



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018



March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Byron Stuhlman
Lector: Marianne Pinkham
Usher: Marianne Pinkham
Vestry Announcer:

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Judy Weislogel
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sherrie Holbrook
Lectors: Judy Weislogel & Martha Elliott
Ushers: Ed Ross & Jennifer Meade
Livestream Operator: Kirk Holbrook
Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for both Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). This service is also livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)
You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Readings for Sunday, March 26 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

If you would like to access the website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at lectionarypage.net, you may choose **NEW Resource:** [RCL Daily Readings](#). If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.



Easter Flowers

This year Easter Sunday is April 9th. If you would like to make an Easter flower donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also bring them to the office or mail in your request to St. Andrew's

Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

The deadline to have your dedications printed in the Easter bulletin is Monday, April 3.

Note about the music for March 26

On March 26 I will play Johann Sebastian Bach's first set of *Kyrie* settings from his monumental *Clavier-Übung III* collection. These three settings use the traditional *Kyrie* melody as heard in Lutheran churches of Bach's time. The melody is played by the right hand (in the soprano part) in the first setting, then by the left hand (in the tenor part) in the second setting, and finally in the pedals in the third setting.

- Sean Fleming

The Bishop Is Coming to St. Andrew's

On Sunday, April 30 at the 10 am service, Bishop Thomas Brown will be making his visitation to St. Andrew's. This is a time for us to worship and talk with him. It is also a time, for those who wish, to be confirmed, received or renew their baptismal vows. I would like to know if any would like to participate in the sacrament of confirmation, or be received, or renew their baptismal vows, so let me explain.

Confirmation: Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. I am willing to present to the bishop any member of St. Andrew's who is 16 years of age or older, who has not been confirmed in another church or denomination, who wishes to make such a commitment. Please let me know by April 1, if you would like to be confirmed.

Reception: Baptized persons who have been members of another Christian fellowship and who wish to be affiliated with the Episcopal Church may make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism in the presence of a bishop. The bishop lays hands on each candidate for reception and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion" (BCP, p. 418). Candidates for reception normally have made a mature commitment in another Christian fellowship. Please let me know by April 1, if you would like to be received.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows: Anyone who has been confirmed and/or received previously may renew their baptismal vows in the presence of the bishop. Please let me know by April 1, if you would like to renew your baptismal vows.

Baptism: If you are an adult and have never been baptized, the bishop's visit is a wonderful time to be baptized. Please let me know by April 1, if you would like to be baptized (this can also be done at a time when the bishop is not present).

Peace,
Suzannah +

Lenten Prayer and Bible Study

Every Tuesday from 3-4 pm during Lent, I will be in the library praying and studying the Acts of the Apostles. I hope that you will join me (Suzannah) for this time of prayer and study of Scripture. Acts is the story of the first followers of Jesus as they sought to create community and follow Jesus after Jesus'

death, resurrection and return to the Father. Join me as I seek to learn from these first followers of Christ about how to follow Jesus better today.

“For Earth Day, Honor the Wabanaki’s Response to the Climate Crisis”

By the Climate Justice Council, Episcopal Diocese of Maine.

How should parishes celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and Earth Week (April 17-23) this year? The Diocese’s Climate Justice Council suggests that we look to the Wabanaki experience as they respond to the climate crisis. As Maliseet chief Clarissa Sabattis recently stated at the Legislature’s State of the Tribes Day on March 16, “We do not own the land; we only borrow it from our future generations.” Theirs is the example that can prepare our congregations for a timely response to the threats and injustices that climate change is bringing.

The Climate Justice Council calls on our Diocese to heed the example of our Wabanaki neighbors and face the challenges of climate change with art and creativity, in the political arena, and by experiencing awe and wonder as we step into the beauty of God’s creation.

If you would like to read the full article, please click [here](#)

Holy Women, Holy Men Oscar Romero Archbishop and Martyr

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew’s during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Oscar Romero. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Family Service - March 19, 2023

On Sunday during the Family Service we listened to a story about what it means to be a good neighbor. Then we made cards for people who are unable to come to church, and we each brought home a card to deliver to our neighbors.



HAITI - Go Fund ME Drive

Food insecurity. Children in our partner parish of Figaro are not getting enough to eat. The same issue affects the greater community of Gros Morne, where the priest for Figaro resides and works. To help address this concern, another Go Fund Me event has been organized to run through Easter. Look at the web site - <https://gofund.me/dce74968> - to see who is being affected and what has happened since the Go Fund Me event of last year.

If you would like to help, write a check to St. Andrew’s Church with Haiti Fund on the memo line. You can also donate through the Go Fund Me site.

Lenten Book Discussion

Breathing Under Water

By Richard Rohr

Led by Jeanne Titherington

continues this Sunday, March 19 in the library, after the 10am service

Breathing Under Water, by Richard Rohr is the most impactful book on spirituality that I have read in a long, long time. Its insights are meant as a challenge as much as a comfort and are presented to aid in our pursuit of a more fulfilling relationship with Christ.

Father Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest living in New Mexico and is the founder of the Center of Action and Contemplation. Rohr is also a recovering alcoholic. In *Breathing Under Water*, Rohr uses AA's Twelve Steps as chapter titles and springboards for his essays. However, this is **not** a piece of AA literature. Rather, the book is meant to be a kind of road map for those of us wishing to find and follow the way of Christ.

This is only the second meeting so feel free to join in if you are interested. Please contact Jeanne (529-5529) if you have any questions.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between

Zoom Meeting ID:



Habitat for Humanity / 7 Rivers Maine

30th Spring Walk to Build

Sunday, May 7 at 1:00PM

Please join us as we walk from Grace Episcopal Church on Washington Street, Bath, to the Corliss Street Baptist Church on the south end, taking a turn up Centre Street to Middle Street.

Registration begins at noon on Sunday, May 7, and we start walking at 1pm.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Thank you so much for helping us raise awareness and vital funds for our **30TH ANNUAL SPRING WALK TO BUILD**. We want to show the world that our community takes real action to address our local housing crisis. The more people we bring to the walk, the more resources we have to address this crisis. When we expand our base of support, we can raise more dollars, we can recruit more volunteers, and we can inspire more individuals, businesses, and organizations to lend a hand in the fight. Your efforts will ensure that Habitat has what it needs to sustainably build and repair homes for those who need it most. Thank you.

For more information and to register, please click [here](#)

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane

Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen

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