

Finding Jesus

By The Rev. George H. Greer

Thomas Merton once wrote that the pilgrims who flock to Jerusalem during Holy Week seem to be looking for Jesus in the one place he cannot be found: his tomb. That is where Mary Magdalene looked for Jesus that first Easter morning. She found the tomb open, but Jesus wasn't there. She ran to tell John and Peter that someone had moved his body. They didn't find Jesus in the tomb, either. All they saw was the clothes in which his body had been wrapped, now tossed aside.

With joy, we celebrate our belief that the tomb could not hold Jesus; that he will never be found there again. But where shall we look for him? He is near. We hear his voice in the scriptures; we share his body in the Eucharist.

Jesus himself told us he would be found by loving those the world values least: the poor, the sick, people who live in prisons of any kind, us! We are the beloved least of his brothers and sisters. Just as our Lord Jesus triumphed over suffering and death, so shall we. Amen.



April 2023

Sundays

8:00a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Rt. I
9:15a.m.	*Adult Christian Ed*	
10:30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Rt. II
10:30a.m.	Children's Chapel	
*Adult C.E. will not meet on April 9		

St. Andrew's Welcomes

The Rev. Donald Fishburne on April 23
The Rev. Patricia Hanen on April 30

Wednesdays

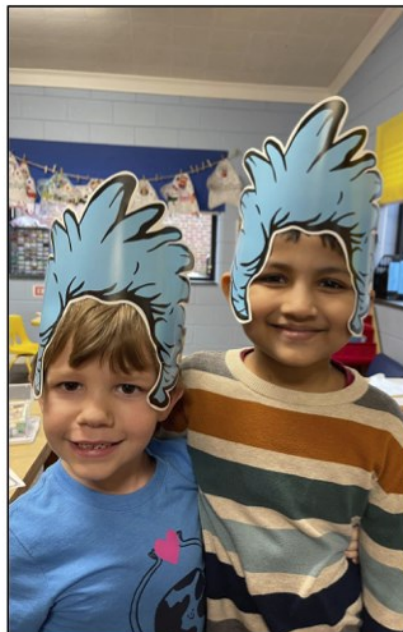
10:30a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Rt. II
With Healing Prayer and anointing of oil		
<i>Services suspended April 19 & 26</i>		



Photo from our March Book Club meeting.



Dr. Seuss Week. Lots of green eggs and ham, things, and craziness! Just like Dr. Seuss would have wanted it to be!



Important Dates to Remember in April

April 1	Men's Club	8:00a.m.
April 2	Palm Sunday	8 and 10:30a.m.
April 3	St. Elizabeth Guild	12:15p.m.
April 6	Holy Thursday	7p.m.
April 7	Good Friday Liturgy	Noon
April 7	Stations of the Cross	5p.m.
April 9	Easter Sunday Celebration	9:50am. Story of our Lord's resurrection followed by Easter Egg Hunt!
April 11	Book Club	10:00a.m.
April 11	Finance Committee	6p.m.
April 15	Rev. Greer Reception	4-6p.m.
April 16	Pack Food Pantry Bags	
April 19	Vestry Meeting	6p.m.
April 20	Meals on Wheels	10a.m.
April 23	Welcome Rev. Fishburne	
April 30	Welcome Rev. Hanen	



Your Vestry hard at work during their March meeting.



Images from our Lenten Pot Luck Suppers



APRIL 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Club Breakfast 8:00am
Palm Sunday 2 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 2pm First Communion Classes	3 St. Elizabeth's Guild 12:00	4 Food Pantry 9-11am	5 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am HUGS meeting 11:15am Noon Worship—HERE 6pm Wonderful Wednesday	6 Food Pantry 9-11am Holy Thursday 7:00pm Prayer Vigil 8-9pm	7 Good Friday 12:00pm Stations of the Cross 5pm	8 
EASTER SUNDAY 9 8:00am HE Rite I 10am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am HE Rite II	10	11 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10:00am Finance Meeting 6:00pm Lion's Club 6:30pm	12 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	13 Food Pantry 9-11am	14	15 Rev. Greer Reception 4-6pm
16 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel 11:30am Pack food pantry bags	17 4:30pm—ADK	18 Food Pantry 9-11am Warm Up Guild 10:00am	19 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Vestry 6:00pm	20 Food Pantry 9-11am 10:00am—Meals on Wheels	21	22 TRCC 3-5pm
23/30 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	24	25 Food Pantry 9-11am Lion's Club 6:30pm	26 Food Pantry 9-10:30am	27 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 4:00-7:30pm	28	29



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LAY/LEM READERS

April 2
8:00 Ron Jancso
Tim Knapp

10:30 Jeanie Armstrong
Martha Lamm

April 9 Easter Sunday
8:00 Albert Corinth
George Earp

10:30 Elizabeth Pope
Sandy Suggs

April 16
8:00 Ramona Orzell
Tim Knapp

10:30 Gene Arnold
Jeanie Armstrong
Larry Chewing

April 23
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Terry Shackelford
Linda Hutcheson

April 30
8:00 Tim Knapp
George Earp

10:30 Sarah Dial
Elizabeth Pope
Tom Drew

ACOLYTES

April 2
Lauren Renck

April 9
Wyatt and Walker Wells

April 16
Mericle Family

April 23
Landon Newcomb

April 30
Lauren Renck and Walker Wells



“Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his
great mercy he has given us new
birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.”

-1 Peter: 1-3

Pantry Distributors

Tuesday—Patty Kennedy
Wednesday—Tommy Parker
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter

Pantry Volunteers

Mary Ann Crawford
Diane Dunstan
Marie Inscore

USHERS

April 2
Don Mucci
Dan Melnyk

April 9 Easter Sunday
Tom Drew
Linda Hutcheson

April 16
Jan Arnold

April 23
Jim Royal
Angela Reid

April 30
Steve Thukill
Billy Suggs

Kitchen Clean Up

Angela Reid



GREETERS

Dotsy Royal
Rosemary Clark
Lori Joyner

Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Michelle James
Catherine Jancso

Hymn Story

By The Rev. Richard Donovan

The Strif is O're, the battle is done #208

This is often sung as an Easter hymn, but a hymn about the resurrection is appropriate any Sunday—every Sunday. Published anonymously in a Catholic hymnal in 1695, the hymn was translated into English by Anglican minister, Francis Pott, in 1861. An organist, William Monk, then added the Alleluias (meaning, “Praise the Lord”) and set the words to music that had been written much earlier by Vatican choirmaster, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina.

The hymn celebrates the battle fought and won at the cross. “The powers of death have done their worst,” but Christ has won the victory. “The three days (in the tomb) have quickly sped; (Christ) rises glorious from the dead.”

The last verse is a prayer—a prayer that Christ, by his death, might set us free from death “so that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!” Amen to that!

William Hart, in his book, *Hymn Stories of the 20th Century*, which was published in 1948 (not long after World War II had ended), adds the unusual note that a soldier’s chorus sang this hymn at the funeral of General George Patton on December 23, 1945 after his death in an automobile accident. Whether that seems significant to you or not, it is significant that this hymn and others celebrating the resurrection have been a strength and comfort to many who have had to face the death of a loved one.



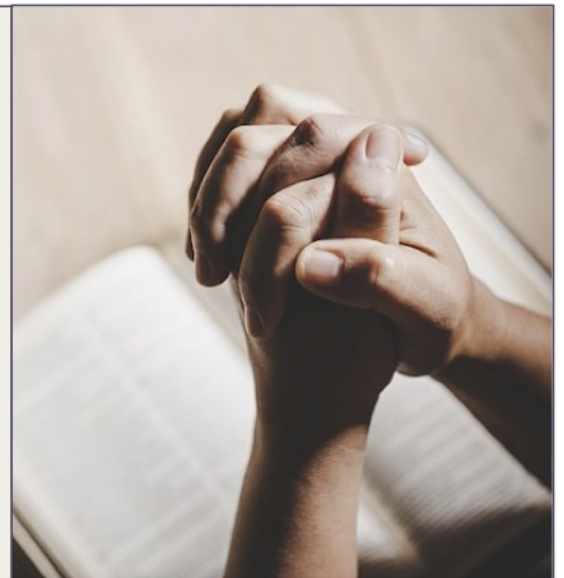
HUGS prayer group

Did you know that our St. Andrew’s parish community has two prayer lists?

We have the public prayer list that is published in Sunday’s bulletin and is read aloud during our Sunday Services.

We also have a private prayer list as well. It’s called HUGS, Helping, Understanding, Giving Support. This list is used by those who wish their needs to be private, and the HUGS Prayer team prays for individuals for forty days.

Contact the church office, or fill out a pew card, if you wish to add a loved one or to be prayed for on either the HUGS or Sunday prayer list.



Saints Alive

Catherine of Siena

Catherine Benincasa was the youngest of twenty-five children of a wealthy dyer of Siena. At six years of age, she had a remarkable vision that probably decided her life's vocation. Walking home from a visit, she stopped on the road and gazed upward, oblivious to everything around her. "I beheld our Lord seated in glory with St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John." She went on to say, later, that the Savior smiled on her and blessed her.



From then on, Catherine spent most of her time in prayer and meditation, despite her mother's attempts to force her to be like other girls. To settle matters, Catherine cut off her hair, her chief beauty. The family harassed her continually; but in the end, convinced that she was deaf to all opposition, her father let her do as she would: close herself away in a darkened room, fast, and sleep on boards. Eventually, she was accepted as a Dominican postulant.

Catherine had numerous visions, and was also tried most severely by loathsome temptations and degrading images. Frequently, she felt totally abandoned by the Lord. At last, in 1366, the Savior appeared with Mary and the Heavenly Host, and espoused her to himself, so ending her years of lonely prayer and struggle. She became a nurse, as Dominicans regularly did, caring for patients with leprosy and cancer whom other nurses disliked to treat.

Opinion in Siena was sharply divided about whether she was a saint or a fanatic, but when the Bishop of Capua was appointed her confessor, he helped her to win full support from the Dominican Mother House. Catherine was a courageous worker in time of severe plague; she visited prisoners condemned to death; she constantly was called upon to arbitrate feuds and to prepare troubled sinners for confession.

During the great schism of the papacy, with rival popes in Rome and Avignon, Catherine wrote tirelessly to princes, kings, and popes, urging them to restore the unity of the Church. She even went to Rome to press further for the cause.

Besides her many letters to all manner of people, Catherine wrote a *Dialogue*, a mystical work dictated in ecstasy. Exhausted and paralyzed, she died at the age of thirty-three.

Everlasting God, you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

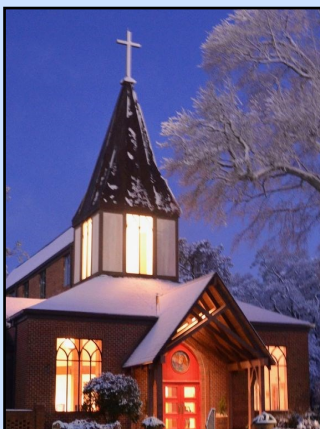


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Our Parish Family



*May the Souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.*

Robert Mikel Anderson
June 30-1972—February 24, 2023

Son to Judy Anderson

David A. Sannes
May 22, 1948—March 2, 2023

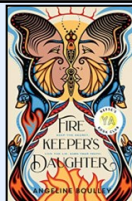
Father to Lori and Brian



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday,
April 1st at 8am.

St Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday, April 3rd
at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a bag
lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.

Every Sunday after services, we will be packing
food bags for the students at Winstead
Elementary. We will pack food pantry bags on
April 16th after 10:30am services.



St. Andrew's book club will meet on
Tuesday, April 11th at 10 am in the
Church parlor. We will be
discussing Fire Keepers Daughter by
Angeline Boulley.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 2

Maundy Thursday:

April 6 at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Vigil:

8:00pm-9:00pm

Good Friday: April 7 Noon Service

Easter: April 9



The EYC , led by Landon
Newcomb, is collecting
toiletries and paper
products for UCM
ministries. Please bring
your donations to church.

There will be a table set up in the commons.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

UPCOMING ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

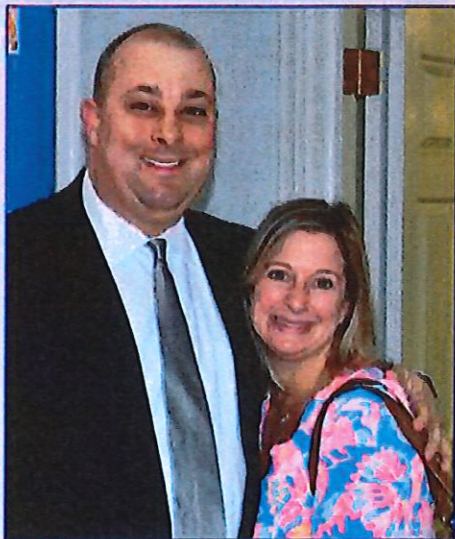
On April 2nd, the group will conclude our study of *Prayer: Does It Make A Difference?* by Philip Yancey (Our group affirms a resounding YES! Our time with this resource has been rewarding!) and on April 9th, Easter, the group will not meet.

On April 16th, the group will begin a six week study of Sunday scripture readings for the Easter season using the Episcopal Church's *Bible Studies That Work* resource. A link to the resource will be provided via the weekly *Our Parish Family* email. We anticipate inspiring reflection as we spend time with scripture in this season when we remember our Risen Lord's time with his disciples in the days after the resurrection and leading to the ascension.

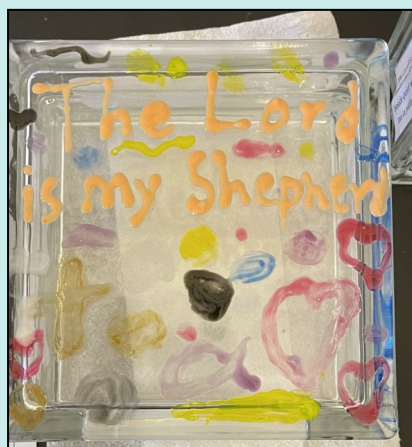
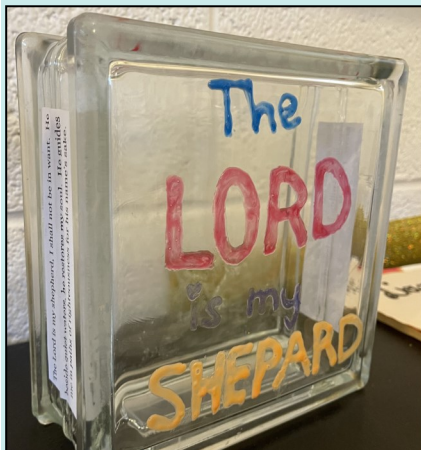
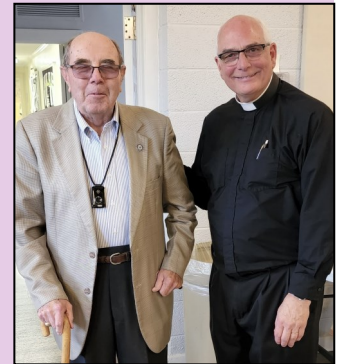
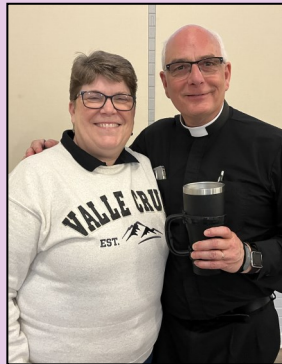
The bond of study and fellowship in the adult Christian ed group is strong and each session provides some meaningful take aways. Newcomers are welcome! You do not have to make a commitment to be present every Sunday. Join us any Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the conference room.



Noon Lenten Worship and Lunch 3-22-23



Wednesday Lenten lunches and dinners



EYC