

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

JANUARY 9, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

[For readings see: 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.

VESTRY

**Have you considered that it might be time for a
leadership position at St. Andrew's?**

There will be several vestry positions open at the end of January. If you would like to have your name on the ballot at the annual meeting, or if you would like to know more about being a vestry member, please speak to any current vestry members. Their names and contact information are in the leaflets and in the Parish Directory.

STEWARDSHIP - Your pledge & the St. Andrew's Projects Fund

There's still time!!

Although we were hoping all pledges and contributions to the Projects Fund would be in by the end of December, there is still time!

If you plan to keep your pledge the same as last year, we still need you to send in the form at the bottom of the letter you received or to email the church office. If you e-pledge, please also let us know if you want to increase your pledge or remain the same.

And please be mindful of the vestry's request to join in the campaign to raise funds for much needed projects. Your check for projects at St. Andrew's will help to pay for the chimney repair, painting of the church, conversion to natural gas, a new chair lift and other needed repairs and maintenance of our church.

UPDATE ON PLEDGING & PROJECTS

Pledges

29 people/families pledged so far totaling \$65,132

Last year 35 families pledged

Projects

12 people/families have contributed \$2,402 toward the projects

EPIPHANY PAGEANT

The Sunday School students will present the Epiphany Pageant on **January 12 at the 10:30 a.m.** service.

NEW PALTZ AREA CHURCH COUNCIL Housing Voucher Program

Thank you for your end of year donation to help keep the NPACC Housing Voucher Program open for another year. Local churches, St. Andrew's included, offer free vouchers to those in need of a night's shelter. If you would like to contribute at any time during the year, funds are always needed. Please note "Housing Voucher" in the memo line of your check to St. Andrew's.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY (January 12, 2019)

Celebrant: Sr. Elizabeth Broyles

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Rae Slingerland (8:00 a.m.)

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Brenda Hush (10:30 a.m.)

Acolyte: Emily Bishop

Lector: Jane Conger (8:00 a.m.)

Lector: Julie Mazur (10:30 a.m.)

Usher: David Slingerland

Altar Guild: Josie Puffer

Organist: Janet Salt Frommer

Coffee Hour Host: Marion McPadden

Counters: Martin Bend, Brenda Hush

Sunday School: Barbara Terpening, Alex Brown, Erin McAllister



BISHOP DIETSCHÉ'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERMON

Bishop Dietsche's Christmas Eve Sermon, delivered at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, is now available for download:

<https://www.dioceseny.org/?wpdmdl=58474&ind=1577642765669>

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting: **Sunday, January 26.** (Rain date February 2).
One service only, at 9:30 a.m.

Those of you who are the leaders of ministries, **please send your annual reports to the church office by January 16th.**

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***

CHURCHWIDE BIBLE READING INITIATIVE BEGINS IN EPIPHANY 2020

A church wide Bible reading initiative, The Good Book Club will focus on the Gospel of John, with participants reading a section of scripture each day during the Epiphany season, starting on January 6, 2020. The Good Book Club [website](#) lists the daily readings and partners as well as a variety of resources and formation tools. For more information, contact Richelle Thompson at rthompson@forwardmovement.org or 513-721-6659, ext. 315



REPARATIONS

At the recent Diocesan Convention history was made when the Diocese voted to take off the table an item regarding addressing reparations for slavery. The item was tabled at the 1860 convention! For further information on the Episcopal Church and Reparations for Slavery, see: <https://www.dioceseny.org/mission-and-outreach/social-concerns/reparations-for-slavery/>

MOVIES WITH SPIRIT

The next Movies With Spirit screening will be at **7:00 p.m., January 18**, at [Woodstock Jewish Congregation, 1682 Glasco Turnpike in Woodstock](#). The film will be the striking documentary “King in the Wilderness,” about the final years of Martin Luther King Jr.’s life.

The documentary includes never-before-seen footage of interviews with those closest to him, interspersed with historical archives of the period in King’s life when he faced strong criticism from both President Lyndon B. Johnson and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and from the leaders of the Black Power movement, who saw his resolutely nonviolent stance, inspired by his religious beliefs and the nonviolent resistance of Mahatma Gandhi, as weak and ineffective.

You can see the film’s trailer at tinyurl.com/King-Wilderness-MoviesW-Spirit. The 111-minute film, which won an Emmy Award for Outstanding Historical Documentary after it aired on HBO, is rated TV-14. The Woodstock screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Refreshments will be served. Attendees over age 12 are asked to contribute \$10 a person.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS



January 7, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Sunday thousands of New Yorkers came out and into the streets to walk in solidarity with and loyalty to the one and a half million Jews of the New York City metropolitan region, in outrage and sorrow for the rapidly escalating pattern of anti-Semitic violence across America and in this our own New York. Episcopalians from our diocese participated in the March, and our whole church joins in condemning the rise in incidents of anti-Semitic violence in America. We offer and express to the Jewish Community whom we count as our dear neighbors and friends our love and sorrow, and our promise to stand with them against these rising forces of hate and destruction.

The shootings on a Shabbat morning in October 2018 at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh electrified this country with horror, and with alarm at the evidence of the spreading poison of anti-Semitism in our midst. This past year saw the Passover shootings at a Poway, California synagogue in April, a rising tide of harassment, intimidation and violence against Jews on the sidewalks and streets of Brooklyn, the ubiquity of swastikas and nazi-themed graffiti and hate speech, the murder of five shoppers at a kosher grocery store in Jersey City, and then in the last days of the year the multiple stabbings of people at a Hanukkah celebration at the home of their rabbi in Monsey, a community within the Diocese of New York. Jewish leaders have for some time been raising the alarm about the increase in anti-Semitic rhetoric and violence in America, but it is no longer possible for anyone to ignore or fail to see the evidence and proof of that anti-Semitism right before our eyes. We are witnesses to evil, and that calls us to responsibility and advocacy.

The gospel we profess teaches us the love of neighbor, care and protection of the oppressed, and abhorrence of violence. Prejudice and bigotry against anyone based on religion, race, gender, ethnicity, culture or sexual orientation, is always an eruption of human sin. It is a refutation of Christ, the tenets of our faith, and a betrayal of our common humanity.

The Year of Reparation for the Sin of Slavery in which this diocese is now engaged teaches us and reminds us that evil is never passive, and must be positively faced and challenged, and that the overcoming of evil demands of all the faithful deliberate, intentional action. We your bishops call on every parish in the Diocese of New York to make a public declaration and witness to your community of the conviction of the Episcopal Church that God loves everyone, that we Christians know that love through our lord Jesus Christ, and that we claim all people as our own brothers and sisters. Declare in the things you do and the things you say that an attack on the Jewish community is an attack on our own community, and violence against Jews is violence against our own family. Take the time to express to the Jewish organizations and synagogues in your community your love for them, your loyalty to them, and our common rejection of acts of violence and expressions of hate. Let us stand together across our faiths and present before a broken world the faith and strength and courage of one people, all together, brothers and sisters under God.



The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche
Bishop of New York



The Right Reverend Allen K Shin
Bishop Suffragan of New York



The Right Reverend Mary D Glasspool
Bishop Assistant of New York

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 MaryAnn Lis-Simmons, Senior Warden at 845-616-7029; or Martin Bend, Junior Warden at 423-9666.

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 Stephen Mitchell's *Joseph and the Way of Forgiveness*.*

CAMPUS MINISTRY AT SUNY NEW PALTZ

Help at the SUNY New Paltz Food Pantry (Episcopal Campus Ministry Office) **Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:00** or any part of that time. Speak with Barbara Terpening to arrange.

DIRECTORY CHANGES: If any of your address, phone or email information has changed since last year, please let the church office know to change it on the 2020 Parish Directory. Or, if you are not in the directory and would like to be included, **please let us know by January 16th.**

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

If you see something, say something... goes for the buildings and grounds of St. Andrew's as well as in the greater world around us. If there's a plumbing problem, if you see a light out, if the back door is acting up, if a window is open, or broken, anything... let the church office know so that we can take care of the problem and keep St. Andrew's in beautiful working order.

COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

Women's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Sr. Elizabeth

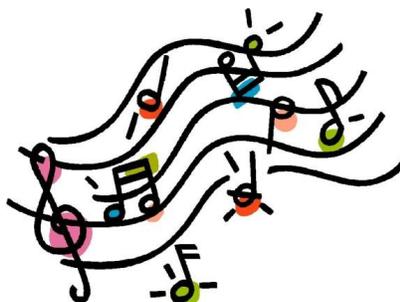
February 9-22, 2020; Information and pricing: BodyMindSpiritJourneys.com/Holyland

Coffee Table Communion

Fridays, 9:00 a.m. at the Companionary, 9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Contact: companionsma@gmail.com

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week, especially MaryAnn, Valerie, Charlene, Martin, Jean, Brenda, Martin, Peer, Kappa, and Barbara.



CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC

For information on contemporary Christian Music concerts in our area, visit the website of **The Lighthouse Events**: www.TheLighthouseevents.com



ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

SUNY Ulster Food Pantry

SUNY New Paltz Pantry

Tops Supermarket Food Ministry

Courageous Lions

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Volunteers needed

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

Donate yarn 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!

"Clothe the Cold"

Please place clean clothes in good condition in the bins provided at the front of the church.

Ascension Holy Trinity Mission Center

Food & clothing always needed. **Wed. 10:00 a.m. - noon & 6-8 pm; Saturdays 10:00-noon.**

Beginner's AA Meeting

St. Andrew's Parish Hall, **Tuesdays & Fridays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Monthly Taize Worship

New Paltz United Methodist Church, **third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.**

Companions of Mary the Apostle

Coffee Table Communion, **Fridays, 9:00 a.m.**,
9 Huntington Lane, West Park, NY 12493

Andy's Peeps

Online forum for St. Andrew's community to share scripture, music, readings, etc.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/>

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

Epiphany Pageant

January 12 at the 10:30 a.m. service

The pageant will be presented by the children in the Sunday School class.

Annual Meeting

January 26 (Snow date February 2)

One service only at 9:30 a.m.

Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for **E.J., George, Charles, Rose, Erin, Larry, Arleen, Maggie, Barbara, Kathleen, Neil, John, Robert, Sheila, Kyra, Richard & Ann, DuSean, Connie, Myrt, Hazel, Madeline.**