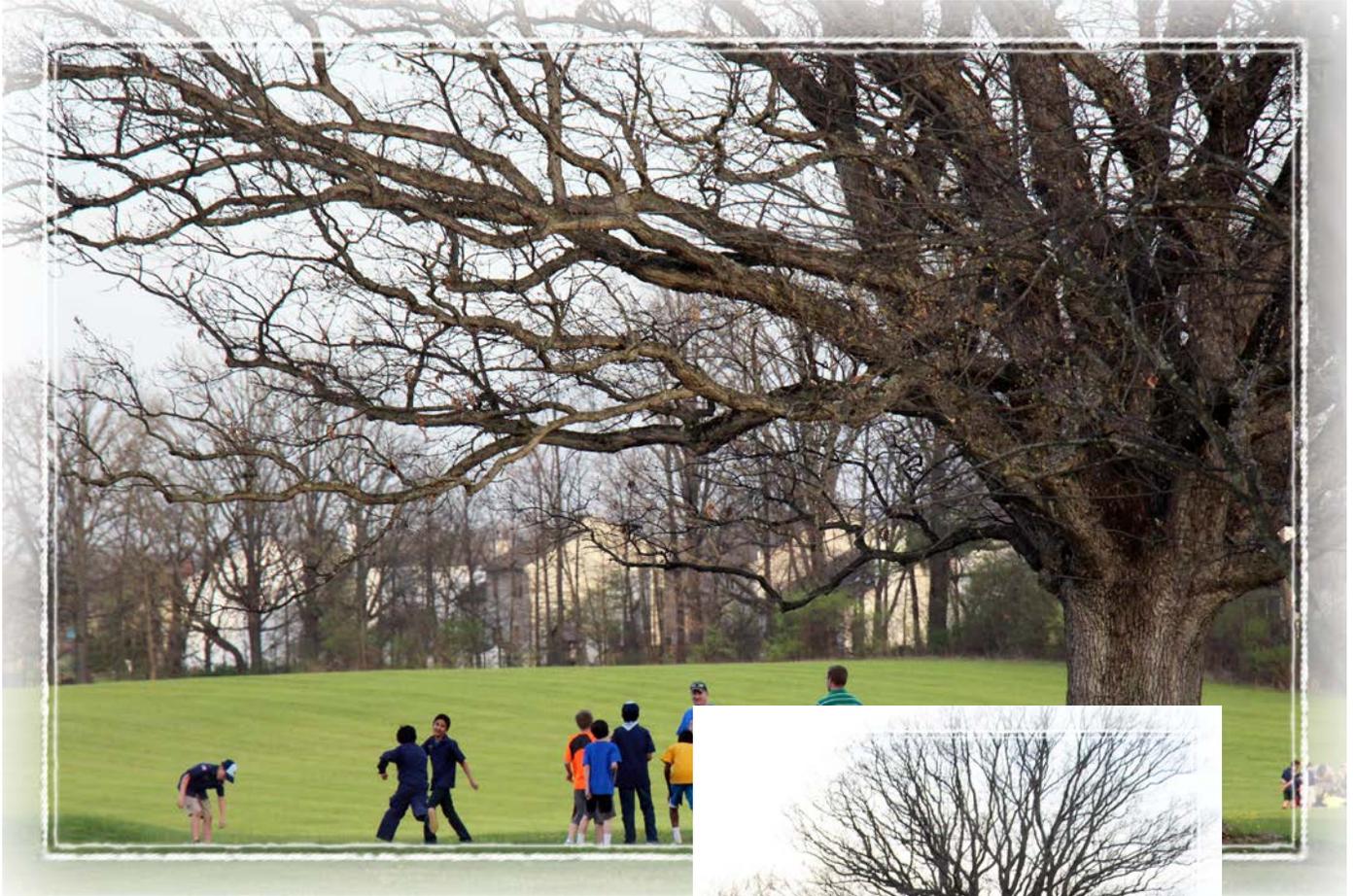


The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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Rogationtide: What seeds are we planting?

By Fr. Ron Baird

How many of you remember celebrating Rogation days? Rogation days are the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Ascension Day, this May 2-4. The meaning of these days comes from its name. Rogare is Latin for "ask." These days were set aside as days of intercessory prayer.



On these days we "ask for God's assistance for our labors."

In times past this has been focused in two different ways. In England in 1559, Parliament, at Queen Elizabeth's request, ordered that the priest of a parish lead a procession of his parishioners around the boundaries of the parish, praying for the needs of the parish. Since, until recently, our world has been primarily an agricultural world,

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While fellow Cub Scouts gather under the mighty oak on the church grounds, these two Webelos plant a tree that Susan Sommerville told them will grow to be the size of the one pictured at top by the time they are grandfathers.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 1-7

Sunday, May 1 — A.M.: Psalm 93, 96; P.M.: Psalm 34; Leviticus 25:1-17; James 1:2-8, 16-18; Luke 12:13-21

Monday, May 2 — Psalm 80; P.M.: Psalm 77, [79]; Leviticus 25:35-55; Colossians 1:9-14; Matthew 13:1-16 **Feast of St. Philip & St. James** — A.M.: Psalm 119:137-160, Job 23:1-12, John 1:43-51; P.M.: Psalm 139, Proverbs 4:7-18, John 12:20-26

Tuesday, May 3 — A.M.: Psalm 78:1-39; P.M.: Psalm 78:40-72; Leviticus 26:1-20; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Matthew 13:18-23

Wednesday, May 4 — A.M.: Psalm 119:97-120; P.M.: Psalm 81, 82; Leviticus 26:27-42; Ephesians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:41-46 Eve of the Ascension: Psalm 68:1-20; 2 Kings 2:1-15; Revelation 5:1-14

Thursday, May 5 (Feast of the Ascension) — A.M.: Psalm 8, 47; P.M.: Psalm 24, 96; Daniel 7:9-14; Hebrews 2:5-18; Matthew 28:16-20

Friday, May 6 — A.M.: Psalm 85, 86; P.M.: Psalm 91, 92; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday, May 7 — A.M.: Psalm 87, 90; P.M.: Psalm 136; Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 7:28-8:4

Next Sunday, May 8 — A.M.: Psalm 66, 67; P.M.: Psalm 19, 46; Exodus 3:1-12; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 10:17-24

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Next Sunday's Lectionary • May 8; Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97 (BCP 726)

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Archbishop Dr. Eliud Wabukala and for the bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and laity of The Anglican Church of Kenya. Anglican missionaries arrived in Kenya in 1844, with the first Anglican convert in 1851, the first Africans ordained to the priesthood in 1885, the first Kenyan bishop in 1955, and the first Kenyan Archbishop in 1970. Mass conversions occurred as early as 1910.

The Church became part of the Province of East Africa, established in 1960, but, with rapid growth, by 1970 Kenya and Tanzania were divided into separate Provinces.

The Church now numbers over five million members in thirty three dioceses. Kenya is one of the East African countries beset by the pestilence of Al Shabaab, a militant Islamic terrorist group that has often murdered Christians for their faith. In the midst of all the horrific news, there is also news to celebrate. In December 2015 Al Shabaab militants sprayed a Kenyan bus with bullets, killing two people and injuring three others. When the gunmen boarded the bus and attempted to single out Christian passengers, the Muslims, at the risk of their own lives, refused to split away from the Christians and some even gave them their religious attire so they would not be easily identified. Eventually the militants gave up and fled the scene.

Please pray especially for continued growth and for increasing sacrificial cooperation and brotherhood across religious divides.

Following the ACNA Cycle of Prayer, please pray for the Very Rev. Dr. Justyn Perry and for the faculty, staff, and seminarians at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Ron Allen, Mother Carolyn Allen, Deacon David Frincke, and the people of Heartland, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Andrew, Kristin and Andrew Lowery; Bill and Jane Lucas; the Sunday Morning Adult Forum; and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Please also pray for those serving in the military; God, we ask for your protection on them as they give of their lives to protect our country.

May Birthdays

Liz Craig
Jennifer Gales
Jeff Wilson
Eric Emery
Lorrie Slevin
Karen Brust
Judy Baird
Madeleine Sylvester
Doris Cook
Cherie Bryant
Danielle Tranchina
Bill Sterling
Alan Carter
Steve Moehring
Susan Sommerville
Hope Beverick
LuAnn Ross
Sara Moehring
Oliver Sylvester
Jonathan Cornett
Michelle Winkelman
Mary Alvarado
Bill Weber
Donna Gough
Rick Brock

May Anniversaries

Robert & Marianne Schmidt
Jim & Sue Thomas
Larry & Julie Baldwin
David & DeAn Williams
Frank & Marty Scott
Dave & Jan Johnson
Andrew & Kristin Lowery
Sue & Alex McKeown

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

When we pray for someone, God shows us how to love them. "And be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you." (*Ephesians 4:32*) "Through wisdom is a house built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms will be filled with all precious and pleasant riches." (*Proverbs 24:3-4*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Have a prayer request?

You may email your prayer requests to prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org, or fill out the online form on our website, standrewspolaris.org, under the "Scripture & Prayer" drop-down menu. Prayer requests may also be placed in the prayer box in the Narthex.

Parish to serve at Common Ground Free Store May 21

Many of you have asked when St. Andrew's is scheduled to serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, and we're excited to announce that it's coming up on Saturday, May 21! We had originally thought our next service time would be in July because of scheduling conflicts, but it turns out we'll be able to serve at the Free Store in May after all.

Please watch "The Net" and our website for details about volunteering to serve or to contribute food for the mail that day. For more information, please contact Diane Bobay at 614-846-6921 or bobayfamily@att.net, or Marty at 614-284-0182 or mscott@standrewspolaris.org.

Renew your Kroger Community Rewards designation now!

Did you know that you can earn money for St. Andrew's while making your regular Kroger purchases? Kroger distributes rebate dollars quarterly to registered nonprofits, such as our church, based upon registered shoppers. You will still earn any in-store discounts or gas points. This charitable donation is a separate extra feature.

Whether a regular or occasional Kroger's shopper, your participation helps. We earned approximately \$ 1,250 in 2015!

To enroll, go to www.Krogercommunityrewards.com, and have your Kroger Plus card handy. Our number is 80910, or you may simply enter St. Andrew's Anglican

Church as your selected charity. Please consider asking friends and family members in the Columbus area who are not signed up with any organization to do so for St. Andrew's. For those already registered, it's time for your annual renewal, as their new year begins May 1. Please contact Robin Field at 614-895-8204 with any questions.



Graduating? We want to recognize you!

St. Andrew's would like to help mark this very special milestone in the lives of the members of

our parish who are graduating from high school, college or other degree program. If you, a child or a grandchild is graduating this year, please contact Judy Baird at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-584-5112, ext. 3 to be included in "The Net's" graduation notes. Please let us know the name of the graduate, their relationship to you, the school they are graduating from, and their plans following graduation. If they are a college graduate, please also include their degree.

Pictures are welcomed and encouraged. The preferred method of submitting photos is as jpeg images via email, but we can also use clear original photographs (copies will not reproduce well), which may be dropped in Judy's mail slot in the Gathering Area. Please label them on the back with the name of the graduate and your name.

St. Andrew's will recognize graduation seniors, from both high school and college, on Sunday, May 22. If you're graduating, please let us know if you'll be able to join us!

Youth to meet Tuesdays through May 17; service project planned

The St. Andrew's Youth Group will meet every Tuesday through May 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the church. Youth will be experiencing the aspects of a small group: worship, prayer, fellowship, bible study and service.

In addition, the youth will focus on the service component by volunteering at the Delaware County Humane Society. This project was originally planned for May 1, but had to be re-scheduled due to various local high school activities. The next available Sunday is May 22, so we hope that date will work out for everyone. Watch "The Net," our website and your email for more details.

Please remember to pray for the safety and well-being of our youth during this busy time of the year for them!

Women's Bible Study Group continues study this Tuesday

The Tuesday morning Women's Bible Study Group continues its study of "Wonderstruck: Awaken to the nearness of God," this coming Tuesday, May 3. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., at the Parish House. All women of the church are welcome to attend, and may feel free to come to any or all of the sessions, and you're welcome to bring a friend.

The Wonderstruck study provides practical steps, challenging questions, intimate stories, and Biblical insights for anyone who wants to live astounded by God and walk in the fullness of all he offers. For those interested in doing the daily devotional studies that accompany the series, the Wonderstruck booklet is available at LifeWay bookstores, but is not required. For more information or questions, please contact Tally Whitehead at 614-578-7897.

Rogationtide

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these intercessory prayers have focused on planting and harvesting.

In the *Book of Common Prayer 1979*, on pages 258 and 259, you will find three prayers (one for each day) concerning intercession at Rogationtide. These three intercessions focus on the needs of our day: The labor of all people in the planting and harvest; for commerce and industry, and for the stewardship of God's Creation and gifts to us. Take a moment to say one of these prayers for each Rogation day.

Beyond the intercession for our own needs, the illustration inset here, which is a depiction of one of the parables that Jesus told, points to our need to plant and sow the seeds of faith. Anglicans are often somewhat reluctant to be evangelists, yet that is exactly what we are called to be. Perhaps our reluctance comes from having been put upon by some overzealous convert ourselves.

When we plant a seed, we can nurture it, tend it, care for it, pray for it, and even love it; but we cannot make it grow. Only God makes things grow. We are called to be planters and sowers, nurturers and carers. We are not called to convert someone. That job belongs to God!

The question we need to ask ourselves this Rogationtide is not how many souls have we brought to Christ, but how many seeds have we planted and cared for?



The boys working below are digging a hole for a tree that will replace the one already there.



Just in time for Rogationtide, the Webelos of Cub Scout Pack 139, which is sponsored by St. Andrew's, two weeks ago planted three trees on the church grounds.



Susan Sommerville, our resident expert on plants and flowers, explains to members of Cub Scout Pack 139 how large the hole needs to be dug for the trees they are planting.



Above, Scouts planting a tree in front of the Parish House jump on the shovel the way Susan demonstrated to get their hole started, and at left continue digging.

Today, on Rogation Sunday, children in the Young Lambs and Pre-K/Kindergarten Godly Play classes are hearing the story of the Parable of the Sower. Ask them what they learned!

