

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019



Wonder what our Young Saints do when they're dismissed for Children's Chapel after the reading of the Gospel at the 9 a.m. service every Sunday? They're doing what you're doing! The children follow a wooden cross to a classroom off the Gathering Area, where they hear a sermon, often participatory in nature and based on the Gospel for the day, before joining together in the Apostles' Creed, and Prayers of the People and a general Confession written especially for them, yet containing all of the elements from the "big church" prayer book. Children re-join the congregation at "The Peace" for communion. Above, Erica Weiser, one of our Chapel leaders, leads the children in the Apostles' Creed. Other Children's Chapel leaders are Judy Baird, Jackie Menke, and Candy Tracy.

Sins and virtues topic of Lenten Study Program beginning March 12

Our annual parish-wide Lenten Study Program begins Tuesday, March 12! This year adults will be exploring the seven deadly sins and seven holy virtues.

We will meet from 6:15 to 8 p.m. for five consecutive Tuesdays. The evening starts with a simple supper of soup and salad, followed by a teaching by Fr. Ron Baird, and discussion in small groups. Children will move into the Gathering Area after the meal, where they will study the seven sacraments of the Church.

This is one of the most effective ways we offer to connect with other members and experience a taste of small group life! In conjunction with the Lenten Study Program, we are trying something new this year; the Lenten Small Group Campaign, for people who can't make Tuesday nights! We plan to make the materials available each week after Tuesday evening, for people to use with other church members, friends, and neighbors. This is an easy and short commitment (only five weeks) to get to know others better and possibly build

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Chili Cook-off, Annual Meeting this afternoon

The annual Chili Cook-off will be at 2 p.m. today. We have a nice variety of chilis entered in the contest, so plan to come out ahead of the Annual Meeting, enjoy some good food and fellowship, and help us crown our new chili champions!

The 2019 Annual Parish Meeting will follow the Chili Cook-off, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This meeting will be an opportunity to hear from Fr. Ron Baird and members of the Vestry about the state of the parish in 2018, and look ahead to what's planned for 2019. It's also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the 2018 Annual Report. If you didn't get a copy of the report last week, you can pick one up at the Information Desk today, or download a copy from the Member Connection of our website.

Child care will be provided during the meeting.

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday coming up

Lent is just around the corner, and with it comes our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, followed the next day by Ash Wednesday.

This year's Pancake Supper will be March 5, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Area. Those arriving closer to 7:30 can be assured that you'll still get fresh, hot food as we'll be cooking right up to closing time! We'll be serving pancakes, sausages and all the trimmings, so please come and join us for our pre-Lent celebration!

There is no cost for the meal. We will, however, collect a free-will donation to cover the cost of the food, if you should like to contribute. Please sign up at the Information Desk in the Narthex, or online at *Please turn to back*

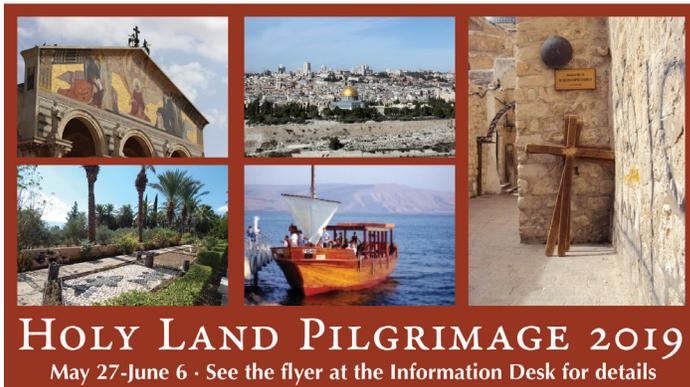
Early registration deadline extended; matching grant monies available

There's still time to register for the Holy Land pilgrimage May 27-June 6 with Fr. Ron Baird, and the early registration deadline has been extended! Those who register by Thursday, Feb. 28, will receive a discount of \$100 off the \$4,098 per-person cost of the trip.

The cost includes airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily, transportation in the Holy Land, and entrance to all places of interest. Not included are lunches, tips and personal items.

If you're interested in participating, but find that cost is an issue, please see Fr. Ron. We do have some matching grant money available, thanks to the generosity of several members of our parish.

The 11-day trip will depart Columbus for New York on Monday, May 27, where we'll take an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, Israel. We'll return on Thursday, June 6. The pilgrimage will take us from Bethlehem, where Jesus was born, to his boyhood home of Nazareth. We'll visit Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where he began his earthly ministry and called his first disciples. And in the Holy City of Jerusalem we'll walk the Via Dolorosa,



following in our Lord's footsteps to the Cross of Golgotha, and finally to the place of the empty tomb, where the angel proclaimed that "He is not here. He is risen!"

In Jordan, we'll visit the what is believed to be the baptismal site of Jesus, as well as the ancient city of Petra, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Come join us on this awe-inspiring and life-changing journey!

Lenten Study Program

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a new small group. No Bible study skills are needed; just a heart to host or help organize a small group to be held in your home or at church on a different night. We will provide the materials and help coach volunteers on hosting and such.

Please sign up at the Information Desk to attend the Lenten Study Program, and/or to contribute food to the common meal. You may also sign up online at standrewspolaris.org.

For more information, or to volunteer to host a small group during Lent, please contact Tally Whitehead, twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 5.

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday

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standrewspolaris.org, so we'll know how much food to purchase. If you forget to sign up, we've got you covered anyway, so be sure to come! The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, in conjunction with the Kitchen Ministry, is sponsoring the event.

As you partake in the festivities of Shrove Tuesday, also plan to partake in the spiritual discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Fasting helps us keep in mind the plight of those who don't have enough to eat, and also focuses our attention on the need to be "hungry" for the Gospel. Young children and anyone with special medical needs should not attempt to fast, of course. The rest of us can gain much spiritually by submitting ourselves to the discipline of a "liquids only" fast from sunrise to sundown.

We also invite you to come to the altar of Christ at one of the two services that day, at 12 Noon and 7 p.m., to receive the imposition of ashes, to hear the call to a devout and Holy Lent and to receive God's mercy in the form of Christ's Body and Blood.

Lent is a time to prepare our hearts, minds, bodies and souls to accept the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us on Good Friday. In order to experience the true joy of Easter, one must walk the Lenten journey. The imposition of ashes begins this journey by reminding us that we are but creatures of dust, created by God, and lost without his saving grace.

March Birthdays

Krista Lung
Lesley DeBella
Bob Muehlhausen
Dick Busick
Bruce Vanderhoff
Jo Edda Habeker
Amy Beverick
Celia Nelson
Christian Emery
Joanna Spanos
Joe Nelson
Sommer Whitehead
Caroline Bobay
Bonnie Freeman
Tom James
Christine Brill
Jim Connors
Monique Winkelman
Jean Duncan
Carolyn Connors
Brian Sylvester

March Anniversaries

Deryck & Nadya Richardson
Dave & Marilyn Barnes
Steve & Michelle Sattler
Eric & Tally Whitehead

This week's Daily Lectionary, next Sunday's Lectionary, the Prayers for the Church, and Encouragement for your Prayer Time with God are available in an insert at the Information Desk today.