

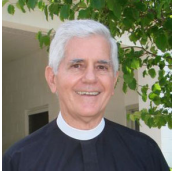


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THE SEA NET

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The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II, Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
The Rev. David S. Lockett, Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church



WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE!

Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made; this is the day we remember and celebrate our redemption. In our reading from Acts we are reminded that the blood of our Saving Lamb has been poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins and John, in his gospel, invites us to “see” these wondrous events anew this Easter and join him in believing; the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29) and who has shed his blood for us now lives forever.

Liturgically speaking, the period of the year from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost is the oldest part of the Church Year. It comes directly from the fifty-day period in the Jewish calendar, which began with Passover and concluded with Pentecost (the Greek term for “fiftieth day”). The Lord’s death and resurrection took place at Passover, and its completion – the empowering of the Apostles by the Holy Spirit – took place on Pentecost. These are the church’s original feast days, which in very early times were both moved to the Sundays following the Jewish festivals, because of the early church’s intense reverence for the first day of the week as the Lord’s Day, the Day of Resurrection. The Early Christians considered every Sunday to be a celebration of the rising of Christ and of the coming of the Holy Spirit – repetition of Easter and Pentecost.

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SPOTLIGHT

*Alleluia!
Christ is risen.
The Lord is
risen indeed.*

*Alleluia!
Celebrate with us
on Easter Day,
Sunday, April 4,
at 10:30 am*

**Serving Christ in Everyone.
Everywhere. Every day.
The Episcopal Church welcomes you.**

Alleluia

With Easter, the ALLELUIA is restored to our worship. The word is derived from the Hebrew word hallelujah, which means literally, “praise to Yahweh.” In Jewish worship, it is particularly characteristic of Passover. In the Seder meal, the entire group of psalms called the Hallel Psalms are sung (Psalms 113-118).

The Paschal Candle

The large candle that is lighted at the outset of Easter and burns in the church at every service during the season is the paschal candle (from the Latin and Greek word pascha, which means “Passover”). It was the custom of the Jewish synagogue to begin services in the evening with the lighting of candles – originally for the purpose of giving light but almost immediately assigned with symbolic meaning of light: the revelation of God’s love. Early Christians continued that use of light, seeing in the bringing of light into a dark place a symbol of the Resurrection. Continuing the practice of attaching symbolism to religious items, the Paschal Candle is often decorated with nails representing the wounds from the crucifixion which the risen Lord’s body still bore.

We are now within the Great Fifty Days of Easter, during which we seek to explore and more fully appreciate the mystery of resurrection. This is the time to remember that the one who declares himself the light of the world also declares himself the Truth. And through the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, continues to guide us into the unsearchable riches of his truth.

However, truth is not always welcome and is often distorted by half truths, exaggeration and deceit. As we are learning, truth is not always welcome even within the life of the church. God’s truth, revealed in his son Jesus Christ, is truly liberating and enables us to see the world around us more clearly and respond to those who surround us with greater compassion.

Jesus tells us, “you are truly my disciples: and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

As we continue our journey in faith during the Great Fifty Days of Easter, may we rise above our tidy and sometimes self-serving notions of righteousness and beyond our points of view into the ever-evolving truth of the risen Christ remembering that: “...the truth will make you free.”

USUAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE**Sundays**

Adult Sunday School..... 9:00 am
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am
Fellowship Time 11:45 am

Thursdays

Motley Crew..... 9:00 am
(bring a bag lunch)

REGULARLY-SCHEDULED MEETINGS & EVENTS**Parish Breakfast**

(usually the second Saturday)

April 10.....8:00 am

followed by**Church Work Day**

until noon

Potluck Dinner

(usually the third Wednesday, but a week earlier in April)

April 14.....5:30 pm

Vestry Meeting

(usually the third Sunday, but with the Vestry Retreat this month)

April 17.....8:00 am

The Sea Net is generally published monthly (except for January and a combined summer issue) and welcomes and encourages submissions from St. Andrew’s one and all... prayers, poems, artwork, photos, quotations, little stories, longer stories, meditations, book reviews, ideas for articles.

The deadline for submitting material for *The Sea Net* is the 15th of each month.



SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY SUMMARY
FOR MARCH 2010

Outreach Program	Total for Feb	Previous Month Reported (Feb.)	YTD (through 03/10)	Total Last Year (2009)
Monday lunches: # served	118	52	232	707
1/2 gal homemade soup: # donations received	46	22	93	208
Lunch Bags: # recipients	91	66	218	781
Food Pantry: # bags / # people	63-61	61-77	181-198	602/750
Gas Cards: # families helped (Cards not available in Feb. or Mar.)	0	0	19	112
Bicycles: # bikes given out	20	14	52	78
Showers: # towels used	86	32	132	1561

OUR DONATIONS TO ERD

For January through March, 2010, St. Andrew's members & friends have given to Episcopal Relief and Development for relief efforts in Haiti a total of **\$225.00** through St. Andrew's and another **\$50.00** directly to ERD. Have you made a direct donation to ERD for Haiti relief? Let the church office know and we'll continue this tally.

For current information about where ERD dollars are being used, go to:

www.er-d.org

ON GIVING THROUGH ST. ANDREW'S

If you give by check to ERD, UTO, the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, etc., and you place your check in the offering plate or mail it to St. Andrew's, *please* be sure to make your check out to *St. Andrew's* and enter the purpose *in the check stub*. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Thanks to all of you for your continuing and faithful contributions to our pantry, especially for the 3+ baskets of food on Palm Sunday.

These items are the most useful—and we are **always low** on them:

CANNED MEATS – stews, hash, tuna, chili, chicken, chicken & dumplings, ham, Spam, corned beef

CANNED SOUPS – chunky ready-to-eat *meat or chicken* soups (not condensed soups)

CANNED VEGETABLES – *please* concentrate on **corn, green beans, potatoes, carrots, and canned beans** (black, red, navy, white, kidney, etc.)

CANNED FRUIT – all sizes: we have only **three** cans as of March 31.

CANNED PASTA

DRY PASTA & PASTA SAUCE

PEANUT BUTTER – 18-oz. jars or smaller are the most useful, but we can give larger jars to families with kids

CRACKERS – medium boxes or large boxes with individually-wrapped stacks

BOXED MILK – all sizes, plain & chocolate

Have you ever seen our food pantry? If not, ask Jennifer, William, Claudia, Camille, Becky, Chiara, Nancy, Andrea, Kathy, Jerry, or Kate for your special guided tour.

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NON-FOOD ITEMS – We've received a very generous donation of 30 **can openers** – *you know who you are*: thank you!

We'd like to have at least a couple of packs of **diapers** in each size: diaper requests come rarely, but often we have no diapers at all on hand.

Other toiletries that we can always use are skin lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bar soap, tampons, toilet paper, laundry detergent.



ST. ANDREW'S IS...
PEOPLE & PASTORAL CARE

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If your birthday or anniversary is not included—or if it's incorrect—please be sure to let us know.

BIRTHDAYS

- April 1 Jerry McGee
- April 1 Slater Odom
- April 5 Christine Blanton
- April 8 Steve McCown
- April 9 Art Driggers
- April 11 Dick Cunneen
- April 12 Marge Pegula
- April 13 Walt Chidsey
- April 17 Peter Bocchino
- April 18 Larry Griffin
- April 19 Greg McKeown
- April 19 Camille Morgan
- April 21 Marina Bocchino
- April 24 Suzanne Bocchino
- April 24 Bill Kinser
- April 26 Sherri Russell
- April 30 Loretta Hanlin

ANNIVERSARIES

- April 11 Dick & Babs Westberry
- April 18 Fred & Carol Fenn
- April 23 Steve & Rosemary McCown



APRIL POTLUCK SUPPER

Something a little different this month: a dinner-dance with live music! You'll see details in next week's "Sea Mail", but mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 14**. The fun begins at 5:30 pm as usual.

The potluck's a week earlier than usual to fit into the schedules of several of our in-house band members. See you then!

ST. ANDREW'S BY-THE-SEA
VISION STATEMENT

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ST. ANDREW'S ON THE ROAD

Visiting other churches while on vacation or otherwise away? Why not bring the bulletins or newsletters back, **put your name on them**, bring them by the parish office, put them in the offering plate, or mail them in?

Thanks to the following persons for bringing in items from where they have worshipped:

- **Martha Gisselquist** - bulletin from the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Happy traveling!



CALENDAR & MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The calendar of events and the combined ministry schedule for the month have been appearing in each newsletter near the end. Beginning this month, you'll find them:

- ♦ **on our website**, if you receive your newsletter by email: go to the 'Calendar' link
- ♦ **on a separate printed 11" x 17" sheet**, if you pick up your printed newsletter in the narthex or parish hall
- ♦ **inside your printed newsletter**, if you receive *The Sea Net* by mail



ST. ANDREW'S IS...

A PART OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE
OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST



Upcoming events sponsored by the Diocese or at other churches within the Diocese:

Spring Day Away – The Diocesan Spring Day Away will be on **Saturday, April 24**, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Panama City, FL.**

The theme is "Through the Looking Glass", considering these questions:

- + What image do our lives reflect in the world?
- + Do we prepare ourselves spiritually, mentally, and physically to mirror God's message of love and grace?

9:00 - 9:30	Registration
9:30 - 10:00	Welcoming Brunch
10:00 - 10:30	Storytelling - Judy N. Cooley, Storyteller
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:45	Spiritual Speaker - Judith H. Baum
12:45 - 1:15	Yoga Stretches - Cheri Meyerhoff, "Forever Yoga" Instructor
1:15	Holy Eucharist and Intercersory Prayer - The Rev. Julia C. Phillips
2:00	Farewell Tea

Flyers are on the glass table in the old church. The registration form is on the diocesan website: www.diocgc.org. Registration fee is \$15. Make checks payable to Marilyn Hermansen and mail by April 10 to: Marilyn Hermansen ▪ 2412 St. Andrews Road, #23 ▪ Panama City, FL 32405

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The 18th Annual Trinity Episcopal Church Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour – happening in Apalachicola on **Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1**. Cards with all the information about events, times, and tickets are on the glass table in the old church.

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Icon Workshop – We still have space for you in our **fifth annual icon workshop** at **St. Simon's on the Sound in Fort Walton Beach** which will be held **Monday - Friday, May 3-7, 2010**, from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm each day. This is a spiritual retreat in which we will have the opportunity to meditate, pray, and be part of something which is "bigger than us". In "writing an icon" we get a "glimpse of the kingdom", a "brush with God", a Holy experience that is in no way explainable....

The cost of the workshop is \$400.00 which includes all materials, breakfast and lunch, spiritual direction with our own Martha Harris, and expert instruction by gifted and experienced iconographer Teresa Harrison, our friend and mentor who hails from Coronado, California. You DO NOT have to be an artist or have artistic ability to join us...God does amazing things throughout this time together, and you WILL be able to write an icon. You just have to trust the process. For more information please call: Carol Murphy/496-7723. God's peace, Carol

Please secure your place with a check for \$50.00 payable to "St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church" and noted "icon workshop". Mail to:

Attn: Penny/Finance
 St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church
 28 Miracle Strip Parkway SW
 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548-6613

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