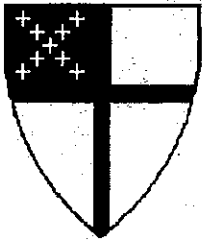
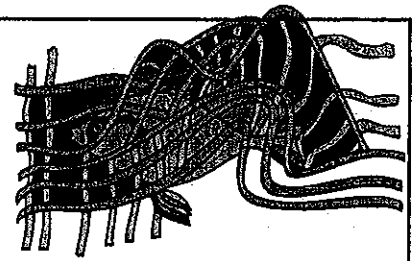


# The Sea Net

May 2001



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The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall, Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast  
The Rev. Don Cramer, Interim Rector

## From our Interim Rector Father Don Cramer

April was a banner month for us. We met all of our growth goals and a few events have helped us clear up some of the confusion of the past and look to the future. We have steadily grown in terms of active members. We continue to average between two and four new people every week. We now have approximately 100 very active members and about 392 inactive communicant members. We had a wonderful Easter Service with over 252 in attendance.

We have also grown in pledge and plate to an income that is "break even" for our monthly expenses, even with a \$4000 mortgage payment. We are meeting our 20% pledge back to the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and we will be able to further reduce our monthly mortgage by \$1000 by September.

The building renovations have been completed. The Rummage Sale was

a HUGE success. We will furnish our newly renovated Administration Offices with our rummage sale profits

We sent four pilgrims to Cursillo and we now have 10 Cursillo graduates in our congregation - opening us up for having weekly reunion groups and Diocesan Reunion Ultreyas.

**Adult Education  
Sunday  
May 20th  
at  
9:00am**

We have started Adult Education on Sundays, Mid-week services on Wednesdays, and our Confirmation Class with eight potential Confirmands.

The Bishop licensed eight new Chalice Bearers and appointed two new Vestry Members increasing our vestry size.

We have had so much fun doing all of this!

It is so rewarding to work with a small church where each person really makes a difference and is noticeably important.

Two events also reduced the confusion about our future. The Archbishop of Canterbury refused to accept Bishop Charles Murphy into the "Worldwide Communion of Anglicans" and specifically stated that he considered the group calling themselves the Anglican Mission in America, "schismatic". There is no longer any question that we are not in communion with them as Anglicans.

**We are the Anglican presence in Destin.**

On Friday, April 20th, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast voted unanimously to depose the Clergy who abandoned the Episcopal Church and their Bishop to join that group. We are no longer in Communion with them as Episcopalians.

**We are the Episcopal presence in Destin.**

**The benefit of this is that we can both get on with our futures.**

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The  
CONSECRATION  
of the Very  
Reverend  
Philip M. Duncan,  
II as the Third  
Bishop of the  
Diocese of the  
Central Gulf  
Coast is set for  
May 12. The  
service will be  
held at the Civic  
Center in  
downtown  
Pensacola. The  
combined choirs  
of the Diocese will  
begin their  
musical  
presentation at  
12:30pm. Doors  
will open at noon  
and the  
procession will  
begin at 1:00 pm.

## Con't from Father Don

### Assuming.....

our new Bishop agrees, our future over the next four months will be focused on five primary areas:

1. Growth in Active Communicant Members
2. Music Ministry
3. Christian Education
4. Outreach
5. Starting the Call Process for a new Rector.

The first step in **Communicant Member** growth is to have accurate records. The next step is to contact all Episcopallians in the area and reactivate their interest in worship and fellowship with us. We hope to grow at the rate of about eight to ten new members per month. We will be a self-supporting parish by the end of August if we meet our goals here

We hope to have a **Music Ministry** in place by July and the **Christian Education** Program in place by the start of the next school year. We are gathering data for a Nursery program and will probably start it before Fall.

**Outreach** is a steadily expanding thing for us. In addition to providing care of food to indigents, hot meals, use of the Parish Hall for OASIS, we will begin a Summer Youth Program for Youth Groups in the Diocese. We will be hosting the "Happening" on the 27-29th of June and will have three to six other youth groups over the summer staying with us as our guests. Each will have a parish project to complete and provide Sunday service ministry. We will be starting a Child, Marriage, and Family Center in June, including an office of the St. Simon's on-the-Sound Episcopal Church Counseling Center in Destin, with a resident Florida licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

The **Call Process** will begin by developing our profile, probably with home group gatherings and some full parish gatherings. I am working to get a Consultant for us now, probably to come on board in late August or early September. The call process usually takes a year, so "hang in there and continue to have fun!"

Fr. Don+

## Adult Education..... Sunday and Wednesday

If you think you understand the difference between Pastoral Theology and Moral Theology and how those two relate to the Episcopal Church Position on Gender Identification, Human Sexuality and related issues, then you can make an informed choice to stay or leave the Episcopal Church, based on your own beliefs about these issues.

If you are not sure about how different Christians arrive at different solutions about these problems, then you may wish to come to a Christian Education Class on Sunday Morning starting May 20th at 9:00am.

If you are not sure that what you have heard about what the Episcopal Church believes about the authority of the Bible, and contemporary social issues, then you may wish to come to "Those Crazy Episcopallians-What do they Believe?" on Wednesday Evenings at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall.

## Blessing of the Fleet

To this end, the Bishop has given his approval for me to invite any of the deposed Clergy to celebrate a Service with me, - just as I might ask a Baptist, Methodist or other minister not in Communion with us, to celebrate with me at the altar. I have issued this invitation. Hopefully, this will pave the way for some reconciliation between our two congregations.

# The SEA NET Family

## Church-Wide Census

St. Andrew's By-the Sea Episcopal Church is in the process of conducting a church-wide census. We are currently updating the church registry prior to printing a formal **Church Directory**.

Through this process we have discovered that we currently have 392 inactive communicants and over 100 active members. There is now a clear choice. If you wish to remain a part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion, and part of the Episcopal Church, you should leave your membership at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

If you wish not to be a part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion and/or not a part of the Episcopal Church, then you should move your membership. Until you make a choice, your membership resides with us.

**Records that were transferred from other churches occasionally were incomplete.** In an effort to correct the missing information, we may be contacting you; or it would be extremely helpful if you would jot this information down and provide it to the church office.

**Please use this form to provide us the information needed to complete our Church history.** You are welcome to place this form in the collection plate on Sunday or you may bring it by the church office during office hours of 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on Monday—Friday. Many thanks for your help. Our history is important!

### *Our Family*

*God made us a family.  
We need each other.*

*We love one another and forgive one another.  
We work together and play together. We worship together  
and use God's Word together. Together we grow in Christ  
and learn to love all men.*

*Together we serve our God and seek to know His will.  
These are our hopes and ideals.  
Lord, we ask for grace to attain them.  
Amen.*

## Mother's Day

What a perfect time to celebrate the contribution that women priests, now 3,000 strong, have made to the growth and development of the Episcopal Church for the past quarter-century!



For the first time in the history of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, a woman priest will celebrate Holy Communion. The Reverend Martha Harris, the Assistant Rector at St. Simon's on the Sound will be here to celebrate Mother's Day with us.

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Census

**Christian Name:** (includes maiden name)

**Date of Birth:**

**City of Birth:**

**Date of Baptism:**

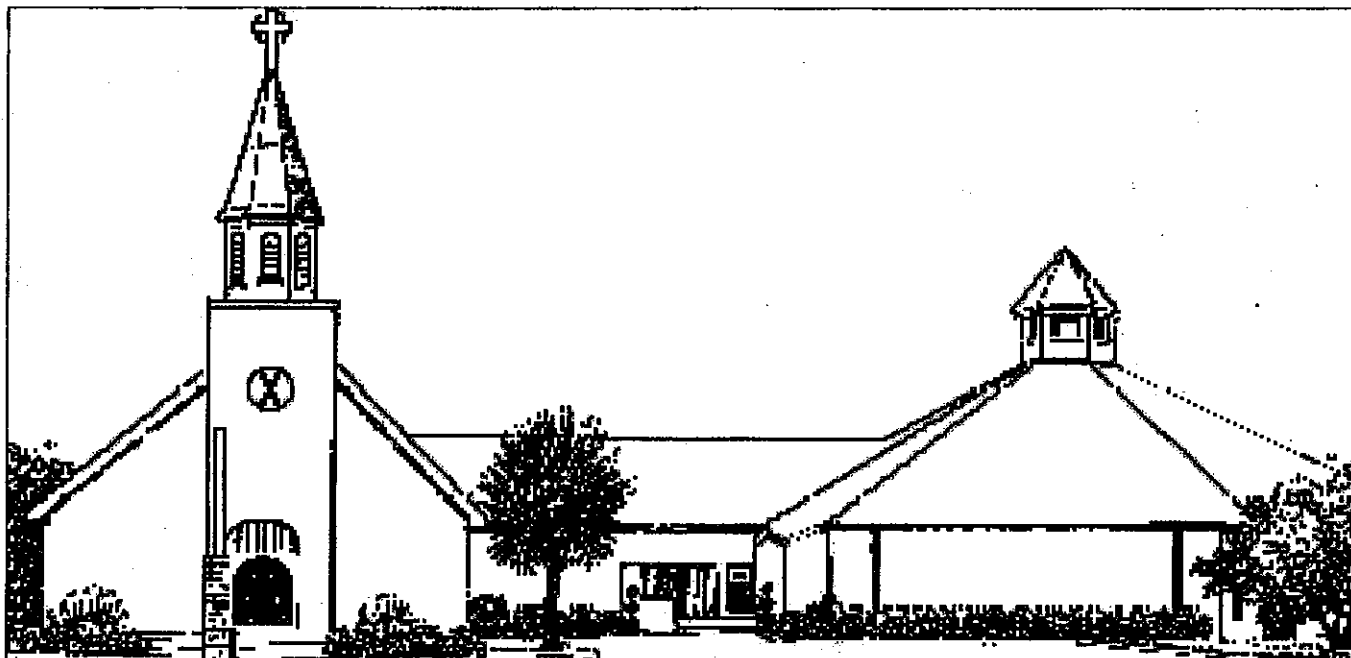
**Church and City where baptism occurred:**

**Date of Confirmation:**

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