



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

Your Vicar's View †

The world longs for a few well-rested souls.

- Wayne Muller

We don't often think of Lent as a time for rest and renewal. Indeed, at St. Andrew's it seems to be anything but this, and we tend to forget that "Fish Fry Season" is "Lent", a time set aside for prayer, reflection, and spiritual disciplines designed to renew our relationship with God.

One purpose of our Lenten disciplines is to create time and space for this renewal by restoring balance to our lives. When we give up doing something or having something that we take for granted—from chocolate to watching a favorite television show—we discover (or uncover) the longing that led to this habit; we pay attention to what we really want—to be at peace, to be clear about who we are, to have a sense of purpose and value. In that longing we will discover God's presence.

And in God's presence we will become whole. We will become free to respond to the needs of the people around us. We will be able to see more clearly, and to love more deeply.

For we are not any good to anyone else if we are tired, if we are preoccupied with our duties and responsibilities, if we are more aware of what we *need* to do than with what we *can* do. We are not any good to anyone unless we take care of ourselves. Keeping Sabbath is the way we do this.

Keeping Sabbath is a central theme in Hebrew Scripture. We find the fourth commandment repeated in various forms: *Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work . . .* [Exodus 20:8-10] The writers of Hebrew Scripture remind us that having a right relationship with God requires that we set aside time for renewal—to read, to pray, to put aside our own plans and worries and to pay attention to what might be

bigger than we are. And setting aside this time is the foundation of our ministries, our relationships with each other, our faithfulness to the promise of making God's presence felt in our community.

So let us keep Sabbath together during this Lent. Let us promise each other that we will do at least one of the things we've intended to do during the past few months: read Scripture, make a prayer shawl, work at the Community Store, volunteer at the Food Pantry, start an exercise program, pay attention to our nutrition, read the book that's been sitting on our bedside table, write to the friends we have neglected. Let us encourage and support each other to set aside time for solitude.

This year, we will share a number of ways to help all of us keep Sabbath.

- ✓ Our Sunday inserts will provide meditations for you to take home and read during the week.
- ✓ Slips of paper with our names will be in a basket for you to take home so that you will have a prayer partner for the season.
- ✓ We will distribute prayer cards to post on your refrigerator
- ✓ We will distribute Hope Chests to collect money for Episcopal Community Services.
- ✓ We will have four reflection groups

May we promise each other to rest our souls this Lent, and may we trust each other with a quiet renewal of our friendships, our love and hope for St. Andrew's, and our gratitude for being called to serve God here together.

Judith

A Year of Renewal

A Warden's View

"God is renewing us in His love."

This is the 2011 Vision Statement that Vestry arrived at during our recent retreat. At first glance, it looks pretty easy. We wait patiently while God renews us. One of the things I have learned in 54+ years is things that sound easy are seldom effortless.

As we read God's word and listen, we hear again and again that we must "make every effort" (2 Peter 1:5); "show the same diligence....do not become lazy" (Hebrew's 6:11); "strive" (2 Corinthians 13:11); "make every effort" (Romans 14:19). I encourage you to look over each of these, study them and internalize them.

As we go through this next year, we are all challenged to be a part of God's renewal. It is my hope and prayer that we each participate in the efforts and share in the rewards of the wonderful renewal that is found in God's love.

During the upcoming year, we will work to develop a culture of renewal that includes encouragement and opportunity to study and grow. We are confident everyone will find their place in this vision and we can all grow together.

We remain blessed to be in a place where "God is renewing us in His love".

Thanks for being here,
- Martin Gregg

Sanctuary Renovations Buildings & Grounds Report



The first step of our Sanctuary renovation has been completed. The Niagara County Work Program group accomplished the following tasks over the past few weeks:

1. Two coats of paint in the sanctuary, including registers.
2. Two coats of paint in the sacristy.
3. Two coats of paint in the stairwell leading from the sacristy to the undercroft.
4. Two coats of paint in the hallways downstairs, from undercroft to kitchen and bathrooms.
5. One coat of paint in the men's and women's restrooms downstairs, as well as heat registers adjacent to the spaces.
6. Cleaning and polishing the paneling in the front of the sanctuary.

We want to extend a **huge** "thank you" to the people responsible for preparing lunch for the Niagara County Work Program group during their work days:

- Katie Harrington
- Prudy Waters
- Paul, Kay, & Jean Mayer (Paul and Kay-twice!)

Also, a special thank you to Joe Donaldson, who assisted during the first week, helping where needed.

More painting and repairs around the church are being planned for the upcoming months so stay tuned.

- Cindy Harrington
Chair, Sanctuary Renovation Team



Money Matters - Treasurer's Report

Financial Status as of January 31, 2011

Total Expenses	\$12,179
Actual Income	\$9,523
Income equals	78.2% of Expenses

- Mike Depew

Lenten Meditation

God, in Christ, usually gives me Sabbath rest connected to some level of human reconciliation. - Randy Beckon

Adult Education

Reflection Groups for Lent

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work . . .
[Exodus 20:8-10]

Please consider joining one of our Lenten reflection groups. We will have two topics this year:

The first is called ***KEEPING THE SABBATH: HOW CAN WE MAKE 'ME' TIME INTO GOD'S TIME?*** We will look at the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the writing of some modern Christian writers for guidance as we ponder our response to the fourth commandment and our desire for renewal. This topic is especially relevant during our hectic fish fry time.

Two discussion groups will form for this topic: One will meet on four **Sundays from noon to 1:00 p.m.** immediately after the service. The dates are **March 13 and 27; April 3 and 10.** The other group will meet on four consecutive **Monday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** The dates are **March 14 & 28; April 4 & 11.**

The second topic will be a discussion of the book *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel. Strobel discusses the historical evidence found in the gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection from the perspective of an investigative reporter. This group will meet on **Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m. at Lois Carter's home on March 14, 21, &**

28; April 4 & 11. A final session will be held at St. John's on the Monday of Holy Week (**April 18**) after the service (approximately 7:30-9 p.m.)

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex by the elevator for these groups. We need a *minimum* of 4 brave souls for each group (more are of course welcome) to sign up for each group. Everyone from St. Andrew's and St. John's is welcome; invite your friends and neighbors as well.

Judith+ will lead a discussion of the four "Servant Songs" in Isaiah on Thursdays at St. John's after the 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

Remember that in our discussions we make no judgments, criticisms, or expectations of each other except that we respect one another's right to participate to whatever degree we wish. Just listening is OK.

The important thing is to sign up and show up. The Lord will do the rest.

Respectfully,
Your friend in Christ
Dorothy Cheasty

Thoughts on Stewardship

Those who are disciples of the Lord Jesus should labor with all their might in the work of God as if everything depended upon their own endeavors. George Mueller

When I came across this quote the other day it made me think of our commitment here at St. Andrew's to make Fish Fry happen year after year. The labor, time and energy that go into a successful fish fry season is enormous. It gives all of us a chance to offer up what we do best, whether it is baking, dishwashing or showing our community a little bit of St. Andrew's hospitality.

All of this is good stewardship. We are exercising the gifts God has given us and not letting them waste away. We find our gifts and put them to use with joy. May this Lenten fish fry be a blessing to all of us and to the people whose lives we touch.

- Stacy Lampman

Vestry Goals

Vision for 2011: *God is renewing us in His love.*

Outreach

Financial Management - Bill Buchanan, Deacon Rocky

- Reduce our deficit by \$5,000
- Meet our outreach tithe commitment while fully funding programs
- Improve transparency and accuracy of outreach donations, include volunteer time
- Support and improve communication about SCRIP, TOPS, & www.amazon.com portal

Stewardship - Doug Wintersteen & Judi Naylor

- Enhance stewardship of time, talent, and treasure
- Environmental Stewardship
 - Assess environmental stewardship
 - Create and embody a plan to “go green” as a culture - July
 - Re-start the Green Team
 - Research Green churches
 - Develop energy efficiency plans

Community Outreach - Natalie Beilein

- Identify new outreach opportunities
- *Snackpacks for Kids - Newfane
- Survey congregations for needs and gifts/talents
- Enhance Community Store
 - Consult Community Store Team
 - Quantify Volunteer Goals
 - Identify needs for physical repairs & maintenance

Hospitality

Technology - Doug Wintersteen, Marty Gregg

- Create a Technology Team
- Structure “groups” for information distribution
- Re-organize phone notification (phone tree)

Hospitality Team - Kathy Massie

- Be pro-active in inviting new members for volunteer opportunities (greeters, coffee hour, bazaar, youth projects)

Pastoral Care - Judi Naylor, Pastor Judith, Deacon Rocky

- Develop prayer chain
- Support Parish Nurse ministry with HANCI
 - Recruitment of Senior Companions
 - Invite applications - improve communication/publicity
 - Plan and support volunteer training programs
- Plan and prepare for developing a Pastoral Care Team

Education

Parish Nurse - Judi Naylor

- Facilitate 2 programs (e.g. CPR)
- Assemble a team to gather outside resources and plan programs

Newsletter

- Contribute articles to the newsletter
- Develop a culture that encourages contributions and honors diversity
- Establish a youth/children’s view as a recurring feature
- Educate congregation on liturgical seasons in bulletins and the newsletter

Opportunities for Adult Spiritual Formation - Marty Gregg

- Develop resources to allow for educational opportunities to flourish in a variety of formats and with a variety of topics
- Encourage focused participation at some level for everyone

Worship

Music - Doug Wintersteen

- Create opportunities for choir & musical groups to perform together
- Identify specific events & schedule with Joe & Judith+
- Coordinate practice schedule with acolyte preparation
- Host an ecumenical worship event

Acolytes - Sue Villeneuve

- Invite an adult acolyte (other than Sue) to serve once a month

Altar Guild - Sue Villeneuve

- Add 3 teams (6 people) to Altar Guild, with more diversity

Sanctuary Renovation - Larry Waters

- Painting
- Pew removal for wheelchair
- Pew refinishing
- Replace flooring

Sunday School

Family Activities for Lent - *(We reprint this piece from a previous year, thanks to Liz Depew)*

Would you like to make Lent more meaningful this year? Well, if your answer is “yes”- here are some family activities that will help you to reach that goal and as a bonus bring your family closer together—guaranteed.

At the beginning of Lent have each family member pick one day during Lent or during each week in Lent that will be his or her special day. On this special day each member promises to be especially helpful and kind to the other members of the family.

Donate time to serve the needy in your area. Maybe you could help with Fish Fry as a family, or make a donation of food or money to the food pantry. Each member of the family may choose what food item to bring to the food pantry each Sunday. Save your recyclable cans and bottles, and at the end of Lent donate the proceeds you earn when you return them.

Make a commitment to family prayer at home during Lent and read Scripture together. Ask each family member to be responsible for a prayer before meals during one week of Lent. Encourage the member to write a prayer of his or her choice. Take home your Scripture inserts each Sunday, and reread a portion of the Scripture readings each day together.

Remember that *doing* something can be just as good as *giving something up*. Six weeks is just long enough to create a new habit or to break an old one.

Encourage each member of the family to “give up” something for Lent. The sacrifice should be something of value but reasonable. Have a weekly “check-in” together to support one another.

Abstain from television or specific television shows, or from other types of media, such as the computer or video games. Use the time to do activities together as a family, such as taking a walk or playing a board game. Sharing your experiences with your family can help you shore up one another’s resolve and experience the pleasure of going through Lent together.

Share a poverty meal of one or two basic foods each week during Lent. Figure out how much money you saved by having poverty meals and contribute that amount to the Food Pantry.

Make Holy Week services a high point. The lessons of Jesus’ life are contained in the services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Participate as a family in all the Lenten activities and services.

Remember, the goal and purpose of Lent is not just to fast or pray. The goal of Lent is to experience closeness to God. Helping our children get more out of church means helping them experience this closeness to God directly. Lent is a time for families to reorient themselves towards God, but it takes a commitment to open our families to the life in Christ.

- Liz Depew

Lenten Meditation

Refreshment of my faith is a gift that Jesus gives when I try to encourage, teach, mentor, or help someone else. The one who gives from the heart receives to the heart. - *Randy Beckon*

Faith Statements

Jean Mayer:

Being received into the Episcopal Church at St. Andrew's allows me to be a better servant to God and all those around me.

Kay Mayer:

I have so much joy, love and peace in my heart as I am received into the Episcopal Church at St. Andrew's. So I am here to ask you God to renew me - to walk closer in your way. Take my hand and hold it tight because I don't want to walk alone.

Paul Mayer:

I look forward to being received into the Episcopal Church at St. Andrew's. By coming back to the church I feel more complete in my belief in God. I feel that following the teachings of Jesus will help me to help others in the community.

Chad Gilson:

There are two questions that I have asked myself during preparation for confirmation:

- Why did I choose to be confirmed?
- What does faith mean to me?

I have a few reasons I chose to be confirmed now. First, I thought it would help me learn more about the Church and its traditions. I also thought it would help me grow as a person inside and outside the Church. Finally, I thought it would give me more freedom and responsibility.

Here is an example of how faith impacts my life. Over the summer my best friend's father died unexpectedly. It was faith that helped me get through this terrible time in my life. I had faith that he was in a better place and that he would be happy in heaven. Family, friends and faith help me get through the good times and the bad.

Melissa Pestinger:

Faith

Faith is like a seashell,
It starts out hard and whole,
Then it gets tossed around.
It chips off on the rocks.
Someone finds it and picks it up,
cleans it off and restores it.
The seashell is beautiful, not perfect,
yet very complex.
Faith is bumpy at times, but worth it.
Our faith chips off at times, but if you
truly believe, you will always be restored to a beautiful,
complex believer.

Jocie Lyon:

The Spirit of God
is in the trees,
in the breeze,
in the air
Everywhere.

Jacob Roeseler:

Be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead! -
I Peter 1:6

This is one of my favorite quotes from the bible. My belief is that it has a short-term and a long-term meaning.

The short-term meaning to me is that if I'm having a bad day, God will help me through the difficult time. I pray for God's help and know that tough times never last with Him on my side. This verse reminds me that things will get better.

The long-term meaning to me is that I know I should always look ahead. Our life on earth is only temporary because there is wonderful joy ahead in heaven! I know that God will put His loving arms around me and welcome me into His kingdom.

Michael Vogt:

Faith is important because it is always good to put your trust into God in your time of need.

My faith is important to me because my church is a place I can go to speak what's on my mind without being judged. I also have a great church family that has supported me fully throughout these tough times in my life and I thank them for that.

My faith is also important to me when I serve as an acolyte for my church. It is my duty as a Christian and a citizen to serve. (I'm not trying to make it sound like work—I have fun up on the altar learning all the different names of things and what things to do at the right time.)

My faith is something that I can put my trust in at my time of need which for some reason seems to be a lot.

Deborah Bartenstein:

What my confirmation means to me: The first word that comes to mind is COMPLETE. I feel stronger as a person and as a Christian. The first day I walked into St. Andrew's I knew this was the church for me, and now that I am being confirmed as an Episcopalian, I feel a stronger connection to Our Lord and have an inner peace that I have not felt in many years, St. Andrew's is now home.

Quilt Squares

In March we will be handing out quilt squares to new families at St. Andrew's. If you did not have an opportunity to complete a square for the current quilt and would like to include one on the new quilt, please let us know. If you need help or suggestions, we are willing to remain after a Sunday service; or perhaps meet with you some evening at the church.

We would like the square to be finished by **April 3rd** to allow time for assembling. The completed quilt will be blessed on Easter Sunday and hung with the existing one. Please call us with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Judi Naylor & Prudy Waters



News and Notes



During Lent, beginning on Monday March 14th, 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.

Pastoral Crisis Intervention Certification Program – Deacon Rocky will take part in this program in Cheektowaga on March 1-3 as part of his Continuing Education.

Bishop-Elect William Franklin will preach and celebrate at St. Andrew's on Sunday March 20th. This is one of a series of visits he is making to congregations throughout the diocese prior to his consecration on April 30th. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet him and for him to get to know us.

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 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.

Medical Mission to El Salvador – Janet Hoffman will be going to El Salvador in March with the Medical Mission sponsored by Trinity Church-Buffalo. On **March 6** we will collect oral hygiene items and children's medicines that the group will bring with them: The following items will be most useful: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, children's Tylenol, Advil, children's cough syrup. If you would like to contribute financially, please write a check to St. Andrew's with "medical mission" on the memo line. We will bring all these items to the Deanery Council meeting on March 7th.

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 some of our Fish Fry dinners. Watch for more information on how you can help and contribute.

St. John's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday March 8 – 4 p.m. – Please come and take part in this tradition of fellowship and outreach at St. John's. The Free Will offering will benefit ECS.

Lenten Meditation

Sabbath keeping is not about taking a day off but about being recalled to our knowledge of and gratitude for God's activity in creating the world, giving liberty to captives, and overcoming the powers of death. - Dorothy C. Bass

ST. ANDREW'S-BURT AND ST. JOHN'S-WILSON
Covenant Team Meeting
January 26, 2011

Present: The Rev. Judith Lee, Liz Depew, Kathy Gregg, Martin Gregg, Doug Wintersteen, Denise Failla, Elaine Hertel, Janet Hoffman, Robyn Krueger

Absent: The Rev. Deacon Rocky Dworak, Millie High, Judi Naylor, Bonnie Wintersteen

Opening Prayer

Report from St. Andrew's

We have several new families; Sunday School is thriving; our congregation now includes diverse age groups, and our growth makes it all the more important that we continue our emphasis upon hospitality. Our music ministry is growing and provides music and the possibility of participation for every age group. Our Prayer Shawl ministry has become very active.

Areas of concern:

- more small groups for reflection and Bible study;
- increase outreach;
- rehearsal for the Advent Lessons & Carols was not well-organized and lasted too long.

Report from St. John's

We have several new families, who have become active and contribute significantly to our parish life (organizing the office, a new parish directory, a new children's garden, new crafts for Applefest, new signs for parish events). We have 3 new acolytes (almost doubling our number), and we are beginning a new Sunday School curriculum (*Weaving God's Promises*).

Areas of concern: some lingering concern that the two congregations remain distinctive and autonomous

We agreed that our shared Advent Lessons and Carols on December 19 was a highlight in our life together and in our shared ministries and worship

Discussion

1. Confirmation classes and services - February 20 & 27

- We have a total of 11 young people being confirmed:
 - 7 from St. Andrew's
 - 4 from St. John's
- 2 adults being confirmed (1 from St. Andrew's and 1 from St. John's)
- 7 adults being received:
 - 3 from St. Andrew's,
 - 4 from St. John's
- The classes are going well.
- We will have regular services at both churches on the Sunday mornings when Confirmation will be held in the afternoon

2. Lenten Devotions & Practices

- We discussed ways to make Lent a meaningful experience for our congregations. Both congregations will take home ER-D Hope Chests for donations to benefit ECS (these will be distributed on the First Sunday of Lent and will be returned on the Last Sunday of Lent, with special prayers during the service). We agreed that we would look for a devotion or "Lenten Calendar" that families could share at home. Devotional booklets from ER-D will also be available to both congregations. We discussed the possibility of planning intergenerational evenings during Lent in 2012, beginning our planning in the late summer or early fall.
- St. John's will prepare desserts for Fish Fry: April 1, 2011

3. Ash Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
 - Noon – St. John's
 - 7 p.m. – St. Andrew's

4. Holy Week – Services at St. John's

- Monday – 7 p.m. Contemplative Evensong
- Tuesday – 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross with choral anthems
- Wednesday – 7 p.m. – Taize Evensong

5. Maundy Thursday

- Noon – Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the altar at St. John's
- 5:30 p.m. – Agape Supper with Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St. Andrew's
- 7:30 p.m. – 7:30 a.m. – Vigil at St. John's

6. Good Friday

- 7:30 a.m. – Good Friday Liturgy to end the Vigil at St. John's
- 8 a.m. – Newfane Ecumenical Service – Wrights' Corners Presbyterian Church
- 7 p.m. – Tenebrae service at St. Andrew's

Closing Prayer

Next Covenant Team Meeting: Monday, April 4th, 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's

Lenten Meditation

If you call the Sabbath a delight
 and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,
 serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs,
 then you shall take delight in the LORD
 and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth. - [Isaiah 58:13-14]

Three Easy Ways to Help St. Andrew's "Earn Money"

1. The SCRIP Program & TOPS Cards:

What is the SCRIP Program? SCRIP is a program through which individuals shop using cards purchased through St. Andrew's. At no extra cost to us, St. Andrew's earns from 5%-15% on every card purchased through this program.

But I only give gift cards at the holidays. Why would I want to use this program now?

Shopping cards can be used instead of cash at any time. Do you go to Panera regularly? Purchase a card that you can use instead of cash, and St. Andrew's will earn 9 cents for every dollar. Is Tim Horton's a regular stop on your way to work? Use a \$10 card, and St. Andrew's earns 5 cents. Are you planning any spring projects that will take you to Home Depot or Lowe's? Plan your budget, purchase a card for that amount instead of waiting to charge it on your credit card, and St. Andrew's will earn at least 6% on your purchase. Plan ahead for shopping at Macy's or BonTon, and we will earn up to 10%.

Sunoco and Mobil are also on our list, as is Regal Entertainment, Marshalls, Office Depot, and Olive Garden.

If you use TOPS cards purchased through St. Andrew's, we earn 5% of all your purchases. If you estimate your monthly grocery bill and buy cards in that amount from St. Andrew's, we earn \$5 on every \$100—at no extra cost to you. If 50 families purchased \$100 of groceries each month, St. Andrew's would earn \$250/month, or \$3000/year. Not only would that ease our budget planning, but think how much more we could give to the community!

Why should I bother? These small amounts can add up to several thousand dollars in income for St. Andrew's per year—with no extra cost to you. The program also helps us be good financial stewards by planning our spending. In addition, using these cards helps us to think of St. Andrew's—our ministry, our mission, our gratitude for being called together, God's work in our lives—while we are doing our ordinary chores. Living our faith becomes part of what we do every day.

Is this program limited to members of St. Andrew's - Not at all! Encourage your family and friends to participate!

How do I take part? The SCRIP Program and the TOPS program work a bit differently, but Deacon Rocky manages them both.

TOPS cards – Deacon Rocky has TOPS cards on hand every Sunday. You pay him by check or cash for cards that you can use for shopping. If he does not have enough cards with him on a given Sunday, he will give them to you within a few days, or will bring them the following week.

Another way to take advantage of this program is to take some time to calculate your monthly grocery budget; then let Deacon Rocky know how much you will want in cards on a specific Sunday each month. You may either pay him in advance (pay him on the first Sunday of the month and he will give you the cards on the second Sunday, for example), or he can plan to have cards for you on a specific Sunday each month.

SCRIP cards – There are two ways you can purchase SCRIP cards:

- (1) "Family Order Forms" are available in the narthex. Complete a form, and give Deacon Rocky a check payable to "St. Andrew's Scrip Fund." He will order the cards and have them for you within two weeks.
- (2) Order cards directly online at www.shopwithscrip.com Use St. Andrew's Episcopal Church code **1BD96CE827852**. The cards will be mailed to Deacon Rocky because he is the manager of the account, and he will give them to you within 2 weeks.

Contact Deacon Rocky for more information at deaconrocky@live.com.

2. "Amazon.com" Portal:

A portal to amazon.com is available on our website. St. Andrew's will earn up to 15% of all sales made by accessing amazon.com through this portal. So tell your friends and family about this opportunity—remember that you can purchase a wide variety of items from various vendors through amazon.com. Go to www.standrewsburt.com and scroll down and click on the small orange and white rectangle.

3. Recycling Center:

Bring in recyclable cans and bottles for redemption. You may bring them directly to Wrights Corners, and note St. Andrew's-Burt, or you may bring them to St. Andrew's and we will bring them to the recycling center.

These small contributions can make a difference. They will make it possible for us to do so much more for our community.

Lenten Meditation

Remember the Sabbath day,
and keep it holy.

- [Exodus 20.8]

Ash Wednesday Services

Noon - at St. John's

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

7 PM - at St. Andrew's

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Schedules for March 2011

Acolytes - 10:00 AM arrival time

- 6th - Jocie Lyon, Chad Gilson, Kyle Lyon
- 9th - Ash Wednesday Sue Villeneuve
- 13th - Matthew Roeseler, Jake Knott, Olivia Mazanka
- 20th - Melissa Pestinger, Jonathan Pestinger, Jake Knott
- 27th - Seth Gregg, Olivia Mazanka, Jacob Roeseler



Lay Readers

- 6th Dorothy Cheasty & Margaret Moran
- 9th Diane Dworak & Judi Naylor
- 13th Lisa Roeseler & Stacy Lampman
- 20th Shirley Litz & Lynn Schauer-Bewley
- 27th Diane Dworak & Judi Naylor

Altar Guild

Cindy Harrington & Kathy Gregg

Collection Counters

Liz & Mike Depew

Lent at St. Andrew's and St. John's

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. [Liturgy for Ash Wednesday, BCP, 265]

Shared practices and devotions:

- ✓ Please see the suggestions for family observances on page 5 of this newsletter.
- ✓ Each member of the congregations will be given a Hope Chest for daily Lenten offerings that will be presented on April 11 for Episcopal Community Services.
- ✓ On March 13, each person will receive a prayer card to keep with you during Lent.
- ✓ On March 13, we will distribute Lenten calendars to suggest a practice for each day.
- ✓ Four Reflection Groups will meet:
 - *Keeping the Sabbath: How Can We Make "Me" Time into "God Time"?*
Sundays, noon-1p.m. at St. Andrew's (March 13-April 11)
Mondays, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's (March 14-April 12)
 - Book Discussion: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
Mondays, 7 – 9 p.m. at Lois Carter's home
 - *Songs of the Suffering Servant: the Prophecies of Isaiah*
Thursdays, 11:30-12:30 after the Holy Eucharist at St. John's
- See "Dates to Remember" & "Looking Ahead" for **Special Services** on March 9, 13 & 20 and April 10.

Lenten Meditation

Refreshment doesn't come in packages labeled "two weeks," "one month," "four days," "a long weekend." Almost always the length, location, and tone are designed by the Master Architect, not me. - Randy Beckon

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES for March



Birthdays

2 nd	William Beilein	14 th	Lisa Roeseler
5 th	May McNally Amber Bedford	17 th	Paula Jones
6 th	Jacob Roeseler Seth Gregg	18 th	Colin Gallo
8 th	Angela Cheasty Mark Vogt	24 th	Todd Gallo
		31 st	Julia Leibring

Anniversaries

16th Tom & Sue Villeneuve



Dates to Remember



- March 1-3** - Deacon Rocky is away for Continuing Education
- March 4** - First Fish Fry
- March 6** - **Episcopal Gifts Sunday** - Special collection for consecrations for our new bishop
 - **Medical Mission to El Salvador** - Special collection of oral hygiene items and children's medicines
 - The Rev. Deacon Claudia Koczka will preach.
 - **3 p.m.** Holy Eucharist in Celebration of Bishop Michael's Ministry at St. Paul's Cathedral
 - **5:30 p.m.** Dinner Dance at Salvatore's to celebrate Bishop Michael's ministry
- March 7** - **7 p.m.** Deanery Council Meeting at St. Paul's-Lewiston [**Potluck Dinner at 6:15**]
- March 8** - **4 p.m.** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to benefit ECS at St. John's
- March 9** **Ash Wednesday**
 - **Noon** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St. John's
 - **7 p.m.** Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St. Andrew's
- March 13** - **Daylight Savings Time begins**
 - First Sunday in Lent: **Service begins at 10:45**
 (Liturgy begins with the Recitation of The Great Litany)
 - Distribution of Hope Chests with prayers of commitment & repentance
 - Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God time"?
- March 14** - **10 a.m.** Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God time"
7 p.m. Discussion Group: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- March 20** - Bishop-Elect R. William Franklin will celebrate and preach
 - **2 p.m.** Holy Communion Service at Newfane Rehabilitation Center
- March 21** - **7 p.m.** Discussion Group: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
- March 24-26** - Judith+ away for Continuing Education
- March 27** - Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God time"?
 - Newfane Community Food Pantry Collection: An Easter Feast
- March 28** - **10 a.m.** Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God time"
 - **7 p.m.** Discussion Group: *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel

Looking Ahead



- April 1** - St. John's will bake desserts for Fish Fry
- April 3** - Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God Time"?
- April 4** - **10 a.m.** Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God Time"
- **7 p.m.** Discussion Group: The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel
- April 10** - Last Sunday in Lent - Ingathering of Hope Chests
- Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God Time"?
- April 11** - **10 a.m.** Reflection Group: How do we make "me" time into "God Time"
- **7 p.m.** Discussion Group: The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel
- April 17** **Palm Sunday – Service begins at 10:45 a.m.**
- Community Easter Egg Hunt after the service
- 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

Collection for Newfane Community Food Pantry

~ "Easter Feast" ~

Please contribute whatever you are able by **March 27, 2011.**

If you have any questions contact Judi Naylor at 778-9774 or Sue Villeneuve at 778-5554.

Canned ham; canned vegetables; canned fruits, fresh eggs; fresh bread; unbaked dinner rolls;
butter; cake mix; sweet potatoes; Easter candy; Easter egg dye;
small stuffed animals (bunnies or chickens); holiday napkins/paper goods.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you. [Ezekiel 36.26]

FISH FRY 2011



Fish fry at St. Andrew's runs from Friday, March 4 through April 15, 2011 from 4:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m. 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 greatly appreciated.

Fish fry is our major fundraiser for the year and we all need to be a part of it in order to make it successful. Looking forward to working with you in this very important ministry for St. Andrew's! If you have any questions, or if you are a new volunteer who needs a job, call me at 434-3345.

- Stacy Lampman

Lenten Meditation

The practice of Sabbath rest . . . is woven into the fabric of the Bible.

- Randy Beckon

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.

Devotional

“WHAT IS IN A NAME?” Shakespeare asked in *Romeo and Juliet*. “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

Yet we know that there is something about the name of God. Something more holy and more powerful than all other names. God wants us to honor his name and not misuse it in any way. In fact, the Third Commandment does not just follow the first two commands numerically; it follows in meaning too. We worship and honor only the Lord God (the First and Second Commandments), so we honor his name and use it only to praise and serve him.

How do we misuse God's name? It can take many forms, from not appreciating its power and sacredness to swearing and using the many names of God in profanity. Those who do damage or hurt other people supposedly “in God's name”—as if such wrongdoing has “God's seal of approval”—also break the Third Commandment.

The name of God has a lot to say about who God is. That is why he cares so much about it. It is the same for people. When we speak about someone's “good name,” we mean his or her reputation and character.

The name of the Lord is holy and not to be associated with wrong things. May our language and use of his name bring him only praise and honor.



Untangle the Names

Third Commandment: “Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God.” (Exodus 20:7)

UNRAVEL THE LINES between the names of God and the matching Bible verse. Enter the letter of the Bible verse next to the matching name of God. For an extra bonus, look up the Bible verse and read for yourself what God's many names reveal about him!

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<input type="radio"/>	8. Redeemer	→	H. Romans 5:5
<input type="radio"/>	9. Savior	→	I. James 4:10
<input type="radio"/>	10. Shepherd	→	J. Revelation 1:18