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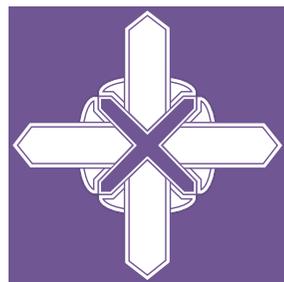
Sunday, February 27, 2022

Lent kicks off host of parish events and activities

There are so many exciting things coming up here at St. Andrew's in the next several weeks that it's hard to know where to begin. So we'll begin with what's right in front of us, and that's the **2022 Annual Meeting from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. today in the Sanctuary.**

Come hear from Fr. Ron Baird and the Vestry about what's been happening here in the past year and what's ahead in the coming months as we prepare for a transition in leadership with Fr. Ron's retirement at the end of the year. Following the reports we'll break out for table discussion around the topic of "Getting Ready for the Transition," and the role each of us has to play in it.

This afternoon's discussion will lead us in to two other events coming up this month that we welcome and encourage your participation in—the 2022 Lenten Study Program and our St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone (SALT) Gathering.



THE CALL TO A HOLY LENT

Ash Wednesday on March 2 begins the holy journey to the Cross that we call Lent. Lent is a time to put away the cares of the world and to follow our Lord and Savior to Jerusalem, to Calvary, and to the Tomb. It's 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.

Lenten activities begin the night before Ash Wednesday, which we call Shrove Tuesday (in French, Mardi Gras), traditionally with a Pancake Supper, which here at St. Andrew's is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 1 (see the article inside today's edition of "The Net" for details). The word "shrove" means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. Thus, Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the custom for Christians to be "shriven" before the start of Lent.

It is appropriate that we have a feast the evening before Ash Wednesday, as it's our last opportunity to "stuff" ourselves with goodies before we enter into the serious discipline that is Lent.

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The topic of this year's Lenten Study Program, which begins on Tuesday, March 8, is "Renew, Revive, Revitalize."

We'll be taking a look at the book "Revive: Bringing Health, Vitality, and Growth Back into Your Church" by the Rev. Canon Mark Eldredge, director of church revitalization

for the American Anglican Council (AAC). The study will focus on the building blocks needed to foster revitalization in the Church, the first and most important of which is spiritual renewal, both personally and in the church.

As part of our preparation for the Lenten Study Program we're asking everyone, regardless of whether you plan to participate, to complete a short online church health assessment at remissioning.com/church-health/?church_id=679874f2ca. The survey, which takes about 10 minutes to complete, is designed to assess the missional health and vitality of our congregation, empower our church, and equip our leaders to fulfill God's disciple-making mission.

The 2022 SALT Gathering—"Growing Together in Service and Community"—will be Saturday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. If you are involved in ministry at St. Andrew's, or are looking for a place to serve and connect with your parish family, this retreat is for you!

We'll open with a time of worship led by St. Andrew's musicians, followed by a panel discussion with some of our current ministry leaders who will share their heart and passion for ministry and give you a glimpse into how their

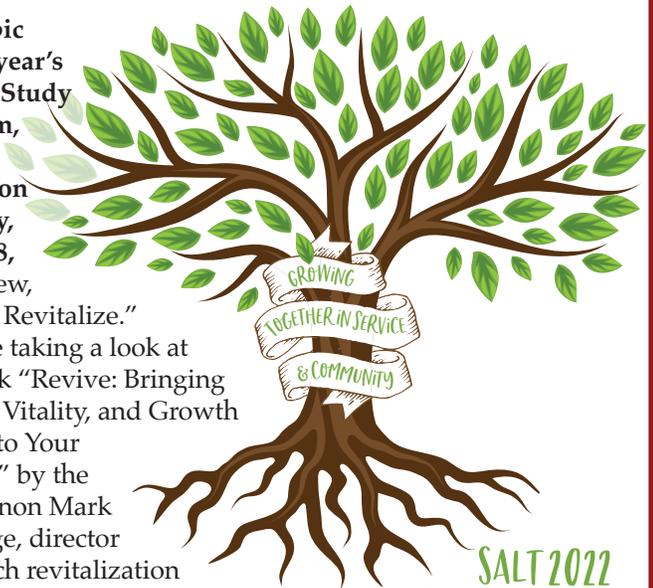
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Update on Afghan refugee family: Informational session on Zoom this week

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pew card last weekend. The response was excellent. We still have cards in the pews if you want to donate time, talent or treasure.

While we wait for the refugee family's arrival, which is expected sometime in March, we will offer an informational session and Q&A for volunteers and anyone

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Last Sunday of Epiphany · Feb. 27-March 5

Sunday, Feb. 27 — A.M.: Psalm 140; Exodus 6; Matthew 12:1-21 P.M.: Psalm 143; Lamentations 3:1-9,19-33,52-66; Romans 11

Monday, Feb. 28 — A.M.: Psalm 144; Exodus 7; Matthew 12:22-50 P.M.: Psalm 145; Lamentations 4; Romans 12

Tuesday, March 1 — A.M.: Psalm 146; Exodus 8; Matthew 13:1-23 P.M.: Psalm 147; Lamentations 5; Romans 13

Ash Wednesday, March 2 — A.M.: Psalm 6; Isaiah 58:1-12; Luke 18:9-14; P.M.: Psalm 32; Jonah 3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Thursday, March 3 — A.M.: Psalms 1, 2; Exodus 10; Matthew 13:44-58 P.M.: Psalms 3, 4; Proverbs 2; Romans 15

Friday, March 4 — A.M.: Psalms 5, 6; Exodus 11; Matthew 14 P.M.: Psalm 7; Proverbs 3:1-27; Romans 16

Saturday, March 5 — A.M.: Psalm 9; Exodus 12:1-20, 28-36; Matthew 15:1-28 P.M.: Psalm 10; Proverbs 4; Philippians 1:1-11

Next Sunday, March 6 — A.M.: Psalms 8, 11; Exodus 13; Matthew 15:29-16:12 P.M.: Psalms 15, 16; Proverbs 5; Philippians 1:12-30

Eucharistic Lectionary Ash Wednesday · March 2

First Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 103:8-14 (BCP 402)

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

The First Sunday in Lent · March 6

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1--11 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Romans 10:4-13 (11:15 a.m.)

Psalm 91:9-16 (BCP 390)

Second Reading: Romans 10:4-13 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 (All)

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Andy Lines, his wife Mandy, and the clergy and people of the Anglican Network in Europe.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. John Harris, Deacon Barbara Fischer, and the people of Christ the King, Columbiana, Ohio.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Jean Duncan; Eric, Benjamin and Christian Emery; and our Choir.

A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Join us on March 1 for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on March 1 in the church Gathering Area. Food will be served between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. For folks arriving later, we promise you'll still get fresh, hot food as we will be cooking right up to closing time. And new this year—pancakes to go!



As usual, 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, be collecting a free-will donation to cover the cost of the food, if you should like to contribute.

There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Desk near the entrance to the church, or you may sign up online at app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/80.

To place your to-go order, go to app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/77.

We ask that you sign up, regardless of whether you plan to attend in person or order online, so that we'll know how much food to purchase.

March Birthdays

Amy Beverick	Magnolia Meyers
Caroline Bobay	Celia Nelson
Christine Brill	Joe Nelson
Dick Busick	Sanjay Pais
Carolyn Connors	Joanna Spanos
Lesley DeBella	Brian Sylvester
Jean Duncan	Ellen Vosburg
Christian Emery	Sommer Whitehead
Bonnie Freeman	Monique Winkelman
Krista Lung	

March Anniversaries

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

Encouragement for your prayer time

Living a good life is important in God's eyes. "Whoever pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor." (*Proverbs 21:21*) "I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants— but let them not turn to folly." (*Psalms 85:8*).

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

Call to a Holy Lent

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As you partake in the festivities of Shrove Tuesday, also plan to partake in the spiritual discipline of fasting on Ash Wednesday, one of two fast days in the Church, the other being Good Friday. 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. The rest of us can gain much spiritually by submitting ourselves to this discipline.

In addition to the "liquids only" fast from sunrise to sundown, we pray that you will 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.

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.

Many of us think of ourselves as immortal. It is important that we stop at least once a year to remind ourselves of the reality of death in our lives, and of our need for the salvation that is found in Christ alone.

Many Christians adopt a four-fold discipline of prayer, fasting, study, and almsgiving in Lent.

Prayer

It's important that we set aside a few minutes each day during Lent 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 in the Book of Common Prayer 2019 offers an excellent pattern for daily prayer. You'll find the Daily Office on Page 734 of the BCP, which can be downloaded for free from bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net.

The Daily Lectionary is also available in "The Net" (or sometimes in a separate leaflet if space dictates), and on our website, standrewspolaris.org, under the "Scripture & Prayer" menu.

Many of you already pray weekly for the Church, including our own parish, using the "Prayers for the Church" taken from the Sunday liturgy's Prayers of the People. If you don't already do this, Lent would be an excellent time to start praying regularly for the Church, seeking God's blessing on his people, and also his guidance as we seek to fulfill his mission in this place, and especially as our Search Committee goes about its work of discerning who God is calling to be our next rector.

Fasting

Fasting is not a popular concept in our time. Dieting, yes; but not fasting. Perhaps that is because we do not understand why 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. Our five-week Lenten Study and Soup and Salad Supper on Tuesdays, beginning March 8, this year will center around the topic of "Renew, Revive, and Revitalize," focusing on personal, relational, missional, structural, and cultural renewal, leading to revitalization in the church. A children's program on Holy Communion will run simultaneously. Our hope is that families will come together to make this Lent a time of discipleship, fellowship and worship.

Almsgiving

Almsgiving is historically the giving of gifts or money to the poor. This year our church has a wonderful and unique opportunity to grow together in fellowship, leadership, and service as we live our faith through sponsoring an Afghan refugee family seeking to resettle in the Columbus area. We expect to welcome the family we will be paired with sometime in March.

In the meantime, we are looking not only for monetary support the family, but especially volunteers to walk along side the family for the next six months, assisting them as they integrate into our community and achieve independence. Please see the latest update from our Afghan Refugee Family Core Team in today's edition of "The Net," as well as the bulletin board in the Narthex, for ways you can contribute.

You also may wish to give to one of our weekly outreach offerings: the Parish Discretionary Fund, which helps those in need in our midst, first Sundays; local outreach ministries, second Sundays; the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware, third Sundays; and international outreach ministries, fourth Sundays. Fifth Sundays are dedicated to our Blessing Box ministry.

And remember that we're always collecting gently used household items, clothing and toys, new underwear and socks, and diapers for Common Ground; personal care items for the Pregnancy Decision Health Center; and items for our Blessing Box. Collection bins are in the coatroom.

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! — *By Fr. Ron Baird*

Afghan Family Resettlement Support/Team Member Interest

Your time, talent and/or treasure in this endeavor will help us in our mission of the Great Commandment. Please reach out to any of the contacts below for more information regarding a specific area of support.

First name: _____ Last name: _____
Phone: (____) _____-_____ email: _____

I have interest to be on a team:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Contact-Social Services-Budget
Contact: Pat Schmitz (614)204-7080 | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Health Team
Contact: Jim & Jackie Menke (614) 361-4329 | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Team
Contact: Kelsie Myers (614) 517-0549 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Assimilation, Employment and
Training Team
Contact: Eric Emery (614) 405-4179 | <input type="checkbox"/> Donations & Contributions Team
Contact: Rachel & Carlo Cherubini (740)971-7741 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
Contact: Shane Tucker (740) 548-5112 x4 |

I would like to support financially to the project. I understand that Samaritan's Purse provides \$2,275 per person, and the request is for above and beyond support that will help in one of the areas above. You may call the parish office at (740) 548-5112, or scan the QR code or type in the link that's below to donate and access more information on the project.



To donate go to <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/egiving>

Lenten activities

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ministries in particular fulfill St. Andrew's purpose and mission. We'll touch upon the personal benefits and rewards to serving in ministry, look at how St. Andrew's ministries serve others, and encourage you to participate with us in the mission God has given us to transform the world through Christ—one heart at a time.

There will also be an opportunity to connect with one another as we break into small groups for discussion on ministry and mission at St. Andrew's, where you see yourself fitting in to the big picture, and whether God might be calling you to serve—or maybe even lead. Light refreshments will be provided.

This event is open to all youth and adults in the church, and we hope you'll come away from it inspired to grow with us in service to God and his Church, and experience the sense of community that comes with working together with a common purpose.

Our SALT (St. Andrew's Leadership Touchstone) gatherings were originally designed to focus on learning to lead like Jesus, and becoming the church with the heart of Christ that we desire to be. While SALT started as a retreat for our ministry leaders, we have more recently opened it to all members of the church who desire to be a part of the work that God in us and through us here at St. Andrew's.

SALT is not only an acronym, but it also calls to mind Jesus' command to be salt and light to the world.

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

There are a number of items that the Afghan refugee family we will be sponsoring will need as they set up their household here in our community. While more details will be provided in the coming days via the Zoom meetings scheduled for next week and on our website, there is information now on the bulletin boards at the Information Desk about you can contribute. You're welcome to go behind the desk to get a closer look!

Afghan refugee family

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who is interested in the project. The session will be held twice, on Monday, Feb. 28, and Wednesday, March 3, and it will be on Zoom starting at 7 p.m. for a half-hour. We will post the link on our Slack channel, on the Church's events calendar and on the Afghan Refugee project page at standrewspolaris.org/afghan-refugee-project/. Anyone interested in the project is encouraged to attend. We also plan to offer an in-person update on a Sunday in March.

We still need donations, and we especially need volunteers. There is no such thing as too much help! If you have questions about this project, please contact:

- Purchasing, Donations and Contributions: Carlo and Rachel Cherubini at 740-971-7741
- Cultural Assimilation, Employment and Training: Eric Emery at 614-405-4179
- Education, Health Care and Transportation: Jim and Jackie Menke at 614-361-4329
- Housing: Kelsie Meyers at 614-517-0549
- Project Chair: Pat Schmitz at 614-204-7080
- Clergy Contract: Fr. Shane Tucker at 740-548-5112 ext. 4.