

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

MARCH 5, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
Spring
FORWARD

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<p>9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) Coffee hour (following the service)</p> <p>10:45 am – noon – Sunday School on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church</p>		<p>10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom</p> <p>12:30 – 2 pm – Body & Soul: The Tuesday Book Group on Zoom</p>		<p>10:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom</p>		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:

<https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936>

Church ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/570270415>



A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...

The Rev. Allison Moore

In this year of lectionary readings, we have four weeks of complicated and often hard to understand stories unique to the Gospel of John. I love this gospel for its insistence that God, manifest in the world and especially in Jesus, will be experienced in life-changing ways. I get frustrated with the ways the author is trying to help readers recognize and trust these experiences . . . it's as if the author deliberately wants readers to be confused, annoyed, and engaged in a difficult struggle to understand or know.

This week we'll hear a dialogue between Jesus and a Samaritan woman in Samaria. Eastern Orthodox churches have named this woman Photina, "light" or "enlightened one." She is in fact the first and only disciple in John to effectively help a whole village recognize Jesus as the Messiah! All too often Christian commentators focus on questionable personal attributes—how can she have had five husbands, is she "living in sin" with a sixth man, and so on—what else is new in a patriarchal text in a patriarchal religion?

Sunday I will do two unusual things. I will ask two people to read the parts of Jesus and the woman, Photina, with a bit part for disciples if you just want to put your toe in the public reading water!. And then I will lead a guided meditation about living water—how do we find it? What are things in our personal lives or the life of the world that makes it hard to access the living water God offers? How do we recognize living water when we find it? How do we share that living water with others? Come see what happens when we engage in dialogue with Jesus through Scripture.

“Some female saints in *Great Cloud of Witnesses*, a book of saints in our tradition, continued from last week.

- **April 8th: *Anne Ayres***, Religious, 1896 (with William Augustus Muhlenberg), founder of the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion and St. Luke’s Hospital in New York City.
- **April 16th: *Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni)***, 1796, Witness to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796, exerted influence among the British and the Mohawks, in tribal councils and treaty efforts.
- **April 30th: *Sarah Josepha Buell Hale***, Editor and Prophetic Witness, 1879. Her books and newspaper articles consistently “promoted concern for women’s health, property rights, and opportunities for public recognition.” Her dedication to equal education for women led her to help found Vassar College.
- **May 7th: *Harriet Starr Cannon***, Religious, 1896, founder of the Community of St. Mary, whose ministry focused “on the care of women who had endured difficult circumstances” and schools and orphanages for girls.
- **May 13th: *Frances Perkins***, Public Servant and Prophetic Witness, 1965. Her advocacy for industrial safety and labor law reform led Franklin Roosevelt to appoint her Secretary of Labor. In that role she was a major shaper of New Deal legislation and Social Security.
- **June 19th: *Adelaide Teague Case***, 1948, Teacher and first full time female professor at any Episcopal Seminary, ETS in Cambridge. Her professional work focused on child-centered education. She was a pacifist, member of Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship, and proponent of women’s ordination.

Adapted from an article Allison originally wrote for the [Reparations Commission’s Prayer Blog](#) in March, 2022.

FAMILY SERVICE

March 15 will be a family service focusing on Holy Week-- why we do what we do.



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ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week



Act Now to Fully Fund Hunger Relief Programs in NYS

As we enter March, time is running out to influence New York State's budget negotiations. In the coming weeks, the State Senate and Assembly will release their one-house budgets, the final step before the houses negotiate directly with the Governor to solidify a final enacted budget, which is due on April 1.

This is a critical moment for legislators to hear from their constituents about what matters to them. Before legislators finalize their one-house budgets proposals, we urge you to add your name to [this petition](#), calling on lawmakers to fully fund hunger relief. Increased funding for the Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) and Nourish NY to **\$75 million each** will ensure that our network of over 1,000 agency partners can put food on the table for our neighbors.

Please act today to make sure lawmakers know **healthy food is a basic human right**.

In partnership,

Susan Lintner, Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer and Michael-Aaron Poindexter, Chief Programs Officer

[Sign our petition here](#)





MARGARET WADE-LEWIS CENTER

The third episode of We Be Griots is out, featuring parishioner Dr. Heriberto Dixon, sharing his exploration of his Native American and Jamaican roots.

Here is the link:

<https://www.mwlcenter.org/podcastwbg>

VESTRY PLANNING MEETING –PRAYERS & INPUT WELCOME!

The vestry is meeting after church on March 8 to develop a calendar of events for the year; prayers and ideas welcome as long as the ideas come with a commitment to help realize the idea.



BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

The architect, Allen Ross, presented his findings to the church and they are moving forward in their feasibility study, working with the Building Renovation committee.

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (March 8)

LEM :.....MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
Lector:Kappa Waugh
Usher:Martin Bend
Altar Guild:Valerie McAllister
Organist:Janet Frommer
Coffee Hour:Charlene Wynkoop
Live Stream Tech:Jane Conger

COMMUNITY DINNER

Next community dinner is at the Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 – 7:30pm. Diners and volunteers welcome.



FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.

COFFEE HOUR

Sign up to do coffee hour on sign up sheet in the parish hall. Information on how easy it is to participate in this ministry is on the sheet and in the kitchen.

CORNERED BEEF DINNER

Corned Beef Dinner

Drive Thru or Limited Dine-in

Sunday, March 15, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Lloyd United Methodist Church

476 New Paltz Rd., Highland, NY

Adults: \$15; Children: \$8.00

Reservations: 845-255-6447 or 845-691-7819 by 6:00pm, Thursday, March 12 (cash or check at pick up)

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Valerie, Carla, Annette, Martin, Susan, Janet, Luba, MaryAnn, and Jennifer. Thank you to those who continue to help with the food pantry and the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

FREE FRESH FOOD!

Thursdays, 12:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Sunday mornings: Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Food & clothing always needed. **Clothes can be brought to Ascension of 9W after 9:30 on Sundays.**

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

Sunday School

First & third Sundays, 10:45 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church

St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/>)

Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Betty.***