

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

February 26, 2012



## Annual Parish Meeting tonight!

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 6 o'clock this evening in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from our rector, **Fr. Ron Baird**, and members of the Vestry about the state of the parish in 2011, and some exciting plans for 2012.

We'll also have a special presentation celebrating what Christ accomplished in us and through us in 2011, and will be having small group discussion around the following questions for the year coming up:

- What kinds of things can the church do to help all of us to feel like one family?

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## Pancakes!

Above, a diner shows off the prettiest stack of pancakes of the night, and at right, three services are represented at one table — from left, **Todd Greer**, 11 a.m.; **Amber and David Zak**, 8 a.m.; and **George Girard**, 9:30 a.m. See more pictures of this past week's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper inside, in next week's "Net" and our web site.

## Jesus fulfills the Old Testament sacrifices: Come learn how!

During the season of Lent, many Christians adopt a four-fold discipline of prayer, study, fasting and almsgiving. This Lent, St. Andrew's is offering several ways to help you in your Lenten devotions, including a five-week parish-wide Lenten Study and Soup Supper program for adults, teens and children.

The program will take a look at the five types of sacrifices required by God of the Jews in the Old Testament, and how Jesus fulfills each one of them forever. The program will be held at the church on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 8 p.m., Feb. 29 through March 28.

Each evening will begin with a simple supper of soup and salad, followed by a teaching by **Fr. Ron Baird**, after which participants will break into small group for discussion and reflection. In addition to adult groups, there will be a group for the youth of the parish, and **Val Bowser**, our Children's Ministry director, will lead a special program for our children (see story at left). Child care for nursery-age children will also be provided.

Sign-up sheets for the study program, for people willing to provide food on March 21 and March 28, are in the Gathering Area. You may also sign up online on the Member Connection of our web site, [www.standrewspolaris.org](http://www.standrewspolaris.org).

For information, please contact **Tally Whitehead**, Small Group Ministries coordinator, at 614-578-7897 or [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org).

## Lenten program to help kids encounter Christ

In conjunction with the parish-wide Lenten Study Program, which begins this coming Wednesday, Feb. 29, Children's Ministry Director **Val Bowser** will lead our children, pre-school through fifth grade, in a special study she designed to help them encounter the risen Christ. During the first week's session, entitled "The Call," children will learn what it means to be "called," and discover that Easter is a time when — if they listen very closely — they will hear a very special call, from a very special person, with a very special message, and a very special job for us to do.

Topics for the following four weeks are "The Confession," "The Cleansing," "The Creation," and "The

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## Next Senior Fellowship Group meeting March 4

The next Senior Fellowship Group gathering will be Sunday, March 4, from 12 to 2 p.m. at Parish House.

### What is the Senior Fellowship Group?

The Senior Fellowship Group is a gathering of seniors men and women — of any age!

### What does this group do?

They have lunch, and enjoy one another's fellowship.

### When do they meet?

On the first Sunday of the month, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m., at the Parish House.

### Who can come?

Members, and their friends!

### Who do I contact for more information?

**Tally Whitehead**, Small Group Ministries coordinator, at 614-578-7897 or [twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org).

We hope to see you next Sunday, March 4 at 12 noon at the Parish House! No RSVP is needed, but it would be helpful for us to have a head count, so if you can, please contact Tally at the phone number or e-mail address above.

## Sunday morning group welcomes new members

Looking for a small group? Leader **Ann Baumgartner Schnapp** invites you to try out the Sunday Morning Apostles small group, which meets at the church on Sundays, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Room 103. This group is especially convenient for those who may have a hard time getting out frequently or who live far away and want to stay after the 9:30 a.m. service for some deeper study.

## 'Daughters' to begin new study March 5

The Daughters of the Holy Cross will start a new study on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be in Room 103 at the church, to allow us to set up for the Election Day Hospitality Table the next day.

Bring your supper for a half hour of fellowship prior to the meeting at 7 PM. We invite you to join us as we go through the book, "Women of the Bible." This is a one year devotional study of 52 women in Scripture, by Ann Spangler and Jean E. Syswerda. Each week focuses on another woman. On the first and third Mondays, of each month, we will share our thoughts and revelations about the two previous weeks women's stories. Then on those days we will read the story of the current week's woman together.

We look forward to having you join us at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Mondays, beginning in March! For more information contact **Bonnie Freeman**, 614-885-8003.

## Parish invited to join in Easter card project

This year, the Daughters of the Holy Cross invites you to join us in sending Easter Cards to more than 400 women in prison. Help us to share the Good News of Christ's love for each of us!

We will be signing cards after the 9:30 a.m. Sunday services on March 11 and March 18th. Many hands will make this loving task go quickly!

Want to help, but don't have the time? Then consider supporting this wonderful outreach project by donating from five to seven stamps — or more — to the project. Simply place them in the offering plate. You may also write a check payable to St. Andrew's, with "DOHC Stamps" in the memo section, to help with the mailing. With your generosity we will have those 400-plus stamps in plenty of time to mail the cards out for Easter.

Please contact **Bonnie Freeman**, 614-885-8003, for information.



## SMALL GROUP CORNER

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES



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Silver or gold I do not have,  
but what I have I give to you.

(Acts 3:6)

## Grief workshop continues on Saturday mornings

The Grief ♥ Recovery® workshop ed by **Mother Nancy Stanton** continues on Saturdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., through March 31 in Room 103 at the church. For information, contact Mother Nancy at 614-519-0746.

## Annual Meeting

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- What things would help you in particular, and what activities would you participate in?
- Would you be willing to coordinate such activities?

The meeting is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the "2011 Annual Report," which was in your mail slot in the Gathering Area last week. If you don't have a mail slot, copies are available on the tract wall in the Narthex.

Please plan to come back for the Annual Meeting tonight. We need the participation of every member to achieve God's purpose for us here in this place!

Child care will be provided.

## Children

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Commission."

"My hope is not only to solidify the Easter story in (our children's) minds, but to help them come to a better understanding of what it really means for them personally through their confession, Jesus' cleansing, his new creation within them, and, ultimately, the Great Commission," Val says.

Because each week's teaching will be geared specifically to the children attending, please sign up in the Gathering Area, online on the Member Connection of our web site, or contact Val at 330-573-8519 or [vbrowser@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:vbrowser@standrewspolaris.org). Please also contact Val if you'd enjoy helping with this program.

# 40 days of Lent: A journey to the Cross

By Fr. Ron Baird

Ash Wednesday began the holy journey to the Cross that we call Lent. It is a time to put away the cares of the world and to follow our Lord and Savior to Jerusalem, to Calvary, to the Tomb. A time to prepare our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to accept the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us. If we keep a Holy Lent, then the true meaning and joy of Easter permeates our life in fullness, because we have journeyed to the death that is Calvary; the sacrifice that is the Cross. We are thus empowered to the new life of the Resurrection.

In the penitential season of Lent, the Church asks the faithful to lay aside our own concerns and to remember what the price of Easter was and is. The Crucifixion of the only Son of God! Many Christians adopt a three-fold discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in Lent. This year, St. Andrew's is offering several ways to help you in your Lenten devotions.

## Prayer

It is important that we set aside a few minutes each day to be with our God; to look at our lives and to seek his will for us. You cannot follow Christ unless you take time to ask where he is going. The Daily Office, beginning on Page 35 of The Book of Common Prayer, offers and excellent pattern for daily prayer, including special prayers for Lent.

## Fasting

Fasting is not a popular concept in our time. Dieting is, but fasting is not. Perhaps that is because we do not understand why we do it. In Lent, we fast in two ways. The first is known to most of us. We "give something up" for Lent.

Giving up something is another way of saying fasting. We fast from something. We generally give up something that we know we will miss so that the absence of it, the desire for it, will keep in our minds the sacrifice that Christ made for us: His very life. What we give up is not nearly so important as that we do give up something that we will miss. Sundays are feast days in Lent; a time when we can splurge a little and have what we gave up. This is because Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, when our Lord's life was restored to him.

## Study

Lent is also a time when we make time to learn more about the faith. This Lent, St. Andrew's is offering a five-week parish-wide Lenten Study and Soup Supper program. (See articles on Page 1). There are also a wealth of resources available at Christian book stores and on the web, some of which are listed under Recommended readings for Lent on our web site.

## Almsgiving

Almsgiving is historically the giving of gifts or money to the poor. There are several opportunities available to the parish this Lenten season to aid us in this discipline.

We will continue to collect items for the needy each on the following schedule:

- February 26— Cereal, boxed dinners, mac 'n cheese, pasta, etc.
- March 4 — Baby goods (Cereal, formula, diapers, etc.)
- March 11 — Canned goods (Meat, fish, vegetables, fruit and soups.)
- March 18— Paper products (Paper towels, toilet paper, napkins & tissues.)

- March 25— Cereal, boxed dinners, mac 'n cheese, pasta, etc.

St. Andrew's will also serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, March 17. Why not join **Ginny Ribbans** and her crew of volunteers to help staff the store that morning, and serve a hot lunch to patrons at noon. E-mail Ginny at call at [vrribbans@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vrribbans@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

And, of course, our Parish Discretionary Fund can always use cash donations to help the poor and needy in our midst.

Baskets to collect items are in the Narthex. Contributions to the Discretionary Fund may be placed in the offering basket on Sundays. If you give cash, please place it in an envelope marked "Discretionary Fund", and if you contribute via check, please mark "Discretionary Fund" in the memo section.

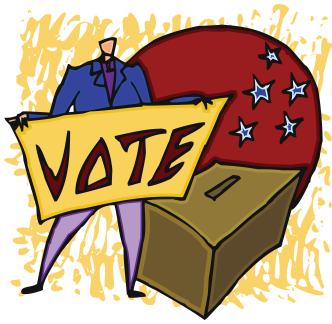
Come join us on this journey that is Lent. Walk with our Lord the steps to Calvary. And join with him in his glorious Resurrection!



## More pancakes!

Above left, **Ed Summers** and **Jack Reeks** of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, our hosts for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, pause before the rush, and above right, **Terry Gatwood** and son enjoy their pancakes.

## Volunteers for Election Day hospitality table



We are still in need of from seven to 10 volunteers to help staff the Election Day hospitality table at the church on Tuesday, March 6. If you enjoy meeting new people, and serving them on behalf of our Lord, please volunteer for this outreach ministry by contact **Bonnie Freeman** at 614-885-8003 or [freemanbc@aol.com](mailto:freemanbc@aol.com). We hope to have two-hour shifts throughout the day from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

We are asking parishioners to contribute finger food (cookies, snacks, pop, juice boxes, etc.) for voters. If you bring something that has nuts in it, please label

it so we can alert those who have allergies. You may bring your goodies to church with you on Sunday, March 4, or contact Bonnie to arrange another time for drop-off. Please be sure to label them for the Hospitality table.

## Come be a part of 'The Mob' on Maundy Thursday!

**Mother Nanci James** is still seeking men and women and teens to portray "The Mob," the Voice of Hatred," during the Maundy Thursday dramatic presentation of the "Twelve Voices of Easter" on April 5 at the 7 p.m. service.

Other "voices" will be Caiaphas, the Voice of Condemnation, and Pilate, the Voice of Evasion.

Please see Mother Nanci before or after the 9:30 a.m. service, or contact her at 614-895-0144 or [njames@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:njames@standrewspolaris.org), to volunteer or for more information. Remember that this is an offering and a celebration of our Lord and not a theatrical production; your heart, willingness, and response to his call is needed!



## THE DAILY LECTIONARY

### The First Sunday in Lent • February 26-March 4

**Sunday, Feb. 26** — Psalms 63:1-8(9-11), 98/103; Daniel 9:3-10; Hebrews 2:10-18; John 12:44-50

**Monday, Feb. 27** — Psalms 41, 52/44; Genesis 37:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13

**Tuesday, Feb. 28** — Psalms 45/47, 48; Genesis 37:12-24; 1 Corinthians 1:20-31; Mark 1:14-28

**Wednesday, Feb. 29** — Psalm 119:49-72/49, [53]; Genesis 37:25-36; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Mark 1:29-45

**Thursday, March 1** — Psalms 50/[59, 60] or 19, 46; Genesis 39:1-23; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15; Mark 2:1-12

**Friday, March 2** — Psalms 95 [for the invitatory], 40, 54/51; Genesis 40:1-23; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Mark 2:13-22

**Saturday, March 3** — Psalms 55/138, 139:1-17(18-23); Genesis 41:1-13; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7; Mark 2:23-3:6

**Next Sunday, March 4** — Psalms 24, 29/8, 84; Genesis 41:14-45; Romans 6:3-14; John 5:19-24

**Note:** *Except where noted, the first set of Psalms and readings are intended for the morning, and the second set for the evening.*

### Next Sunday's Lectionary readings • March 4

- Collect of the Day: BCP 166 (8 a.m.); 218 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)
- Preface of Lent: BCP 346 (8 a.m.); 379 (9:30 & 11 a.m.)
- Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm 22:22-30 (BCP 611)
- New Testament Lesson: Romans 4:13-25
- Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

## March Birthdays

Paul Roach  
Lesley DeBella  
Jo Edda Habeker  
Dick Busick  
Celia Nelson  
Lauren Quayle  
Kay Cline  
Jocelyn Elder  
Rebecca Roberts  
Christian Emery  
Ali Quayle  
Kristen Haines  
Jack Christopher III  
Joanna Spanos  
Joe Nelson  
Sommer Whitehead  
Pat Buehner  
Drew Giese  
Bonnie Freeman  
Ed Miller  
Gabriela Baldwin  
Gene Burch  
Tom James  
Ken Purner  
George Girard  
Christine Brill  
Tonya Edgell  
Jim Connors  
Monique Winkelman  
Carolyn Connors  
Georgiana Pearson  
Bryan Sylvester

## March Anniversaries

Paul & Tami Roach  
Deryck & Nadya Richardson  
Dave & Marilyn Barnes  
Bill & Pat Highley  
Steve & Michelle Sattler  
Greg & Ruth Eller  
Eric & Tally Whitehead  
Chris & Jo Parsons

## Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Archbishop Kahwa Isingoma**, Primate, and the bishops, clergy and people of Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo (Province of the Anglican Church of The Congo) and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. Anglican mission was begun in 1896 by a Ugandan missionary. The province became completely independent in 1992 and is rapidly growing. Pray for the Province's mission to refugees from war-torn areas.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray today for **Fr. Lee Martin, Rev. Barbara Fischer, Fr. Lowell Wellman**, and the people of Christ the King Anglican Church, Columbiana; and for **Fr. Tom Tirman** and the people of St. Michael the Archangel, Anderson, Ind.