

# ***ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ***

## ***PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS***

***FEBRUARY 27, 2020***

### **FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

[For readings see: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)]

### ***FAMILY OF NEW PALTZ***

***We collect non-perishable food items, socks and undies for Family of New Paltz.  
Please place them in the basket inside the front door of the church.***

#### **A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS...**

*The Rev. Allison Moore*

We hear part of one of the creation stories in Genesis, where Eve eats the apple and, in the traditional interpretation, all hell breaks loose. Here's what I wonder . . .

Eve's reasons for eating the apple (or whatever fruit it was) seem pretty good: it was good for food, a delight to the eyes, desired to make one wise. I can justify many temptations with similarly reasonable reasons.

What if before she ate the fruit she went back to Adam, "Here's what the serpent said. What do you think?" Adam: "Well, God said we shouldn't—it's a tree of good and evil. We have plenty of other good food." What's evil anyway? What's good? Sometimes when I share my temptations, and the rationalizations, with a friend I can see the downside of my possible choice more clearly.

And then, since in this version God is rather human-like, and perhaps often met Adam and Eve in the cool of the day, walking in the garden, what if Adam and Eve asked God why God had forbidden them from eating it? I don't have actual conversations with God, but journaling about a decision prayerfully, after conversation with others, can reveal new insights.

What if they'd expanded the conversation to include the serpent, which after all God had made and placed in the garden? What if together God and the serpent, Adam and Eve, had played with ramifications of changing life as it had been? What if God really didn't like the way Adam and Eve were thinking, but wanted them to make the decision they felt was best at the time . . . what if the serpent showed God that in fact humans might be trusted with knowledge of good and evil—what was God doing not sharing that part of responsibility for the new world? Would there have been a way, through authentic listening and sharing, to avoid the blame

game that happened when Eve and Adam made the decision themselves? Sometimes I think the blaming and scapegoating is more evil than any actual choice to disobey what seems like a pretty clear commandment.

I'm not sure where I'm going with this. I notice that in the wilderness Jesus was in conversation with Satan, with God, and with other humans through Scripture and human interpretation of it. I'm not sure how that applies to our contemporary decision making—what does conversation with Satan even mean? I do know that for me talking with others helps clarify my own desires, hopes, knowledge; and praying reminds me of a larger context and my most heartfelt desire to align myself with God, and that refusing to talk about things I fear or have labeled evil doesn't help. I'm really longing for a real time conversation with others about this story, as we try to shed light on assumptions and ancient truths. Bible study, anyone?

## Lent at St. Andrew's

Wednesday evenings

Parish Hall

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Soup and discussion of Pádraig O'Tuama:

*In the Shelter* (2016: Hodder & Stoughton Canada)

192 pages



*From his website: Pádraig Ó Tuama is leader of the Corrymeela Community, a poet, theologian and mediator. He has worked in conflict resolution in Ireland, Africa and the Middle East. From me: The book is an easy and delightful read, meandering through storytelling, reconciliation, church, prayer, youth, and self-knowledge.*

### Online resources (if you have others you enjoy, please share!!)

#### The Edge of the Enclosure

<http://www.edgeofenclosure.org/>

The Rev. Suzsanne Guthrie offers a “guided meditation” on the Sunday readings, and a wonderful “stations of reconciliation” Lenten reflection.

#### Signs of Life: Why Church Matters. <https://www.signsoflife.org/>

You can sign up for daily emails at the website above, which will include both text and brief videos of brothers in conversation and of their monastic life at Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, MA

#### Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent/>

Daily Lenten reflections on the needs of the world. Booklets are available at the back of the church as well

#### Richard Rohr, daily meditations (sign up at <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations>)

Fr. Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest of the New Mexico Province and founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC) in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Fr. Richard's teaching is grounded in the Franciscan alternative orthodoxy—practices of contemplation and self-emptying, expressing itself in radical compassion, particularly for the socially marginalized.

**THE MOST REV. MICHAEL B. CURRY, Presiding Bishop and Primate,  
The Episcopal Church**

**Lent 2020: A Call to Prayer, Fasting, and Repentance Leading to Action**

**An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf our Nation**

Bishop Curry's full presentation can be found on line at:

<https://mailchi.mp/episcopalchurch/lent-2020-a-call-to-prayer-fasting-and-repentance-leading-to-actioncuaresma-2020-un-llamado-a-la-oracin-al-ayuno-y-al-arrepentimiento?e=6cc73688ab>

**LENT QUIET DAY**

**Moving into Holy Week: A Lent Quiet Day for Laity**

**Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:30 – 3:30 PM**

Holy Cross Monastery, (1615 Route 9W, West Park)

(You are welcome to join the brothers for 9 AM Eucharist.)

*After five weeks on the Lenten Journey, we move into Holy Week. We'll reflect upon our individual and communal Lenten journey as we contemplate moving into Holy Week. The day will include time for silence and solitude as well as prayer and reflection with the group.*

Led by The Rev. Gwyneth MacKenzie Murphy, Retreat Leader and Spiritual Director

\$30 includes program and Midday Meal.

**CHAIRLIFT**

Thanks to your generous contributions, we have raised enough money for a chairlift!! Arrangements are now being made for this welcome addition to St. Andrew's.



**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR/OFFICE HOURS**

Office Hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

*If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272; MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 702-2552.*

**FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL**

... A Brown Bag Lunch with Conversation and Spiritual Reflection, **Tuesdays, 12:30 – 2:00 pm.** All welcome. The group is reading Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the Very First Time*.

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (March 1, 2019)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons (8:00 a.m.)  
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Acolyte: ..... Camille Norman  
Lector: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons (8:00 a.m.)  
Lector: ..... Julie Mazur (10:30 a.m.)  
Usher: ..... David Slingerland  
Altar Guild: ..... Valerie McAllister  
Organist:..... Janet Salt Frommer  
Coffee Hour Host: ..... Peter Brown  
Counters:..... Bill Terpening, Martin Bend  
Sunday School:..... Alex Brown

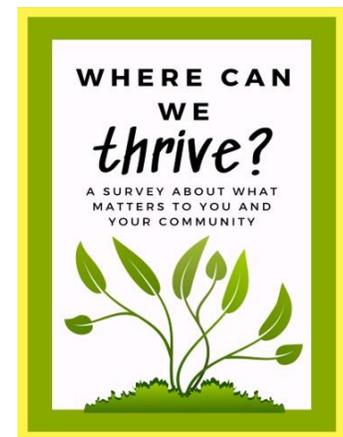
## WHERE CAN WE THRIVE?

Phoenix Kawamoto from the Town of New Paltz's Office for Community Wellness is seeking our help and input. They are asking if community members 18 and older click the link provided here and take a very brief survey that will help with the development of free intergenerational programming in New Paltz. It takes less than 4 minutes to complete the survey!

Over 550 New Paltz youth have done their part! Now, they need to hear from adults in the community.

Please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/2UZUUIIn>

Phoenix thanks you very much for your time and assistance! She says, "We cannot do this without your help."



## TWELVE STEPS FOR EVERYBODY: AN INVITATION TO GROWTH

A retreat led by Sr. Shane Phelan, CMA, **March 6-8 at Holy Cross Monastery**. Speak to Shane for details or register at the guesthouse: 384-6660 x1 or [guesthouse@holycrossmonastery.com](mailto:guesthouse@holycrossmonastery.com).

## THE WAY OF LOVE WITH BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY

Podcast Season 2 continues

Season 1 podcasts and resources available [here](#)

On the web: [The Way of Love with Bishop Michael Curry – Season 2 continues; Season 1 podcasts and resources available](#)

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

*If you see something, say something...* let the church office know if something in the church needs fixing or attention in any way so that we can take care of the problem and keep St. Andrew's in beautiful working order.

## COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Forgiveness: A Path to Freedom

Mini-Retreat Day - **March 14, 10-4** at the Companionary, 1607 Route 9W, West Park NY;  
suggested donation: \$30, sliding scale

*What is forgiveness, really? What is it not?*

*Why forgive?*

*How to forgive?*

*We all want emotional and spiritual freedom, but often we become convinced that safety and security lie in hanging on to past injury. Forgiveness is not condoning or excusing, or giving others permission to hurt us again. Forgiveness is opening ourselves to the future.*

*We will be looking at the freedom we receive when we forgive. We will get specific about where we need to forgive, and we will learn a process for forgiveness that really works.*

*To register, email [companionsma@gmail.com](mailto:companionsma@gmail.com). Space is limited. Please RSVP by March 9.*



## UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

This year, the UTO Board welcomed Episcopal Migration Ministries affiliates to apply through their dioceses for screening so that the UTO can better respond to the oversight experience of EMM affiliates and our historic relationship with them.

As a result, the EMM received the following 2019 grant from the UTO Board. This does not mean that the EMM will be funded every year, but they happen to receive a grant in the inaugural year of this offering.

### **Refugees as Advocates**

\$49,722.30 --- Refugees as Advocates will build refugees' skills to advocate for their rights and advance their understanding of the community and then put into practice their leadership skills to become strong advocates for themselves and other vulnerable populations.

Remember, as you give thanks for your daily blessings by dropping a coin in your **Blue Box**, you are contributing toward this and other grant awards that are supporting migration empowerment and justice in the United States.

**“With Joyful and Grateful Hearts, Let Us Give Thanks”**

*Charlene Wynkoop, UTO Coordinator*

**THANK YOU** to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially Rae, Jen, Camille, Jane, Wendy, Martin, Jennifer, Janet, Liz, Donna, Charlene, Brenda, Linda, David and Barbara. Thank you also to Julie for organizing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and to all her helpers, Brenda, Hunter, David, Rae, Jim, Jack, Ryan, Father Mark, Pastor Tobias, and the women from Alpha Phi Omega.



## ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

<b>SUNY Ulster Food Pantry</b>	<b>Wednesdays &amp; Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>SUNY New Paltz Pantry</b>	<b>Mondays 12:30 – 1:30, 5:00 – 6:30; Tuesdays 1:00 – 5:00; Wednesdays 1:00 – 6:00; Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00, 2:00 – 6:00; Fridays 5:30 – 7:00</b> <i>Volunteers needed</i>
<b>Tops Supermarket Food Ministry</b>	<b>Sunday mornings:</b> Pick up food; Speak with Kappa or Jane; Community Service hours available.
<b>Courageous Lions</b>	<b>Donate yarn</b> to help crochet courageous lions to comfort children and families faced with illness. Contact Cathy Kelly if you know someone who might benefit by having one!
<b>“Clothe the Cold”</b>	Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.
<b>Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center</b>	Food & clothing always needed. <b>Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon &amp; 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.</b>
<b>Beginner’s AA Meeting</b>	St. Andrew’s Parish Hall, <b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. &amp; 5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Monthly Taize Worship</b>	New Paltz United Methodist Church, <b>third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Companions of Mary the Apostle</b>	Coffee Table Communion, <b>Fridays, 9:00 a.m.,</b> 9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493
<b>Andy’s Peeps</b>	Online forum for St. Andrew’s community to share scripture, music, readings, etc. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/</a>

## SUNDAYS AT ST. ANDREW’S

Two services	8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adult Christian Formation	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

# SAVE THE DATE

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for our community celebration of *Earth Day's 50th anniversary!*

**Saturday, April 18, 11 AM - 5 PM**  
**on the grounds of the**  
**Reformed Church of New Paltz**

Join us for lively music, delicious food, Earth-conscious vendors and presenters, and good family fun!  
An interfaith gathering of faith leaders will speak or sing prayers for the planet.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - WE HOPE FOR PARTICIPATION FROM ALL LOCAL HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

For more information, speak with Val McAllister.

### Holy Week and Easter 2020

<b>April 5</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>
	Procession at 1:00 from Middle School to St. Joseph's	
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	(Light Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar)	
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>12:00 noon</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>April 11</b>	<b>Easter Vigil</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
<b>April 12</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</b>
	(Followed by Easter Egg Hunt)	

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 20

Save the date for this important and fun St. Andrew's fundraiser!

#### ***Our Parish Prayer List:***

We continue to pray for E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, Helen, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Myrt, Madeline, Linda, Hannah, Hazel, Wendy, Susan, Cathy.