Calvin Matton
George Waters Jr. | 10 th Cynthia Harrington
Darcy Buchanan
Hannah Pomeroy | 23 rd Chuck Hawkes
Xavier Mack |
| 2 nd Stacy Lampman | 17 th Delores McIntyre | 24 th Cheryl Cheasty
Courtney Bedford |
| 3 rd Merick Taylor | 19 th Nicki Knott | 26 th Connie Steen |
| 7 th Paul Mayer | 20 th Jessica Deys | |
| 8 th Tyler Finley
Virginia Rowland
Matthew Roeseler | 22 nd Carol Wright
Ted Anger
Michael Finley | |



Anniversaries

- 7th Jim & Lynn Schauer-Bewley
- 10th Morris & Margaret Moran
- 15th Liz & Chris Henry
- 20th Deacon Rocky & Diane Dworak
- 30th Matt & Nancy Pestinger

Brag Cards – If your child, grandchild, or someone else you know has earned recognition for an achievement or deserves a special “thank you,” please complete one of the red cards in our pews and hand it in with the offering, and we will share “thanks and congratulations” in our newsletter. You may also send an email to Judith+. We have not included that section on our newsletter for the past two issues because no one has submitted suggestions. The tributes come from **you**.

Dates to Remember



- April 1** St. John’s will bake desserts for Fish Fry
Basket Auction to benefit Episcopal Community Services
- April 3** Reflection Group: *Keeping Sabbath: How do we make “me” time into God’s Time?*
- April 4** 7 p.m. - Covenant Team Meeting at St. Andrew’s
 5 p.m. - Discussion Group: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel- at St. Andrew’s
- April 8** **Fish Fry Basket Auction to benefit Episcopal Community Services**
- April 10** Reflection Group: *Keeping Sabbath: How do we make “me” time into God’s Time?*
 1:45 p.m. - Diocesan field trip to *Narnia* exhibit at Buffalo Science Museum
- April 11** 7 p.m. - Discussion Group: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- April 15** Last Fish Fry!!
- April 17** **Palm Sunday: Service begins at 10:45 a.m.**
 Community Easter Egg Hunt after the service
- April 18** 7 p.m. - Contemplative Evensong at St. John’s
- April 19** 7 p.m. - Stations of the Cross with the Combined Choir
- April 20** 7 p.m. - Evening Prayer with Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation
- April 21** **Maundy Thursday**
 noon – Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar at St. John’s
 5:30 p.m. - Supper, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar at St. Andrew’s
 7:30 p.m. – 7 a.m. - Overnight Vigil at St. John’s
- April 22** **Good Friday**
 7 a.m. - Good Friday Liturgy and ending of the Vigil at St. John’s
 8 a.m. - Ecumenical Service at Wrights Corners Presbyterian Church
 7 p.m. - Tenebrae at St. Andrew’s
- April 23** 10 a.m. - Blessing of Easter Foods & Easter Egg Hunt at St. John’s
- April 24** **Easter Day: Service begins at 10:45 a.m.**
 We will welcome Mia McCollum in Holy Baptism
 Blessing of the new St. Andrew’s Family Quilt
- April 29** 7 p.m. - Consecration Overnight for Youth: Grades 6-12
- April 30** 11 a.m. - **Consecration of the 11th Bishop of Western New York**

Children's Pages

The Children's Pages are devoted to learning the Ten Commandments. It includes a devotional that can be read together as a family and then a fun page. Here is this month's edition. Enjoy the time you spend together.



"Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work."

—Oswald Chambers

Devotional

GOD—THE ALMIGHTY, the Creator, the King of the Universe—finishes his work and takes a day of rest. Was he tired?

When God "rested from all his work," he was not exhausted from the task of creating the world and in desperate need of a nap. He is God and not human. What he was doing was giving us an example and an encouragement to observe a day of rest every week. In Bible times that day was called the Sabbath, but today we call that special day Sunday.

God does not want us to have a Sabbath day and just endure it. We are invited to join God in being glad with what we have accomplished and regroup for the week to come. He knew we would need to rest and be refreshed. He knew we would need to reconnect with him for concentrated periods of time.

God knew all this because he made us . . . and made us to enjoy him and to enjoy life. At various times in human history, religious leaders have made keeping the Sabbath a burden, full of do's and don'ts—mostly don'ts—so that some people think of God as the enemy of fun and the author of boredom.

God loves us and cares for us. He cares for us enough to know that physical and spiritual rest is how we will live life to the fullest. Jesus invites us to trade in our burden for his "burden." He calls to us, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28–29).

Listen to God's offer of rest through a Sabbath day, a day different from the other six. Let us enjoy this different day, so that we may make a difference in our world.

Every Seventh Day



Fourth Commandment: "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." (Exodus 20:8)

THIS COMMANDMENT tells us to observe the Sabbath—to observe our special day of Sunday, which is every seventh day. In the puzzle below, choose every seventh letter to find out why we should keep the Sabbath holy. Write your letters in order on the lines below.

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H P L M F E R O H U Y T Q W N L K J N G Y
O T R W E D C R N B V Z M I G T Y H F R
B O U Y H K L C D R Q

