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The Easter Gift



The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

THIS LENT, I HAVE BEEN reading a brilliant book: *The Naked Now: Learning to See as the Mystics See*, by Franciscan friar Richard Rohr, a bestselling writer on Christian spirituality and mysticism. As I reflected on the Easter gift of Christ's death and resurrection, a particular passage caught my attention: "Love and suffering are a part of most human lives. Without doubt, *they are the primary spiritual teachers* more than any Bible, church, minister, sacrament, or theologian." (The italics are the author's.)

Over the years of my ministry, many people have asked me why Jesus had to suffer on the cross for our redemption. Indeed, I have asked the same question. I don't think there is any easy answer, and in many ways, it remains a divine mystery. However, there are things that we can say about Jesus' suffering which can help us as we address the question of suffering in our own lives.

One aspect of suffering is that it seems to cut us off from the rest

of humanity, and the subsequent loneliness only compounds our pain. But Christ's own taking on of human suffering is a way of showing us that we are not alone when we suffer, because God is with us. This great sign of God's love and compassion has been monumentally important to me during times of suffering in my own life.

But Christ's suffering also teaches us something very important about the reality of new beginnings, spiritual growth, and resurrection within the reality of human life. In *The Naked Now*, Rohr explores how love and suffering help us move from self-absorbed petty lives to fulfilled and meaningful lives, based on an acceptance of self and open generosity towards others. This is what we mean by spiritual growth and Christian discipleship. It is about having the strong, non-egotistic self-confidence that Jesus had in his life, which allowed him to give freely of his love to others.

Those of us who have experienced love know how it enables one to forget oneself and feel a union with others, which results in a generosity of spirit. Being "in love" brings these feelings to a heightened state. Perhaps more importantly, the ongoing affirmation we experience when we know we are loved by others over time also gives us the confidence to be generous toward others, rather than living fearfully and selfishly. Christ's death on the cross is a reminder of the deep love God has for us. This love can transform us, if we are willing to accept and trust it.

But Rohr makes a point of saying that it is often only when we go through suffering that we find ourselves willing to truly accept that love. Suffering, he says, can lead us in two different directions. It can lead to bitterness, which closes us down. Or it can transform our lives, leading to a resurrection experience that makes us more compassionate, open, and wise. This transformation can lead us to new possibilities that seemed inconceivable before, and certainly during, the time of suffering. I am sure we can all think of people who we know whose lives have been transformed in this way. It is certainly hard to think of any great saints who did not undergo tremendous suffering, which then put them on the path to sainthood.

For me, contemplation of Christ's passion and resurrection has radically changed the way I view my own suffering. It is not that I want to suffer, and I certainly don't want to see others suffer. But even in the midst of darkness, Easter and the resurrection make me ask: How am I going to hear the voice of Christ leading me to a deeper experience of new life?

It makes life seem so endlessly hopeful, knowing that even in difficult times there is always the opportunity for a new beginning, in which we can discover greater openness to the experience of God's love and become more open to loving our neighbor. This is what Easter is about.

Yours in Christ,

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Celebrating Our 125th Anniversary



David Hamlin, warden

AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 125th, it is an excellent time to look back to better understand the origins and history of our parish, but also look ahead to focus on how we can best position St. Andrew's for the next 125 years.


Each Sunday, I look forward to reading another history gem, or snippet, on the front of our service bulletin. I was particularly struck by Phillips Brooks' encouragement, in 1892, to include women in positions of leadership. He wrote that he was "inclined to agree. . . that in forming the organization of the parish at Wellesley, it would be best that women should not be by its terms excluded from its membership." This was pretty radical. Remember it would not be for another 28 years that women would have the right to vote in the United States. That willingness to lead in new directions is a hallmark of our parish, and is what I believe makes us stronger, more vibrant, and importantly more sustainable. I believe that change is not something to be feared, but something to be embraced and celebrated. Ad-

mittedly, it can be a balancing act to remain grounded by our history and character as a parish, while evolving as our society changes. Not change for change sake, but change for purpose.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we will celebrate our 125th anniversary in many ways throughout the year. One very exciting part of the year is our 125th anniversary capital campaign, *Grateful for Our Past, Giving for Our Future*. It reminds us that we are the beneficiaries of the hard work and generosity of generations past, while asking us to help insure a vibrant future for St. Andrew's. I hope you will join me in supporting the campaign to insure its success.

In closing, I want to thank, first, Michael Vanin; second, Paige Manning; and third, the parish. Michael, without missing a beat, generously agreed to step into the breach created by Nancy Hancock's move to Baltimore and spend one additional year as warden. He has been a terrific guide and partner during my first year as warden. Thank you again, Michael. Second, welcome and thank you, Paige, for agreeing to serve St. Andrew's. We are blessed to have your talent and intellect as warden, and I look forward to working together. Third, thank you, St. Andrew's parishioners. As some of you know, Becky and I each lost a parent between October and January. The support, sympathy, and love that has been expressed by the parish has been enormously moving and comforting. It reminds me just how special it is to be part of the St. Andrew's community.





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Befriending Paul



The Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

HE HAD A REPUTATION for being arrogant, opinionated, argumentative, and manipulative. He has also been rightly recognized as the church's first and best evangelist. Everyone agrees that he was a passionate believer, a fierce and faithful leader, and an impressive intellectual. His writings are often incredibly eloquent.

What do we really know about Paul the man? What should we know about Paul the apostle? He is commonly known as "St. Paul" to us, but he was called "Saul of Tarsus" in the first century, when he was still practicing his Jewish faith. What did it mean to him (and what does it mean to us), that he was a persecutor of Christians, even helping to kill some, before his own conversion to Christ? Did he have a problem with women's leadership in the church, as some of his writings suggest?

Engaging with Paul requires us to swim in the deep end of our Christian faith. We find a complicated mingling of Roman politics, human error, God's grace, and craggy individualism when we

agree to get to know Paul and his writings.

Ironically, though Paul's theology can be hard to understand at first, Christians have had a clear indication of what Paul looked like for centuries. Both he and Peter have the distinction of having been drawn or painted almost exactly the same ways since they were first depicted in the art of the early church. For Peter, that means a broad face, big, strong body, and a mop of abundant curls on his head. For Paul, that means a small, balding man with the delicate hands of a scholar and sharp eyes. Eyes that don't suffer fools gladly.

For over 2,000 years, these two faces have remained virtually unchanged since they were first captured in mosaics or frescoes in the homes and catacombs of the first few centuries. We can't prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the likenesses are accurate, but all logic and evidence of their lives suggest that they are. No other apostles' images have been so consistent or so particular.

Paul would probably find some satisfaction in his long-lived physical image. He came to faith over twenty years after Jesus' death. His calling to join the church did not happen while Jesus was alive, and he was not a member of the original twelve disciples. His faith came in the early period of Christianity, when people were still trying to figure out who Jesus was, and the people who followed Jesus were called "People of the Way."

Paul longed to have been part of the original twelve. As proof of his pride, as well as his great faith, he saw himself as the last apostle. He wanted to have an impact that

was as significant as theirs had been; he longed to prove himself as ready to serve as the original twelve had been, and he sacrificed considerable worldly status and power to be Christ's disciple in a wild, dangerous, and hostile world. He would probably be gratified to know his efforts and his writings were not done in vain.

This Lent and Eastertide, I hope that you will consider befriending Paul, and I want to invite you to read Rowan Williams' book *Meeting God in Paul* to help you do it. Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, has written a slim volume (81 pages) which is accessible, concise, and brilliant. His book invites us to see Paul in a new way. We get an opportunity to see the brilliance of Paul which we might have missed before: Paul's monumental love of the Christian community and his sublime vision of who God is and how we are to follow, serve, and love him when we recognize Christ as Lord of all. Paul bends the Christian community to uphold the radical new life that Paul sees Christ making possible. Williams helps us see who both God and Paul really are.

If you want to consider befriending St. Paul, join us for some 9am Christian learning classes this Lent, and consider reading a copy of Williams' book during Lent or Eastertide.

You can buy a copy of Meeting God in Paul by bringing \$18 to Margaret's office. If you write a check for the book, please make it out to "St. Andrew's" and write "St. Paul book" in the memo.



Saying Goodbye to The Rev. Catherine “Cat” Healy



The Rev. Catherine “Cat” Healy

FOUR YEARS AGO THIS SPRING, my wife Heather was in her second year of teaching at Wellesley Middle School, and I was getting ready to graduate from seminary and be ordained as a priest. I had promised that after I was done with school, we would move back to Portland, Oregon, where we had lived for several years before.

So I had been busy looking for jobs in Portland, and in fact was about to accept one, when Heather said, “You know, I love teaching in Wellesley. Is there any chance we could stay?”

Together, we looked at the job

postings for the Diocese of Massachusetts. We noticed that there was an opening at St. Andrew’s, a mile from the middle school. So we started reading more about the church, and trying to imagine our family as a part of it.

She said, “You never know. Maybe they would be willing to call a gay priest.”

I said, “Yeah, you never know. Maybe the Cubs are going to win the World Series.” (All things are possible through Christ.)

But this church *did* call me, and what that meant was that before my first day of work, I already knew everything I needed to know: Always listen to my wife; and never underestimate the people of St. Andrew’s.

Of course, I had only been ordained for about a minute, and so there were a lot of other things I needed to learn. I soon realized how lucky I was to be learning from the very best—from the staff; from the altar guild; from everyone involved with youth formation and outreach; from all of you who sat patiently through my early sermons or reached out to make me feel welcome. Seminary pre-

pared me for ordination, but it is St. Andrew’s that taught me how to be a priest.

And more importantly, although I have been a Christian all my life, St. Andrew’s has taught me how to be a Christian.

Clergy are prone to working hard and burning out, and sometimes to losing their faith. But serving here has made my faith in God so much stronger—not because of my merits, but because of yours. So many of you have prayed for me and my family. You have shown me the joy you take in the ministries to which God has called you, in your professions, in your families, in the church. This parish is a place where people take seriously the commitment to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

The light of the Holy Spirit shines through you. It is burning brightly in this place. And simply being present to it has transformed me.

St. Andrew’s has a real gift for training new priests and preparing them for service to the wider church. Of course, the hard part of that is that once trained, they move on.

As I prepare to become the rector of my own church, it is very encouraging to look up all the former assistant rectors of St. Andrew’s, because they are all now rectors themselves—and they are thriving. I hope I will join those ranks, and if I do, it will be because I was raised up here.

But it is the wonderful time I’ve had here that makes saying goodbye so hard.

As I prepare to be sent out to a new place, I’ve been thinking a lot lately about the Old Testament passage we heard today, in which Isaiah opens himself up to God’s call with the words, “Here am I; send me!”

I had always thought of this as a story about purpose, about finding your calling. You have certain gifts



Photo: Peter Lull

and certain passions and you find a vocation where they sync up and that is the calling for you.

As I read it again, I understood that as I thought about my own sense of calling, maybe I had been putting myself too much at the center of the story.

Because this reading is not about Isaiah finding his passion. It is about God having a job that needs doing. And Isaiah steps up.

I think about this with my daughter. Before she was born, I thought of her in terms that I now realize were centered on me: My hopes about parenthood. My desire to become a mother.

Now that she is here, her needs are at the center, not my own. God needed to entrust somebody with her care. And Heather and I are the luckiest people in the world,

because, ready or not, God allowed us to say “yes” to the call.

I was sent to St. Andrew’s not because I needed a job, but because you needed a priest. And you got me—a person of unclean lips, an imperfect person with a lot to learn.

But God worked with the materials available to him, and as I get ready to accept my next calling, I trust that he will continue to do the same.

God calls each of us in our time to do the work that needs doing. Sometimes joyful work. Sometimes painful work. Sometimes both, because if we allow ourselves to love, we open the gates to both joy and pain.

It has been an absolute privilege to get to know so many of you, to serve here as your priest, to celebrate with you in times of joy and

walk beside you in times of pain. I know that God is doing something amazing in this place, because I have gotten to see amazing things unfold. And although God is sending our family to a new place, St. Andrew’s will always be in our hearts. I will continue praying for all of you, and I hope that you will pray for me.

For now, it is my privilege to say to you one last time:

“Life is short, and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love; make haste to be kind” —*Henri-Frédéric Amiel, 1821-1881.*

And may the blessing of our Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always.

Amen.

St. Andrew’s Celebrates Our 125th Year

A Special Milestone



Betsy Millane

The church means much to all of us, but the members I thought would have some unique perspective about how the church has evolved are those who have been with us the longest. I sat down with a number of them: Janet Flett, Dick and Pat MacKinnon, Bobby Murray, Peggy Prock, and Charlie Zabriskie, to ask them about their thoughts on

this evolving institution and for some memories they cared to share. Below are their thoughts, observations, recollections, and hopes.

“How has the church changed since you arrived here in the 60s and 70s?” was one of my first questions.

Physically the church has changed, a few of them mentioned. The altar was “completely different” in the 1960s.

Music was something each recalled. It’s “always beautiful” and “contributes to the worship.” Harry [Kelton] was the first music director and was most enthusiastic. He was “beside himself” with the new organ, which was donated by the Hunnewells.

Every single person I interviewed praised our current spiritual leaders: Adrian, Margaret, Cat, and Karen. “The Ministry is the golden framework of the pictures of the church,” one said.

The Christian learning series is something they all enjoy. They feel it increases and deepens their spiritual lives. Pastoral care received high marks. It would seem that our older parishioners are being well cared for and it was noted that every new family member receives a visit, too. The coffees held after the 8am service and the 10am are traditions they enjoy and hope will continue.

“What do you recall about past leadership?” I asked.

A few of them had raised eyebrows and a few chuckles as they recounted a rector who forgot to come to the 10am service and arrived half way through it. Addison [Hall] was a charismatic rector, fondly remembered. One rector brought in Evangelical weekends in the early 80s. Speakers came up from the south, the music was different and interesting. Some St. Andrew’s



At Easter, St. Andrew's gives hyacinths to children, a long-time church tradition.

members attended, some did not, some were not comfortable with the weekends, and yet the rector received high marks for trying.

Ward Smith in 1965 was the first visiting minister.

Richard Preston married one of the couples in 1965. He was wonderful. His wife, Marjorie, was very active in the Church. She was the last "visible" rector's wife.

Some rectors were not as "charismatic" as others. Toby Johnston was remembered as being a "Faith Alive" minister. He had "great, long arms" and as he spread them out, he would ask, "What would He do?" and urge the parishioners to "Give it over to the Lord!" At one point he commented that, "We are putting so much on the Lord, he's going to get tired of St. Andrew's!"

Addison was a "really good manager." He had his own personality and own way being very successful at all he did. He brought in wonderful assistants, Brian Rebholtz and Chris Wendell. Addison, it was felt, managed to "nab the best of the lot." He is also remembered for introducing wine into the receptions. Up until then, it was only served during the service. "People loved it!" I was told.

Vincent Warner was a leader. Spiritual, focused, and enthusiastic, he brought much spirit to St. Andrew's. He was a loss for us when he was called to be a Bishop.

Bill Clark was the rector during the Vietnam War, which did have a big impact on the church. Attendance decreased, the two services were no longer filled. "You got more 'C & E' or Christmas and Easter participants" at that time, it was noted.

All of them feel the leadership in the church has been exemplary. They feel lucky in St. Andrew's in this. Leadership, both in the ministry and within the lay people, is "superior" now. It has, in many ways, more "hands on the purse." It "shapes within and without."

"What specific changes to you recall?" I urged them to tell me.

First off: Raising money for church repairs. "The doors were falling off" and other things needed to be tended to back in the 60s.

Physically, the church has undergone some wonderful renovations. The little organ disappeared, replaced by the marvelous, current organ.

All said that people use to dress up more for church. Gloves, hats,

and heels have given way to more relaxed clothing. The altar guild wore hats—lace doily-like head coverings. Every woman wore stockings, year-round.

Attendance at church was expected, unlike today. Church was the focus on Sunday for families. Both services, at 9am and 11am, were well-attended. Children filled the church school and the choirs. Some had to be turned away from the choir it was so popular. They filled the classrooms that the Montessori school now uses. A youth group was well attended every Sunday evening. Sunday dinner at 1pm was part of the fabric of the weekend.

The church had "little services" a long time ago, and "story time" in the children's chapel. There were more activities like crafts projects, for example, every three years we held a holiday crafts fair called the "Mistletoe Mart," which was a big fundraiser.

Wellesley College historians gave talks from time to time.

The rector often had a wife who was a "partner" in his work and would take a great role in organizing and cultivating programs within the church. One was remembered for inviting 12 people to tea, sitting them in a circle, making sure that, along with the watercress sandwiches, everyone had an opportunity to talk and get to know the persons next to them.

"Why did special occasions like gathering for tea change?" I wondered.

No one lamented the changes. They all seem to accept that women have gone to work for pay and the church is no longer an outlet for their talents and energies. Therefore, women do not have the time for the committees and the social opportunities any longer.

Sports on Sunday have claimed our younger parishioners, they observed without judgment.

"Church," one said, "is more secular these days. It's getting away from its religious roots."

It's a "different" place now. It has "a different reason for being." The clergy, one observed, "no longer tells people what to think. Now the clergy reflects what people think, they ask what the people think."

The transition to women in the clergy has been "flawless" and, as "there are so many capable people in those positions it's a non-event."

I asked, "Which traditions do you miss and which do you treasure?"

The bagpiper is beloved.

Bargain Haul comes out on top, along with the coffees. The Little Angels' Gift Shop is a wonderful initiative they hope will never go away. Our sponsorship of a city church, St. Stephen's, is a point of pride but one wondered if we could spread our support to others.

The choir, the "glorious singing," is wonderful and for many a bonus to their worship. Yet, the 8am service without singing, without much ado, suits some of them very well. One said that the music can be a bit of a distraction for her and that she enjoys the rhythms of the service itself.

The changes in the prayer book are a bit of an annoyance to more than a few, but having been through revisions before they say they have accepted them, learned them, and moved on.

"What is new that they love," I wondered.

The church, one said, is "vibrant." The themed parties are new and great fun. The Turkey Trot is terrific. The tradition of carols lives on. Tree trimming has not changed, nor has the Advent wreath creation. Rosie's Place and the work there delight them. The bulletins are great; the ushers do their jobs superbly. The church is healthy, beautifully run, and serves the needs of all.

"Church," more than one person said, "feels like home."

One observed, so beautifully, that "it takes many teams to continue to make our services work like magic!" She rejoices "in all we have together as St. Andrew's parishioners." She feels the celebrations will continue for years to come.

They were all happy to note that the core of the church remains

the same. The sense of worship is the same.

The church now reflects "a lot of the greater world" and what goes on in it.

"What do you want to get out of the church's worship now?" I inquired.

Some want their worship to focus on helping them to deepen their personal connections with God versus the social aspect of church. The "spiritual feeding" of the congregants is the most important job, one commented.

One fellow said that attendance at "church sets me up for my week."

"I am in good hands with Christ," one shared. "I will never lose my bearings if I follow Christ. Christ is my accountability partner and I am hooked on Him!"

It was an honor and a privilege to have spent time talking with these exemplary people. I am so very grateful for their candor, for their willingness to share their memories and recollections, and most of all, inspired by their living faith.

Getting to Know Katharine Clark



Katharine Clark

IN THIS ARTICLE, The Call continues its series of conversations with St. Andrew's clergy and staff to provide the parish an

opportunity to learn a little more about our church leaders and staff. In this sixth article, we meet St. Andrew's parish administrator, Kate Clark. —Dan Dent

Where did you receive your formal education? What started you on your path?

I grew up in Pennsylvania, William Penn's "Holy Experiment," and, yes, I am a Quaker. The original name for Quaker was the Religious Society of Friends. Quakers was a derogatory term used for the group as they were hauled in front of judges in the 1660's for bearing witness to their faith.

I went to Abington Friends

School for high school, the Friends school affiliated with my monthly meeting (parish/church). I went to Antioch College in Ohio and then to the University of Colorado at Boulder for higher education. I became a parent, with my high school sweetheart, early in life and so did some miscellaneous things for money in my early 20s while he trained as a chef.

I went to the first World Gathering of Young Friends in 1985, a life altering experience for me, and I started working full-time for Quakers at the end of the 1980s as a result. My first official title was The International Young Quaker Resource Secretary. I worked out

of London and spent two years organizing three conferences on three continents—in Belgium, Honduras, and Kenya—and compiled a book about it. Before coming to St. Andrew’s, that’s all I ever did—hang out with a lot of Quakers.

What brought you to St. Andrew’s?

I called my ministry among Friends the Ministry of Administration, and this is still my calling. I can’t imagine not doing it. I do it all the time, unconsciously, often to the annoyance of my family. I moved to St. Andrew’s after working over 20 years for Friends. My last job working among Friends was as the communications director for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends—this would be the equivalent of a denominational headquarters. I worked out of Worcester, but traveled all over New England—hanging out with a lot of Friends.

Tell us about your duties at St. Andrew’s

It’s hard for people to value administration and how much goes on behind the scenes—and good administration is hard to see. But

that’s the objective of good administration, a beginning framework for everything else, for others to come and build on. And doing the ministry is special: it’s caring about what you build, what you say, how you work in collaboration with others; it’s the gift that others help you name and you call out in others that make a whole—it’s a lovely gestalt. Being a part of the building of the kingdom here on earth; what more could one ask for?

There are many things that keep me busy at St. Andrew’s, but a few are: printed and electronic communications and mailings: The Call, the Sunday bulletin, the e-Pistle; scheduling rooms, events, and rentals at the church; managing the office technologies. I manage the office volunteers, the phones, and a portion of the day-to-day operations in general. I have also started the St. Andrew’s Facebook @StAndrewsWellesley, Instagram and Twitter accounts, both @StAsWellesley, for the church and to keep our web presence up to date.

If you can’t find me at my desk, you’ll find me wandering around

the church watering plants, filling the humidifier, unloading the dishwasher, or attending to the copy machine.

What keeps you busy outside of St. Andrew’s?

Outside of work, I love playing board games and video games; yoga; walking in the woods with my daughter and our dogs, Zoe, Billie and Leela; going to Ohio to visit my son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter; traveling and adventuring with my partner of 44 years; or hosting dinners and events with him in our home. I love taking photos, making videos, and listening to podcasts. I like cars, motorcycles (although I don’t ride anymore), and hot tubs. I live in a great neighborhood where I know most of my neighbors and enjoy having about half a dozen potlucks a year with them. And I’m happy to be a faithful volunteer for a good cause or because I like and believe in the people I am working with.

When you get to heaven what do you want to say to God?

Thank you.



Photo: Courtesy Katharine Clark

Cassidy, Kate, Brian, and Brianna Clark

Calendar

March 2019

Sunday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13

Wednesday, March 20

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, March 21

9:30am Altar Guild Meeting

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

7pm Altar Guild Meeting

Sunday, March 24

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13

11:30am Capital Campaign Forum

5pm Confirmation Prep

6:45pm High School Youth Group

Tuesday, March 26

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street

Cupboard & Café

7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Friday, March 29

1pm Knitters

7pm Parents' Circle

Sunday, March 31

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13

5pm Informal Service & Potluck



April 2019

Wednesday, April 3

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, April 4

9:45am Church School Committee

Friday & Saturday, April 5-6

Pre-Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, April 6

8am Family Promise Walk to End
Homelessness

Sunday, April 7

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers

9am Girl Scout recognition awards

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13

10am Holy Eucharist and Scouting
Recognition

11:30am B-READY Lunch Prep

11:30am Faith & Practice

11:30am Lenten Bake Sale

11:30am Newcomers Brunch

Tuesday, April 9

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

10:30am Bible Circle

7pm Bible Circle

7:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, April 11

7pm Book Circle

Saturday, April 13

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

9am Christian Learning

10am Liturgy of the Palms and Holy
Eucharist

Monday, April 15

Parish Office Closed

6:30pm Taizé-style Service

Tuesday, April 16

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 17

7:30pm Service of Tenebrae

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

6:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Maundy Thursday with Foot
Washing

9pm Maundy Thursday Vigil

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

12am Maundy Thursday Vigil

12pm Good Friday Liturgy

2pm Good Friday Children's Service
and Hot Cross Buns

7:30pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 20

Holy Saturday

9am Holy Saturday Service

7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter and Holy
Eucharist

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

8am Junior & Senior Choir Rehearsal

9am Festival Holy Eucharist

10am Easter Egg Hunt

11am Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist

Monday, April 22

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street

Cupboard & Café

7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

5:30pm Holy Communion Prep

Sunday, April 28

9am Christian Learning

10am Holy Eucharist with Holy
Communion Celebration

11:30am Bargain Haul Drop-Off

5pm Confirmation Prep

5pm Informal Service & Potluck

6:45pm High School Youth Group

Monday, April 29

9am & 6pm Bargain Haul Drop-Off

Tuesday, April 30

9am Bargain Haul Drop-Off and
Sorting

Spring 2019 continued

Wednesday, May 1

9am Bargain Haul Pricing
7:30pm Men's Book Club

Friday, May 3

6pm Parish Night

Saturday, May 4

8:30am Bargain Haul Public Sale

Sunday, May 5

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11:30am B-READY Lunch Prep
11:30am Faith & Practice

Monday, May 6

7:30pm Worship Committee

Wednesday, May 8

5:30pm Holy Communion Prep &
Potluck
7pm Bible Circle

Thursday, May 9

9:30am Altar Guild Meeting
9:45am Church School Committee
7pm Altar Guild Meeting
7pm Book Circle
7pm Senior Choir Rehearsal & Party

May/June 2019

Saturday, May 11

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, May 12

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
10am Holy Communion Prep
Recognition
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm High School Youth Group

Tuesday, May 14

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting
10:30am Bible Circle
7:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 16

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Sunday, May 19

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Rite-13 &
Junior Choir Celebration

Tuesday, May 21

7:30pm Adult Formation Committee

Thursday, May 23

7:30pm Stewardship Committee

Monday, May 27

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street
Cupboard & Café
7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 30

9:15am Altar Guild Ascension Day
Service
10am Altar Guild Meeting and
Luncheon

Sunday, June 2

9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Celebration
of Church School Teachers

Wednesday, June 5

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, June 6

9:45am Church School Committee

Saturday, June 8

8am Men's Bible Study

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Church mice Amelia and Rodney

Parish Register *Baptisms* Henry Cameron Lawrence and Ryder Colten Bror Murray

Burials Margaret Thayer Hollingsworth and Werner Kubernus

The **Sunday Holy Eucharist** is celebrated at 8am, 10am and 5pm (except where noted). The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. All are welcome! **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered Monday through Friday at 8:45am. **Senior Choir** has rehearsal every Thursday evening at 7:30pm and every Sunday at 9am, unless otherwise noted. **Junior Choir** meets every Sunday at 9am, unless otherwise noted. **Parish office hours** are Monday through Thursday 9am–5pm and Fridays 9am–12 noon, and **staff meetings** are Wednesdays at 9:30am. **Please note:** there will be some changes/additions and the most up-to-date calendar is found on the website.

St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force

Putting Faith into Action

LAST WINTER, on Ash Wednesday, 17 young people died and several more were injured at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School when a 19-year-old former student walked onto the Parkland, Florida campus and began shooting his semi-automatic rifle. It was the deadliest shooting at a high school in United States history, and it followed on the heels of mass shootings at a concert in Las Vegas, and a church in Sutherland, Texas, only a few months before.

During Lent a group of St. Andrew's parishioners gathered to mourn the deaths of those young victims, to try to find some compassion for the shooter, and to ask, "When will this stop?" As followers of Jesus, they wondered how their faith could inform their decision to become agents of change.

Encouraged by the clergy and the vestry, the group chose a name: the St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force. At its monthly meetings, the task force began to learn about laws governing gun ownership and who else in the Diocese of Massachusetts was working to end gun violence. As 2018 drew to a close, the task force numbered 23 members and had discerned its mission:

St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force is a non-partisan group committed to educating the congregation on relevant, common sense gun legislation at both the local and national level. The task force strives to provide guidance

to interested parishioners on how to become involved faithfully in decreasing gun violence and promoting gun safety. In addition, we pledge ourselves to bring the values of the gospel to affirm the sacredness of every human life.

This mission statement is already guiding the work of the task force in 2019. In January, a few of its members attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, of which the diocese is a member. The next month, the task force hosted a forum at St. Andrew's led by attorney Ned Notis-McConarty, leader of the Gun Reform Committee of *B-PEACE for Jorge*. Headquartered at St. Stephen's Church, our sister parish in Boston, *B-PEACE for Jorge* is the diocesan anti-violence campaign. This community organizing effort began after a 19-year-old member of the St. Stephen's Youth Program, Jorge Fuentes, was shot and killed in 2012 while walking his dog outside his home in Dorchester. Jorge's killer has never been found.

The task force also plans to look beyond the diocese to discover what resources and support are available at the national church level, where another group, *Bishops Against Gun Violence*, has formed and offers this prayer on behalf of the Church:

O God who remembers, we hold you before all who have died from the plague of gun violence in our land. We remember those who have taken

their lives with a gun; those who have died in school shootings and mass shootings; those who have died by a gun in the course of an argument, or from abuse, or by accident, or during the commission of a crime. We lift our voices in sorrow and frustration, knowing that every life is infinitely valuable to you. Receive all who have died into the arms of your mercy. Bless those who mourn with the hope of eternal life, and strengthen our hearts to bring an end to this scourge. This we pray in the name of the one who overcame the power of death, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Task Force meetings occur monthly and are open to anyone in the St. Andrew's community. For more information, please contact the convener, Paul Merry, at paul.merry@fairworkplace.net.

Other helpful resources:

- The B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign (St. Stephen's) bpeaceforjorge.net
- Bishops Against Gun Violence bishopsagainstgunviolence.org
- Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence mapreventgunviolence.org
- Presiding Bishop's message following the Parkland, Florida shooting: episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/episcopal-presiding-bishop-video-we-must-make-our-country-safe-because-all-us

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